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In Brief

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140, beginning Monday, April 13 through Tuesday, April 21. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, April 23 at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Community meal at Grace April 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Prom Dresses Available

Those in need of a formal dress for Prom or Final Ball, please contact Karen Heim at 574-842-8914. She has around 50 gently worn dresses in a variety of styles and sizes. They can be seen by appointment or at the Tri Kappa Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25 at 217 S. Ohio St, Culver.

Boat slips available

The Culver Park & Recreation Department has boat slips available for the upcoming boating season. Culver/Union Township residents pay \$700 for a boat slip, while patrons outside of this area are charged \$1,000. Wave runner spaces are \$400. For more information, call the park at 574-842-3510.

Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 13. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

Culver baseball, softball sign-ups

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Happy Sunday

Above, left: Supporters from at least four counties gathered Sunday to rally behind Culver Community Schools students Liz (fourth from left) and Mag (second from left) West at an all-day fund-raiser in South Bend. Joining them are event organizers Michael Holdsworth (far left), Missy Trent (third from left), and Jessica Dieter (far right). See story below.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

'People will make the difference'

Benefit for Culver students touches hearts across boundaries

On the hunt

Above, right: a throng of children filled Culver's town park Saturday for an annual Easter egg hunt, trading in collected eggs for a huge variety of Easter-themed prizes. Scouring the ground for colorful treasures are, at left, Braxton Fleury-Conley and, at right, Brenden Brown, both aged 5. The annual Farmer's Breakfast was also part of the festivities, while Culver's volunteer fire department was on hand to give children tours of its trucks.

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Ongoing, widespread community support for two Culver teens— who lost both parents within weeks of each other last December became all the more tangible Sunday, managing to bring together not only various elements of the Culver, Marshall, Starke, and Pulaski Counties, but a great many people from St. Joseph County as well.

In the process, volunteers and supporters from all the respective areas managed to raise nearly \$6,000 in the course of the day at a benefit for Culver Community Middle and High School students (respectively) Margaret and Liz West, held at the Chippewa Bowl on the south side of South Bend.

As reported in an earlier edition of the *Citizen*, Michael Holdsworth of South Bend initially conceived the idea after hearing of the West girls' story on a local radio station. Holdsworth lost his own father to murder as a youngster and knew the pain of losing a parent. Encouraged by his brother to take action, Holdsworth's idea took shape when friend Jessica Dieter noticed Chippewa's advertisement as a site to hold charity benefits.

The result: an event in which participants' donation yielded them opportunities to bowl, more food than they could eat, a roster of more than a dozen live performers, and an opportunity to bid on a host of auction items, including a piece of the original Notre Dame golden dome, framed in a plaque with a certificate of authenticity. Holdsworth said that item came from a man who read about the benefit in the newspaper and was touched. As of early Sunday evening, that item alone had a \$350 bid on it.

Also on hand were a "build a hula hoop" vendor, jewelry vendor, balloon artist, and face painter, all donating all or part of their proceeds to the cause. Notre Dame University

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

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Police investigate possible threat at Medallion

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

For the second time in the past nine months, Culver's Medallion Cabinetry was the site of a possible threat, bringing officers from both the Culver and Marshall County police to investigate. While last July's threat, however, was phoned in, the discovery last Friday around noon was written, in this case on a bathroom wall.

Culver police chief Wayne Bean told the *Citizen* a cleaning service found the message, "At 1 p.m. you all die," on the wall of a restroom at the West Mill Street plant. "They take it seriously," said Bean, even though his department doubts the threat has any validity. "You have to take

it that way until we find something different."

Workers at the factory were allowed to voluntarily take the afternoon off with no penalty, as a team of three Denver, Indiana-based dogs in training to leave shortly for Iraq were brought in to help officers search for anything potentially harmful in the building. Nothing was found during the search.

Bean added another possible issue, still under investigation, was unearthed as a result of Friday's incident, involving one employee's alleged "idle remark that went from person to person." There's no reason, Bean said, to connect the two matters, and at this point there are no suspects in the possible threat.

Pinder joins sister as Lilly recipient

Is fourth CCHS student given prestigious award

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

For the second time in as many years, Culver Community High School is home to the recipient of the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which pays all four years' worth of tuition and book fees to the public or private Indiana college of the winner's choice. What's more, this year's winner, Myles Pinder — son of Ed Jr. and Peggy Pinder — is the second of his siblings to receive the scholarship, the first being his sister Jessica in 2001. Previous CCHS winners include Jeremy Stotler in 2000 and last year's Ashley Jones. Lilly awards are administered by county community foundations, and while CCHS has seen four winners, two have been Pulaski County based, making the Pinder siblings

the only Marshall County-based recipients at Culver's school.

All of this, of course, is thrilling news for Pinder and his family, as well as the school itself. CCHS principal Albert Hanselman, noting the award is "a wonderful honor," says competition is stiff for the award, but "Myles is a quality kid. He's an impressive young man (who) comes from a quality family.

Myles' parents should be very proud of their children, in this case Myles in particular. They've done an excellent job of raising

him. "We have had some impressive students (win the scholarship)," Hanselman adds, "and I'm also very

proud of our teachers. They've helped students accomplish that goal."

Myles Pinder agrees. "I've had great support from my family and this whole high school," he recalls. "All my teachers have been great. They want to push you, but be there to help you at the same time." Myles says he had to turn in his initial application before Christmas break, 2008, with the Marshall County Community Foundation contacting him about a month ago for a personal interview before the entire Foundation board and an impromptu essay. None of that should come too hard for the CCHS senior, who has been a leading competitor in his school's Business Professionals of America, making impres-



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Myles Pinder, center, holds the Lilly Endowment Community scholarship awarded him March 31, flanked by his parents Ed Jr. (far left) and Peggy Pinder, and grandparents Lora and Ed Sr.

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Black horse turkey?

Paul Paré captured this photo of a wild turkey just outside the fence of the Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop's Hudson field on State Road 10, but that's not the only place this turkey (or a relative of his!) has shown up around Culver lately. The once-rare birds have been spotted near Main Street and just off Academy Road near the Academies' dining hall as well in recent weeks.

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ



Helping keep Medallion safe

Representatives from the Culver Volunteer Fire Department recently trained approximately 30 employees of Medallion Cabinetry on fire extinguisher use. The training consisted of class room review and hands-on training. Medallion Cabinetry's Emergency Response Team members, supervisors and leads received the training.

Pictured above, from left to right: Donna Louk, Human Resources at Medallion, volunteer fire fighters John Miller and Jerry Siler, fire chief Mike Grover, and Ray Proskey, Medallion maintenance supervisor.

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Pinder from page 1

...ive showings all the way up to BPA's national level in – among other areas – interview skills. Further, Myles Pinder is no stranger to the Community Foundation. Since last year, he's been president of MCCF's youth-oriented philanthropic offshoot, BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County).

Myles can add to that an impressive roster of just the sort of school, community, and church involvement MCCF and Lilly look for in winning applicants. Besides BEAM and BPA, he's been involved in the CCHS-Culver Academies youth service organization CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization), has been president of student council, secretary of CCHS' chapter of the Na-

tional Honor Society, a member of CCHS service club CAVS, vice president of BPA and Spanish Club at the school, captain of the cheerleading squad and track team, a member of CCHS' new "Ignition" mentor program, involved in Drama Club, and been a member of the CCHS choir (both its jazz and regular incarnations).

Myles plans to attend Butler University in Indianapolis, a dream the Lilly scholarship has made possible, especially since Butler will pay room and board for any Lilly winner. He plans to major in biology and possibly double major in chemistry, in hopes of ultimately becoming a pediatrician.

Myles Pinder joins several family members show-

ing an aptitude for math and science, and smilingly recalls grandmother Lora – who ran the popular Pinder's Restaurant in Culver with husband Ed – letting him count change from the restaurant's change drawer at an early age. Culver town councilman Ed was a math and physics teacher in earlier years. Besides constant support from parents, Myles notes he also had the example of his older sisters, only one of whom ever got a "B" grade (and then only once!) in their entire academic careers.

Parents Ed Jr. and Peggy Pinder say Myles' win is "awesome."

"Unfortunately," smiles Ed, "we've known for six days (before the surprise presentation of the award to Myles April 1) and had to

keep it in! Myles has been in and out of the office every day asking about it."

"We love this school," adds Peggy. "I'm going to be crying that last day (when Myles is finished). It's been great. We've had no problem with all the teachers. We've never felt we had to push our kids; they always wanted to go to school!"

Ed agrees. "This school has been great for us. All the teachers have been motivational for our kids."

The honor of having two children awarded the Lilly Scholarship is not lost on the Pinders; the first thing Peggy did after learning by telephone of Myles' win was call his sisters and grandparents. "Jesse said, 'That is awesome! I'm so excited for him.' And even

though Haley didn't win the Lilly, she got so many scholarships she didn't have to pay for any of her college."

Jessica Pinder went on to graduate from Taylor University with a theology degree before earning her teaching license at Ball State. She now teaches fifth grade in Avon, Indiana. Haley Pinder graduated the University of Indianapolis, winning an award as a top business student and scholarship for CPA training; she has halfway completed that program and works for London Witte, Indiana's largest private accounting firm.

Myles' older sisters are proud of his accomplishments, says Ed. "We've always been a close-knit family. We took vacations

together, and whenever we did something, our kids went with us. You have to be involved with your children. You have kids so you can be with them.

"We've been proud of everything Myles has done," he adds.

"My family always encouraged me," recalls Myles. "You get tired or worn out and they're there to give you a hug or a pat on the back and tell you you're doing a good job. Those kind of things help a kid keep going."

Myles adds thanks to the MCCF, the school, the community, and "just everybody. I couldn't have done it without them."

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Culver youth baseball and softball league sign-ups will be held at the Culver Public Library on Sunday,

April 19, 1 to 3 p.m. Those with questions may contact Francis Ellert at fellert@cckokomo.com.

'Dinner and a Movie' for Relay
Culver's Edgewater

Grille and Uptown Cinema will host "Dinner and a Movie" in support of Culver's Relay for Life Friday, April 11. Dinner with a special Relay menu will begin at 5 p.m. The movie, "Twilight," begins at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the cancer-fighting, April 17 Relay event. To make reservations for "Dinner and a Movie," call 574-842-2234. For more information on Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/culverin or call 574-842-7777.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 2

Auditions for the Maxinkuckee Players' production of "The Music Man" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday,

May 2, in the Culver Community High School Auditorium.

Anyone interested should come prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from the script that we will provide. Piano players will be available or they may sing with a recording. There are parts available for all ages. Show dates are Friday, July 24; Sunday, July 26; Wednesday, July 29; Friday, July 31; Saturday, Aug. 1; and Sunday, Aug. 2. For more information, call director Becky Liechty at 574-941-2343.

Budget-friendly meal programs at Grace

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver will present a series of nutrition and budget programs, held at

the church. These will take place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The next program will feature Eating In on the Run (April 14). All programs are free and open to the public.

Tyner IOOF holds fish fry

The Tyner IOOF Lodge will hold its annual all-you-can-eat fish fry Saturday, April 25 at the Tyner Community Building/Fire Station.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds go to support many community projects including scholarships. Drive-thru carry outs available.

Hospice volunteers needed

SouthernCare Hospice is looking for volunteers to make a difference in terminal patients, and their family's lives. If you have a little time to donate, and would like to make a difference in your life and others, please join this most rewarding volunteer program.

Many volunteer opportunities are offered including: Delivering goody bags, running errands, visiting with patients, being a part of a team, relieving caregiver, providing snacks, reading and writing.

To join the volunteer program, please contact Chelsey Beery, Volunteer Coordinator at 260-432-6075.

Citizen cell phone

Please note our new contract information and cell phone number on page 3. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may now be reached at a new cell number, 574-216-0075. Please submit e-mail news items to the longstanding address, citizen@culcom.net.

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Death notice - Mann

Ocie Mann
March 28, 2009

PLYMOUTH — Ocie Mann, 46, of Plymouth, died Saturday, March 28, 2009 at home.

He is survived by daughter Shannon Mann of Culver; son Chadwick Mann of Culver; sisters Sandra Bailey of North Judson, Freda Craft of Nashville, Tenn., Janice Rose of Culver, Kim Alva of North Judson and brothers William Rowe of Lakeside, Calif. and Robert Mann of Nashville, Tenn., as well as one grandson.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. (CDT) Thursday, April 2, at Denham Freewill Baptist Church in Denham, Ind.

Burial took place at Hoosier Cemetery.

Letters to the editor

Clarifying contractor comments

In response to the “concern” attributed to me in the *Culver Citizen* article about the March 24 Culver Town Council meeting (“Council navigates specifics of sidewalk program,” April 2 edition -- editor): the Lake Maxinkuckee community is very lucky in that the majority of contractors working here are careful to know and follow IDEM and local rules and regulations when building near a lake or stream. Many actually contact the LMEC to discuss “environmentally friendly” solutions to certain problems they encounter on a building site and we are very appreciative of this interaction.

What I said during the discussion was that, while dealing with this specific issue, I became concerned that apparently some contractors seem to be unaware of USACE and IDEM permitting guidelines and that some agencies always require site plans with things like streams clearly marked, while others seemingly do not. That it is a concern when agencies with “cross-over” jurisdiction don’t appear to actively assist the other agencies by making a phone call or sending an e-mail to the other agencies if they witness a potential problem, so issues like those discussed at the March 24 meeting could be handled more efficiently.

Our hope is that this incident, being handled by IDEM, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the Culver Building Commissioner, be used to promote a better inter-agency permit-issuing system that ensures all necessary permits are obtained before work starts. We also hope that, when violations of erosion control measures are found by any agency, that agency reports them to any other agency that may share jurisdictional oversight.

Maybe a joint training session could be held locally with representatives from USACE, IDEM, and IDNR presenting to only those individuals across the county who deal with issuing building permits and/or making site inspections during construction, maybe even one or two representatives from everyone’s plan commission or zoning appeals boards. This would go a long way in ensuring that Federal, State, County, and Local Governments all understand each others rules and regulations and help promote working with each other to protect the lakes and streams we all enjoy.

The full statement dealing with that concept was that Marshall County has seven major lakes and it would seem important for state, county and local government agencies to work together to protect those lakes and waterways. The need to ensure the health of our lakes should be clear, if not for purely environmental reasons, then for economical ones. The governing bodies should remember that properties surrounding those lakes have some of the highest assessed values in the county and they should protect them for economic reasons if nothing else.

There is a huge amount of research information out there that shows direct, strong correlation between a lake’s water quality and the market value of the surrounding property. Promoting cross-training and government interaction was the intent of my statement.

**Kathy Clark, Executive Director,
 Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council**

Correction

Editor’s note: The property with new development discussed in last week’s *Culver Citizen* article concerning discussion held at Culver’s March 24 town council meeting (“Council navigates specifics of sidewalk program”) is not located north of Culver as reported, but on the south side of Lake Maxinkuckee on Sycamore Road. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations’ normal business hours.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

Police blotter

Sherry A. Page, 45, of Culver was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit March 14, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Lisa Aim Mahier, 27, of Culver was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation March 15.

Herman A Kurrelmeier, 43, of Lincolnshire, Ill., was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit, 35 mph in a 20 mph zone March 15.

Kelly A. Spicer, 26, of Knox was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation March 16.

Kevin L. Crane, 30, of Culver was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation March 16.

Dennis D. Helman, 54, of Monterey was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation March 16.

Ryan A. Eaton, 29, of Plymouth was issued a citation for a seatbelt violation March 19.

Thanks from Wesley UMW thrift store

The Wesley United Methodist Thrift Shop, 216 South Ohio Street, Culver, would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Culver and Union Township, and all others, who have contributed to the success of the Thrift Shop. So many items have been donated for resale, and because of your generous giving, we have been able to share the proceeds received through the resale of the items with several mission projects.

The following missions have been supported from the sales: Bashor Home, Indiana Children’s Home, Oklahoma Indiana Project, Methodist Mountain Missions, Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Manor, Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti, Operation Classroom, Operation Classroom Adopt A Student, World Gospel Mission in El Sembrador, Honduras, UMCOR Hurricane Relief, Heifer Project, Cancer Research, Camp Scholarships, Youth Service Projects, Pregnancy Care Center/Crib Club and Neighborhood Center in Plymouth, Rachel’s Home, LucilleRaines Home, District and Conference Missions, Africa University, Salvation Army and Hope Rescue Mission in South Bend, Goodwill Industries of Michiana in South Bend, Marshall County Humane Society, Relay for Live, Wesley Kid’s Club, Wesley Preschool Scholarships, Camp Scholarships, Mission Work Trips, Culver Nutrition Site(Real Meals), Culver Council of Churches, Culver Food Pantry, Culver Meals on Wheels, Culver-Union Township Library for Children Resources, Culver-Union Township Fire Department, Culver-Union Township E.M.S., Culver Boy Scouts, Culver Cub Scouts, Culver Girl Scouts, Culver Pathfinder Home, Boys & Girls Club, School of Christian Mission, Culver Lions Club, Lions Eye Bank (Glasses), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Culver High School Business Professionals of America, Culver Community Schools School Nurse, Union Township Trustee with family assistance programs, Food Resource Bank and Seeds of Hope, and ECHO.

We also give support to families and individuals, in need of immediate assistance, who have suffered loss from fire as well as, men and women in crises. Individual needs are assessed and then they come to the Thrift Shop to obtain the necessary clothing and items at no cost.

We also serve three missions during open days at the Thrift Shop. Shoppers can bring food items for the Culver Food Pantry. When the large basket is full the items are taken to Grace Church for distribution. We have a large jar for cash donations for use by Food Pantry. We have a collection container for pop tabs, which are donated to the Kiwanis, then given to Ronald McDonald house in Indianapolis. We also have a container, located on the porch, for the recycling of used hearing aid, camera, and AAA thru D batteries.

We are grateful for all the items donated at the Thrift Shop. The donated items are a blessing to us and we can then give our blessings of funds to several mission projects. We receive donations of clothing for all ages, kitchen wares, pictures, games, small hand tools, sports equipment, lawn items, books, jewelry, electronic games, cameras, handbags, fine china, paintings, bedding, linens and other various items too numerous to list. The donated items need to be good condition and reusable.

Thank you, to the many individuals who come to browse and buy the items offered at low prices. The funding of our mission projects would not be possible without the continued support of the Culver community and surrounding area. There are so many people responsible for the success of the Thrift Shop.

We are grateful that we can offer the Thrift Shop and its mission to the people of Culver and surrounding area. You are all a very important part of our continued support to local, area, United States, and foreign missions.

Thank you and God’s blessing on you all.

**Wesley United Methodist Women
 Culver**

(Editor’s note: a feature story on the Wesley UMW thrift shop and its work in the community and beyond will appear in coming weeks in the pages of the Citizen.)

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Engagement - Carroll, Meece



Ryan Joseph Carroll of Plymouth and Bronwyn Jeanene Meece of South Bend have announce their engagement to be married July 3, 2009 at Zion United Church of Christ, South Bend.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Rhonda Meece of South Bend. She is a 1999 graduate of Sycamore High

School in Cincinnati, Ohio. She earned her bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Miami University Oxford, Ohio, in 2003.

She is employed at Elkhart Central High School as an English teacher.

The future groom is the son of Gregory Sr. and Margaret Carroll of Plymouth.

He is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth High School and earned his master’s degree at UAB, in Birmingham, Ala. in Exercise Physiology in 2003.

He is employed at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center as a Sports Medicine Supervisor.

Community Calendar

Thurs., April 9

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Parks and Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall

Friday, April 10

Good Friday (no school at Culver Community Schools)

Sat., April 11

Quilting group, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Youth baseball/softball signups, 10 a.m. - noon, Culver Public Library

Sun., April 12

Easter

Mon., April 13

Hydrant flushing, all week, throughout the town of Culver
 Snow makeup day for Culver Community Schools (school in session)
 Culver Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., town-hall
 Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace

United Church of Christ
 Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., April 14

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Eating In on the Run (budget friendly meal program), 10:30 a.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Weds., April 15

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Community Schools a.m. classes only
 Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Thurs., April 16

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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, April 9: Smoked sausage, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

Friday, April 10: Hamburger w/ cheese & onion, bun, pea & cheese salad, corn, fresh fruit (in season), and milk.

Monday, April 13: Beef Manhattan, Mashed Potatoes, gravy, bread, beets, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday, April 14: Spaghetti, tossed salad and dressing, bread sticks with margarine, French Green Beans, pineapple, and milk.

Wednesday, April 15: Salisbury steak, carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread & margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Thursday, April 16: Fish, diced red potatoes w/ herbs, mixed vegetables, bun, grape juice, apple pie, and milk.

Friday, April 17: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread & margarine, tropical fruit, and milk.

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Life on the street

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Every now and then the Editor will suggest a subject to me, usually without much more than the very least possible reference to things like deadlines. One topic he'd mentioned was Culver's streets and roads—and it is a topic that offers a lot of possibilities. The changing names of Culver's streets alone would fill up a column—Scott and Toner merging to become Lakeshore Drive, Houghton and Indiana Avenues eventually connected as Academy Road, the alley my grandmother lived on somehow becoming Akron Street. Then there are the mysteries, like what "college" College Avenue was named for, or how the street signs on "William Street" got changed to "Williams Street" (when it's your middle name, you notice these things).

In the midst of thinking about such more-or-less adult topics, though, I was looking through some old pictures to find something for my Facebook page. One of the ones I found was a snapshot of me standing in front of the house next to our shiny red

Studebaker, wearing what I suppose must have been a new suit for Easter. It must have been taken around 1960. The house and the whole neighborhood look very different, of course—you can, for example, easily see all the way to the barn on the northwest corner of Tamarack and SR 10, since the corn hadn't yet come up in Great-Aunt Ethel's field

north of us. The thing that strikes me, though, is that the street in which I am standing in the photo is unpaved. It wasn't quite bare dirt, as the city would come by every now and then and spray oil on it to hold the



It's still the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

dust down. But still, it was a far cry from asphalt, and a small boy with a garden trowel could look at the whole thing as a potential engineering project, particularly when melting snow and spring showers could provide a fairly steady flow of water downhill from the Lewis Street corner. On a



Above: John Houghton few years earlier, possibly contemplating toy boats.

good afternoon, it was possible to build a whole series of locks and dams running the length of the street, particularly if no one interfered by doing one of those silly adult things like parking the car in front of the house.

What really made this Teddy-Roosevelt-meets-Panama recreation great, though, was a toy owned by one of my neighbors, who lived in the house northwest of ours after the Talleys and before the Birks (my obligatory cousin reference for the month). My young neighbor actually had a lot

of neat toys, but the particular one I am thinking of was a Mattel product called the Vac-U-Form. When people talk about the Vac-U-Form, it's almost always as an example of the sort of stunningly dangerous toy that you could never sell to kids these days: but at the time, it seemed like a great idea. The toy had a heavy red metal base, maybe a foot long, with a handle on one

end and an electric cord on the other. Attached on top of this by a hinge down the center was a small square frame that could be flipped to lie on either half of the rectangular top. One of these halves was a platform with lots of tiny holes in it: when you pumped the handle on the side, it sucked air down through the little holes. On the other half, slightly recessed, there was a hot plate running on straight house current. This was no Easy-Bake Oven: the plate presumably got as hot as the kitchen range. You plugged the gizmo in and selected a favorite toy (or one of the several molds supplied with the Vac-U-Form). After placing the mold on the left hand side, you mounted a square piece of styrene plastic in the frame, and lowered it onto the right hand side of the toy. After the styrene had softened, which didn't take long, you flipped the frame the other way and pumped the handle energetically, creating a vacuum which shaped the styrene down onto the mold, making a copy of whatever you had started with. It was like having a toy factory in your house, and one of the things it did best was making little

plastic boats (you had to make the deck and hull in two pieces and glue them together, but that was a small price to pay). I'm not entirely sure what I brought to the transaction—perhaps just the muddy street—but it wasn't long before we had a small fleet of boats, and were actually able to navigate all the way down the block to the marina we'd constructed at the north end of the street. (So far as I can remember, we never actually figured out a way of working the flotilla back up to Lewis Street.)

Eventually, of course, the street was paved. By then, though, we had bicycles, and a good stretch of macadam had an appeal all of its own. One of the great summers was the year they were paving or repaving the south end of town—I often spent the day at my grandmother's house, and my good friend David Williams' place on White Street (to which his father had not yet, I think, added the geodesic dome studio) was not far away. It became a challenge to see how long a path we could find over the newly smooth streets of the neighborhood—though there were always a few stretches of brick to interfere with our plans.

It's tempting to wonder what kids do today, without mud streets to play in, without toys that could inflict third-degree burns, and without the fascination of newly-laid blacktop. But I'm almost sure, in fact I'd bet on it, that forty years ago our parents were wondering how in the world we spoiled baby-boomers would have amused ourselves in the Culver of their childhood.

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Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's "mystery citizen" was Karen Dehne, a familiar face to shoppers in Culver's downtown who stop by Fisher & Co. clothiers. Readers Cathy Keller and Connie Van Horn both correctly guessed Karen's identity. Both Cathy and Connie also correctly pointed out (and put egg on the face of the editor) that our previous quiz pictured the wrong Tom Schmidt! The man pictured from his high school days in Culver two weeks ago was Tom Schmidt from Monterey (brother of longtime Culver High School mathematics instructor Paul Schmidt). The "follow-up," recent photo printed last week was the correct Tom Schmidt, present-day industrial technology instructor at Culver Community High School. Your editor would like to say this was all a trick question to keep readers on their toes, but alas, won't lie about it. The wrong photo made it in. The editor appreciates the correction, and also Cathy's adding to the list of readers who say they really enjoy this feature.

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Above: A 2008 photo of Karen Dehne, last week's mystery citizen.

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The editor, however, is reasonably sure about this week's mystery citizen (pictured at right)! She's someone in the public eye on a regular basis in Culver.

As always, readers are encouraged to try to identify the pictured Culver "citizen." The prize for the correct guess is still the undying admiration of your editor.

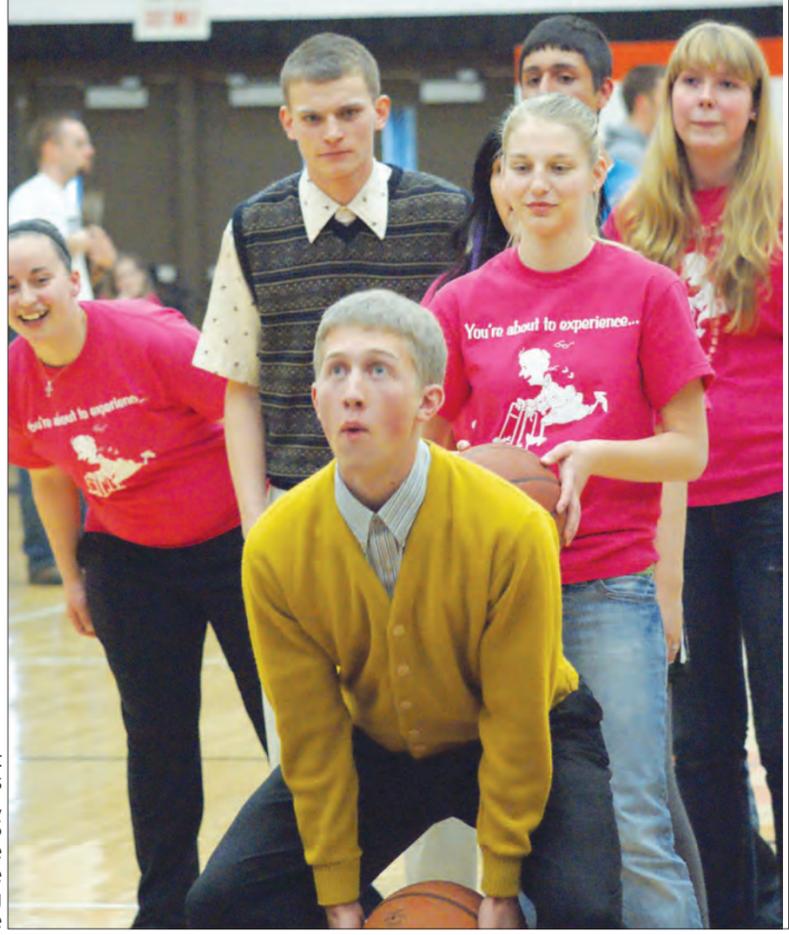
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Sports Spectacular!

Seniors, teachers win at annual CCHS extravaganza



A spectacular night

Culver Community High School seniors came out on top last Friday at the school's annual Sports Spectacular, held at the high school gymnasium, winning the competition against other CCHS classes, which include favorites like the tricycle race, dry land swim, and tug-of-war (to name a few). As usual, Culver Community's teaching faculty dominated the annual basketball game against CCHS seniors.

Clockwise from left: During the seniors-faculty basketball game, senior Cody Deery, bottom, and Brett Berndt dive on the floor for a loose ball.** At right, senior Drew Cultice prepares to shoot the ball during the 'shootout' contest. Looking on are, from left to right, Abby Hayworth, Adam Neace, Liz West, Tony Leva (behind West), and Lara Kapplusch.* Below, right: Tyler Weldon, left, pulls down a rebound while senior Ryan Carter looks on during the seniors-faculty basketball game.** Bottom, left: Natasha Jesse hard at work in the spoon and egg race. * Lower left: CCHS parent Sue Norwich does her best to navigate the difficulties of the tricycle race.* At left: Culver teacher Bryan Albright puts up a free throw for the faculty during the seniors-faculty basketball game.**



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sent a spread of fruit and vegetables in addition to a large, colorfully decorated cake bearing the message "Happy Sunday, Liz and Mag!" in frosting. A number of South Bend area eateries donated food, as did staff members from all levels of Culver Community's schools and Culver area churches.

Holdsworth's brother, Aaron, also hit the streets that day to raise even more money, with the agreement that Michael would shave his head and beard if Aaron could raise at least \$1,000. Before the night was over, Liz West had shaved part of Michael's beard and Aaron shaved the rest, all with the Holdsworth brothers' father's razor.

Michael Holdsworth says working on the West benefit over the past few months has been life-changing and "an eye opening experience."

"You get older sometimes and get a jaded perspective," he says. "This has shown me there's a lot of good people in the world."

There's a hint of awe in Holdsworth's voice as he tells story after story of the sacrifice, concern, and generosity shown by so many strangers - from South Bend and beyond, even

outside Indiana - contributing to the effort, from a wave of volunteers on hand at the Chippewa Bowl to businesses and individuals contacting him with items, money, and offers to help. Members of the Chris Walker band, he says, flew up from Florida despite Walker's recent baby and job, to play for free at the event.

It's gratifying, too, for Michael Holdsworth to see Liz and Mag enjoying the day. "They're such positive people. I see such joy emanating from their eyes and the way they speak. I'm eternally grateful for being able to be such a part of this."

Culver Elementary School sixth grade teacher Missy Trent - the local coordinator for the event - praised the owner and staff at Chippewa for their hard work and generosity, as well as Holdsworth and company. "It's amazing," she says. "It's easy for us (from Culver and surrounding areas) to get involved, but the South Bend people don't know these girls, and yet they're willing to come out."

One South Bend resident Holdsworth says is the "driving, implementing force" behind organizing

a "street team" in that city to make the event work is the aforementioned Jessica Dieter.

Dieter says the event has had a cathartic effect on many who participated or contributed, often sharing stories of loss in their own lives and finding healing in sharing that story with others.

"I was thinking of the quote that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, these two children have raised up a village. So many people have been telling me all these terrible things that have been happening to them, too. You start off with tears because of this story of these two (West) girls. By the end of the story, I'm crying because someone's telling me about the death of a loved one."

Dieter, who says she and her friends plan to write Oprah Winfrey and Bill O'Reilly in hopes of obtaining scholarships for the West girls, also encourages those she speaks with to write their stories to the West girls and let them know they're not alone, in addition to sending money and gifts.

After Sunday's event, hopefully Liz and Mag West will be assured they're not alone. The girls - still

recovering from Liz's senior class winning Friday night's CCHS Sports Spectacular - stayed through the day, enjoying the festivities. "It's nice," said Liz of the event. "I'm glad that everyone's come together. A lot of people have come out."

She has a busy few months ahead, between the school's senior class trip to Florida in April, prom the following weekend, and a number of track meets...all in addition to Liz's work at the Bass Lake Pub and Ristorante. She'll be starting work in April at the Culver Coffee Company as well, with Mag headed to summer camp at Culver and the deadline looming this summer to register her in high school at Lafayette, where Liz will move to attend Ivy Tech to become a dental hygienist.

Meanwhile, Dieter is not alone in seeing the response to the West girls' tragedy as holding meaning for all involved, if not the country as a whole in these troubling times. "People are talking," she says, "and figuring out that people are what's going to make the difference. Getting together and doing things is what's going to make things better."

Preschool registration at Wesley UMC

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street.

Wesley offers two classes, a junior class and senior. To qualify for the junior class, a child must be three years old by August 1, 2009. To qualify for the senior class, a child must be four by August 1, 2009.

The junior class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$64 per month. The senior class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$92 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which covers the supplies for the school year.

Wesley Preschool follows the Culver Community Calendar with the exception of Wesley's start date, which is the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 8, 2009. Otherwise both calendars are the same.

In both classes, students follow a morning routine: circle time, center time (including many free play and free art centers, story and transition, snack time, and special activity time. Once a week, Alison Gaskill from Culver-Union Twp. Public Library comes to read to both classes, and once to twice a week, P.E. class is held. Many wonderful field trips are taken, parent and guest readers are enjoyed, and special days with mom and dad are celebrated.

Currently the preschool has a staff of three and hopes to keep growing. Jennifer Luttrell is director and junior class teacher, Jill Gavlick is senior class teacher, and Esmeralda Rodgers is assistant and P.E. teacher.

Please contact Jennifer Luttrell with any questions, 574-250-3852.



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A-piping for Saint Pat's

Bagpiper Kevin Foley of Culver Pipes & Drums made a visit to the Wesley United Methodist preschool March 16 in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, dressed in traditional bag piping garb and demonstrating piping to students in the church sanctuary. Observing are (front row, left to right): Sophia Heath, Celia Richeson, Dalton Powell (face hidden), Phoenix Dickson, Sam Luttrell, Mackenzie Banks, Bryce Campbell, Sydney Denham, Jack Rodgers, and teacher Esmeralda Rodgers. Back row: Austin Dilts, Spring Ye, Jordan Otteman-Lewis, Emily Heim, Anna Gregorash, Kathleen Perkins, Peter Kenney, Adrian Schouten, Mary Kate Kelley, Gavin Salyer, and teacher Jill Gavlick. Foley also demonstrated bag piping at Culver Elementary School in honor of the holiday.

Klimaszewski essay takes tops at DARE grad

CES sixth grader's second writing win in recent weeks

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the second time in recent weeks, Culver Elementary School sixth grader Haley Klimaszewski's thinking and writing have put her at the top

who has led the program at CES since joining the Culver force in 2000. Duhnowsky taught the national DARE program previously in Pulaski County – including at Monterey Elementary School – for several

years. This effort now for our children will pay huge benefits to us all in the future."

According to Duhnowsky, the DARE program targets teaching children the dangers of abusing marijuana, tobacco, alcohol, and illegal inhalants. DARE, however, delves far deeper into these issues than simply encouraging kids to say "no."

Duhnowsky says a great deal of discussion is held with students about the nature of friendship, defining a friend and examining various types of pressures students experience. Perhaps most importantly,

interested in Duhnowsky's discussion of advertising techniques, which he says came into play after this year's Super Bowl, rife as it was with alcohol-related commercials.

Also discussed are medical facts about the effects of drug abuse on students' bodies, to which students respond very well, says Duhnowsky. Many students are surprised to hear how few eighth grade students nationally out of 100 actually have, for example, smoked tobacco in the last 30 days. "All your friends say, 'Everybody's doing it,'" Duhnowsky notes. "Most are quite surprised to realize not that many are doing it."

In addition to role playing with students in order to help them prepare for peer pressure situations, Duhnowsky tells students around the eighth week of the program they need to make their decision as to drug use, noting "if you wait 'til the heat's on you to make that decision, you're going to collapse."

Another important component of DARE's effectiveness is the relationship Duhnowsky cultivates with students.

"Your words mean when you build relationship," he adds. "I had four (recently) come up and say, 'I love you.' One parent came (to the graduation) because her son was so excited. He just likes me; they bond to you. Then I see them on the street and they're always waving. I've seen kids I taught back in the 1980s, and they still know me and talk about the class (while) sitting there with a baby in their arms. They're married and have kids now."

in-depth discussion is held about tactics used both in peer pressure and advertising, teaching students to recognize and identify tactics immediately, with three means of students saying "no."

"You can be unsure in how you say it," he explains, "Or you can be demanding, or you can be confident. We talked about body language: how you stand, speak, whether you make eye contact. They practice that stuff. It's practicing the way we do as policemen, so when (an emergency) happens, we respond right."

Students are particularly



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

CES sixth grader Haley Klimaszewski reads her winning DARE essay as DARE instructor and Culver police officer John Duhnowsky (left of Klimaszewski), CPD secretary Keri Karris (middle), and Culver chief of police Wayne Bean (far left) look on.

of an essay contest. Earlier in March, Klimaszewski's short story set in the era of Abraham Lincoln won her honors in the writing contest at the regional 24th Annual Young Authors' Conference. March 31 saw her take first in her class in an essay contest concluding the nine-week DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in which all CES sixth graders took part.

Besides Klimaszewski – who won a \$25 gift card to a Plymouth store from the Culver police in addition to her winning ribbon -- other finalists included Jerrod Betts, Katie Blocker, Frank Kline, Paxton Schmidt, and Megan Yeager.

Finalists and their families will be invited to a DARE banquet in Plymouth where they will receive extra prizes and recognition, said Culver police officer John Duhnowsky,

years before his arrival in Culver. Locally, DARE was launched at CES in the mid-1990s under then-police chief Jerry Palmer.

DARE in Culver is a required part each winter of the school's sixth grade health program. Announcing winners of the essay contest was one portion of CES' annual DARE graduation program, to which families of participating students are invited. Culver police chief Wayne Bean was the special guest speaker at the event, and summed up the importance of the program to students and their families, discussing several of the main points of the program and offering encouragement to the audience.

"It's inspiring to see everyone here that have joined together to be our children's main influence," said Bean. "With everyone doing their part, the war on drug abuse



Here's pie in your eye

Above: CES kindergartener and Culver Boys & Girls Club member Wyatt Ringer delivers a pie-in-the-face to CBGC gym supervisor Abby Hayworth.

Ringer was the winner of the Culver Boys & Girls Club's recent "caught being good" drawing, in which each child had a chance to earn a "caught being good" slip. Children receiving slips were allowed to vote for the staff member they wanted to see receive a pie in the face, with the staff member receiving the most votes after two weeks receiving the pie in the face by one of the children. Hayworth was the "winning" staff member with 123 votes.

CBGC is located in the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3 to 6:50 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 per year, with scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions or concerns may be directed to 574-250-0103.

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Library offers film, book program

The Culver Union-Township Public Library announces "A Novel Approach," a new book and film discussion group mirrored after a popular program currently in its 24th season at the Stratford Public Library in Stratford, Connecticut. The library asks participants to first read the pre-selected novel and then view the film version, which will be shown at the library. Barb Maves of the library's Adult Services will host the program.

Discussion will follow the movie. Copies of the novel are available to check out at the Circulation Desk. The first feature is "The Secret Life of Bees," with the first film program Wednesday, May 6 at noon. Future programs will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. Registration is encouraged. A sign-up sheet will be located at the front desk.

The program will be held in the large meeting room at the library. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program; the library will provide coffee and tea. Call 574-842-2941 for more information.

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Culver Lions gain new members, hear from Buchman and Nix

By Don Freese
Culver Lions Club

Six new members were taken Culver's Lions Club Wednesday evening, March 25. They were inducted by Past District Governor, Lion Nelson Nix. New members included Don and Barbara Burke, Jan Johnson, Willie Pearson, Rev. Larry Saunders, and Cheryl Smith.

Programs for the evening included Culver's Ginny Buchman on the St. Joseph Health Center in Plymouth, which is affiliated with the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and provides free health care and medications for those individuals and families that have no



PHOTO SUBMITTED/DON FREESE
Pictured are the newest members of Culver's Lions Club. From left to right (front row), Cheryl Smith, Barbara Burke, Jan Johnson, (back row) Rev. Larry Saunders, Don Burke, and Willie Pearson.

health care or medicine coverage. The Health Center is staffed with a nurse practitioner and nurses, according to Buchman, with the balance of the organization comprised of dedicated volunteers. The facility has had significant growth over the past three years with over 1,000 patient vis-

its in 2008, Buchman said.

Past District Governor Nelson Nix also discussed the Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank in Indianapolis. This facility receives donor corneas, arranges for appropriate testing of the corneas and then with "state of the art" equipment, prepares the micro-thin tissues that are used by surgeons in transplants, said Nix. In 2009 the facility will provide over 2,000 corneal transplants.

"You cannot imagine the feeling that you have," said Nix, "when you see a mother receive a cornea transplant and sees her child for the first time."

The Culver Lions club meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the train station-depot at Culver's town park on Lake Shore Drive.

Culver's Cooper deploys overseas

Army National Guard Spec. Brandon Cooper has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq.

Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

The specialist, a military police with three years of military service, is regularly assigned to the 384th Military Police Company, based in Bloomington, Ind.

He is the son of David A. Cooper of School St., Culver, Ind., and Yvonne R. Watson of North Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Cooper is a 2007 graduate of Culver Community High School, Ind.

Culver again named Tree City USA®

Culver, IN has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. This is the third year Culver has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Culver has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Communities that receive Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they recognize that:

Trees promote healthier communities. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles; trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife; trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings; properly placed trees can increase property values, and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

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CCHS' Miller serves as page

Culver Community High School freshman Kalee Miller recently served in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly, under State Representative Nancy Dembowski (D-Knox). As a page, students 13 years and older spend the day gaining a greater understanding about state government and how laws are made. Student pages take a backstage tour of the Statehouse and work alongside legislative assistants and interns. On session days, pages experience how a bill becomes a law as they watch legislators on the House floor debate issues. On committee days, the students witness where a bill receives first consideration and watch hearings where the public submits input.

Culver thefts, vandalism reported

Marshall County police are investigating two incidents which occurred over the March 27 weekend in the Culver area. According to WTCA radio, officer Bruce Carter was investigated the theft of two power pedestal seats and two gray Stearns life jackets from a fishing boat docked at the Culver Marina on East Shore Drive. The items and boat were owned by Thomas Katona of Highland, and were stolen sometime between March 25 and March 27.

Randy's Place archery and bait shop was the site March 28 of criminal mischief when an object was thrown through a roadside business sign at the property, which is also Randy Walters' residence, at 16309 State Road 17 in Culver. The incident occurred sometime between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Officer Nick Laffoon asks that anyone with information on the incident should contact the Sheriff's Department at 574-936-3187, as this is the latest of several such occurrences.

Community garden meeting April 20

Grace United Church of Christ's community garden project is seeking volunteers for a number of facets of the garden, which has moved forward thanks to Wesley United Methodist Church has donating a lot for the garden. A volunteer meeting concerning the garden will take place Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Grace Church fellowship hall for anyone interested in helping in any way. Interested persons may also contact Barb Quivey at Grace Church, 574-842-2331 Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. or at home, 574-842-2329.

Culver library offers free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will be offering free computer classes starting in April. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. The first sessions will cover the basics of using a computer, followed by Internet & E-Mail, and finally classes on the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

Classes for April include Computers for Beginners Part I (April 20 at 6p.m. and April 24 at 10 a.m.) and Computer for Beginners Part II (April 27 at 6 p.m. and May 1 at 10 a.m.).

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit its website at www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Culver's Mahler joined on Hospice board

SOUTH BEND — Susie Mahler of Culver's Cafe' Max, continues her leadership role as secretary of the Board of Directors of the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., joining new members Drew P. Wilson, Martin Capital Management (Chairman), Terry Rodino, Recycled New Pallets (Chairman-Elect), and Amy Kuhar Mauro, Old National Bank (Treasurer).

In addition, the following individuals have joined Dennis Beville, Jeannelle Brady, Julie Englert, Lori Price, Rita Streffing, and Robin Zon, MD, on the agency's Board: Corey Cressy, Grubb & Ellis/Cressy & Everett, John Mann, WSBT-TV, and Ida Watson, community volunteer. Continuing in their leadership roles with Mahler are: Catherine Hiler, community volunteer, Immediate Past Chairman.

The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. is a premier not-for-profit, community-based agency improving the quality of living through hospice, home health, grief counseling, and community education. With offices in South Bend, Plymouth, and Elkhart, The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. serves St. Joseph, Marshall, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaGrange, La Porte and Starke Counties.

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