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VFW prime rib dinner The Culver VFW, 103 E Washington St., Culver, will hold a prime rib dinner Friday, Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$11.50.

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Car raffle drawing The Culver Kiwanis Club's GEM electric car raffle (the second of two drawings this summer is coming to a close. The drawing will be held at the Culver town beach at 3 p.m. Mon., Sept. 1.

Grace church Rally Day Sept. 7

Sun., Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m., Grace United Church of Christ will kick off Rally Day with games and activities for all ages, the likes of which has never been seen before! Following worship everyone is invited to out potluck dinner (if you've been to any of Grace's Mid-Month Meals,

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LMAX FILM FESTIVAL

The marguee at Culver's Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive announces the first annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival premieres in Culver this weekend with a roster of movies including an outdoor film in the park, plenty of food and live music, all for the admission price of a donation toward the "gift of warmth" to help Culver Comm. school children stay warm this winter (see story below).

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

LMax Film Festival debuts this weekend

By Jeff Kenney **Citizen** editor

This weekend's first annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival was a natural outgrowth of the work of Uptown Cinema owner Dan Bickel, whose production and behind-the-scenes efforts in film over the past two decades has ranged from small, independent features, to betterknown Hollywood features.

"I originally started thinking about a film festival last summer," recalls Bickel, "when we

New 'Maxinkuckee Village' PUD passes first hurdle

Staff Report

A preliminary proposal for Maxinkuckee Village, a planned unit development, was presented for consideration to the Culver Plan Commission at their regular meeting. A preliminary proposal requires a developer to supply conceptual drawings, proposed zoning, existing and required water, sewer and other essential utilities, and location of buildings including recreational and commercial along with residential uses. The preliminary presentation gives a developer the opportunity to explore whether the commission will allow a formal presentation and public hearing. Kelly Young, chairman, asked Russell Mason, building commissioner, to clarify to the audience what the Culver zoning ordinance requirements were. Gary Aker, Aker Properties, LLC, Al Collins, Construction Management, and Fred Jones, attorney presented a plan for 31 single family villas, 16 townhouses, plus tennis court, swimming pool, and club house on the 55.77 acres that presently comprise the Culver Marina area. The residential areas would be erected behind the present commercial areas existing with a 6.5 acre green space be-See PUD page 6 tween the circular residential

you know everything will be scrumptous!).

Emergency training On Mon., Sept. 8, Culver's EMS and fire dept. will have combined annual training on bloodborne pathogens and SIDS (annual requirements for both departments) at the Culver fire dept. at 7 p.m. On Sat., Sept. 27, the local emergency services will be holding a Mass Casualty Drill in Culver. Participants from all of the local emergency services (EMS, Fire, Police) will take part, as well as the nine students currently involved in the Basic EMT class. This event starts at 8 a.m.

Boys & Girls Club

closings

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will have a half day on Fri., Aug. 29. Hours will be 12 - 4 p.m. with no shuttle bus. The Club will also be closed on Mon., Sept. 1 for Labor Day and will re-open Tues., Sept. 2 from 3-6:50 p.m. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

Gouwens presents

carillon concert

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of The Culver Academies, will present a recital on the 51-bell carillon at the Memorial Chapel, on the Culver Academy campus Aug. 30, 4 p.m.

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showed an independent film (at the Uptown) made by some friends. We made it free to see the response, and about 70 people showed up, so it was well received. With the renovation work here at the theatre, (the idea) got put in the back burner. I thought maybe I'd call up some friends and do an unadvertised -- except for word of mouth - type of thing.'

The thought struck him that showing a film outdoors in Culver would be fun, and Bickel toyed with the idea of doing so on the side of the theatre building and the fire station parking lot, and then the lower, east pavilion area of the town park, ideas he says he eventually let go. The LMax festival, as it has come to be known, began to take shape when Culver's Dick Dugger read an article in the South Bend newspaper about a film festival being a good fundraiser for an organization, says, Bickel. "I didn't know Dick prior to this, and he came to me said, Would you be interested in doing a one-time movie fundraiser?' From there, it morphed into the current festival it is."

The event retains its original vision as a single day festival this Saturday showing Indianabased films like "Best Man in Grass Creek," "Madison" (which was shot in southern Indiana), and a film Bickel produced in 2005 called "Swimmers," besides the current release "Mamma Mia!"

The festival committee – a core group supported by a much larger steering committee -decided if enough underwriting sponsors came forward, the entire event could be made free to the public, with the purpose of funds being driven to the four townships that the Culver school district covers.

"Our first thought was the food pantry," Bickel says, "but... I already had done some drives (for that). They were successful, but I wanted to try something else. Dick and I tried to decide who would be the benefactor. Dick called John Zeglis (of Culver), and we got to talking about where the money could go that was being raised. We settled on the idea of helping the four townships with the 'gift of warmth.' People can enjoy the entire day, even free food, by simply bringing clothing. Of course, cash donations are highly sought after. We can match funds at local utilities, and get vouchers for people who need fuel oil and that sort of thing. (Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, Inc.) is a non-profit 501-C3 charity; all donations are tax deductible."

Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival schedule

Sat., Aug. 30

10:30 a.m. - Movie: "Madison" (PG), Uptown Cinema 1 p.m. - "Best Man in Grass Creek" (PG) 3:30 p.m. - "Mamma Mia!" (PG-13) 6 p.m. - "Swimmers" (short film prod. by Dan Bickel) (PG-13)

9 p.m. - Movie in the park (title is a surprise!) (PG-13)

In conjunction with the fundraising effort, the festival's Friday night event is a screening for all sponsors -- private individuals, corporations, or entities -- who participated in getting it started, Bickel explains, at \$100 and up. After the Friday night movie, "Mamma Mia!," guests will retire next door to a tent set up in the fire department parking area, and may enjoy a full catered meal, with beer and wine for

all so inclined. "It's a big 'thank you' event for all those who have sponsored the festival," Bickel adds.

On Saturday, the theatre doors will open at 10 a.m. and films will run continuously throughout the day. The event then will shift to the park in the early evening, where food will be provided, including pulled pork. The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver will hold its annual ice cream social, providing ice cream and root beer, with Culver's Lions Club providing popcorn and candy, all part of the price of admission. Also on hand will be several area bands providing live music until dark. A company from Chicago will set up a 30 foot screen near the west pavilion, where a crowd-friendly musical film will be screened at 9:30 p.m.

Admission to any and all of the festivities is either a goodwill offering or a useful item wearable to ward off the harsh winter weather of the area.

"This being the first annual festival, we hope it's an event

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West Jefferson gateway to be transformed

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

According to Culver's Redevelopment Commission the western gateway into town may finally have a major facelift by next summer.

"The town's conceptual plan, which was based on a community needs assessment conducted over ten years ago, identifies Jefferson and Mill Streets as appropriate western gateways into downtown Culver and also as the preferred spot for future industrial and commercial businesses to locate" reported Clark. "This is why the CRC started contemplating



An early visual conception of the West Jefferson Street gateway in Culver as envisioned in the CRC's plan. Note the addition of sidewalks and treescaping, which shold be in place by next summer. IMAGE SUBMITTED

this project in early 2005."

As soon as the Indiana Department of Economic Development announced its newly

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established "Shovel Ready"

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program in 2006, Clark says the CRC felt it had a "go" situation. Commission vice president Chet Marshall is diligently working on the application for this state-wide program in order to be ready for submission this winter. Certain criteria must be met in order for a given property to be placed on Indiana's list of available sites for future business growth. The state team includes the departments of Transportation, Environmental Management, Natural Resources, and others. The idea, Clark says, is to be ready for new business to move in, build, and start work immediately, with issues like environmental impact studies, transportation access, and even approvals by local planning and zoning boards already in place as much as possible. This approach can shave as much as six months off a potential development schedule making these sites more attractive than most.

"The first requirement was to have any easements that would be needed in hand and utilities available at the site,' Clark notes. She says the Dicke family – which owns the land on the south side of the street, west of the mobile home park -- was presented with all the conceptual plans for the project, which included the idea of developing the 20 acres they

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own for a multi-site research and development or startup business complex. "We sent them the conceptual plans to show how serious we were," Clark explains. "It must have worked because they granted us the easement necessary to extend the sewer line, install the new lift station, and to begin the streetscaping phase out there. The CRC is currently working to finalize one last easement so the sidewalk and tree work can hopefully begin next spring.

The property owners have been great

to work with," according to Clark. "Improving the aesthetics in that area with a beautiful street tree design and soft, antique-inspired street lighting will be nice for the residential properties in the area as will bringing the street up to town standards. Potential businesses will take note that this is an area our community is very interested in helping become a strong asset."

To date, town sewer lines have recently been extended along the corridor; water lines were extended in this area two

> year ago. The town council has given permission on acceptable street width from the existing mobile home park on out to state road 17. Next, curbs and sidewalks will be installed on the south side of West Jefferson with new trees lining the street from a design by Culver's tree commission. Landscaping will also be done around the new lift station in accordance with approved conceptual plans drawn by Lehman & Lehman Architects.

As funding allows, that stretch of roadway will be the first area in town to boast the use of recently-chosen heritage street lamps. The CRC has spent roughly \$200,000 so far on the project with the bulk going to construction costs.

To be included in "Shovel Ready," Clark explains, land owners must agree that they're open for development or selling to someone who plans to bring in new employment opportunities. Before redevelopment funds can be spent on properties in that area, it will also be necessary for the specific



Another drawing of the proposed changes to West Jefferson St. At left is state road 17; note trees and sidewalk along the south side of the street.

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property owners to sign agreements that deal with annexation, similar to what the town council has been gathering as they extend utilities along the Long Point area. Neither the state's program nor the CRC are allowed to use funds for development of retail businesses, including restaurants and service stations. The intent of both groups (IDEM and CRC) is to encourage growth that will provide long-term employment opportunities that allow for good paying jobs and job growth, both for the employees and the town's business environment..

"This is very much a public-private partnership," she adds. "From the beginning, we have consulted with the Plan Commission, Second Century Committee, Town Council, the Tree Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce in Culver. Each organization that wants to partner with us during this exciting project has been offered an opportunity to do so and will continue to be updated as progress continues. At every step we've tried to involve those individuals who will have oversight for different project components in the future. Bob Porter, Culver's Superintendent of Public Works has been invaluable to us as far as construction oversight goes. Council member Ed Pinder is actively involved as the council's representative on the formal public-private Gateway Partnership established in 2005.'

On the team with Pinder are Clark, representing CRC, Chet Marshall (CRC), Rick Tompos (SCC), and Dick Riel (Medallion); former town manager Jon Gunien was also an original member of the Gateway team.

"These types of development projects take time, especially in a town our size," Clark says. "Plymouth's T Squared project has more working hands involved than us. While we're not trying to compete with them as far as time frame goes, we do believe we have special things to offer businesses here in Culver that they don't."

CRC member Jim Weirick, Bob Porter, and Dick Riel met recently with a representative of NIPSCO about moving, or burying, the utility lines along both Jefferson and Mill Streets. This needs to be complete before moving onto tree planting, curb/sidewalk installation, or street widening can begin. The hope is that NIPSCO can do their work this fall, and this long term project can be ready to join the state's marketing list next year. "Picture a town ribbon-cutting ceremony out there," Clark smiles, "put on by the Chamber and attended by all of us announcing the western gateway is now 'open for business."

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we can build on and as time goes by," says Bickel. "We hope it will become more of a traditional film fest where there are premieres, and filmmakers are in town, and it becomes a two or three day event with a more national-based outreach. There will always be a charity arm with sponsorship involved, and it will always be local.

"This is a town that lends itself very well to accepting a film festival and accepting the idea of something that hasn't been done in the past," he continues. "Of any town in this region, this one lends itself to new experiences. And be this as it may a very small, controlled event, it's a start we can build off of. In the long run it will be a great benefit for the community. The whole thing is designed around the idea of bringing in the community, bringing in people who normally wouldn't attend such an event, and making it accessible.'

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Birth - Hammons



Ryan and Jennifer Hammons of Plymouth announce the birth of a son born June 16, 2008 at 11:40 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Brody Jones Hammons weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Beth Listenberger, Dave Parmley and Mark and Kelly Gunderson, all of Plymouth. great-grandparents Maternal are Rosemary Listenberger and Mort and Leah Gunderson.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Laura Hammons of Bremen.

Paternal great-grandmother is Ruth Campbell.

Birth - Naylor



Bryan Naylor and Katie Davis of Plymouth announce the birth of Lily Abigail Kate Naylor and Ruby Jayne Marie Naylor born June 24, 2008 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. Lily was born at 12:50 a.m.

and weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. Ruby was born at 1:35 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

They were welcomed home by siblings: Kaiyan, 7, and Bradie, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Gail Balser and Steve Davis of Plymouth. Maternal great-grandmother is Joyce Manning of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Jayne Aker and Kent Naylor of Plymouth. Paternal great-grandparents are Don and Mary Aker of Plymouth.

Birth - Daren

Erin Hedger and Ken Daren Jr. of Star City announce the birth of a son born May 13, 2008 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

Adin Allen Daren weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by brother, Blake, 3.

Grandparents are Al and Noreen Green of Star City, Mary Moore of Plymouth and Bill and Barb Binkley of Plymouth.



Flip Saunders, standing at left, most recently the head Coach of the Detroit Pistons (and Minnesota Timberwolves prior), and the NBA coach with the highest winning percentage over the past six years, spent three days on the Culver Academies Campus recently, lecturing, inspiring and having fun with nearly 100 campers, according to Chet Marshall, who works with the annual Culver basketball camp in which Saunders participated.

Said Marshall, "He was a great addition to camp and was 'blown away' by our campus. I think his exact words were, "What don't you have here at Culver?"

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 28 Classes begin, Culver Academies

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Tom Turner, Marshall Co. Economic Dvlpt. Committee, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Pubic Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Monday, Sept. 1 Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Overeaters Anonymous

Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Tuesday, Sept. 2 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Yoga, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Wednesday, Sept. 3 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Thursday, Sept. 4

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Culver Public Library Tom Turner, Marshall Co. Economic Dvlpt. Committee, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thursday, Aug. 28: Ham and beans, coleslaw, corn bread & margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, and milk.

Friday, Aug. 29: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, corn, pineapple, and milk.

Monday, Sept. 1: Closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Pork Fritter, bun, stewed tomatoes, scaloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, peach cobbler, and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Scrambled eggs, biscuit w/margarine, diced potatoes, sausage, gravy, orange, and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4: Potato Soup, peas and carrots, chicken alad, applesauce, bread, and milk.

Friday, Sept. 5: Liver & Onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, three bean salad, bread & margarine, sliced apples, and milk.

First birthday - Smith



Carson Robert Smith, son of Matt and Melissa Smith of Plymouth, celebrated his first birthday Aug. 5, 2008. He has one sister, Clara Rose Smith, 2.

Grandparents are Mary Beth Listenberger, David Parmley, Mark and Kelly Gunderson and Mike and Donna Veger, all of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Rosemary Listenberger of Plymouth, the late Robert Listengerger of Plymouth, Mort and

Leah Gunderson of Lowell, Jim and Kelly Renforth, the late Joseph Veger and Judy Veger of Plymouth.

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OPINION The Michigan Road

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In the last week, before it rained, our grass was turning brown, gardens needed water, and farmers were praying for rain.

I started thinking just how important water is in our lives. It seems that when we need water for anything, we just go to the faucet

and water is supposed to be there; we don't stop to think how precious water is.

When I was a child, we didn't have electricity, running water, or inside toilets. We carried water for everything. I started carrying water when I

could lift a one gallon bucket. That is when you know how important water really is. We most certainly didn't waste any because we knew we would have to carry more

Nostalgia

75 years ago

Aug. 30, 1933 Over 350 people gathered to honor J.F. Behmer last week in Vandalia Park, who spent over 46 years as a local educator; Mr. Behmer responded with some emotion to the event.

55,000 small fish were added to the lake by the state's dept. of conservation, including bluegill and small and large mouth bass.

It is estimated that Culver high school -- which begins Sept. 5 -- will see an enrollment of 350, an increase of 25 over last year. The grade school will remain about the same, at 330.

Delton Gerhart of Kokomo and Richard Behmer of Indianapolis, whose parents are summer cottagers on Lake Maxinkuckee, were awarded bronze medals from the Ralston Purina Hero Commission for their rescue of stranded boaters on the lake about a year ago. The awards will be presented by county superintendent of schools Deane E. Walker at the Sat. nigh band concert on the bank corner Sept. 2.

when that was gone.

We live on Lake Maxinkuckee, so all of us can find plenty of water all the time if we would happen to run low on water.

Now stop and think what water is used for. I will list a few: swimming, fishing,

> Pastor's Corner By Ron Lewellen Emmanuel United Methodist church

boating, tubing, skiing, and rafting. We also use water to transport people and material.

Our local fire department uses water to put out fires. I

hope all of us use water to clean our hands, wash our face, and take baths. But most of all we use

water to quench our thirst! Not only will water help our thirst, it will cleanse our bodies on the inside and keep us healthy

Now, look in the Bible and see what God did with water. When man became so wicked, God was sorry he had ever made man. So he sent the flood of water to clean up the world and destroyed everything except those who were on the Ark.

Jesus used water to perform his fist miracle at a marriage feast. He turned water into wine.

week Emmanuel Last United Methodist Church handed out free water for

anyone who wanted it. Jesus said to the woman at the well in John 410, "I will give you living water and you will never thirst"

To receive this living water, we must accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. Jesus said, "ye must be born of wa-ter and spirit."

1 Peter 3:26 and 27 says, "As in the days of Noah, eight should were saved by water, even so baptism now saves you."

When the flood came in the time of Noah, everything bad was destroyed by water. No water baptism destroys sin and makes us new creatures.

As you can see, water is used for many things. So we need to turn to Jesus for this living water so we can see the "River of Life" spoken of in Revelation 22:1.

The Culver Boat Co. at 636 South Shore Dr. must sell the following items to make room for winter storage: 14-ft. Thomp-son Runabot, \$125; 14**-**ft. Thompson motor boat with cover and anchor, \$60; 16-ft. Snipe ailboat \$35; 14-ft. Clinker type runboat, \$20. Dial Viking 2-2269.

25 years ago

Aug. 31, 1983 Nearly 70 people attended a town meeting of the EMS durinig which CUTEMS director Don Meadows said the group is in dire need of volunteers or may face closing down or switching to a paid ambulance program.There are



Edna Taber shared this unique photo with the Citizen of Culver's Methodist Episcopal church, at its longtime home on the corner of Main and Washington Streets in downtown Culver. The originial building was erected in 1868 there, and remodeled in 1898 with the brick exterior above surrounding the original timber

worst storm in years (summer resident Dr. Allen Frew compared it to a hurricane and said winds reached 100 miles per hour) hit the area, uprooting numerous trees and causing other damage.

frame. Of particular interest in the photo above is the fact that the building looks to be newly remodeled, judging by the fresh look of the soil around it. Note to the left the corner of a house, predating the 1915 construction of the Culver library. In 1954, this building was demolished and the present Wesley United Methodist Church on School St. conrtstructed. The original cornerstone is outside that new building. The north portion of the Culver Public Library sits today where the above building stood.

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The state conservation office is offering the landmark, two-volume scientific study of Lake Maxinkuckee by Evermann and Clark, clothbound, for the bargain price of \$1. The book, an invaluable resource for studying our lake, was published in 1920.

50 years ago Aug. 27, 1958

Culver Academy's food service -- the mess hall serves about a million meals per year to students and faculty -- will change radically when Stouffer fod service takes over at the start of this year, and waiter-based dining is replaced by a cafeteria-style system.

Last Thurs., the

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17 volunteers at present in the program, with only six during the day shift.

An enthusiastic turnout and good weather helped net \$3,800 for Culver's Lions towards

the cost of purchasing the depot and surrounding property in Culver's town park. Grants towards purchase of the property.

Matt Lough, a senior at Culver Comm. high school and member of Culver Boy Scout troop 290, is working to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Towards this end he has been cleaning and restoring the Cromley cemetary near Monterey, which has included clearing away brush from around tombstones and standing them up, as well as setting fallen stones in concrete.

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Sports briefs

GIRLS SOCCER Lady Lions down Culver

Ashley Lafferty scored twice and assisted on another goal to lead Bremen to a 3-1 girls soccer win at Culver Community Tuesday.

Claudia Cervantes also scored for the Lions, who outshot Culver 32-3.

Caroline Baker knocked in the Cavs' goal.

- BREMEN 3 CULVER COMMUNITY 1
- At Culver
- Halftime score: Bremen 1, Culver 0 First half
- Ashley Lafferty (unassisted), 12th minute
- Second half Claudia Cervantes (Lafferty)
- 47th minute Caroline Baker (unassisted),
- 60th minute B — Lafferty (unassisted), 71st min-
- ute
- Shots: Bremen 32; Culver 3 Corners: Bremen 4; Culver 1
- Saves: Bremen 4 (Cassie Arndt 3, Shayna Graverson 1), Culver 21.

Baker leads Cavs over O-D

Susannah Baker scored four goals to lead Culver Community to a 9-0 girls soccer rout over Oregon-Davis Thursday.

Alex Hnatusko chipped in a pair of goals and an assist for the Cavs, with Tiana Basham, Kalie Thompson and Caroline Baker knocking the ball past the goal line one time apiece. Thompson also recorded an assist. CUIVER COMMUNITY 9,

- OREGON-DAVIS 0 At Culver
- Halftime score: Culver 4, O-D 0 FIRST HALF
- Susannah Baker, 10th minute
- Tiana Basham, 15th minute
- Baker, 27th minute Baker, 39th minute
- SECOND HALF
- C Alex Hnatusko, 42nd minute
- Baker, 68th minute Kalie Thompson, 70th minute
- C Kalie Thompson, 70th minue C Caroline Baker, 72nd minute

C — Hnatusko, 79th minute. Record: Culver 1-1.

VOLLEYBALL

Cavs drop opener Rochester knocked off Culver Community, 25-11, 25-10, 25-11 in the Cavs? volleyball opener Tuesday.

Ali Zehner piled up three kills, a pair of aces and eight digs to lead Culver. Aspen Kitchell dished out a teambest two assists, and Shaylyn Johnson added eight digs. • ROCHESTER 25-25-25, CULVER COMMUNITY 11-10-11

At Rochester Culver stats

Kills: Ali Zehner 3, Patrice McBee 1. Assists: Aspen Kitchell 2. Aces: Zehner 2, Alyssa Allen 1, Beth Wojdyla 1. Digs: Zehner 8, Shaylyn Johnson 8. Record: Culver 0-1.

Cavs find win column

Culver Community

Eagles start off season with Tippy Valley win

By Rusty Nixon Correspondent

AKRON — Many times the story of a football game is written in the first drive of the third quarter.

The Culver Military Academv Eagles chose to write their 24-14 win over Tippecanoe Valley with an exclamation point. Trailing at half by 6-3 on the scoreboard the Eagles looked like a new team after the break and completely dominated the second half.

"We really felt like we were our own worst enemy in that first half," said CMA head coach Andy Dorrel, who watched his team fumble three times in the first 24 minutes, including once on a first and goal. "We put the ball on the ground far too many times."

Valley, which had 119 rushing yards in the first half, had just 28 in the second as they were shut down by a CMA defense that had time and again in the first half given the Eagles a chance to win.

"We are just very fortunate that our team plays together so well as a unit," said Dorrel of his team's effort. "Under some very tough circumstances our defense hung in there until our offense was able to get going and give us a chance to win."

grabbed its first win of the volleyball season with a 26-24, 25-7, 25-23 sweep of Caston at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Thursday.

Shaylyn Johnson slugged five kills and scooped up 10 digs for the Cavs. Alison

Dominating time of possession in the first quarter particularly, the Vikings couldn't make offense turn into the most important part of a game — points. They were also unable to turn the Eagles' early miscues into any advantage, going three and out after two key fumble recoveries.

That would be the last chance they had. Out of the locker room at half time, junior quarterback Josh Wright took over.

Wright read the option to perfection in the second 24 minutes and engineered a five-play, 70-yard masterpiece of a scoring drive in the first two minutes of the third quarter that set the tone for the rest of the half.

A 36-yard run by Zach Deery set up a 23-yard scoring strike from Wright to Carl Rivera for points, out of still another new wrinkle in the Eagle offense, the shotgun.

"Josh had an outstanding game and we're just very fortunate to have (offensive coordinator) Andy Strati here. He's done an outstanding job teaching Josh the option," said Dorrel. "The shotgun is also something we've added. We spent some time in the offseason visiting a few colleges and we just felt with our sectional we had to add

Zehner served up a team-best five aces and slammed down four kills, while Beth Wojdyla and Aspen Kitchell contributed five assists apiece. CULVER COMMUNITY 26-25-25 CASTON 24-7-23 At Culver

something new to help us. It's a tough sectional."

Wright ended his night leading his team with 117 yards rushing with a touchdown and threw for 61 more with a TD on a 6 of 11 night.

Valley will take on Bremen at home next week while the Eagles are at home with NorthWood.

• CMA 24, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 14 At Akron SCORE BY QUARTERS Valley: 0 6 0 8 — 14 Triton: 0 3 14 7 — 24 SCORING SUMMARY Second guarter TV — 9:16 Kegan O'Brien 12 yard run (Derek Leckrone run failed)

CMA – :20 Tom O'Neil 24 yard field goal.

Third quarter CMA — 9:55 Josh Wright 23 yard pass to Carl Rivera (O'Neil kick) CMA – 6:49 Zach Deery 2 yard run (O'Neil kick)

Fourth Quarter CMA – Wright 26 yard run (O'Nei kick)

TV - 3:21 Ross Miller 43 yard pass to Devin Vogel (Miller run) Tippecanoe Valley stats

Rushing: 40 carries for 147 yards (Kegan O'Brien 9-49 TD, Derek Leckrone 15-74, Jordan Boggs 7-19 Jared Wray 5-10, Michael Lewis 2--3 Ross Miller 2-0).

Passing: Miller 3-13 for 71 yards, TD. CMA stats

Rushing: 42 carries for 289 yards (Ryne Sternberg 7-20, Tabari Byrd-Williams 6-55, Zach Deery 12-86 TD Josh Wright 13-117 TD, Tom O'Neil 2--5.)

Passing: Wright 6-11 for 61 yards, TD Records: CMA 1-0, Tippecanoe Valley 0-1.

Culver stats

Record: Culver 1-1.

Kills: Shaylyn Johnson 5, Alison Zehner 4 Digs: Johnson 10, Alyssa Allyn 7. Assists: Beth Wojdyla 5, Aspen Kitchell 5. Aces: Zehner 5, Kitchell 3.

Library chooses interim head, purchases children's furniture

By Jeff Kenney **Citizen** editor

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board chose an interim director at its monthly meeting Aug. 20, appointing Colleen Carpenter Rowe to the position while the board advertises and begins seeking a long-term director to replace Carol Jackson, who announced her resignation several weeks ago. Rowe, who has been working in the local history and genealogy department of the library, has been with the library since January.

Jackson, who was present and apparently still acting director at the meeting, said she will begin work to advertise for large space we have."

Robertson said she expected more children use the library now than adults, and the area needs to be inviting, with board member Peg Schuldt adding that the start of school will likely bring more children in.

Audience member Connie Van Horn told the board she felt the purchase was "very poor judgement," with audience member Cheryl Schrimsher in agreement. "Why not just wait until the (library's) finances are figured out (to purchase furniture)?" she asked.

Schuldt and Lawson said the furniture currently in the room is for small children while the new furniture would include young adult appropriate furniture. Robertson also added that children's furniture needs to be sturdy and long-lasting, and is thus more expensive. In other discussion, board president Ron Cole said that the contract for an Umbaugh and Associates accountant to delve into the library's financial records in order to reconcile problems, is going out and the accountant should be at the library Nyby addressed Cole and the board concerning what he felt were communication problems between board members, saying he has emailed and not been given information concerning matters discussed. He also said Jackson's continuing role as director was not what the board had discussed. "This is not right," Nyby said. "You can't unilaterally change things and not inform the rest of the board. That is not at all what we discussed. The rules have definitely not been followed. The way this board is run is terrible. How do we fix that?" Roberston said she felt things had been taken care of as the board discussed, and Cole said he will try to communicate more, suggesting he and Nyby speak by phone and possibly get together. Jackson also affirmed she still has keys to the library, which Cole said should be turned in. Jim Faulkner also reported that two or three of the restaurants that participated in last month's library-sponsored Taste of Culver festival have not asked for any of their portion of the proceeds from their food sales. Participating restaurants are given a choice as to how much money they wish to donate to the library from their 'Taste' profits, a system Nyby questioned, noting that the library went into the event "not knowing what the restaurants would give."

Faulkner also affirmed that an added \$3,000 listed in the library's Gift fund is money from that event.

Nyby asked Jackson why the janitor's salary has doubled in the past two months. Jackson said former library custodian Rick Baker was an hourly employee, while the library's new housekeeping service - which Jackson said is in the library six days per week at an average of about five hours per night -- is contracted at \$60 per day. Asked by board president Ron Cole if the cleaning service is improving things at the library, Jackson said, "very much so."

Nyby and Faulkner discussed specifics of transfers be-

the new position.

The library board also voted to purchase new furniture for the library's children's and young adult room, the last step in a remodeling project that began earlier this year in that space. Board member Al Nyby expressed disagreement with the move, citing the \$13,343.13 price tag for the furniture. "I would say finances are tight right now," Nyby said. "We're still waiting for monies from the county, and I think we should withhold on any big purchases like that."

Board members Rita Lawson and Melanie Robertson, as well as Jackson, said they had understood the furniture cost to be included in the original \$100,000 earmarked for the youth area remodeling project, which Nyby said was not his understanding. Lawson noted that the project overall was under the amount originally budgeted.

In response to a question from Nyby, library bookkeeper Jim Faulkner affirmed that the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, from which the furniture would be purchased, is down to \$130,000. "We will need money out of that for temporary transfers," Faulkner said. "We will soon be paying between \$4,000 and \$6,000 for resurfacing of the parking lot. And we have one more outstanding bill for the children's room (remodeling work already done)."

"I think we should finish what we started," said Lawson. "It doesn't look good to leave it unfinished; it doesn't present a good picture of the library."

"What is new furniture going to give us that that room doesn't have now?" asked Nyby. "When I look at the visitor numbers, it isn't an overwhelming number of people for the

tween the library's LIRF and Operating fund, and Faulkner said he is continuing to work with the library's accounting software vendor, Computrain, on the matter. Faulkner also explained that tax distributions to date are less than half what they were in previous years, with Jackson adding that the auditor's office has projected being able to cut checks by the end of September.

The board also agreed to allow the state library to file for the library's E-rate discount on internet service, an annual practice that's part of the library belonging to a statewide consortium that facilitates discounts on high-speed internet for staff and public computer use. Nyby asked about the library's internet filtering, which Jackson said is "moderate." She also said the library does not have software on its computers that would allow staff to monitor public internet usage, something past director Scott Pletka had been concerned with in the library minutes, according to Nyby.

Jackson presented the library's 2009 budget to the board, which she said will be advertised in area newspapers next week. The library is proposing a four percent increase over the 2008 budget, with a total operating budget of \$541,421, a \$100,000 LIRF account, Debt Services at \$201,000, and a Rainy Day fund of \$20,000. There will be a public hearing on the budget Sept. 9 and it will be formally adopted Sept. 23.

In a brief meeting before the regular meeting, the library board held a required public hearing for additional appropriations to the 2008 budget in response to a publication error, according to Jackson. The budget is the same as that advertised in Aug., 2007, for the 2008 budget, she said.

PUD, from page A1-buildings proposed. All residential buildings would meet the height and square foot requirements of the ordinance.

Jones emphasized that the covenants required for the tenants would emphasize that no lake access rights are granted by virtue of ownership of the residences and no pier space at the Marina guaranteed.

The immediate concern of the commission was the requirement for a municipal sewer and an adequate water supply. Jones advised that the plan is to form a conservancy district in conjunction with Mystic Hills that would extend to SR 117. The water supply would be from two 6 inch wells. The conservancy district will require state approval but will meet the necessary requirement of a municipal sewer system. Town attorney, Ron Gifford, agreed that a conservancy district met the zoning ordinance requirements.

A brief overlay of the proposed sewer system was given by Dan Papczynski, Aero-Tech, who described an aerobic process, or cluster system. Answering Ginny Bess Munroe's question that the system had been approved by the state.

Kathy Clark, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council director, questioned if attention had been given to the part of the parcel that is designated as a flood hazard plain. Collins said he had been in contact with IDEM to address the issue.

Mason was asked to be certain that the entire scope of the PUD would be in Culver's jurisdictional authority. He said he had checked with Ralph Booker who agreed that it was, but would double check prior to any final decision

Jane Grund, Lake Association director, asked if the Culver Marina had plans to expand their present pier structure and boat docking capacity. Aker noted that this would not be allowed by IDEM.

Proof of financial responsibility to complete the project as planned was attested to by Bieghler, Haenes, Lappin, CPA. This is also a requirement of the proposal.

In answer to a question by Barry McManaway, member, Aker assured the commission that this would not be a "hotel" type operation, although individual members might rent out their units

Mike Stallings, Chamber of Commerce in Culver president, said he supported the PUD proposal and saw it as a plus to the Culver business community.

After reviewing the documents presented as required and listening to citizen input, the commission moved unanimously to proceed to a formal presentation and public hearing with the provision that a conservancy district be established and approved, details of water and sewer capacities provided, access lanes provided from the State highway, and street layout within the PUD be presented for inspection along with engineering, owner covenants, and other information required by the PUD ordinance. A recommendation will then be given to the Culver town council who will also have a public hearing on the issue.

In other business, five storage units on South Shore were ordered removed by September 5, 2008 or face a daily fine

of \$100. Mason brought the issue to the attention of the plan commission that five storage units had been placed on a parcel of land without a principal residence or obtaining a permit

Alex Kallick, representative of the owner at 166 S. Shore, apologized to the commission and said he was unaware of a permit requirement or zoning violation. The units had been placed there for the convenience of neighbors in the area he said to store lawn equipment and no commercial use was involved

The commission voted unanimously to require removal of the units as they violated two zoning ordinance requirements, which are no accessory structures on a lot without a principal structure, and building without a permit. There is no provision in the zoning ordinance for this type of storage unit to be erected independently of a principal residence the commission agreed.

Under the building commissioner's report, Mason announced that to date, 102 permits have been issued with improvement value of \$9,472,101 for Culver and jurisdictional area. He also advised that unlawful parcel splits will no longer be recorded by the County Auditor. A Parcel Split form will be required to be signed by both he and Ralph Booker prior to any recording of a parcel that will insure the parcel was split in accordance with regulations regarding parcel sizes.

LOCAL

Bickels buy Edgewater Grille

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

For those who haven't noticed the sign in the Lake Shore Drive window, Dan Bickel, owner of the Uptown Cinema in Culver, and his wife Bonnie have purchased the Edgewater Grille, a move they hope will bring a more community-centered vibe to the popular Culver restaurant.

"It seemed like a natural move for us to do," says Bickel. "At the theatre, we have tried to expand (to make it) more accessible and friendly, to put a face on it that it hasn't had for a long time."

The Bickels weren't seeking a business opportunity, but a friendship that developed over the past year or two with Edgewater owner Ralph Braun led to his offering the couple a chance to own the Grille, which Braun bought from its founder, Larry Surrisi. "He said, 'what's missing from the Edgewater, it doesn't have that local identity; there's not an owner present," Bickel recalls Braun saying. "At the beginning of this summer he came to us and said, 'I'd like to figure out a way to make it work for everybody,' and we were able to do it. We kept it very quiet; not even mom and dad knew it!"

"I was sitting at Edgewater waiting on a to-go order,"

Bickel recalls with a smile. "Dad came in and…it was our first day of ownership. People were saying 'congrats.' Dad looked at me and said, 'What did you go and do?' I said, 'You're standing in our new restaurant!'"

Aug. 20 marked the official first day of ownership for the Bickels, who say they don't intend to change the core of the restaurant, an institution made popular years ago, though they say they intend to add a personal touch and element of direct contact that's been missing of late.

Dan Bickel has several ideas in mind to add variety and freshness to what the Edgewater already offers, such as cooking special dishes with wine, changing the menu for one added night – possibly Monday – per week as a sports night, the introduction of various seasonal specials and, he adds with a laugh, they'd like to introduce the concept of dinner and a movie specials.

"I cook a lot and love good food," Bickel notes, "and that's certainly one of the things that's pulled us to the restaurant. I want to be engaged and learn all aspects of it. I am fascinated with it like I am the movie theatre. I feed off that energy and it's very enjoyable talking with people. I think it's the kind of place that deserves to have (a local owner) there."



Dan and Bonnie Bickel (bottom row) are joined by some of the staff of the Edgewater Grille. Middle row, left to right: Sherri Lett, Krystle Hines. Back row: Taylor Banks, Donna Beck, Linda Smyers, Vickie Conley, Yvonne Shepard, Ralph Lockard.

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Council takes major step towards siren replacement

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

Culver's town council took a major step towards settling a long standing debate over the best way to handle the installation of a new warning siren on



For over five decades, this chimney has been home to the siren seen atop it, all on top the town hall building. Today the chimney is deteriorating, causing the town council to move forward with plans to replace it.

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the north side of Culver, at it Aug. 12 meeting. Culver fire chief Mike Grover presented the council with a quote for a new siren to replace the aged signal presently atop the town hall; the new siren, said Grover, is 110 decibels loud from zero to 100 feet away from the signal. At one-half mile away, the siren is 70 decibels, the FEMA minimum standard for public signals and a rate Grover said his department was comfortable with.

The new signal, an American Signal model priced around \$10,500 will be used for noon whistles and fire sirens, while existing signals on the north and south sides of town will revert to use only as severe weather signals. The north side siren, installed earlier this year, has been the subject of controversy as many residents in the surrounding neighborhood found its volume intrusive.

The existing siren has been in place for at least five decades, and its mounting – on a crumbling brick chimney on the north side of the town hall building – has been deemed unsafe. The council discussed the best choice for mounting the newly approved siren, which should arrive in four to six weeks, according to Gro-

non-weather emergency – might not be used.

• In other discussion, the council heard concerns from Patricia Robarts about a South Main St. house bordering a rental property of her own. She said renters in her house have complained about potentially hazardous conditions at the vacant house next door, including sightings of rodents. She also expressed concerns that the roof is a danger if a child should gain access to the unoccupied structure. She added she has lost two tenants because of the house's proximity to her rental.

Town clerk Casey Howard noted that Grover, the town building inspector, and a representative of the county inspected the property last year. "There was nothing that the fire department can do to say it's unsafe," commented Grover, who added that the public's ability to enter the house is sufficiently barred. Howard said the homeowner met the requested standards to keep the house safe, including closing up the roof to keep raccoons out. Council president Sally Ricciardi also noted the lawn at the property is kept mowed and the sidewalk outside being replaced, and a tree that had caused that sidewalk to buckle has been removed. Ricciardi will contact necessary the inspectors, including the county health inspector, to visit the house again.

• The council opted to uphold fines issued to a Culver area couple who at the previous meeting had disputed tickets issued them for being in the town park after the midnight deadline. The couple, who said their vehicle was having trouble at the time, had been asked at that meeting to provide proof of their vehicle being towed at the Aug. 12 meeting, which they did not attend.

• Council member Ginny Munroe said she has researched places to post advertisements for the town manager position in Culver, and presented the council with a list of possible places including some online job search sites and college and government websites, both national and statewide. It was agreed that the first part of 2009 is the target period to hire a new manager.

• The council held first, second, and third readings and thus finalized ordinance 2008-09, which amended ordinance

2001-002 and 2007-011. The new ordinance sets standard rates for water shutoff and turn on – at \$30 off and on – whether one's water is turned off due to failure to pay, or due to an extended stay away from town, such as traveling south for the winter. The council also passed the first reading of ordinance 2008-008, which alters salaries for town departments, but will wait until budgetary numbers are finalized before the remaining readings

speaking to street and sewer department heads about less overtime in their respective departments; both have said they will do what they can.

• It was noted that the town's public budget hearing will take place Aug. 26.

• Council member Lynn Overmyer reported she gave permission to Culver's fire department to have a sinkhole filled in which began after a heavy rain in the past few weeks. The hole, said fire chief Grover, was in the parking lot across State St. from the fire dept. garage, and was a few feet wide, some three feet down, and six feet across at the bottom. 24 yards of fill were used, at a cost of around \$1,200, to fill in the hole, which was the result of an old cistern under the lot.

• The council approved \$1500 for a software upgrade for the town's Greentree utility computer program. Also approved was a write-off of \$147 for Culver's EMS, which has been unable to collect the money owed despite turning the matter over to a credit bureau.

• Town clerk Casey Howard reported on an incident Aug. 4 when police were called concerning a large pileup of trash at a Culver residence. The renter there told police the trash would be cleaned up soon, but a neighbor called Aug. 11 saying the odor of the trash is making the neighborhood smell. Howard will write a letter allowing five days to take care of the problem, or the town will be forced to remove the trash at the expense of the owner.

• Town attorney Ron Gifford announced the start of a public hearing on annexation of 15 parcels (with seven property owners) in the Long Point area into the town of Culver. The properties have an assessed value, said Gifford, of \$6,121,800. The second and third readings passed.

• Jennifer Maddox, executive director of the Marshall Co. Community Foundation/United Way, requested the council's permission to place a United Way sign near the Vandalia depot in the town park from Aug. 16 to sometime before Christmas, which the council approved.

• The council also voted to advertise to hire a full time street employee.

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SCO might be willing to provide and mount a new pole for the signal, whose ideal mounting height is 55 feet. He also noted that raising the siren will make its signal sound quieter to people in the 100 feet surrounding it, but its volume will be increased to residents further out.

• In response to queries by resident Bill Roth pertaining to recent storms, Grover also explained that emergency personnel are called out during severe weather to act as tornado 'spotters,' and that the town's official tornado signal is only used in the event of a confirmed sighting or a line of seriously dangerous wind. Thus, even when area television stations issue a tornado warning, Culver's local tornado siren

• Council member Ed Pinder reported he has been

- one long, continuous blast instead of the four shorter blasts that signal a fire or

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Chamber ribbon cuttings

Culver's Chamber of Commerce held ribbon cutting ceremonies for several area businesses Aug. 9, coinciding with the town's annual Sidewalk Days event. The Chamber recognized businesses that have opened in approximately the past year, and intends to hold similar events for other area businesses that have opened recently or been taken over by new management. In the top left photo, Chamber members Dawn Minas (far left), Mike Stallings, and (at far right, not in the picure) Dick Brantingham join the Willhite family of Gladie's Deli & Catering, 108 N. Main St., which also opened its doors last year. At right, next to Brantingham, is Gladie's owner Lee Willhite. To his right -- from right to left -- are brothers Jeff and Mike, and mother Gladys, for whom the deli is named. Right photo, top row: Mike Overmyer of JMC Engineers joins Chamber members outside the 110 N. Main St. location of the company's headquarters. JMC began its work officially in 2007, but opened in downtown locale in Jan., 2008. Bottom right photo: Dave Beggs, who took over ownership of Culver's Pro Hardware from Bill Snyder last year, prepares to cut the ribbon at his own store at 120 S. Main St., with Minas, Stallings, and Brantingham accompanying

Brantingham accompanying. Bottom left photo: Larry Brockey of Brocey Insurance (second from left), 103 S. Main St.,, is flanked by Chamber members Dick Brantingham (far left), Dawn Minas (second from right) and Chamber president Mike Stallings.

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LOCAL

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

Larry Brockey didn't intend to start a career in insurance. The 1990 Culver Comm. High School grad, who also spent his childhood in Culver, attended Ball State University right after high school (with a year's stop at St. Joseph's College to play football) and studied sales, the result of "an awesome prof" who sold him – no pun intended – on that career. He was snapped up by a company that took him to Columbus,



Culver High School grad Larry Brockey has returned to Culver and opened Brockey Insurance in downtown Culver.

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Oh., which was his home base for the next 12 years, many of which were spent on the road.

"I was traveling three states and getting burnt out on the road," Brockey recalls. "I was driving as much as 2,000 miles per week. It's a great living; I just got sick of it. I had my family back here. I wanted to get back here."

He returned to Culver in Nov., 2007 and took a job at the Edgewater Grille, intending to network and find long-term employment within an hour of here.

It almost seemed providential, then, that within two days of his arrival here, Brockey's father, Larry Sr., had a brain hemorrhage at his own insurance office in Rochester, leaving the vacuum of no other licensed insurance agent in the operation.

"I decided to go get my insurance license," says the younger Brockey. "I did a cram course in property casualty; it took three weeks to get through it. It was tough! I still didn't know what would happen with my father. Thank goodness, he made a miraculous recovery. He was in bad shape for a while. Early in the spring (of 2008), we realized he was making progress and was starting to be able to read again."

Larry Brockey, Jr., decided there wasn't room enough for two licensed agents in his father's territory. He happened to call longtime Culver insurance man Bob Cultice – who left his own insurance business not many months prior – and asked him about his empty office on South Main Street. "It was the best phone call I ever made," Brockey says. "He (let me) lease (his office space) and gave me a heads up on business in Culver."

Rochester office, and could see himself overseeing that operation once his dad retires.

Brockey Insurance may be reached by phone at 574-216-4208 (he notes that's a local number, in spite of the absence of the well-known "842" prefix), by fax at 866-594-3903, by cell at 574-933-1100, or by email at Brockey insurance@gmail. com.

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In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital (which would be indicated on signs near the South doors), and printed programs will be available near the doors as well. Just one more recital will be presented this year, on October 4 (also at 4 p.m.).

Admission is free, and tours and demonstrations of the instrument will be offered following every recital.

Bass tournament fees reduced

The entrance fee for the fourth annual Two-Person Team Charity Bass Tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee has been reduced to \$100 from \$175 in order to encourage greater participation, according to Culver Kiwans Club president Dick Swennumson. The event, sponsored by Collins & Co. realtors, Portside Marina, and Plymouth MARCO Bassmasters, will take place Sun., Sept. 28, 2008. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Culver's Kiwanis Club and its charities, with an 80 percent payout to the winner.

Lions seek school supply donations

The Culver Lions are again asking for help in making sure all children have the necessary supplies for school this coming year, according to program chairman Jim Harper. Thanks to community help, no child in the Culver school system went without needed supplies last year. Back packs, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, folders, erasers, compasses, and any other object that a teacher needs for a child to be a full participant in class are welcomed. All funds collected go for supplies or student needs.

Please make checks payable to the Culver Lions. They may be mailed to: Jim Harper, 1000 S. Main, Culver, IN, 46511 or to the Culver Lions, 615 Lake Shore Dr., Culver, IN 46511.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library. Please stop in and see us in the lower Carnegie level of the library during regular library hours.

Citizen cell phone

Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at 574-261-7887.

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Brockey says Cultice, whose business had resided at the same downtown spot for over 30 years, "has been a great guy in taking me under his wing."

People stopped into the newly-occupied Brockey Insurance office even though they knew Cultice was gone, Brockey notes.

And, though Brockey is a self-described "one-man show" right now, his mother – ever supportive – often stops by to fill in for him when needed. Even though he's associated with his father's business because the two share the same carriers, "he has his business and I have mine," the junior Brockey points out.

In his past work in sales, he says, "you've got all the freedom you want. You've got unlimited earnings, all of that. But I couldn't see myself raising a family living on the road like that. Insurance was always in the back of my mind. I don't regret outside sales. It was the best preparation for running your own business; you learn the whole side of a business from working in purchasing, in margins, and how to solicit people. Basically, I'm in inside sales (via insurance).

Brockey's Culver business opened on July 1 at its current location at 103 S. Main St, and its owner is thrilled to be here. "It's great," he smiles. "I feel very fortunate that I'm able to be back here, to be given an opportunity to start my own business in this town. You take it for granted growing up here; you move away and realize what you've got here with this place, with the lake. It's very nice."

Brockey has purchased a house, he says, on Hawk Lake and plans to spend "the rest of my life here." He'd also like to be at the point of hiring another licensed agent to help out. He himself is still assisting his father at his

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