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In Brief

EMT class offered

A basic EMT class will take place July 7 through November 16 at the Culver-Union Twp. EMS base at 200 East Washington Street in Culver. The class will be lead by CUTESMS director Millie Sytsma, PI, CCEMTP. Cost is \$525 (which includes EMT-B textbook and clinical shirt); cclass will take place two nights per week plus two Saturdays. Class size is limited, and interested persons should sign up by June 15. For more information, call 544-527-6627 or email: millie@culcom.net.

Poplar Grove rummage sale this weekend

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church reminds area residents of its rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, rain or shine, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place at the historic church, located on State Road 10 just east of Culver. A huge number of items are available, with proceeds going to help finance a new, handicapped accessible entrance to the church building. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may contact Susan Shaffer at 574-892-6281.

BPA bake sale May 23

Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America will hold a bake sale Osborn's mini-mart in Culver Saturday, May 23 from 8:30 until 11 a.m. Hungry customers can get a head start on their Memorial Day weekend and support BPA's national trip, rescheduled from this month to June 17-21 due to earlier swine flu fears. Due to changes with airline tickets and other details, BPA's cost is now approximately \$1,000 more than expected. Donations are still gladly accepted via Mike Schwartz at the school.

Building trades open house

Culver Community High School's Building Trades program, in which students — supervised by instructor Kyle Elliott — construct a home for a local property owner, will hold an open house Sunday, May 24 from noon to 4 p.m. at the program's new house at 16263 Thorn Road in Culver, one mile north of the State Roads

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A damp but fun 'Tour'

Above, left: Seth Marshall, a psychologist and instructor at Culver Academies, and his wife Dörte take part in their first Tour de Max Saturday, the annual bicycle ride around Lake Maxinkuckee and beyond, sponsored by Culver's Tri Kappa. A number of riders braved scattered rain showers for the popular event. The Marshalls told the Citizen they actually appreciated the overcast skies, preferable to the possibility of a "scorching hot sun."

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A golden moment

Above, right: As they do each May, hundreds of alumni returned to Culver Academies last weekend for a flurry of events and ceremonies. Highlighted this reunion was, of course, the "golden" class of 1959, members of which are pictured above, waiting for a Saturday afternoon photo shoot. On the left is Jirh Metcalfe of Virginia Beach, Virginia and at right is David Culver of St. Louis, Missouri. Culver is the great-grandson of Henry Harrison Culver, founder of the school.

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'I know every single child'

Principal of the Year Berndt celebrates tight-knit family atmosphere at Monterey school

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When Monterey Elementary School principal Julie Berndt first received notice just after spring break this year of her receipt of the Indiana Association of School Principals' "Principal of the Year" award, she threw the letter in the trash.

"I didn't believe it," she smiles, adding she fished the letter out of the trash shortly after discarding it.

But, she says, "It was very much an honor. I was very surprised!"

The award, given each year to a nominated principal from each Indiana district (Culver's district, she says, encompasses eight counties), is given to a recipient in the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Nominees' names go to a district board, which reads through each individual's criteria and votes. Each fall, the IASP annual conference in Indianapolis chooses from district winners to determine a state winner.

Berndt says the IASP looks at such criteria as what has been accomplished in a given principal's building, what programs put into place, how well the staff works together, parental

and community involvement, and AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) status of the school.

It's easy to see why Berndt and Monterey Elementary fit the bill. For two years running, the school — which presently has about 150 students drawn from four area counties -- was ranked "exemplary" in AYP ranking. Berndt isn't exaggerating when she says parental and community involvement in students' school lives is "wonderful" in the small, tight-knit community, whose sixth graders leave their town to join former Culver Elementary School students each year at the Culver Community Middle School. "Half the town shows up" for the school's annual talent show, says Berndt, and there's barely standing room for its student Christmas show, despite its daytime time slot.

"When I first walked into this building to interview (for the principal position), there was just a very home-like, family atmosphere (here). We have a very close faculty, the kids (are) just great. Our parents, if

sue in our building is. All I could only think of is maybe the homework's not getting done! We don't have a lot of those problems (prevalent in other schools). The kids like being here. They are pleasant and respectful,

its well-known sixth grade Shakespeare play (highlighted last month in the Citizen) and science project involving live rats, to the third grade's hatching eggs into chicks. Monterey fifth graders regularly study ecosystems using live ghost shrimp with the help of Pulaski County 4H members, and the school's annual field day events, she says, concentrate on team building while still remaining competitive for each student.

She also praises a staff whose members function like a family and in some cases actually are family, comprised in part of former MES students who grew up and are intimately familiar with the community.

"Our P.E. teacher Julie Perkins does a really nice job," she says. "She does art by afternoon and P.E. by morning. The music programs are more like little Broadway shows (thanks to) Suzanne Hollis. We have (two) teachers, Becky Risner and Stephanie Smith, who organized a community Halloween party for two hours in the evening. They go on their own to get area businesses to donate

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Monterey Elementary School principal Julie Berndt was recently named 'Principal of the Year' in Culver's eight-county district.

we need help or volunteers, they're really there for their kids.

"(I was) at one educational conference and they asked what the biggest is-

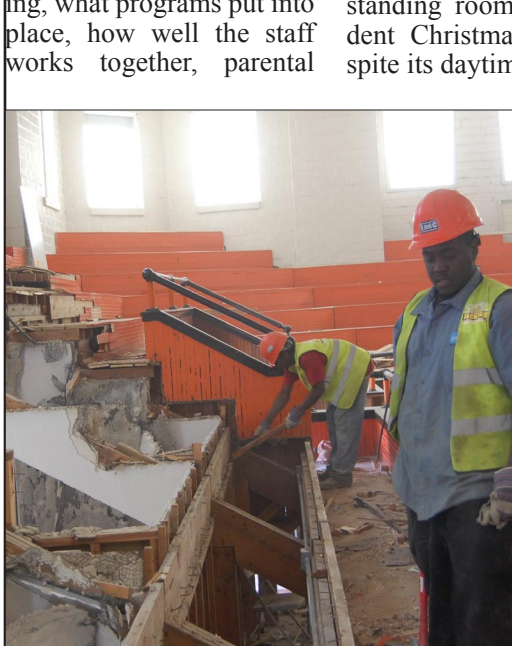
so the teachers can teach and the kids can learn."

Berndt cites a litany of special programs and events regularly part of the Monterey school year, from

Out with the old...

Work began last week on removal of the old bleachers, locker rooms, restrooms, and other fixtures in the Culver Elementary School gym. Jackson Services, whose staff are graduates of Culver Community Schools, handled the demolition work and said they expected it to be complete by the end of the week. In the photo at left, Paul and Princeton Jackson take apart seating on the south wall. At right, one more pile of debris from the gym is prepared for dumping. Another company will handle construction of new, updated seating and other facets of the gym, which are hoped to be completed for the start of school this fall. The outgoing seating was part of the original Community Building dedicated in 1929.

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Musical 'Respect'

Culver Elementary School fourth graders perform at the school's annual spring program May 5. This year's event was held at the Culver Community High School's John Nelson gymnasium due to renovation work being done at the CES gym. Students holding signs, from left to right, are: Garrett Reinhold ("R"), Jack Rich ("E"), David Thompson ("S"), Allie Harris ("P"), Trista Vela ("E"), Chase Burleson ("C"), and Cora Dodge ("T"). Thanks to Leslie Shepard for photo assistance.

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pop, candy, and prizes. It's for the whole community; the whole family can come. It's another positive way to get parents to come."

Berndt herself grew up in Walkerton, graduating from John Glenn high school before attending Manchester College for a bachelor's degree in Vocational Family and Consumer Science. She taught at Norwell high school and alternative school besides acting as director of the Norwell preschool. She received her Master's degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University Fort Wayne before teaching at Knox High School and receiving her kindergarten through twelfth grade administrator's license from Ball State University. From Knox, she says, she came straight to Monterey.

"I love it here," she says. "I love the kids, and the staff and parents are great. I know every single child, and you know the parents and grandparents, so you get to know each child as a whole. That is so nice. We're all about the kids here; even the signs coming into Monterey say that. The whole community is all about the kids.

"It's just a very special place. I don't think I want to leave!"

Community Calendar		
Thurs., May 21 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club awards banquet, 6:30 p.m. 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., rectory basement	sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Poplar Grove UMC Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	Tues., May 26 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Sat., May 23 Poplar Grove church sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Poplar Grove UMCs BPA bake sale, 8:30 to 11 a.m., Oborn's mini-mart "Morning Light" screening and event, 7 p.m., Uptown Cinema	Sun., May 24 CCHS Building Trades open house, noon to 4 p.m.	Weds., May 27 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station/depot
Friday, May 22 Poplar Grove church	Mon., May 25 Memorial Day (most public institutions closed) Gold Star Ceremony, 11 a.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building	Thurs., May 28 Last student day of school, Culver Comm. Schools Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club awards banquet, 6:30 p.m.
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Culver’s Good completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Jesse H. Good, son of Tammy E. and Jeffery H. Good of Culver, Ind., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Good completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Good is a 2008 graduate of Culver Community High School of Culver, Ind.

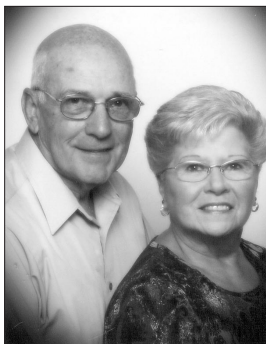
Anniversary - Drake



Duane and Shirley Sue (Gadis) Drake of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, May 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tyner IOOF Lodge. They were married May 2, 1959 at the Walkerton Meth-odist Church.

Their children are Kenneth

Drake
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men
and



Jeffrey (Karen) Drake of Walkerton. Duane is retired from Wheelabrator of Mishawaka as a welder and Drakes Tree Service. Sue is retired from Rock Industries Inc. in Plymouth as an office manager. They request no gifts.



Dembowskihelpsobserve Liberty Day

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State Representative Nancy Dembowski – pictured above after a brief chat with Culver Community High School social studies teacher Theresa Jacobson – paid a visit recently to Culver Community High and Middle Schools as part of the Culver Lions Club’s annual Liberty Day observation. Copies of the US Constitution and information Indiana government were distributed to students, and Dembowski explained the difference between state and federal government to students, discussing a recent law banning use of cell phones for drivers under the age of 18. She asked students their opinions on the bill and government in general, emphasizing involvement as key in making changes students feel are needed in governmental procedures and politics.

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, May 21: Smoked Sausage, black eyed peas, coleslaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

Friday, May 22: Hamburger with cheese and onion, bun, pea and cheese salad, corn, fresh fruit (in season), and milk.

Monday, May 25: Closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, May 26: Spaghetti, tossed salad and dressing, bread sticks with Margarine, French green beans, pineapple, and milk.

Wednesday, May 27: Salisbury steak, carrots, mashed potatoes and gra-

vy, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Thursday, May 28: Fish, diced red potatoes with herbs, mixed vegetables, bun, grape juice, apple pie, and milk.

Friday, May 29: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans,

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10 and 17 intersection. The public is invited.

Lake Max golf outing, auction July 3

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold a golf outing July 3 at Mystic Hills golf course. The event is open to the public and will start at noon. Golf Outing Awards, silent auction, and Hog Roast will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Maxinkuckee Country Club.

Golf cart registration

The town of Culver asks residents to please remember that golf carts must be registered with the town to use on public streets within corporate limits. To register a golf cart, residents must apply at the Culver Town Hall, located at 200 E. Washington Street, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 574-842-3140. Citizens need to provide golf cart insurance, VIN number, name, address and phone number. There is a cost of \$25 for the registration and is valid for a calendar year, not the date the registration is received. Ordinance 2007-009 states the regulation of the use of golf carts and fines within town limits. This ordinance may be viewed at Town Hall and is also on the town website at www.townofculver.org.

Leaf and debris regulations

The town of Culver reminds residents not to leave leaf or brush piles intended for pickup by the town in the streets. Instead, residents are asked to leave such piles on their own property, as leaves and other debris in the street may lead to clogged storm sewer drains, flooding, and other problems. Those with questions may contact Culver’s town hall at 574-842-3140.

‘Anna and the King’ at CUTPL

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library’s “A Novel Approach” for June will examine the book, “Anna and the King of Siam” by Margaret Landon and view the movie “Anna and the King” starring Jodie Foster. The program, a book and film discussion event, will take place Wednesday, June 3 at noon. Copies of the book are available to check

out at the library, where the movie will be shown after the book discussion June 3. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program; the library will provide coffee and tea. Barb Maves of our Adult Services will host the program. The library may be contacted at 574-842-2941 or e-mailed staff@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Disney star, Culverite on hand for May 23 event

The historic Maxinkuckee Yacht Club and Uptown Cinema in Culver will host a screening of the 2008 Walt Disney documentary “Morning Light.” May 23. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the film starts at 7 p.m. Culver resident and MYC member Ed Furry, boat captain in the movie, will be on hand to discuss his experience working for Roy E. Disney, producer of the film. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (age 16 and under). Hot dogs, pop corn, and soft drinks are included, with beer and wine available as well. Proceeds from the event go to the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club’s Junior Fleet.

Culver Jr. football sign-ups

The Marshall County Junior Football League’s Culver Junior Football League will hold sign-ups for football players and cheerleaders May 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the front entrance of the Culver Elementary School. Birth certificates are required. Any questions should be directed to Angela Gibson at 574-242-8175.

Triplet golf outing Aug. 1

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The Zane and Zoie Triplett Memorial Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. at Mystic Hills Golf Course, Culver.

The entry fee is \$80 per person or \$320 per team, which includes golf and cart, range balls, doughnuts, juice and coffee before golf and lunch following golf. There will also be a goody bag, door prizes, men’s long drive, women’s long drive, straightest drive, four closest to the pin holes and team prizes. A silent auction will be held as well with donated items.

To enter as a team or individual call Mystic Hills at 574-842-2687 or Tony Triplett at 574-261-0845. To sponsor a hole or donate a prize for the auction, please call Tony Triplett.

Indiana postal murals exhibit this month

An exhibit on Depres-

sion-era WPA and other government-sponsored projects around Culver will remain on display through the first week of June, highlighted by “Local Treasures,” an exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver’s Center for Culver History, located in the Carnegie room of the Culver Public Library on Main Street. The exhibit features Indiana’s WPA post office murals, of which Culver has one. A smaller exhibit on local projects will also be featured.

Wesley registration ongoing

Registration for Wesley Preschool at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street, continues.

Wesley offers a junior class and senior.

Currently the preschool has a staff of three and hopes to keep growing.

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Corrections

In the May 14 edition of the Citizen, the VFW Post 6919 Commander was incorrectly listed (in the article on the VFW’s “Patriot’s Pen” and “Voice of Democracy” contest winners) as Brian Whitmarsh. His name should have been listed as Brian Linhart.

On page 4, the Mother’s Day column writer incorrectly identified as Andrea Cool should have been listed a Andrea G. Cook. The Citizen considers Mrs. Cook “cool,” but regrets the error in her name as well as Mr. Linhart’s.

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

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 box-

es 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.

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The WArTS Club and other charitable endeavors

Looking back on growing up on Marmont Street in Culver, our block -- at least for me -- was a sort of island, surrounded on all sides by oceans of street which required parental permission (and notice of destination and time expected home) to cross, at least until I was 8 years old or so, after which my bicycle became the mode of passage to explore more or less the whole town.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney

ing's trampoline across the alley from our backyard, and plenty of baseball and football games in the wonderfully oversized lot belonging in those days to our nearest neighbors to the north, the Schlabachs.

I was usually the youngest boy on a block of some eight or ten kids (depending on whose relative was staying for the summer and such). In the world of boys -- again, at least in my childhood -- being the youngest on the block invariably meant taking a few bumps and bruises, accepting the fact that if one wanted to be involved in the game of the day, one might have to force one's way in...and wind up playing the least desirable part either way. On the plus side, all of this probably gave me a bit of empathy for the underdog.

I never considered myself the victim of any terrible circumstance, however. Frankly, I didn't give it much thought other than to develop a sense -- probably derived from plenty of comic books and superhero cartoons in those days -- that I was fighting a battle of good (me) versus evil (anyone on the block who was "mean" to me, in my own estimation).

For example, there was an ongoing rivalry between myself and a couple of the boys on our block that lent itself to plenty of epic battles in the alleyway and...well, just about anywhere. One challenge to beat them home from nearby Hook's Drugs, today's CVS Pharmacy, led to my hastily zipping down poor Annie Eskridge's brand new, still-wet sidewalk. Sharp-eye readers may still be able to spot the faint imprint of a small pair of tennis shoes in the walkway.

Among other things, this led myself and two of my closest young childhood friends to the only logical means young boys have of dealing with rivalries with other boys: the creation of a crime-fighting club to rid the block of the evil scourge of the other boys.

This club altered in specifics from time to time. One early effort involving helmets made from the lower halves of plastic milk jugs proved disastrous when we learned the hard way how ineffective those helmets were against plastic baseball bats. They were even less effective against the understandable laughter of the other boys, who lacked the imagination to see the sleek, formidable power implied by our helmets.

My dad, working as he did at a door factory in those days, provided us with a fantastic, metal reinforced door with a real lock and key. It would withstand any onslaught, it was true, even if the plank board clubhouse he built around it in a hurry could almost be lifted up from around us with enough boys working at it. At least the door was impenetrable, even if the rest was flimsy!

It was in that clubhouse that I think I came up with the name of our club: the Wars Club...we were ready for neighborhood war! When my friends Andy and Jon mentioned their parents' concern over such a moniker, I hastily came up with an explanation for the acronym: We Are Ready to Save. See? WARS...it's all about saving people! I don't recall if anyone voiced out loud what we all were thinking: wouldn't that actually work out to be the WArTS Club? Some things are best left unsaid.

I don't know how many kids in Culver grow up today with such collective block activity these days, but I hope it's plenty. With danger lurking around every corner as it did on our block, it's a wonder I have the fond memories of it I do. But I wouldn't trade those days for the world...warts and all.

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Lewis Jones, who passed away last October at the grand age of 93, once told me he had an early memory of attending his maternal grandfather's funeral, back in 1918, when he would have been only three. It stuck in his mind that men at the funeral had plucked a sprig off a nearby pine tree and laid it on the casket. Two details in the Burr Oak cemetery confirm that early childhood memory. One is that there actually is a pine tree only a couple of yards from his grandfather's grave. And the other is that, at the very top of his grandfather's tombstone, there are carved the conjoined insignia of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—three links of a chain, each containing one of the letters “F,L,T”—and of the Free and Accepted Masons, the compass and square surrounding a letter “G”. Lewis's grandfather was a member of the Henry H. Culver Lodge #617, and as such would have had a Masonic funeral: including the symbolic use of a sprig of evergreen.

The Masonic Lodge in Culver had been founded in 1898 (though Freemasonry in Plymouth goes back to 1853), while the IOOF Lodge #373 at Maxinkuckee, historian (and Master Mason) Daniel McDonald says, dates back to the 1870s. Modern Freemasonry took form in England early in the eighteenth century, and spread quickly to the American colonies. The English Odd Fellows came together several decades later, and only gained a firm foothold in America in 1819. At the end of the nineteenth century, however, the F&AM and IOOF were getting a run for their money from a third fraternal

and benevolent society, The Order of the Knights of Pythias. This upstart group had been founded as recently as 1864, in Washington, D.C. Culver's (or, rather, Marmont's) lodge got its charter in 1889, and, at the



It's still the lake water...

By John Wm. Houghton

time of McDonald's 1908 history, was slightly larger than its Masonic counterpart (58 to 50, he reports, though the memberships probably overlapped a good deal).

Damon and Pythias (“Phintias” seems to be the more ancient spelling) are the main characters in a story told by several ancient writers, most notably Cicero. They were supposed to have been disciples of the philosopher Pythagoras who travelled to Syracuse, a Greek colony in Sicily ruled by the tyrant Dionysius I (who lived from about 432 to 367 BCE). There Pythias was sentenced to death for conspiring against Dionysius. He asked for permission to return to his home and make his farewells. The tyrant, suspecting that if he let Pythias go he would never see him again, initially refused: but then Damon came forward and offered to take his friend's place. The day set for the execution came around, and Dionysius was preparing to have Damon put to death, when Pythias, at the last moment, returned, explaining that he had been captured by pirates and had had to escape and swim to

shore in order to get back to Syracuse. Dionysius was so moved that he pardoned Pythias and asked that he might be accepted as a third member in such a great friendship.

This ancient legend became the subject of an 1821 play by the Irish novelist John Banim, and the play in turn inspired Justus H. Rathbone to found The Order of the Knights of Pythias. Historians of the Order report that Rathbone, who was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, had the idea for a new fraternal order while working as a school teacher in Michigan in the late 1850s, but wasn't able to actually follow through until 1864, by which time he was working in Washington. He shared his vision for the new order with Lincoln, who encouraged him to seek a Congressional charter: as a result, the KoP became the first fraternity to have such a charter. In the wake of the Civil War, the order's message of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence was particularly welcome, and it grew rapidly. (While the Order's membership declined in the later twentieth century, there are still some two dozen lodges in Indiana alone, and many others around the country.)

Marmont's Lodge of the Knights, then, began on November 29, 1889. The first Chancellor Commander was Dr. Oliver A. Rea (who would be Worshipful Master of the Culver Masonic Lodge in 1903). Born in Ohio, Rea had served in the Civil War

(he was captured at Gettysburg, escaped at Staunton, West Virginia, and walked for three weeks, crossing the Alleghenies, to rejoin the Union forces). After an early career as a school teacher, he became a physician, graduating first in his class from the Central University of Kentucky (now Eastern Kentucky University) in 1883—typically of the time, he had already been practicing medicine for some years by then. He came to Marmont in 1880, and was for ten years the surgeon to CMA, in addition to his private practice. Other charter officers of the Lodge included Captain Ed Morris, the lake's master boat-builder, and local merchant Henry M. Speyer, who had been appointed Marmont's postmaster in August of 1889 and would eventually serve as president and then treasurer of the school board (like Dr. Rea, he was a Mason as well as a Knight).

In the early years of the twentieth century (the 1900 “Marshall County Interim Report” on historic sites says “c. 1915,” but McDonald, writing in 1908, says “some years ago”), the Knights decided to build a suitable lodge for themselves. They organized a stock company to do so, the members buying some shares and the lodge itself the rest, and they ended up with a substantial two story brick building, the first floor of which could be rented out to commercial interests. It has been, among other things, the site of the A and P grocery store and the Kelly Shop, and was, until earlier this year, the home of the Citizen.

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Name that Culver “citizen”



Above: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Marlene Shoddy, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.



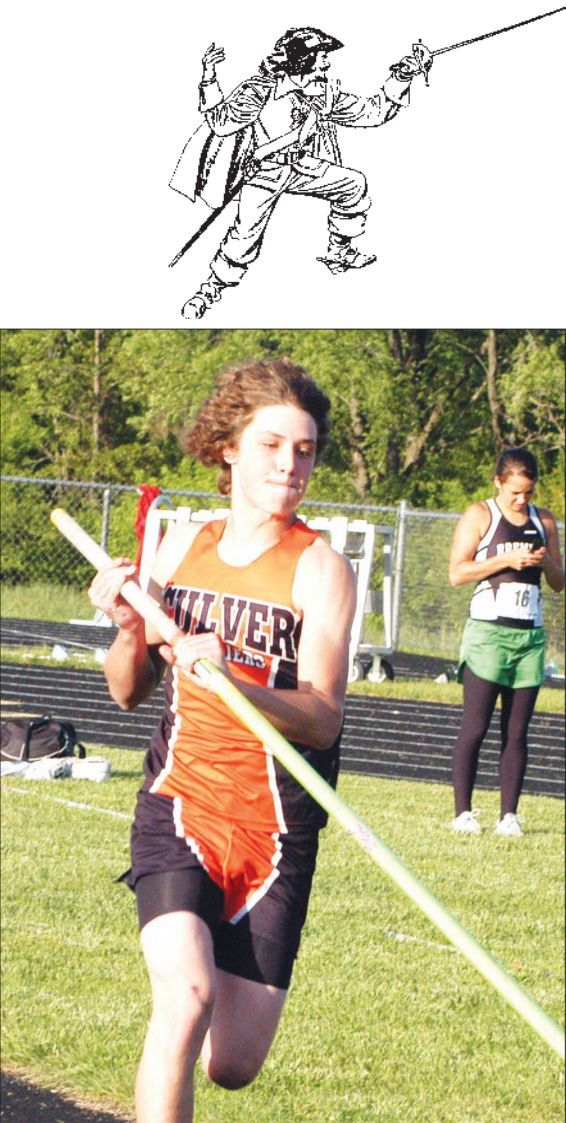
Carin Clifton, and -- impressively -- 13-year-old Justin Croy. Conjuring up all these everlasting admiration prizes has been exhausting for your editor, but well worth it. Hopefully downtown Culver can accommodate all the free parking awarded to correct guessers. This week's mystery citizen was no stranger to Culver, but in recent years has been adding names to the list of those who know him and consider him an amigo.

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Ready to launch

Culver's Chris Willis prepares to vault at the NSC meet at John Glenn. Culver Community finished sixth with 37 at the Northern State Conference Track and Field championships Thursday. LaVille's girls edged out challenger Bremen 148-141.5 for their second straight NSC team title, while host John Glenn placed fourth with 67.5 points. Culver's boys came in fifth at the event with 59.5 points.

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Softball briefs

Knox routs Culver
Knox completed the sweep of Culver Thursday night, defeating them 26-3 in NSC action. Shauna Mann and Jessica Walters combined for a two-hitter with Walters, striking out nine of the 18 batters she faced. Morgan Morris was 3 for 3 at the plate for Knox, including a double. Alyssa Smart hit an inside-the-park home run.

CGA splits with St. Joe
Culver Girls Academy split with South Bend St. Joseph's in a doubleheader at Culver Saturday. Brenna Newell hit a grand slam en route to five RBI for the game, but still took the loss inside the circle in the nightcap as St. Joseph's topped Culver Girls Academy 11-10 in a high-scoring contest. Newell also doubled in the loss. Newell doubled and homered in game one of the doubleheader as well, and Tess Strang hit a walk-off two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning to lead the

Lady Eagles to a 6-4 win. **CMA sweeps Culver in doubleheader**

Culver Military beat neighborhood rival Culver Community in both games of a doubleheader Saturday, 10-2 and 9-6. Josh Wright took the win on the mound in game one, while James McGing and Connor Kucera hit a double and a triple, respectively, for the Eagles. Dennis Davis doubled for the Cavaliers. Culver Community jumped off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of a competitive nightcap but couldn't hold on as CMA collected seven runs in the second and third innings. Slugger Kucera recorded a double in the win, as did

Matt Brewer, and Wright finished 3 for 4 at the plate for the Eagles.

LaVille outslugs Culver
Glenn Halasz homered and doubled for the Lancers as LaVille hammered out four extra-base hits in a 9-2 win at Culver Thursday. Chris Stump also homered for LaVille in the win, and Cody Coblentz added another double at the Northern State Conference game, which moved the Lancers to 4-7 in the conference. Culver batters recorded three doubles in the loss as Adam Neace, Bryce Lindvall and Denis Davis all recorded two-base taps for the Cavaliers.

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Servants all

Culver Academies May 13 honored 125 current and former faculty, representing 4,185 years of service to Culver, said Dean Kathy Lintner following the dedication. Lintner said Miles White, a long-time Board member, and his wife Kim, have provided the funding to recognize the outstanding service to Culver that over 125 faculty members have made since the founding of the Academy in 1894. These faculty members served at least 25 years, but the average tenure was closer to 33 years, for an overall total of 4,000 years of service. Honorees' names are enshrined in a granite monument on the Academies' campus, just east of the Gignilliat quadrangle.

In the photo, from left to right: Tom Thornburg, Joe Horvath, Julie Thornburg, Jill Tulchinsky, Bill Browne, Fred Lintner, Dr. Warren Reiss, Bill Roth, Dave Sampson, Laura Weaser, Charles Bayless, Tony Mayfield, Ron Noel, Jose Garzon, Cathy Duke, Channing Mitzell, Miles White, John Babcock, Gerald Thomas, Richard Davies, Phil Mallory, Jim Brugh, Darrell Beach, Al Clark, Janet Kline, Nancy McKinnis, Patricia Montgomery, David Powell, Jan Weaver, David Burke, Robert B.D. Hartman, and Emily Ryman.

Council seeks stormwater overhaul funds, strengthens housing laws

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After concerns raised over best use of taxpayer dollars, Culver's town council voted May 12 to offer five percent of grant monies applied for in a bid to take advantage of \$20 million in federal stimulus money targeted towards disaster recovery needs in Indiana.

Chris Larson of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), brought the money to the council's attention as a possible means of funding a much-needed and long-discussed storm sewer overhaul on Culver's west end, where flooding has long plagued many properties. Part of the overhaul would include replacing a water main near the intersection of Jefferson Street and State Road 17, lending itself to potential future business development in that area, noted council member Ralph Winters.

Larson explained the disaster recovery grant requires no up-front pledge of matching dollars from applying communities, adding \$20 million is "not a lot of money" to ease disaster-plagued communities across Indiana. He explained the money also requires awarded communities be low to moderate income, which Culver was officially pronounced after an income survey earlier this year. In spite of the lack of required pledge money, Larson said he's seeking any means of making Culver "more competitive" to reviewers of its grant application, hence his recommendation of matching funds from the town.

Council members Winters and Ed Pinder asked whether offering matching money unasked might work against Culver's chances, giving the impression the community isn't in as great an economic need as others. Pinder noted the town intends to apply for a Community Focus grant later this year in hopes of winning around \$900,000 towards the sewer project,

and that grant will require matching funds of more than \$100,000 from Culver.

Pinder expressed further concern as to best use of taxpayer dollars. "We wouldn't be happy if we pay 10 percent (towards the disaster recovery grant) and another town pays nothing and gets it."

Culver building commissioner Russ Mason, as well as council member Lynn Overmyer, noted if the disaster recovery grant is awarded to Culver, the

The council agreed to proceed – with Pinder voting against the move – with the five percent pledge towards its disaster recovery grant application, with a public hearing on the matter scheduled for June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

In other discussion, town manager Michael Doss reported street paving and patching projects previewed at past meetings have been completed, while work on unsafe sidewalk sections around town is about 80 percent complete. He explained one section of about 20 feet of curbing on Main Street will need replaced, and one final tree – a large cottonwood on South Plymouth Street – has yet to be removed.

Winters praised the council, Doss, the street department, and Culver's "walking ladies," the latter of whom targeted last year what they felt were the most dangerous sidewalks in town due buckling from tree roots. Beginning last month, Culver's street department began removing trees or grinding down roots in preparation for replacement of sidewalk sections as needed. Some

Culver residents have expressed unhappiness at losing trees adjoining their property.

Overmyer joined Winters in praising the sidewalk endeavor.

The council also held a public hearing to amend Culver's building codes in order to give "more teeth" to the building commissioner and town in dealing with potentially unsafe buildings. Building commissioner Mason explained changes were incorporated into the building code ordinances rather than zoning ordinances. Added to the code is an article dealing with and describing minimum housing standards for renters in Culver and one describing unsafe buildings. Changes are available for citizens to read at the town hall and Culver Public Library.

Mason said citizens concerned a building may be unsafe should start by contacting him, after which the matter may go as high as the county building code enforcement division. Previously, Mason said he had

Peterson: museum will celebrate 'tapestry' that is Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The "tapestry" of various elements of the Culver community is what makes it special, according Anti-

quarian and Historical Society of Culver president Jim Peterson. That amalgamation of histories ranges from the formation of Lake Maxinkuckee during the ice age, to the story of the Indians who inhabited the area, and from the 1836 platting of Maxinkuckee Village to the early inns surrounding the lake and drawing literary and cultural figures here during the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries, he added.

Peterson, speaking to Culver's Kiwanis Club April 23, also stressed the growth of Union Town into Marmont, and Marmont into Culver, with its ice houses, successful State Exchange Bank, lake cottages (which he explained were "buildings that fit into the environment"), and Culver Academies.

"It's not a separate history," Peterson emphasized, referring to the Academy. "It's so important that we look at it that way. Some-

times people think, 'That (the Academy) is not us,' but it is. It adds a tremendous asset to this lake and community.

"Culver is a special place

the Culver Public Library.

Peterson noted the museum will tell the story of "all the elements" of the Culver area, eventually in sight, sound, and interactive equipment, but also by way of artifacts such as the original bell from the historic Maxinkuckee tour boat, currently part of the museum collection.

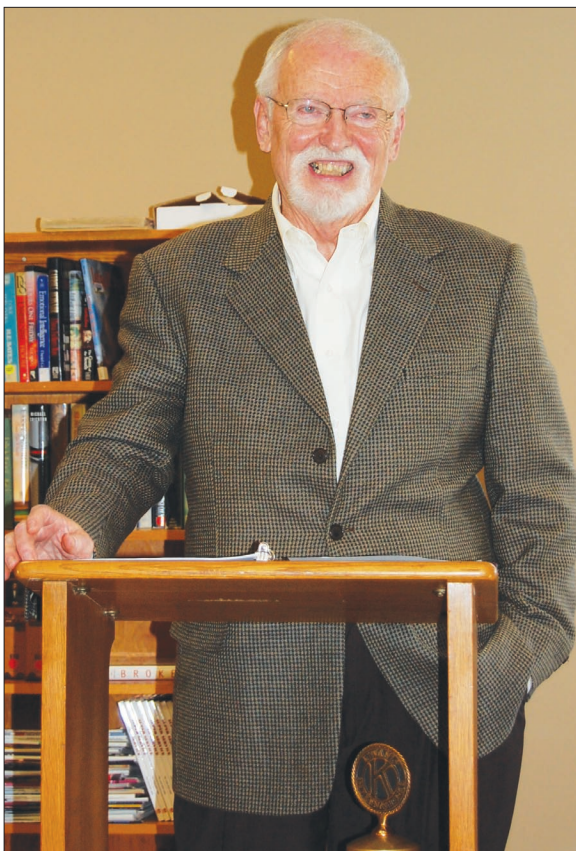
Peterson conceded the goal of developing the museum has taken longer than originally hoped, with more effort yet to come. "It's a challenge in this economy," he added.

"Until we can purchase the equipment we want," he continued, "we'll have temporary exhibits."

He said the Center will feature several exhibits on loan from the Indiana Historical Society in the coming year, including one on the Depression-

era WPA postal murals of Indiana – of which Culver has one – through early June, an exhibit on the automobile industry in Indiana, including its Culver-area connections in late July, and a February, 2009 exhibit on Abraham Lincoln, "The Faces of Lincoln."

Peterson told audience members they'll see "quite a bit of progress in the next few weeks" on the museum.



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Jim Peterson shares his vision of the Antiquarian and Histocial Society of Culver's in-progress museum.

because everything came together -- not without controversy or challenges, but it did come together."

Emphasizing the importance of area residents' balancing economy with the ecology of the lake and maintaining the "quality of life that is second to none here," Peterson segued into discussion of the Antiquarians' ongoing creation of a Culver history museum and research center, the Center for Culver History, in the historic Carnegie portion of

other communities, noted Doss.

The council recognized Tony Sellers for donating his and his staff's time and resources to beautifying the town hall property and landscaping signs at gateway entrances to the town of Culver, free of charge, in honor of Earth Day last month.

One of Culver's wells operating under capacity will have sand clogging its screen removed by vote of the council, at a cost of \$16,327.62.

Commended were street department head Bob Por-

ter and his staff, as well as students from the Culver Community High School and Culver Academies for their efforts in the town-wide cleanup May 9; two 40-yard dumpsters were filled to capacity and another half-filled during the effort.

Doss, noting the May 11 week is National Police Week, commended police chief Wayne Bean and Culver's police officers "for the great job they do."



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Tony Sellers, right, receives a certificate of appreciation from Culver's town council – represented here by council member Ralph Winters – for donation of hours of labor and supplies of his and his staff to benefit and beautify the town of Culver on Earth Day.

Community Focus grant will be unnecessary anyway and the matching funds pledged towards disaster recovery now would actually be less than what's required of the Community Focus grant.

"This is a case of nothing ventured, nothing gained," agreed Winters. "If we don't get this stimulus grant, we still have the money as part of the bigger amount we want to apply for (by way of the Community Focus grant)."

It was noted if the disaster recovery grant is not awarded to Culver, money pledged towards it will be kept by the town. Overmyer also suggested Larson note hours of labor put in by Culver's street department already towards the project be included in the disaster recovery grant application as further incentive to award the money to Culver.

The disaster recovery grant application is due June 12, said Larson, who stressed council members should solicit as many residents' and businesses' letters as possible demonstrating damage in past flooding in Culver.

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