



## In Brief

### MCJFL sign-ups

The Marshall County Junior Football League will hold only two more sign-ups for junior football and junior cheerleading. The dates are June 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and July 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School. To sign up, interested persons must have a birth certificate. Any questions, please call Angel at 574-242-8175.

### CBGC auction June 19

The Culver Boys & Girls Club's Fabulous '50s silent auction and party will take place Friday, June 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Henderson Multipurpose Building on the Culver Academies campus.

Attendees can support the kids of the Culver Boys & Girls Club and have a great time while enjoying food, beer, wine, and cocktails and bidding on exciting silent auction items. There will also be a performance by acclaimed hula hoop artist Kara Vogt and a hula hoop contest with 11 local celebrities. Tickets are \$40 each or two for \$75, and may be purchased in advance or at the door. To find out more about the event or to sponsor a hula hoop contest contestant, visit [www.bggculver.org](http://www.bggculver.org) Contact Sean Surrisi with any questions at (574) 360-1370 or [culver-homes@sbglobal.net](mailto:culver-homes@sbglobal.net).

### Friends book sale June 19-20

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a book sale the weekend of June 19 through 20, in the lower level meeting room at the library. Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon, the sale is open to Friends members only, with open hours for the public that day from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Friends will accept any new members the day of the sale. Yearly membership is \$10, and the group encourages people to support the Friends by joining. Friends projects support the library's efforts in the purchase of books and other materials for patron use, funding of programs for the public, and collecting of books and other items for US troops and those in need. Used books in good condition are also being accepted towards the sale, at the library desk. Call the library at 574-842-2941

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## Have a seat

Above, left: Culver Tri Kappa's "Chair Parade" is underway, as many Culverites have noticed by way of dozens of artistically decorated chairs springing up like the three above, which incorporate some of Culver's popular themes of summer and lake life. See story below.

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## A fond farewell

Above, right: Culver Community Schools bid farewell to three longtime employees May 29. From left, Kay Hyland, Helen Drew, and Melanie Robertson are joined in back by superintendent Brad Schuldt. See story below.

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# Culver likely the next Garden Court community

## South side property offered, steps taken

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Garden Court Board of Directors President Ron Liechty and Culver's town council don't expect thirteen to be an unlucky number for Culver.

At its June 9 meeting, Liechty told the council the town of LaPaz is slated this fall to be the twelfth community to receive a Garden Court assisted living facility, and it looks as if Culver will likely be the thirteenth. That's good news for Culver and the council, which has expressed support for the project for several years. During that time, the absence of available land for the project was the primary issue, a problem Liechty said has been resolved thanks to property owner Wade McGee of Culver, whose land proposed for Garden Court use sits just south of the Marmont Grille near the southwest convergence of Davis, Ohio, and Main Streets.

Liechty said the Garden Court system of older adult and assisted living apartment units has "spread rather dramatically in 40 years. Today there are 11 units in three (Indiana) counties with a total of 306 apartments."

He said Garden Court wanted to be sure the Culver council's commitment to the proposed project still exists, which the council confirmed by approving a letter of support indicating sewer and water service will be available in the area, something needed in order to apply for the Culver project. Included in the council's motion was a \$10,000 commitment towards the project, which Liechty pointed nets a \$2 million facility for Culver.

## Town to accept credit cards

In other discussion, the town of Culver will likely soon accept credit and debit card payments via telephone, in person, and through the town's web-page.

After some discussion between town clerk Casey Howard and the council, Govpay -- which also handles Marshall County's credit card payments -- was voted as the company of choice to handle payments. Howard pointed out the company charges nothing to the town, though a small convenience fee will be charged to those customers who choose to use the service. Howard also noted accepting credit card payments will likely be of great convenience to those leaving Culver for the winter, and added only payments due to the town will be payable by credit card, not the town park.

## Town-wide trash service in Culver?

The council agreed to look into town-wide trash service after discussion raised by audience member Jim Hahn, who said he'd recently read the city of Plymouth is working towards a city-wide trash pickup program.

In particular, Hahn noted the annual cost of trash pickup would be considerably lower according to group rates at Plymouth, as opposed to the fees he currently pays to one of the two trash pickup services currently operating in Culver.

Council president Sally Ricciardi said she understood town-wide trash service for Culver had been discussed in the past, but the number of seasonal Culverites who need no pickup through the winter has been a concern.

Council member Ginny Munroe brought up ongoing

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# Over 70 chairs 'parade' through Culver for charity

Drive through the main streets of Culver and Plymouth and you may get a peek of the Chairs for Charity Chair Parade. With over 70 chairs donated and over 30 businesses hosting chairs, the Culver Tri Kappa inaugural Chairs for Charity program has kicked off the month of June with a splash of fun and artistic flare.

"Last week was the Chair Drop Off and we had no idea what to expect. Since this is our first year doing this event, we were hoping we'd get at least one chair and no more than one thousand chairs donated," explains Andrea Cook, committee co-chairperson. She continues, "We were pleasantly pleased with the number of chairs and especially with the quality and creativity of each chair. We have our fingers crossed that people will purchase tickets to the upcoming auction and plan to attend and bid on these chair-masterpieces! That is the type of support we really need to help us make this event a success."

Each chair is unique and requires an in-depth preview to truly experience the chair's quality and creativity. You may preview the chairs while they are on parade throughout the month. Chair Parade maps are available at participating businesses hosting these chairs.

The blog <http://chaircharity.blogspot.com> has been frequently showcasing chairs along with photos and interesting stories about the artists and their visions for their chairs. For example, the Adirondack chair (see photo) was created by Michael Boland, age nine.

Boland not only painted the chair titled, "Culver Summer" but actually created the entire chair, all by himself. To catch a preview of this chair along with the custom air-brushed wake board bench, you may stop by Culver's Original Root Beer Stand.

Some highlights of the chairs that are on parade and will be available to purchase during the upcoming auction include:

- A pair of black leather and wooden barrel seats signed by the Culver Academy's Black Horse Troop 2009 Inaugural Presidential Parade (stationed at Edgewater Grille)
- Celebrity-signed and illustrated chair by children's author, David Slonim (stationed at Culver Coffee Company)
- A custom airbrushed red wake board bench and (stationed at Original Root Beer Stand)

There are garden chairs created for the outdoors, porch chairs, children chairs, hand painted chairs, there are chairs for the birds there are chairs of birds. There are some with polka dots, some with frogs, one with a T-Rex another with a cute cow. There is even a chair with a monkey and a bell. Some chairs are fancy, sparkling pink and perfect for divas, other chairs more stately and nautical for the sailor. Some chairs are meant as keepsakes, other chairs are created to make you think or create. A rocking chair, an Adirondack, a bench, stools, desk chairs, and a desk, lots of wicker and a rainbow of colors and styles, each item available to the highest bidder. We hope to see you at this community fundraiser! Please reserve your "seat" by purchasing your ticket today.

The Inaugural Gala will be at the Culver Cove on the evening of Sunday, June 28. The wine reception preview begins at 6 p.m. with a live auction starting at 8 p.m. Meet and greet the artists who designed the chair masterpieces for an evening of food, drinks, live music and of course creative conversation. Tickets are on sale for \$20 each and are available for purchase at the City Tavern or by contacting Andrea Cook at 216-7225 or Judy Sawhook at 842-2861.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, while seating is

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# Three retire from Culver schools

Culver Community Schools said goodbye May 29 to three longtime members of its staff.

Culver Elementary School kindergarten teacher Melanie Robertson, a graduate of Hiram College who went on to complete her Master's degree at Purdue University, has taught a total of 33 years, beginning in Columbus, Ohio before teaching in North Vernon and Knox, Indiana. She and husband Bob (who retired in May from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources) moved to Culver 24 years ago.

Kay Hyland served the school for 37 years starting in August, 1972, spending 20 years as a cook at Culver Elementary School before desiring a change of pace and transitioning to a custodial position in 1992.

Helen Drew, who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University, taught a total of 38 years, the latter 33 in Culver's reading program.

Culver School superintendent Brad Schuldt honored the retirees and praised them for their dedicated service.



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problems with “people who live here four months of the year who dump their trash in dumpsters in the park, the school, and other dumpsters around town...I think it’s fair to look into.”

Council member Ralph Winters noted one aspect of lower pickup fees offered to Plymouth involves the city – rather than the trash company – doing the billing, something Culver would have to consider.

Audience member Patty Stallings also said the matter is “a beautification issue” which affects Culver’s streets, since the two separate companies now handling Culver’s trash pickup mean two sets of very heavy trucks often traveling the same Culver streets two days of the week, rather than one route handled weekly.

“I’m not pushing for something to drop on top of our water bills,” said Hahn. “I’m not certain we want some of the negative issues. I just wanted to know if the town is involved in any way with trash pickup, as most cities are...on the face of it, it’s cheaper to have trash picked up in Plymouth than here.”

### Stormwater grant

A public hearing was opened by the council on a grant application requesting \$848,171 stimulus money towards a much-needed overhaul of Culver’s storm water system, particularly on the west end of town where flooding has been problematic for years. Chris Larson of the Indiana Office of Community and

Rural Affairs (OCRA) discussed the project as he has at past meetings, noting the council agreed to spend \$43,641 as a show of support for the project, in hopes of increasing the possibility of Culver being one of the handful of Indiana towns likely to receive some of the \$20 million in federal money funneled into Indiana for disaster recovery-related projects.

Ricciardi explained drainage would run behind the elementary school towards West Jefferson Street and under State Road 17, routing water into a drainage ditch capable of handling it. It was noted letters from citizens affected by flooding on the west end are still being accepted, as well as photos of flooding. Audience members Kevin Berger and Chuck Diltz said their properties have been affected by flooding over the years.

### Culver park to expand?

In other discussion, Culver may purchase a small plot of land adjacent to the town park, following discussion from park direc-

tor Kelly Young. She explained the 18 by 19 foot property – at the south end of State Street – has been owned for years by Donna Dale, the current seller. Dale, said Young, used the land as a means of placing a boat pier into the lake for her family’s use. Dale is now in a nursing home and seeks to sell the property, whose price has lowered from more than \$200,000 to \$90,000.

“It would really enhance (the park’s) boat slip area,” said Young. “It would allow us to have a lot more space for boats on the end of ‘C’ pier. And it enhances my ability to rent those for larger boats.

“If we leave it like it is

now, it’s very open...we could put the fire department (boat) right there close to the very first stall or slip.”

Audience member Mike Stallings said several local individuals have been offered the property, but “the natural entity that should own that land is the park. Yes, it’s a lot of money, but we’re talking about a low cost per frontage foot. You couldn’t rent spaces when Donna’s pier was in. There’s lot of room now that the pier’s not in there. The town has an enormous amount of land there and that would be contiguous.”

It was noted the parks department currently lacks funds to purchase the land,

though within a year and a half funds will be paid off for boat rental piers in the park, making it a self-sufficient entity. Howard noted the park brings in more revenue than any other facet of town besides tax dollars.

“You’ll never get 20 feet (of lakefront property) cheaper,” added Jim Hahn, from the audience.

Audience member Jack Cunningham said he felt money for the land should come from a bank, not town coffers. “I would encourage you to go to the bank and see if you can get a loan; and make an offer to the lady other than \$90,000.”

Town attorney Jim Clevenger noted the government requires two appraisals before a public entity may make a real estate purchase. The town authorized Young or a representing agent to

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Flooding like this area on the west end of Lake Shore Drive, just south of the Culver Elementary School, is hoped to be relieved by an overhaul of Culver’s storm sewer system hoped to be funded by stimulus money applied for recently by Culver’s town council. This area of Lake Shore Drive has been prone to severe flooding for much of the 20th century.

make an offer to purchase the property at the best possible price, subject to proper government procedures allowing the town to make the buy.

### Playground update

Young, at council member Lynn Overmyer’s request, also updated the council on the status of personalized fence pickets purchased over recent years to help fund construction of Vandalia Village, the community-built playground in the eastern portion of the park. Young said it will cost around \$8,000 in materials to make the pickets, and she intends to create a sign with the names of donors first. She added 500 picket sales are needed, out of which she currently has sold 350. She said the total cost of the playground was between \$83,000 and \$85,000.

“The playground project is ongoing,” Young said. “We still want to put swings and other things in the area; it’s expandable.”

### Boys & Girls Club

Council member Winters pointed out to the council the Marshall County Council contributes money to the Marshall County Boys & Girls Club in Plymouth, adding “they consistently ignore (county council member) Fred Lintner’s queries, ‘What about (the Culver club)?’”

The city of Plymouth, Winters added, also donates \$20,000 per year to the county club. Winters suggested Culver’s council consider donating to the local Boys & Girls Club, which is part of the Porter County BGC system, rather than Marshall County’s. Council member Ed Pinder added the town park donates free time at the beach each week to Culver’s Club.

### Other matters

The council also agreed to upgrade mobile, in-car radio equipment for Culver’s police department, purchasing three new radio systems for a total of \$8,320. Police chief Wayne Bean noted neighboring counties are upgrading their systems, all towards a consolidated plan for emergency management.

Town manager Michael Doss noted the street department is working in conjunction with Culver’s parks department to remedy drainage problems in the east end of the town park, at the entrance to the Indian Trails.

Attending part of the meeting was Culver Girl Scout Troop 30472, members of which led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting, after which they asked several questions of the council, including who can be a council person, what sorts of decisions the council makes, and what council and community projects they could assist with.



Death notice - Berger

Lana Cheryl Berger  
April 9, 2009

AURORA, Colo. — Lana Cheryl Berger, 64, died at her home in Aurora, Colo. April 9, 2009.

She is survived by her brother, Robert L. (Jackye) Berger; and her sisters: Jeanette (Paul) LaMar and Loretta (Jim) Yagelski; as well as nine nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was held in Aurora, Colo. at Newcomer Funeral Home on April 15, 2009.

A memorial gathering will be held in Culver Saturday, June 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be made to: Max Fund No Kill Shelter, 1025 Galapago Street, Denver, CO 80204

Birth - Isom



Robert and Kizzy Isom of Plymouth announce the birth of a son born at 8:38 a.m. April 22, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Elliott David Allen Isom weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings: Caleb, 9, and Gretchen, 7.

Maternal grandparents are Raymond Hummel Sr. and Grace Stewart of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Donald Isom of Klamath Falls, Ore. and Roberta Isom of Plymouth.

Anniversary - Bickel



Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Bickel celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20th. Long time residents of Culver, they moved to their first and only home on State Street immediately upon marriage June 20, 1959. Best known as the owners of Bick's Flicks, the Bickels raised 3 sons in Culver: Dan, Paul, and John. They are the proud grandparents of Carly and Julie Bickel, children of Daniel and Bonnie Bickel, owners of the Edgewater Grille and The Uptown Cinema. Paul, resident of Los Angeles, works in film. John Bickel is our local artisan and sign maker, co-owner of the Cubana Restaurant. Warren and Marilyn, who are active in the Lions Club locally, enjoy riding around town in their old model T Ford (1928). They are also founders of Power From The Past, enthusiasts who love making model train cities in their leisure time. Warren Bickel is well known for his pies and his generosity in sharing them with friends and family. Marilyn can be seen most weekday mornings with her walker friends all over Culver. She also enjoys making scarecrows each Halloween, putting together photo albums, and spending time with friends and family in a game of Scrabble or Upwords.

Live music at Edgewater

The Edgewater Grille, 620 E Lake Shore Drive, will be hosting live musical performances this summer, beginning Saturday, June 20, with Forever Gypsy from Mishawaka. The band will start at 9 p.m. for Dan's Birthday Extravaganza, which will feature real Jag-ermeister Girls!

An Open Mic Night will take place Thursday, July 2, with sign-up beginning at 8 p.m. and music beginning at 9 p.m. Amps, P.A., and drum set will be provided. Music, comedy, poetry, and whatever participants have is encouraged.

On Saturday, July 11 at 9 p.m., there will be an Original Music Showcase featuring The Gin Soaked Boys (folk/rock/blues) and The Splanchnic Ganglion (instrumental/progressive), both from Mishawaka, as well as Culver's own plank-ton (alternative/indie/rock).

All events are free.

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Letter to the Editor

The White Swan and Harding Court

I am writing in reference to the “White Swan” floating dance pavilion Mr. Lord had on the lake (mentioned in the Culver Citizen’s June 4 edition–editor). Wouldn’t it be nice to have a floating dance pavilion now? Playing Rag Time music? This would be a great tourist attraction today!

My two sisters and I grew up in the house at the top of Harding Court. When Mr. and Mrs. Lord lived there it was a private home. They took in guests, like many people in Culver have for years. Mr. Lord salvaged lumber and doors from his boats and finished the top floor.

My room had a floor of two different widths of cherry planks. It was a beautiful floor.

All I could ever see that might have come from the boat would be the doorways to our rooms with the transom windows above and maybe the doors themselves.

Crook and Lord were friends (Frog and Toad are friends), and either together -- or Crook by himself -- created a collection of

rental cottages around the house and called it “Cottage Grove Place.” I saw a date written in fancy script and Crook’s name in fancy script on the sidewalk in the side yard, and “Cottage Grove Place” also written there.

Nanny Snyder’s old house and Mr. and Mrs. McKee’s old house were two of those cottages.

The house looked great inside according to Mrs. Scott (Lily) who told me about serving big parties at the house because they entertained quite nicely. And her daughter, Mrs. Hodges (Thelma) told me that she was a little girl at the parties there helping her mother and just playing on the stairs – she said there was a curved stair case leading upstairs in the piano room and a fireplace in the living room on the north wall.. She said Mrs. Lord was nice to her.

The old place became a rooming house with a great deal of turnover in the twenties or thirties (the depression). Mother counted holes from fifty sets of curtain rod brackets in the win-

Wentzel graduates from Manchester

James Wentzel of Leiters Ford received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training May 24 from Manchester College. He is a graduate of Culver Academies.

Manchester, a liberal arts and sciences college in northern Indiana, offers more than 55 areas of study to 1,145 students from 25 states and 25 countries. For more about the college, visitwww.manchester.edu

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dow frame. Dad and Larry Welch restored the woodwork when they replaced the original windows. The old windows had bubbles in the vintage glass which had been originally brought in by wagon from out east somewhere. When Dad and Larry worked we noticed all the nails were the old square nails in the original work.

Mother’s bedroom, bath and the landing area where dad had his desk were not even there at the time. When we bought the house all that area was about a yard tall and made into an upstairs coal bin – which is some kind of wonderful, as you can imagine. Dad lowered the 14 foot ceilings below to create the rooms above.

Our first winter was 1956 and our family lived above the Bromley family in the upstairs three rooms. The Bromleys had lots of kids, and we played and had such great fun. We think about them still and wonder where they are. Ruth Bromley, their mother, was so nice.

Daddy revived the old kerosene stove one cold fall night to see if it worked. Some carbon monoxide magic fairy, or some good hearted souls in town, decided the Helbers did not have to stay up there for the winter and in a days’ time we were living in a big house on Liberty Street until the house was vacated and renovation could start.

The front bedroom downstairs was a Lord’s steamboat office with a door lead-

ing outside. Mr. Lord died and his viewing was held in that room. Hence, a ghost or two and a strange noise now and then -- nothing to worry about too much.

The back of the house where the kitchen is was once a beauty parlor. It had a huge rusted beauty parlor chair with electric hooks for perms and dryer all rusted and sprung. There was a lifetime supply of crates of old castile soap shampoo stored there. And you haven’t lived ‘til you have washed your hair in that stuff – it had been there since the Depression (the old Depression, not the one we have now).

Dad and I found a foundation of a small cabin located back behind the kitchen out near the patio. It was from about 1850’s and had burnt to the ground. The land around the house was a sacred place for the Indians.

To me growing up it was the best home I ever had with lilies of the valley, old deep red roses, and lilacs and lots of lilies, grapes and raspberries and tall trees. And a daddy who planted over a quarter of an acre in food each year with an apple and pear orchard to boot!

While you are at it son, go get me that black bear hamster and the drop leaf table and two chairs listed in the paper – I’ m just kidding. I do want them, I just don’t live there.

Love to all in Culver,

Susan Helber  
Atlanta, GA

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# Ockham’s Razor

Matthew 22: 36-39

I have been reading some Church history as part of my preparation for canonical exams, and I stumbled on William of Ockham again. This is one of those guys I read as an undergraduate, and now our paths have crossed again. He had a principle which we call “Ockham’s Razor” which says that “All other things being equal, the simplest solution is the best.” If we can, we should always go for the explanation that is the least complex.

One of my favorite examples of an application of Ockham’s Razor is planetary motion before Copernicus. They had the most complex system to explain how the Earth was the center of the universe, and this system had planets dancing in circles on one foot or something. The theory did not fit with the observations, and this made it more and more complicated to explain what people were seeing with their own eyes and telescopes. Kepler came along and said that Copernicus was right about the Sun being the center of the solar system and furthermore the Earth went around the sun in an elliptical path.

This was a fairly simple explanation, and it fit the observations. This was a simple rule that did not require too much apology for data sets that did not fit. The more we



## Pastor’s Corner

By Tom Haynes  
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learned, the more elegant this solution appeared. Ockham was onto something. Kepler was too. Just as the astronomers before Copernicus, we make things

weird. We have spiritual planets hopping on one foot and dancing in circles. We ask questions that miss the point. We take a simple assignment and make it complicated. How can we apply Ockham’s Razor to our spiritual lives?

I am going to suggest three simple things that we can do to demonstrate our love for God and our love for our neighbor. They are go to church, say our prayers every day, and engage in acts of charity.

It is easier to understand the loving God business in attending church, but there is another component. We are not here just for our own benefit. When people next to you are struggling with the faith, you are helping them say the Creed by standing next to them as they say it with you. We support each other in so many ways, and we are not just here for ourselves.

In our daily prayers, we pray for our needs and those of others. We give thanks to God for his many blessings. We are loving God through our praise and thanksgivings, but we also love God by giving Him time. The child who asks us questions and wants to engage us wants to be in relationship with us. Simply setting time aside for prayer is an act of love. Done thoughtfully, it is a way that we can demonstrate and exercise our love for God and our love for our neighbor.

It is good to go to church and pray, but we need to demonstrate with our actions that we care for those who are less fortunate than we are. Times are lean all around, but when times are lean at my house, the children still have breakfast, thank God. We need to reach out to those who are not so fortunate.

Being there for them when they struggle to grow in the faith is important. Praying for them when they are sick is important. Seeing to it that they have food and heat and clothes is important too.

I want to leave you with the idea that we make things more complicated than we should. Jesus boiled it all down to two commandments in Matthew 22: 36-39, and “on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” I am challenging each of you get to get to church, say your prayers and prayerfully consider increasing your acts of charity *because* these are hard times. I’ll encourage you especially this week to donate to the Food Pantry as part of your witness to God’s work in your life.

Blessings to each of you from the St. Elizabeth’s!

Tom Haynes is the Pastoral Leader at St. Elizabeth’s as he prepares for ordination in the Episcopal Church. He also teaches math at The Culver Academies.

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# OPINION

# No fooling, it’s Culver

Most of us connected with our little town have heard the tale of its many names so often we could recite it in our sleep, but the next-to-last piece of it always seems to trip people up—and as that piece revolves around April 1, this seems a good time to review.

Culver began on a section, a square mile—part of it in the lake—of “school land,” which had to be appraised and surveyed before it could be sold. (More about that in another column.) The appraisal was made on April 13, 1839, and the surveying done on the following May 3 and 4. The surveyors apparently anticipated that part of the section might be a suitable place for a town, and separated off one parcel—from Academy Road south to the Lake, and from the north/south line of Lake Shore Drive west to Harding Court—as the potential metropolis. In 1843 and in 1857, maps appeared which had the name “Geneva” in at least the general neighborhood of present-day Culver. At some point (according to Capt. Ed Morris’s reminiscences in the Citizen for January 9, 1913, reported in Mark Roeder’s “History of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee”) the Yellow River Post Office postmaster moved to our neighborhood and brought the Post Office with him: Roeder also notes that another reminiscence, in the November 15, 1867, issue of the Pymouth Democrat, contained a reference to our village as “Birmingham,” though without any indication of date.

Setting aside those somewhat contradictory bits of evidence, the firm beginning of Culver comes on

June 8, 1844, when Bayless Lewis Dickson platted the southern part of his farm as “Union Town.” Contrary to the original concept, his plat was in the southwestern corner of the square mile, rather than on the north edge of the lake. The western border of the



It’s Still  
the Lake  
Water  
by John Wm.  
Houghton

village (and of the square mile) was the alley west of Main Street; its southern border was 132 feet (two lots) north of what is now Marmont Street. It reached north three lots past Scott Street (Lakeshore Drive) and ended in a pair of “out-lots” at the ends of Main and Plymouth Street. The eastern border was less regular: north of Jefferson, it ran down what is now the west side of Lake Street; from Jefferson south, however, it followed what would have been the western edge of Plymouth Street, if Plymouth hadn’t ended at Jefferson.

In 1851 or 57 (McDonald’s “History” gives different dates to parts of what I think must have been one event, and I suspect a 7 and a 1 may have been confused at some point), Bayless sold the town to his brother-in-law, who had it resurveyed and changed the name to “Marmont.” The new name was the suggestion of Dr. Gustavus A. Durr. (Auguste de Marmont, Duke of Ragusa and Marshal of France, was one of Napoleon’s first and most loyal supporters,

until the battle for Paris in 1814, when he handed over his army corps to the opposing Royalists, making him the Benedict Arnold of imperial France. He died in 1852, which may support the 1857 date.) Marmont expanded in the 1880s and was finally incorporated on July 5, 1894. The new “Incorporated Town of Marmont” lasted a little bit over a year: on October 4, 1895, on the petition of O. A. Rea and 99 others (a majority of the town’s electors), the County Commissioners changed its name to the “Incorporated Town of Culver City, Indiana.”

Henry Harrison Culver had retired to Lake Maxinkuckee in 1883. On his own account, he had the first idea of a school in 1888: the dream opened with 32 boys on September 25th, 1894, only to have its wooden building burn to the ground the following February. Mr. Culver laid the foundation of Main Barracks that May, and had the building ready for the second year of school in September. The proprietor of CMA, then, was not entirely uninterested in the goings of Mr. Rea and his colleagues: Roeder reports one story that Mr. C. offered to pay for a new heating plant for the township school if the name of the town were to be changed.

Whether or not inducements were offered locally, it’s well-known that the would-be namesake greased the wheels for the project on another front. There was, it turned out, already a Culver, Indiana, in Tippecanoe County, and,

as the US Post Office had no intention of dignifying a village of fewer than 200 electors with the name “City,” our local name change would produce two post offices named “Culver, Indiana.” For about a year and a half, the town was named “Culver City” while its post office continued to be “Marmont.” Mr. Culver intervened by contacting the town fathers of the other Culver. He discovered that their village was named after a certain Crane Culver, and offered to meet the expenses if they would change the name to “Crane.” They did so, and thus on April 1, 1897, the Marmont Post Office became the Culver PO: the railroad station followed suit.

Even that was not the end of it, however: the town was still (The Incorporated Town of) “Culver City” and the post office and train station just plain “Culver.” That situation lasted for another 52 years, until August 15, 1949, when, according to the minutes, the town clerk (W. R. Easterday, I believe) suggested that the name be changed from Culver City to Culver as “the postoffice and railroad station are named Culver and it is confusing to the Clerk and to the Attorney to have to write the name Culver City in all records and legal papers.” The proposal was made into a resolution and passed on September 5, 1949, bringing all three names into alignment. And the “Incorporated Town of Culver” it has remained. Perhaps we should plan for a 165th birthday in June, and a 60th anniversary party come September.

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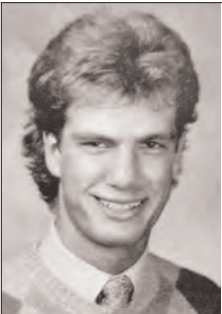
# Speaking of floods...

The editor sent Culver town manager Michael Doss this photo in connection with Culver stormwater issues (see cover story and page 2 photo). It’s a 1954 photo of the late “Min” Hatten of Hatten Motor Sales on Lake Shore Drive in a rowboat during a typical flood of the area just south of Culver Elementary School, a major trouble spot yet today. “Min” is hard to spot, but he’s in the lower left corner. The caption urged Culver’s “town fathers” to do something to alleviate the situation.



## Name that Culver “citizen”

Kate Marshall, Maggie Nixon, and Carin Clifton were all winners in last week’s “Mystery Citizen” contest, guessing correctly John Bickel, co-owner of the Culver Cabana among other endeavors. That crack about bus-fulls of people enjoying the fruits of his efforts, of course, referred to the ever-popular (retired) school bus which serves as part of the Cabana’s eclectic seating and decor. As is true of some other past ‘Mystery Citizens,’ John’s looks haven’t changed all that much since the earlier photo, even if his hairstyle has.



At left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, John Bickel, then and now. Right: this week’s mystery citizen.

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This week, a citizen who is no stranger to many facets of Culver’s community, and whose influence has reached well beyond Culver’s borders and even inspired a publicly visible tribute from out of town. Hmmm...

As this week’s lucky winners can attest, the editor’s boundless admiration and free parking in downtown Culver are worthy prizes for the sharp-eyed winner.

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Community Calendar		
<b>Thurs., June 18</b> Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 7 p.m., town hall Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., church rectory basement	a.m. to 2 p.m., Culver Public Library Marcia Adams' Lake Maxinkuckee novel, Antiquarian & Historical Society annual meeting (public welcome), 10 a.m., Culver Academies Legion Memorial bldg. Marshall County Junior Football League signups, 10 a.m., Culver Elementary School "Landscaping" by James McElroy, Culver Public Library Garden Club, 1 p.m., Culver Public Library	Culver Community Schools board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building
<b>Fri., June 19</b> Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Friends of the Culver Public Library Book Sale, noon to 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Boys & Girls Club Fabulous 50s auction, 7 p.m., Culver Academies multipurpose building	<b>Mon., June 22</b> Yoga class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ	<b>Tues., June 23</b> Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall <b>Weds., June 24</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot <b>Thurs., June 25</b> Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library

**Chairs from page 1**—  
available.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropy that supports local and statewide projects and is proud to have contributed over \$1 million to the Riley Hospital for children. Donations for this program also support the Ronald McDonald House, the Mental Health Association in Indiana, the Arc of Indiana, Indiana Special Olympics and many other charitable causes.

Tri Kappa's initiatives are designed to promote charity, culture and education. The Chairs for Charity program has been designed to promote culture throughout the community, with the primary purpose of fund raising to support initiatives such as scholarships, art shows, donations for reading programs, food pantries, holiday gifts and other community building endeavors throughout Marshall County.

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# Haynes is new minister at Culver's St. Elizabeth's

With welcoming arms and open hearts the congregation of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Culver welcomed Thomas E. Haynes May 31 as their Pastoral Leader and Minister. An experienced teacher with a heart for pastoral care, a passion for the Gospel, and a call to the Episcopal priesthood, Haynes has been licensed as a lay minister for thirty years and is experienced with mission churches such as St. Elizabeth's. Currently a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, Haynes has



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Tom Haynes (third from left), new minister at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Culver, is here seen with St. Elizabeth's parishoners (left to right) Judi Dodge, Bill Furry, Pam Fisher (seated), Krista Furry (seated), Karen Dehne (standing), Judy Becker (seated), and John Albright (standing).

nearly completed his studies to become a deacon of the church and intends to be ordained as a priest in mid-2010.

Since 1981, Haynes has served as a teacher and school administrator while at the same time serving the church in whatever service was asked of him. Most recently, between 2007 and 2008, Haynes served as Interim Director of Religious Programs at The Culver Academies. Haynes will remain a Master Teacher in Mathematics at The Culver Academies, a position he has held since 2000, while he begins his ministry at St. Elizabeth's.

Dr. George B. Elder, former Headmaster at River Oaks School in Monroe, LA noted, "Tom is especially good at dealing with conflict and he is almost disarming in the way he can listen to problems and invest people in the solutions."

The value Haynes places on listening was emphasized during his first sermon at St. Elizabeth's when he said, "I have to listen to the vestry. The vestry needs to listen to the members of the congregation and all of us need to listen for Jesus in all this listening.

"I am not here to tell you the answers," Haynes continued, "I am here to listen and help us as a community decide what God is calling us to do."

Haynes comes from a long line of teachers and clergy (including his late father, also a priest), and was raised an Episcopalian. "People often have these spiritual journeys that have them leaving the church and returning," says Haynes, "but I have always been an Episcopalian, and I have been a Sr. Warden, and Treasurer and a Sexton at different times."

Haynes wife Susan is the Rector at St. Paul's in Mishawaka, and the two will have been married 27 years in June. They have two daughters, Sarah (age 14), and Rebecca (10).

All are welcome to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, located at 515 State Street in Culver. During this period of transition from pastoral leader to priest, Haynes will serve as St. Elizabeth's minister leading services Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.





# Sports



## Simons' 'sister thing' undergirds Culver success

By James Costello  
Sports Editor  
INDIANAPOLIS —  
Culver Girls Academy's

Andrea and Jessica Simon  
have quite a sister act going.  
The Lady Eagles frater-

nal twins and No. 1 doubles partners topped Marion's Alex Davis and Alex Lester 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 Friday in Indianapolis to advance to the final four round of the individual girls state tournament, the farthest foray into the individual state tennis tourney ever made by CGA.

CGA head coach Alan Loehr partly credits the chemistry between the sisters for their success so far, an affinity that he says is different than the chemistry between other doubles partners.

"There's a sister thing going on there. I don't know how to describe it, but they're able to talk to each other and work some things out that you and I wouldn't be able to do as partners," he said. "They figure things out and encourage each other, and I think they're doing it more as sisters than as a doubles team."

On Friday, they were able to work through some early problems with their service game — they racked up 15 double faults total in the match — to top Davis and Lester in a 7-2 tiebreaker, then sustained the momentum to put the hard-hitting Marion duo away by a comfortable 6-2 margin in the second set.

"They played very nice doubles today," said Loehr. "They did what they need-

ed to do, and the other team made some critical mistakes, unforced errors that helped us.

"Our girls were able to counter the big hits with very crafty net play, and in some cases in 'I'm going to get this ball or I'm going to get hit in the head' situations."

Although the Lady Eagles have made the final four as a team on two different occasions in 1984 and 2005, the Simon sisters' victory Friday marks the first time the program has ever sent players so far in the individual tourney.

• IHSAA INDIVIDUAL GIRLS TENNIS STATE FINALS  
At Indianapolis  
SINGLES: Brittany Farmer (12) Terre Haute North (17-5, 6-0) defeated Bethany Moore (9) Lebanon (19-0, 4-1), 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-1); Caroline Eberhart (9) Mishawaka Marian (19-0, 6-0) defeated Christina Riley (12) Avon (15-0, 4-1), 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.  
DOUBLES: Megan Renninger (12), Olivia Trancik (10) Carmel (14-1, 10-0) defeated Alyssa Hansen (11), Brynn Hansen (12) Bedford North Lawrence (18-1, 5-1), 6-0, 6-1; Elle Harding (10), Bridget Veldman (10) South Bend St. Joseph's (18-1, 7-0) defeated Anna Rao (12), Caroline Wright (11) Fort Wayne Canterbury (12-4, 7-1), 7-5, 7-5;  
Andrea Simon (10), Jessica Simon (10) Culver Academies (4-0, 7-0) defeated Alex Davis (11), Alex Lester (12) Marion (18-1, 6-1), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2; Annabeth Barnard (12), Gabrielle Rubenstein (11) Brebeuf Jesuit (16-1, 6-0) defeated Emma Bilyeu (11), Mallory Metheny (11) Terre Haute South (13-3, 9-1), 6-1, 6-3.

## Simon twins finish season in 4th at state

Culver Girls Academy's No. 1 doubles team of Jessica and Andrea Simon finished out their season in fourth place in the individual girls state tennis tournament Saturday in Indianapolis.

The Simon sisters fell in straight sets to eventual state champions Annabeth Barnard and Gabrielle Rubenstein of Brebeuf Jesuit in the semifinal before falling to South Bend St. Joseph's Elle Harding and Bridget Veldman in the consolation round.

It was the furthest anyone in the individual state tournament has ever gone for CGA.



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Girls Academy's Andrea Simon prepares to hit a shot during the South Bend Clay Girls Tennis Regional. CGA's No. 1 doubles team of Andrea and Jessica Simon advanced all the way to the final four of the individual girls state tournament where they finished in fourth place Saturday.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

## A moment to think

Culver Military Academy golfer Michael Grover of Culver contemplates his next move at the Warsaw golf sectional June 6. CMA placed sixth at the event with a 345 while Culver Community's young squad placed twelfth with a 423. Warsaw won the sectional that day with a 308.



PHOTOS/PAUL PARE

## Culver athletes honored

Culver Community Middle and High School athletes were honored recently at the schools' annual athletic awards event.

Top row, left photo: Culver Community Middle School eighth grade honor roll athletes (front row, left to right) Mary McKinnis, Morgan Osborn, (back row) Collin Stevens, Micah Budzinski, Bradley Beaver. Right photo: Culver Community Middle School girls NSC and sectional athletes Sarah Baile, Trinity Garcia.

Bottom Row, left photo: Culver Community Middle School seventh grade honor roll athletes (front row, left to right) Cody Peterson, Caleb Nash, Caleb Dehning, Trent Elliott, (back row) Shane Comiskey, Danisha Brown, Grace Lorenz, Amber Cowell. Not pictured: Mark Lehman.

Right photo: Culver Community High School honor roll athletes (front row, left to right) Aspen Kitchell, CJ Dehning, Joe Krsek, Sam Hissong, Cole Flora, (back row) Jacob Sheridan, Gavin Norton, Myles Pinder, Adam Neace, Justin Master, Kelly Bonine.



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## Maxinkuckee royalty

Above: Contestants in the annual Miss Maxinkuckee and related pageants gathered in preparation for

Upper left group: Little Miss Maxinkuckee contestants (front row, left to right) Jasmyenne Fowler, Shae Ruhly, Lily Gregorash, (back row) Sarah Morrison, Rylee L'autt, Mandy Morrison, 2008 Little Miss Maxinkuckee Machayla Allen, Allie Harris and Brooklyn Sellers. Not pictured: Lindsey Proskey.

Lower left group: Miss Maxinkuckee contestants Ashley Zehner, Shae Harris, 2008 Miss Maxinkuckee Kayla Wentz, and Paige Norwich.

Upper right group: Princess Maxinkuckee Contestants Anna Gregorash, Jasmine Rader, Kaleigh Kephart, Spring Ye, Savannah Hissong. Not pictured: Lillian Proskey and 2008 Princess Maxinkuckee Reagan Sheets.

Lower right group: Junior Miss Maxinkuckee Contestants Brianna Overmyer, Courtney Littleton, Abby James, 2008 Junior Miss Maxinkuckee Chelsea Salser, Denisha Brown, Katlyn Littleton, and Shannon Deery.

## Culver Community High School honor roll

Culver Community High School announces its honor roll students for the second semester and fourth quarter.

### Second semester "A" honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller
- **Grade 10:** Cassandra Dehning
- **Grade 12:** Isaac Berg

### Second semester "A/B" honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Kellie Bonine, Samuel Hissong, Blanca Jurado, Aspen Kitchell, Cally Klausing, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky, Austin Vela, Zachery Wilmoth
- **Grade 10:** Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Paige Norwich, Christina Null

- **Grade 11:** Sarah Bailey, Olivia Knapp, Cy Page, Amanda Rabenau, Pamela Sedlacek, Jacob Sheridan

- **Grade 12:** Whitney Banfield, Jordan Buckman, Drew Cultice, Christina Klausing, Laura Lyczak, Justin Master, Leanna Overmyer, Edward Pinder, Andrew Williams, Elizabeth Wojdyla

### Fourth quarter "A" honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller
- **Grade 10:** Cassandra Dehning, Christina Null
- **Grade 12:** Isaac Berg, Edward Pinder

### Fourth quarter "A/B" honor roll

- **Grade 9:** Kellie Bonine, Cole Flora, Samuel Hissong, Blanca Jurado, Aspen Kitchell, Cally Klausing, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky, Austin Vela, Zachery Wilmoth
- **Grade 10:** Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Colton Measels, Gwen Zehner
- **Grade 11:** Sarah Bailey, Olivia Knapp, Cy Page, Amanda Rabenau, Jacob Sheridan
- **Grade 12:** Whitney Banfield, Cody Caudill, Candace Elliott, Max Good, Abby Hayworth, Christina Klausing, Laura Lyczak, Justin Master, Adam Neace, Leanna Overmyer, Kalie Thompson, Andrew Williams, Shelagh Wise, Elizabeth Wojdyla

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## CCHS choir has 'another award-winning year'



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CCHS choir members, pictured from left to right, include (back row) Chloe Broeker, Myles Pinder, Adam Neace, Mark Maes, Dennis Davis, Sekheem Mathews, Noble Williams, Megan Myers, Elise Jackson. Front row: Beth Wojdyla, Aspen Kitchell, Nicole Ziaja, Stephan Vantwoud, C.J. Dehning, R.J. Greer, Jesi Hominger, Sarah Kirkland, Kaitlyn Looney, Candice Lehman-Dilts.

Culver Community High School choir director Diana Derrow called it "Another award-winning year for a very hard-working choir."

This year's super charged vocal ensemble, Chorale/Jazz Street, prepared 13 various performances throughout its 2008-09 school year. The group's accompanists this year were Jack Krasner of Winamac and Ann Bigley of Culver. Aside from the traditional Fall Choral Showcase and Holiday show, the Jazz Ensemble performed in the first annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival in September and broke out the end of its repertoire for the year with the popular "Jazz Cafe." Derrow selected ambassador students to attend the Butler University Vocal Jazz Festival and the All Midwest Choir show in Chicago's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Spring brought the ensemble's intense competition season of solo and ensemble district and state ISSMA (Indiana High School State Music Association), Vocal Jazz ISSMA, and Organizational ISSMA competitions, plus a four week window to prepare Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" performance locally at the school.

Superior ratings were received from all competitions, and the group's favorite scores of just half a point from "perfect" again were from the Organizational competition at ISSMA. "We love our gold" claimed the singers. For the second year in a row the group closes this school year with the pride of receiving a well earned "All Music Award" for choral excellence.

Added Derrow, "As we say farewell to our much loved ten seniors -- Myles Pinder, Adam Neace, Beth Wojdyla, Noble Williams, Megan Myers, Sarah Kirkland, Sekheem Mathews, Stephan Vantwoud, and Chris Elam -- we look forward to another year of performance adventure and excellence."

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LOCAL

Second Century chairmen update on projects

Culverite daughter’s passing leads to acclaimed book

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The first meeting of the year for Culver’s Second Century Committee’s general membership was held at the Culver Union Township Library recently. SCC is a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver dedicated to long-range community planning.

Dick Brantingham, chairman, in his opening remarks, noted that six projects in process were developed as a result of a town wide survey held. Committees have been appointed to address Community Communications, Gateway Redevelopment & Street Lighting, Recreation Path, Housing, Government Infrastructure, and Government Growth Initiatives.

Brantingham also reported that the majority of projects outlined in a 1998 charrette study have been completed. He thanked Dusty Henricks for his continuing work in assuring the hospitality pier at the beach is funded and thanked the merchants who support the maintenance by donations. Brantingham acknowledged the Culver Volunteer Fire Dept. who have agreed to post the summer/winter banners throughout the town.

After Rick Tompos,treasurer of the committee, gave his report, individual chairmen of the six projects outlined, spoke of ideas in progress.

Ginny Bess Munroe chairs Community Communications, Government Infrastructure, and Government Growth Initiatives. She stated that it was time to “think outside the box” and begin using available technology in social networking to promote the community’s resources. Her committee will work with the town council, lake community, Culver Redevelopment Committee, LMEC and other groups to discuss growth and impact of possible developments in the area. Regarding Government Infrastructure, she said that the council along with new town manager, Michael Doss, are working toward securing grants for needed infrastructure upgrades.

Jim Weirick, said the Gateway Project at the end of W. Jefferson Street is “shovel ready”. As for the historic street lighting, he suggested that due to extensive cost, this project be put on hold. Projecting costs of up to \$10,000 per light because of the need of underground wiring, replacing the sidewalks, new poles, etc., the cost would be prohibitive.

Jack Cunningham, chairman of the Recreation Trail, said he was in the process of reviewing previous plans for a trail with Dick Swennumson. Cunningham will attend MACOG meetings this summer to see what grants are available for walking/biking paths. Placement of the trail and maintenance costs will have to be reviewed.

Patty Stallings who chairs the Housing Committee, said the lack of affordable housing in Culver is a “tough issue” to address. However, there is a bright spot on the horizon she noted. Discussion of a future Garden Court in Culver will be a discussion item at the Culver town council work session. Property at the end of Ohio Street may come available for the development and possibly, further development of adjacent land for multi-residential use.

Michael Doss, town manager, spoke briefly about his vision for a revitalization of Culver’s downtown area. He wants to encourage small business to the area and noted grants available for facade improvement. Doss emphasized that communications are the key and asked that citizens attend the meetings of the council and planning and zoning boards with their ideas and concerns.

All chairman requested anyone interested in joining their committees to contact them. The next general meeting of the SCC will be July 14, at noon at the Culver Public Library and the public is welcome to attend. The cost is \$9 and catered by Gladie’s Deli.

U.S. Army’s The Volunteers perform June 22

PLYMOUTH -- A free musical concert by the premier touring show band of the United States Army will begin Encore Performing Arts' 2009 "Music in the Park" series at Young Amphitheater in Centennial Park.

The Volunteers will perform at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 22. Gates open at 6 p.m. for this free concert. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for lawn seating. In case of rain, the concert will be moved across the street to the Plymouth High School Auditorium.

The Volunteers are being hosted in Plymouth through a partnership with The Pilot News Group, Encore Performing Arts and the Plymouth Parks Department.

"We are thrilled to sponsor this free concert by the U.S. Army Volunteers," said Rick Kreps, publisher of The Pilot News Group, which hosted the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus in a memorable concert a year ago. "We encourage are readers to mark

Monday, June 22 on their calendars and be prepared for special evening of unique entertainment."

The Volunteers is the United States Army's premier touring show band. Since its inception in 1981, this talented group has performed in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Central America, and Europe. The band seamlessly mixes jazz, Fifties favorites, and Motown classics at family-oriented shows while also focusing on rock, country, and pop hits at concerts for young Americans.

The ensemble regularly includes performances for senior citizens, young children, and wounded Soldiers in their tours. For outstanding support of the Army's community relations program, the members of the Volunteers have received the Army Community Relations Award of Excellence.

Their “foot-stomping, heart-racing music” has won accolades during performances for Mardi Gras, the Indianapolis 500, Major League Baseball games,

and National Rodeo Finals.

The Volunteers, formed in 1981, is a six-piece musical show band that takes the best popular music and blends it in a show that appeals to all ages. The group has performed before millions of listeners throughout America and abroad. Recent tours have included performances in Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Mexico, the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and a tour of the Hawaiian Islands. The Volunteers perform annually at Disney’s Epcot Center for its Memorial Day celebration.

The volunteers has been presented the Army Community Relations Award of Excellence by the Chief of Public Affairs, in recognition of their work with the Johns Hopkins

Children’s Center and the Rolling Road Special Education School in Baltimore. This is the highest award given by the Department of the Army for support to Army Community Relations.

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The writings and experiences of Kristen Forbes, daughter of former Culverite Brenda Lindvall Forbes and husband/author Kirk make up a recent book.

Former Culverite Brenda Lindvall Forbes’ daughter Kristen had just graduated from IUPUI with a business degree from the Kelley Business School a month before her right foot and leg began swelling. After countless tests, discovery of a blood clot in her groin area, and a trip to a specialist at St. Vincent's hospital in Indianapolis, it was discovered

ered 23-year-old Kristen had advanced cervical cancer. Kristen Forbes passed away after an 11-month battle with the disease, on June 1, 2008, after more than six surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation.

The tragedy of Kristen’s untimely death led to her father, Kirk Forbes’ authoring of the book, “Dear Kristen,” which Kristen’s mother says covers her daughter’s journey through Kristen’s “journal entries and our family’s email updates.” The book also includes poetry Kristen wrote and a great deal of information on the vaccine for HPV as well as numerous organizations fighting the disease.

Writing the book, says Kirk Forbes, “started as therapy for me to get through the grieving process. At first I was just going to put our e-mail updates written during Kristen’s illness into a notebook for friends and family to read. I thought maybe it would help them too.”

Then Forbes discovered that his daughter had kept her own journal during her illness – two books filled with emotional and insightful day-to-day accounts of her agony, her treatment, her hopes, her sense of humor, her fears and her unwavering faith.

Together, Kristen’s own words and the e-mail updates tell the tender and heartbreaking story of a bright and hopeful young woman’s last year of life. But Love, Kristen does more than tell a story. It recounts Forbes’ own relentless research into cervical cancer, its cause and treatment as well as the stigma surrounding the disease and the controversy over the vaccine which can prevent it.

The author, an airline pilot by profession, was told by Kristen’s physician he had “done what no one else has been able to do; you have put a face on this dreaded disease.”

The has also been named a finalist in the Women’s Issues category of the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards, which were established to recognize and honor the most exceptional independently published books in 60 different categories; the awards are presented by Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group.

Brenda Lindvall Forbes grew up in Culver, where her mother, Phyllis, and brothers Bryce and Brian still live. She was able to participate in Culver’s Relay for Life this year with Bryce and the Culver Volunteer Fire Department’s team, she says.

Kristen’s family is in the process of setting up a foundation. More information about the book, Kristen, and her family may be found at [www.kristeneve.org](http://www.kristeneve.org) (Brenda notes the “eve” at the end of Kristen's name is an acronym, “E” for Educate, “V” for Vaccinate, and “E” for Eradicate, pertaining to cervical cancer).

The book may be purchased online through the website or via amazon.com and Barnes and Noble online. The Forbes family hopes to make copies available locally in Culver soon.

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Culver’s Zeglis enthusiastic over MCCF grant

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — Culver’s John Zeglis, Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) board member, was overflowing with enthusiasm at a town meeting for the organization Thursday night as he told the audience that MCCF has received a \$250,000 matching grant from the Lilly Foundation.

Zeglis said the foundation had submitted an application for a grant more than three years ago, but was turned down. The initial rejection did not keep them from applying again. A second request made in May of 2008 led five committee members to spending the next eight months working on a detailed plan to submit to the Lilly Foun-



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John Zeglis (Community Foundation board member), and Sylvia Bieghler (committee member) discuss last night’s meeting.

Foundation explains grant designation

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PLYMOUTH — Helping non-profits work smarter will be the thrust of a program by the Marshall County Community Foundation, made possible by a Lilly Foundation matching grant.

The MCCF announced the acceptance of the Lilly grant — in the amount of \$250,000 — at a town hall meeting Thursday, and now begins the task of putting together a program to help non-profit organizations become better at what they do when it comes to organization and fund raising. A place to begin is as simple as an application for grant money.

“If you don’t complete your application properly, they immediately compare you to those who can do it right,” said Jennifer Maddox, executive director of the MCCF. “(The organization giving the grant) will come to the conclusion that your organization isn’t bright enough, you didn’t care enough to do it right or you aren’t very good at it. In any case they usually determine that your organization may not be the right one.

“We’re not talking about the quality of the application submitted or whether it’s a worthy project. Simple things like an application that requires a signature, not having one, or an application that says ‘see the attached’ and then there is no attached.”

In addition to the simple mechanics of grant submission, there will also be an effort to help organizations with their internal workings as well.

“One particular topic will be to help with development of an organizations board of directors and also to help with management of staff,” said Maddox. “Many people have not managed senior level professional staff, how much management needs to happen, or how to motivate senior level professionals.”

Fundraising, staffing and other topics are also in the planning stages. While the Foundation has an idea what direction they want to go, they are working on gaining input.

By March, the MCCF to spend \$500,000. However, he emphasized that the grant money was not a part of the allocations that are given out each year.

Zeglis said the approximate \$25 million that was in the trust funds fell to \$16 million when the stock market declined in October of 2008 and again in early 2009.

“The decline meant that we went from spending out five percent to three percent,” he said. “We had already cut out 20 percent from our budget and were preparing to cut another 20 percent.”

The Lilly grant now means that MCCF has been able to set up a “Generations Initiative” for not-for-profits in the county. The initiative will allow existing and new fund holders to receive a 25 percent match for monies put into the trust up to \$20,000 per fund.

As a part of the initiative, MCCF plans to hire a development director to help not-for-profit organizations with fund-raising efforts and other supports.

Jordan said MCCF is

currently looking at seven fields of interest including: Arts and culture, community development, donor advised funds, environment, faith based, health and human services, youth and family, and education. He made in clear that new ideas and funds accounts would be welcomed as

well.

For more information on the foundation call Jennifer Maddox at 574-936-3366 or email her at [jmaddox@marshallcountycf.org](mailto:jmaddox@marshallcountycf.org).

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, June 18:** Meatballs and noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, roll and margarine, apple sauce, and milk.

**Friday, June 19:** Broccoli Soup, apple sauce, chicken salad, saltines, tomato wedge, and milk.

**Monday, June 22:** BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, carrots, bread and marga-

rine, pudding, and milk.

**Tuesday, June 23:** Pork fritter, bread, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Wednesday, June 24:** Chopped steak with Gravy, succotash, bread and margarine, peach cobbler, apple juice, and milk.

**Thursday, June 25:** Western omelet, party and margarine, fresh green pepper strips, diced potatoes, orange, and milk.

**Friday, June 26:** Liver and onions, salad and dressing, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, bread and margarine, and milk.

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for more information.

St. Elizabeth’s book club kicks off

Everyone in the Culver community and surrounding area is invited to come and share in the discussion of the book, “Joy in Disguise, Meeting Jesus in the Dark Times,” by Edward S. Little, as part of St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church’s summer book club, a weekly discussion coordinated by Judi Dodge. Discussion takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 525 State Street in Culver. In his book, Little asks the questions “How can we rejoice when there doesn’t seem to be anything much to rejoice about? How can we talk about joy in the midst of wars abroad and economic uncertainties at home?” In “Joy in

Disguise,” you will find a fresh way to look at what it means for Christians to lead lives of joy. For more information please contact Judi Dodge at 574-842-4753 or minister Tom Haynes at 574-842-2410.

Second Century meets July 14

The next general meeting of the Culver’s Second Century Committee will be Tuesday, July 14, at noon at the Culver Public Library. The public is welcome to attend. The cost is \$9 and the meeting will be catered by Gladie’s Deli.

New at Lake Fest

The Lake Fest Committee is busy making plans for Lake Fest this July. New this year is a Mobile License Branch that will be there all weekend. Attendees will be able to renew their driver’s license, get an identification card, obtain titles and registrations as well as voter registrations. Anyone wishing to donate to the fireworks can send your donation to Culver Lake Fest, PO Box 146, Culver, IN 46511 % Lake Fest Fireworks. The Festival has some new and fun ideas that will be in the paper in the future. Plan to attend the Culver Lake Fest July 17 through 19.

Culver Kiwanis golf outing July 17

Culver’s Kiwanis Club is planning its 12th annual golf outing to be held July 17 at the Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver. Shotgun Start is 2 p.m. (registration

starts at noon). Individuals: \$65; foursomes: \$260; hole sponsorships: \$150. Dinner and soft drinks will be provided at the awards ceremony, and there will be door prizes and chances to win hole-in-one prizes. All proceeds benefit Kiwanis recipients. Contact Julie Bess at 574-216-4205 or [jbindexing@gmail.com](mailto:jbindexing@gmail.com), or Dusty Henrick at 574-842-4280 to sign up your team.

Culver emergency services softball game June 28

The annual Culver Emergency Services softball game, which pits Culver’s volunteer fire department against its police department and Emergency Medical Services crew, will take place this year Sunday, June 28, with the first pitch at noon. There will be four innings with 20 people per team, and the usual cook-out at the fire station afterwards. As in the past, the fire department will donate the “meat and drinks” (burgers, brats, buns, sodas, water, etc.). The police and EMS will bring sides and desserts. Also as in the past, audience entry into the event is a canned or non-perishable item for Culver’s food pantry.

Sunfish Regatta sets sale July 18

The seventh annual Lake Maxinkuckee Sunfish Regatta sets sale Saturday, July 18. The all-ages, free event is hosted at the John Zeglis cottage at 1614 East

Shore Drive on Maxinkuckee’s shores. The regatta will launch from the Zeglis pier with registration starting at 10 a.m., a skipper’s meeting at 10:30, and the race kickoff between 10:45 and 11 a.m. The event will end by 2 p.m. More information may be obtained by emailing John Zeglis at [john@jzeglis.com](mailto:john@jzeglis.com).

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](http://www.townofculver.org).

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](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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