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In Brief

Friends sale Aug. 1, donations sought

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a one-day book sale at the library Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books may be donated at any time at the library front desk. All donations are appreciated. The next scheduled meeting of the Friends is Monday, August 3 at 1 p.m. New members are always welcome. Call 574-842-2941 for more information.

'Music Man' performances this weekend

The Maxinkuckee Players' performance of "The Music Man" conclude this weekend: Friday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 2 at 4: p.m. in the Culver Community High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children all other performances. There is no reserved seating, and all tickets will be available at the door.

Culver sidewalk days this weekend

Culver's annual sidewalk days will take place Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 2, in downtown Culver. As in years past, South Main Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets will be shut down and participating businesses will offer sale and special items for browsing shoppers during regular business hours.

Culver and Hoosier auto history Aug. 1

Culver and Indiana's role in the automobile industry will be showcased via a program and ongoing exhibit starting Saturday, August 1 at 10 a.m., when the Antiquarian and Historical Society presents a program on Culver's automobile-related past by Jeff Kenney of the AHS. The event will take place at the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. In conjunction with the program, ongoing at the Center for Culver History in the lower level of the Culver-Union Township Public Library, is "Auto Indiana," an exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis.

The exhibit may be viewed during the Center's open hours, Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See Briefs page B2

A fun-filled, 'corny' Saturday

A decades-old tradition was relived Saturday evening when the Culver Lions Club offered its annual corn roast and Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department its annually coinciding Firemen's Festival, making for a well-received and well-attended close to Culver's busy July. AT LEFT: Owen Ledlow, age 7, and Hannah Shields, age 8, enjoy the ever-popular Lions hamburgers and corn at the roast, held as always in the town park. CENTER: Bridget Farlow hits the water following a successful ball thrown at the Firemen's Festival dunk tank. TOP RIGHT: Ches Schrimsher, age 4, son of Craig and Shelly Schrimsher, enjoys the 'Moonwalk' at the Firemen's Festival. LOWER RIGHT: Marge 'Termite' Baker, left, and Vickie Dearth add to the massive pile of corn for roasting at the corn roast.

Golf cart conundrum

Recent legislation causes confusion, consternation for Culver cart drivers

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

An Indiana law which took effect July 1 has folks in the Culver area debating its merits, particularly those living around Lake Maxinkuckee or operating golf carts around Culver Academies.

House Bill 1483 – which technically includes off-road vehicles, farm wagons, and golf carts – upholds a state ban on operation of golf carts, popular in the Culver area in varying degrees for several years, from being driven on state or county highways. The bill allows town or city municipalities to make their own laws regarding golf cart usage, a clause most directly

relevant to Culver, since the town formally passed a golf cart law in 2007, due to many residents' concerns that the vehicles be regulated. As a result, since that time those living within the town may legally operate a golf cart, provided they are licensed and insured, comply with the specifics of the ordinance, and register with the town for a golf cart tag, which is good for one year.

The fallout from House Bill 1483 relates to the areas outside the Culver town limits proper. For some years, many residents around the lake have made ample use of golf carts to travel to – naturally – one of the golf courses in the area, to other homes, or

even into the town or to the Academies campus. With the passing of the new law, those residents can be ticketed and fined for golf cart usage. This is particularly impactful in light of last year's spike in gasoline prices, during which a number of area residents – in and out of the town limits proper – purchased and began using golf carts at a drastically increased rate as a means of economizing.

Another area potentially affected by the law is the Culver Academies campus. Golf carts have been the preferred method of transport for everyone from security officers, to tech staff, to camp counselors at the school's summer camp in to

some degree even its winter school. To a large extent, those golf cart users will remain unaffected by the law, since the campus is private property and golf cart use on Academies land is perfectly legal and acceptable. However, Academies staff will have to take steps, due to the law, to ensure their golf cart routes avoid any travel not only on the two state highways surrounding part of the campus (State Roads 117 and 10), but also Academy Road itself or any other street immediately adjacent to the school.

Culver's town limits end at the east – that is, in the Culver Academies area – around the old Vandalia railroad tracks, a few short

steps west of the western edge of campus (a few hundred feet west of Eppley Auditorium), according to Culver Chief of Police Wayne Bean. He notes, also, the town limits officially end to the south around Chadwick Shores on Long Point, on West Shore Drive, and to the west just past the trailer court on West Jefferson Street.

It may surprise some, Bean points out, to learn the recent legislation was actually aimed at loosening state laws on golf cart usage. "The state is giving cities and towns the opportunity to have golf carts in

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Culver store helps residents cope with economy

Market Basket offers discounted and home-made foods

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The economy has hit some Culverites harder than others, but almost across the board, people are examining spending more carefully than before. Some of those people have discovered the Market Basket and Company, the small grocery store north of Culver in the former Eagle's lodge just south of State Road 8 at 13775 SR 17. Others may not have realized what's inside the store, but longtime Culver area residents Kathy and Robbin Meek – and daughter Miranda – feel the place has a lot to offer potential shoppers, not only as a family-run, community business, but especially in the area of saving money.

Kathy, known to many in the Culver area for her work in sewing and tailoring as well as leading craft classes at the Culver library and elsewhere, says the couple's original motive for purchasing the old Eagle's building didn't include the grocery store. Instead, the hope was to equip Miranda, who holds a degree in culinary arts (having interned both at the Katherine Kasper home near Ancilla College and Corndance Café in Culver, and baked bread for Earthworks for several years) with a certified kitchen from which to operate.

Knowing they'd need more revenue than such a venture could likely supply, the Meeks hit upon the idea of a surplus grocery, inspired largely by Kathy's brother, Jim Lockwood, who frequented a similar store in a neighboring community.

Companies across the country act as salvage outlets, says Kathy, for stores going out of business, cleaning out their inventory, or for handling shipping truck accidents in which few food items are damaged, and "any time usable groceries would otherwise go to a landfill. (They're sent to) what's called reclamation centers."

Those centers, in turn, supply stores like the Market Basket with high quality, usually name brand foods for a fraction of their cost at regular groceries.

After spending plenty of time researching the venture, Kathy and Robbin Meek purchased the building – which had originally been the Don Marie restaurant in the 1950s – in 2006, the year after it ceased functioning as an Eagles lodge. They began its renovation in 2007, cleaning and painting and opening the store June 1 of that year, after having the property rezoned as a business.

The store itself resides where the Eagles' dance floor once sat, and a temporary wall separates an area suitable for craft and

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Town manager Doss updates committee on town projects

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

At the noon meeting of Culver's Second Century Committee recently, chairman Dick Brantingham introduced Michael Doss, Culver's town manager, as the main speaker. Doss updated the group on proposed and ongoing community projects.

Referencing the Garden Court facility, a 14 unit HUD low housing complex, anticipated for Culver, Doss said the town would proceed with annexation of approximately 100 acres bordering South Main Street. It is anticipated that the zoning will allow multi-residential and light commercial areas.

Along with this possible development, the TIF area on W. Jefferson Street will be marketed for light industrial and commercial development. With the town's anticipated grant for sewer infrastructure upgrades, the area will have the potential for controlled growth. The grant will also allow drainage problems for the area near the Culver Elementary School gym that consistently floods in heavy rainfall to be corrected.

A government Fire Fighters' grant is in the works totaling \$750,000. If received, the old part of the existing fire station would be demolished and a new two-story addition would be erected. The fire department has raised \$100,000 in donations, which will be used as matching funds.

Additional projects anticipated are the repair of the outlet culvert on W. Shore Drive, a \$1.6 million expansion of the sewer plant and downtown and uptown revitalization. Doss said the town is looking for partners to participate in planning the revitalization. Curbs, new sidewalks, street milling, facade improvements to help encourage filling empty storefronts would all be part of the plan. Community Development grants may be available and the Culver town council is pro-active in the plans and has requested Doss to

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explore any available state and federal grant money. Ralph Winters told the group that the new Community Resource Center of Marshall County will be located on the old Farm Bureau property in Plymouth. The Resource Center will be a central location for many agencies including Dept. of Family Resources, WIC, Habitat for Humanity, Housing Authority and the Neighborhood Center among others. A Marshall County Community Fund grant of \$250,000 along with donations of \$47,000 from Plymouth and Marshall County, \$10,000 from Culver and a grant from the US Dept. of Agriculture is helping to fund the center. Donations are still needed, Winters continued.

Patty Stallings, SCC Steering Committee member, said that she and Ginny Bess Munroe, as members of the Government Growth Initiative committee, are still looking for volunteers to serve on this committee, which will be made of interested parties to examine the consequences and impact of further development on Lake Maxinkuckee and be prepared to make suggestions and recommendations to Culver's zoning boards.

The next meeting will be September 8, noon, at the Culver Public Library. The public is welcome to attend.

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, July 30: Meatballs and noodles w/ gravy, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, bread and margarine, apricots, and milk.

Friday, July 31: Potato and corn chowder soup, applesauce, chicken salad, saltines, potato wedge, and

milk.
Monday, Aug. 3: BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, carrots, bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Pork fritter, bread, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Chopped steak with gravy, succotash, bread and margarine, peach cobbler, apple juice, and milk.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Western omelet, pastry and margarine, diced potatoes, fresh green pepper strips, orange, and milk.

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cooking classes, which the Market Basket has offered in times past and plans to offer again most likely this fall (classes for residents of the group home in Culver have been ongoing there).

Besides well-known brand named items (all non perishable at this point), the store often carries brands known in other areas such as Florida, as well gourmet and specialty items such as organic foods.

"We tell people the prices are 10 to 90 percent less than going to a regular grocery," says Kathy, pointing out an example in the form of a case of 80 cans of flavored seltzer water for 10 cents a can or \$5 for the entire case. If today's economy causes some to harken back to the 1930s Depression, browsing the shelves at the Market Basket reveals prices on many items there seem to have derived from that era as well.

In addition, the store offers natural herbs and spices,

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Miranda (left) and Kathy Meek share some of the duties at family-run grocery The Market Basket & Co. on State Road 17, where Miranda also offers home-made culinary creations.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

es, another specialty item, with its own brand label. These aren't obtained from reclamation centers, and are available to customers in small packets or in bulk.

Robbin Meek came on board full-time about a year ago in December, explains Kathy, taking a leap of faith by leaving his own job to attend to the store, where he handles all the maintenance duties, grocery order pickups, and stocking. "We couldn't do without his maintenance," she adds.

And folks looking to stretch their dollars have discovered the Market Basket, which provides a service for families and individuals benefiting from its pricing.

"One guy came in yesterday and I asked him how his day was going," Kathy says. "He said, 'It's better now (since finding the store)...we have ten people we're feeding.'"

The selection, she points out, rotates as new shipments come in and items on-shelf are sold. So items unavailable one day may be on hand another.

For her part, Miranda Meek says her interest in baking and cooking came from watching her mother and aunts in the kitchen as a child. Culinary arts nudged out nursing as a course of university study, and she enjoys selling her (mostly - but not all -- baked) creations out of the Market Basket each Friday, ranging from jams to pies,

cinnamon rolls to biscotti. She also sells at the Plymouth Farmer's Market each Saturday, all in addition to working a few days a week at the store and spending evenings this summer practicing for her role in the Maxinkuckee Players' "The Music Man," the latest of several years' worth of plays in which she's performed with the group.

The Market Basket, which recently began taking debit cards as well as Mastercard and Visa, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Market Basket may be reached at 574-842-2145.

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Obituary

Edna M. Taber

Feb. 21, 1920 - July 20, 2009

Edna Marie (Tetzloff) Taber, 89, died Monday, July 20, 2009, at home in Culver. She was born February 21, 1920, 3 miles



south of North Judson in Rich Grove Township, Pulaski County, Ind. She was a daughter of August Tetzloff and Johannah (Hoeckelberg) Tetzloff. All four of Edna's grandparents were immigrants from Germany.

She was raised in Rich Grove Township in a Sears and Roebuck home her father assembled. The home had no indoor plumbing while she grew up there. She had two older siblings, both deceased, Evelyn (Tetzloff) Dalka, wife of Kenneth Dalka, and Eugene Tetzloff, husband of Irene (Hawbrook) Tetzloff.

Edna attended the county schools in Rich Grove

Township until middle school, when she attended the Lutheran school in North Judson. She attended high school at North Judson High School, graduating one year ahead of her classmates in 1937. In 1938 and 1939, she attended the South Bend College of Commerce where she learned bookkeeping skills.

In 1940, she moved to Culver, Ind. and was employed at Culver Military Academy in the bookkeeping department. One of her workmates, Hazel Cook, was the spouse of Charles Cook, a classmate of William "Bill" W. Taber, and the Cooks introduced Edna to Bill. Shortly after Bill was discharged from the US Army, he and Edna married on July 11, 1945 in Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in North Judson. Since that time, Edna has attended the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, of which she and Bill were faithful members.

In 1957, Bill purchased the Culver News Agency on Main Street, and remained the proprietor there until his retirement. During those years, Edna was the store's bookkeeper, performing her bookkeeping duties at home in evenings and weekends, otherwise

tending to raising her three sons and maintaining the home during the daytime. Edna also helped Bill with his photography studio business which operated out of the home. Bill was strictly a black and white photographer in the 1940's and 1950's, and Edna would skillfully tint his black and white prints to add color to the portraits he took of many Culver residents.

With her boys grown, Edna began a 32 year career as an assistant librarian at Culver-Union Township Library in 1974, retiring in 2006.

In her earlier years there, she was tasked with cleaning and repairing projection films for several area libraries, before the films were redistributed. One of her most lasting achievements at the library was the cataloging and organizing of the necrology file, which had consisted of a large collection of unorganized obituaries. Her indexing of these obituaries will be a big help to historians, genealogists and researchers for years to come.

In her spare time, Edna enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, often photocopying the newspaper crosswords at the library so she could work on them at home. She

also enjoyed flower gardening and feeding birds in the back yard. She loved cats and the company her pet cats always provided.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, a faithful servant of her Lord, Jesus Christ, and a dear friend to many in the community, especially those who's company she shared at Real Meals. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are her three sons, James H. (Cynthia) Taber, Indianapolis, Robert E. Taber, Plymouth, and William L. Taber, Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Matthew H. (Casey) Taber, and Jaime M. Taber, both of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and husband.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, or to Real Meals.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, with visitation at the church, 2 hours prior. Burial in Culver Masonic Cemetery will immediately follow the service. Funeral services are entrusted to Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Obituary

Mary Lou Brown

June 6, 1928 - July 22, 2009

Mary Lou Brown, 81, of Plymouth Miller's Merry Manor, formerly of Culver, crossed to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior July 22, 2009.



"Lou" was born in Fort Wayne on June 6, 1928. She was the daughter of Hershhal and Fern Strang, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Dave (Karen) Brown of Great Valley, NY, daughters Deb (Dan) Gross of Leiters Ford, Pat (Larry) Hisey of Rochester, and Sandy Brown (Bob Schilling) of Culver, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou was a member of the VFW. She occasionally attended Grace United Church of Christ.

Some of the jobs she had in her lifetime were working for a plumber, telephone operator, short order cook at "The Shack" and taxi driver.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. Memorials may be given to Grace United Church of Christ or REAL services of Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodm.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted in the arrangements.

Letter to the editor

School supplies needed

To the Citizens of Culver Community,

It is almost time for school to start. The Culver Lions are again asking your help to make sure all children have the necessary supplies for school this coming year. Thanks to your help, no child in the Culver school system went with out the needed supplies last year. Back packs, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, folders, erasers, compasses, and any other object that a teacher needs for a child to be a full participant in class.

All funds collected go for supplies or student needs.

Please make checks payable to the Culver Lions. You can mail them to: Jim Harper, 1000 S. Main, Culver, IN, 46511. Or to the address on this letter heading.

Thank you for your concern and assistance.
Program Chairman,

Jim Harper
Culver

Community Calendar

Thurs., July 30

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Fri., July 31

Culver Sidewalk Days, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Culver
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Maxinkuckee Players' "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., Culver Community High School auditorium

Sat., Aug. 1

Culver Sidewalk Days, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., downtown

Culver Friends of the Culver Public Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Culver's Automotive History, 10 a.m., Uptown Cinema, Lake Shore Drive
Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel (see article this issue)
Maxinkuckee Players' "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., Culver Community High School auditorium
Culver Academies Woodcraft Council Fire, 9 p.m., council ring/bird sanctuary

Sunday, Aug. 2

Maxinkuckee Players' "The Music Man," 4 p.m.,

Culver Community High School auditorium
Garrison Parade, 6:30 p.m., Culver Academies Parade Field

Mon., Aug. 3

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

Tues., Aug. 4

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Weds., Aug. 5

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Communications relay, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Naval Building
Maxinkuckee Players' "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., Culver Community High School auditorium

Thurs., Aug. 6

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

Culver VBS week starts Aug. 3

Culver Vacation Bible School will take place August 3 through 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. There will be Bible teaching, singing, games, crafts, and snacks. Pre-school through sixth grade are invited to attend, and the theme this year is: "Studio Go," a studio setting where kids will experience teamwork, real service, and real fun. Each day at "Studio Go" kids will meet with someone from the Bible who decided to team up with God. VBS takes place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main Street in Culver.

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Composting in small spaces

The ancient practice of composting recycles our household organic matter – stuff that most landfills won't take anymore. It's as simple as mixing green materials (food waste, for example) with brown materials (leaves, for example) into a pile or container and letting them break down naturally into dark, rich humus – a natural fertilizer. Composting, like recycling, like conserving energy, provides a better quality of life for all of us – especially if more of us commit to these habits.

But what if I don't have a garden? Or what if I live in a condo, apartment, or have a tiny backyard? What if it's just me, and I don't create as much waste as a family of four, or five, or more? What are my options?

Several alternatives exist for those with small spaces. OK, they might sound a little weird. But, I might point out, so is throwing stuff away year after year without considering the consequences.

Indoor worm composting. You can employ earthworms to eat your food waste. Children love this project, by the way; you keep your worms in a container, and you "feed" them daily with your food scraps. The book "Worms Eat My Garbage" by Mary Appelhof gives detailed instructions for building a worm composter, or you can also buy one commercially. It's a good alternative for those without a yard or just for the winter months if you don't want to schlep to the outdoor bin in two feet of snow. The worms are especially bred for this job – they are often marketed by the name "Red Wigglers." They love food waste and get to work immediately, even digesting paper towels and newspaper! The resultant compost is rich fertilizer useful for container plants, give to someone else with a garden, or spread on your own flowerbeds or grass for added nutrients.

Composting machines. A variety of electric composters are cropping up – which is a catch-22 for those purists who are trying to *conserve* resources by composting. The Target Web site (www.target.com) is one place to get the NatureMill Automatic Composter. A small-scale composting machine, it makes quick work of all of your kitchen scraps, turning them into useful black humus within a few weeks. Most of the reviews on the machine were very positive (some were positively euphoric!), but this is definitely a choice for those who 1) can spend almost \$400 on a composter and 2) only want to compost kitchen scraps. It also comes in a bevy of fashion colors to match your décor!

Anaerobic Bokashi coposters. Anaerobic composting is a contained system that uses microbes and moisture to break down food. It's as easy as just throwing your food scraps away. Food scraps go in the airtight container which contains Bokashi, a mixture of wheat bran and molasses to which microbes have been added. The microbes are activated by the moisture and eat the food scraps. The only drawback to this system is that the materials inside the bin take several months to completely break down. Once the bin is full, it has to sit for that long to finish "cooking." A second bin might be necessary if you want to use this method year round. Clean Air Gardening sells a variety of anaerobic composters; a small system will cost you around \$60. (www.cleanairgardening.com).

Give composting a try – it works no matter where you live!

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
By MARIANNE PETERS

When I was far too small to fully see over that grand old circulation desk in the old Carnegie library in the late 1970s, I recall Edna Taber as indelibly intertwined with my image of the library itself. She was like the library in many ways, in those days of my youth: often quiet, but stately; helpful and informative when needed, but firm and businesslike when the need arose.

I worked with Edna, too, for several years at the library, and frankly felt a bit honored to be working alongside the woman who *was* the library to me in those days of my youth. Before and after she retired, I also got to know Edna as I'd speak monthly at REAL Meals in Culver, or at any number of local history related talks I gave around town. She was especially helpful to me in my passionate pursuit of sharing Culver history images via the Culver Public Library's website: she would appear one afternoon with a bag of wonderful photos her husband took or she'd collected sometime in years past, and they'd always be wonderful additions to the project (most recently she shared a wonderful, very early photo of the Methodist church in Culver which I ran in the *Citizen* some months back).

But the contributions of Edna Taber -- who died last Monday, as her page 3 obituary explains -- and her family to Culver were

vastly more.

The former Edna Tetzloff, as her sons shared in that obituary, married William Taber (born January,



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

1918 in Culver) in 1937. Bill's grandfather on his mother's side was longtime Culver physician Dr. B.W.S. Wiseman, whose home is marked as an historic site on south Main Street. His father, Frank Taber, had been chief assistant engineer at Culver Military Academy, and his sister, Mary Jane Scruggs (the other is Frances Ruth Geiselman), was Culver library director for years, making for a long-time library partnership with sister-in-law Edna.

Bill's well-known involvement in performing jazz music began when he formed his first band during the Great Depression, and continued virtually up to his death (I recall Edna bringing me Dixieland records from Bill's personal collection when I checked out some jazz and blues LPs from the library basement collection in the 1980s).

Edna, as many of us know, grew up on a farm near North Judson and was introduced to Bill on a blind date in 1941 before he enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served as a cook with the 558th Ordinance Company. He and Edna were



PHOTO/TABER FAMILY

Edna Tetzloff traveled to Logansport to facilitate this photo for future husband Bill in 1943.

married in 1945, after Edna took the train -- says their son Bill Jr. -- from Culver to Logansport in 1943 to have a portrait photo taken to send to him.

Photography, as it turned out, became a major part of the Tabers' lives. Edna assisted Bill, as described in her obituary, with his photography work: he shot hundreds of portraits of Culverites and others, many of which Edna hand-



PHOTO/TABER FAMILY

The Taber family in 1962 at their downtown Culver newsstand.

tinted. During my tenure at the library, Edna brought in a number of those photos which she hadn't identified in hopes of getting them into the hands of the people depicted. With many she succeeded, and several more remain "mystery photos" in hopes of identification at the library and on its website.

I recall Edna often bringing in some wonderful photo she'd unearthed -- perhaps of a baby playing with bubbles or a kitten, and in one instance of a lovely young woman in elegant dress which she smilingly identified as herself! -- and displaying it with deserved pride, describing her hand tinting of it or the circumstances of its being shot.

She was eternally proud of her husband and sons, describing accomplishments regularly at the library and remembering Bill's work

-- from his musical performances to his photography or business efforts -- long after his death and up to her own.

The Culver News Agency, of course, was operated by Bill and Edna starting in 1957 and concluding in the early 1980s. I can attest that my first Spider-man comic book was purchased there with glee, and I was terribly disappointed when it closed, even if I did enjoy the milkshakes at the Old Town restaurant which replaced it.

Edna started her 32-year tenure at the Culver library the year I was born, 1974, retiring in 2006 at age 86. Her sons are absolutely right (and stole some of my thunder!) as to the importance of Edna's work on the necrology file at the library, which is an invaluable resource to genealogists and historical researchers in the Culver area and beyond. I don't know exactly when she started the file or whether it was initially

her own idea or that of the librarian at the time, but she certainly became dedicated to it and was rightfully proud of it. I recall her copying and clipping obituaries out of the *Citizen* each week at its arrival and carefully adding them to that massive file (her work was taken up by her former co-worker Linda Johnston, who continues the job to this day at the library).

As mentioned, I ran into Edna regularly at my monthly talks at REAL Meals at the beach lodge, or when I was on hand there to cover something or for some other reason. In fact, it's very hard to imagine that group of folks without Edna, and her absence there will be so glaring. She so often had some input to a talk I was giving, a personal anecdote

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Name that Culver "citizen"



At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Chet Marshall, then and now. Below: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's Mystery Citizen stumped most readers, it appears. He was Chet Marshall, and the 'on the ball' hint referred to the annual basketball camp he spearheads at Culver Academies each August.

This week's Mystery Citizen descends from a very long-time family in the area, is well known to many, and works in area which may come in handy when trouble strikes.



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Edna Taber at her 2006 retirement from the Culver Public Library.

or connection to a photo or topic I was sharing, and I'd do my best to file away what she mentioned for future information and reference.

Knowing she was likely to be there (I can only recall once, off the top of my head, when she wasn't at REAL Meals for a talk I gave, in the course of five or six years of my visits there), I would often choose a photo Bill took to illustrate a topic, or use a wonderful photo she loaned me of the entire family one Christmas at the newsstand if the opportunity ever arose. This was as well received by

the audience at large as it was by Edna.

In the week since her passing, I've often reflected it's hard to imagine Edna Taber is gone, hard to imagine her house without her in it, and hard to imagine the Culver community without her quiet presence, smile, and abrupt though subdued laughter. I realized, since she passed away, how much a part of my own Culver experience since childhood Edna Taber has been, a sort of omnipresence from my earliest memories.

At Edna's funeral, Wesley United Methodist Church (where she was a longtime, faithful member) pastor Larry Saunders reflected on the simplicity of Edna's life and times, to which I'd add the quiet. Edna and family quietly affected and enhanced the Culver community for decades, and we're all quietly the better for their being among us.

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town under (those communities') ordinances," Bean explains. Before the July

driving the carts.)"

Creating some confusion (and admittedly, frustra-

have purchased tags from the town of Culver for legal golf cart use this year and in years past.

Those people, Bean says, are still perfectly legal for in-town driving, "but anything outside of town applies under state statute. People coming from East Shore, for example, if it's inside town, can use (golf carts). People have been stopped (by police) who have the tag, but (the golf cart) ordinance only applies to town."

A different story altogether, notes Bean, are golf cart drivers who have not purchased town tags at all, or whose car usage doesn't comply with the town ordinance in terms of mirrors, lights (golf carts must display a red or amber

flashing light at times when headlamps are necessary for other motor vehicles), number of persons on board (which is limited by the intended number of passengers for which the golf cart is built). Some residents appear not to have read the rules of golf cart usage, Bean indicates, which are handed out at the purchase of the \$25 cart registration at Culver's town hall. He also says some specific issues regarding golf cart usage will likely be addressed via ordinance in the near future.

For now, legally registered golf cart users in the area outside Culver's town limits can use their golf carts in town...they just may have some trouble getting them here.

The complete Culver golf cart ordinance may be read online via the town's website at www.townofculver.org. The state law concerning golf cart usage is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2009/HE/HE1483.1.html



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The popularity of golf carts in Culver even led to a new entry in this year's Lakefest parade: a golf cart decorating contest. Pictured above is Dean Norwich's Purdue themed cart.

If law was passed, he says, "In some parts of Indiana, county officers were ticketing people in town (for

tion) locally is the fact that many residents with a Culver address who actually reside in Union Township

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Culver and Union Township at the fair

Scenes and results of local participants in the 2009 Marshall County 4H Fair, held July 12-18 in Argos



PHOTO/STEVE STURMAN

ABOVE: Kaitlynn Miller received three blue ribbons in "lead line" classes at the fair. She is pictured here with her mother, Michelle Miller, an employee at Culver Academies. The Millers live east of Argos.



PHOTO SUBMITTED LEFT: Winners in the Marshall County 4-H Fair tractor pull are pictured.

LEFT PHOTO: In the 66 to 90 pounds of weight (left to right): Matthew Cole, Culver, third place, pulled 28.5 pounds; Logan Cripe, Plymouth, first place, pulled 30 pounds, and Rece Williamson, Bourbon, second place, pulled 26 pounds 11 ounces. Nine contestants competed in this weight category. RIGHT PHOTO: In the 0 to 45 pounds of weight (left to right): Luke Widner, Monterey, second place, pulled 29 pounds, 4 ounces; Douglas Fishburn, Argos, first place, pulled 29 pounds, 7.5 ounces; McKenzie Wireman, Knox, third place, pulled 29 pounds, eight ounces. Sixteen contestants competed for top honors.



PHOTO SUBMITTED LEFT: Terry Burks (at left), Judge, from Bowling Green, Kentucky, selected the Champion Dorset exhibited by Kaitlyn Verhaeghe, Walnut Township, as the Supreme Ewe in the Sheep Show. Kaitlyn, a ten-year 4-H member, was named Master Sheep Showman with this ewe.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

ABOVE: Poultry winners at the fair included, front row, left to right: Cora Dodge, Union Twp., Champion Wild Game; Aaron Parker, Polk Twp., Champion Guineas; Bryce Swihart, Bourbon Twp., Senior Showmanship. Back row: Logan Jones, North Twp., Champion Geese; Cassie Irons, Tippecanoe Twp., Champion Turkeys and Junior Showmanship; Blake Lemler, Bourbon Twp., Champion Meat Chickens; Bethany Lemler, Bourbon Twp., Champion Ducks; Jessica Smith, Union Twp., Champion Commercial Bird and Champion Exhibition Bird.



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Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Calf was exhibited by Russell Temme, Union Twp. Zachary Temme, enjoys the winning moment with his brother.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BELOW: Reserve Grand Champion and Champion Duroc Market Barrow, shown by Tanner Hoffman, Union Twp., (left to right) Tanner and Vince, father.

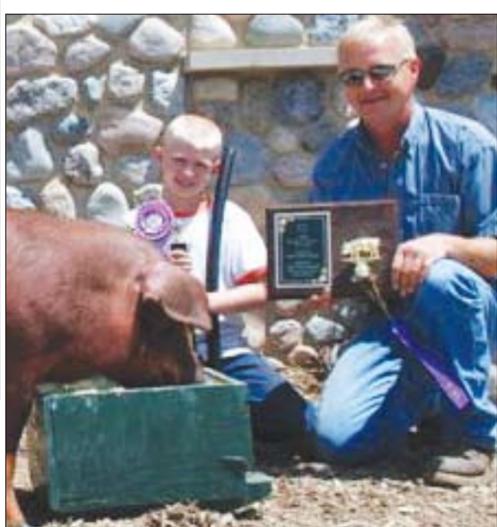


PHOTO SUBMITTED RIGHT: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs (left to right): Jaclyn Bauer, Union Township, with her Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb; Kaitlyn Verhaeghe, Walnut Township, with her Grand Champion Market Lamb.



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ABOVE: Supreme Champion Beef Female Tanner Hoffman, Union Township, and his Champion Maine Anjou heifer went to the top by winning the Supreme Beef Female at the Marshall County 4-H Fair. Tanner said the win was one he had been hoping for. Tanner has watched his heifer grow up from the day she was born on their Culver farm. In the photo, left to right: Cash Wolf, Kagny Hoffmann, cousin, Tanner Hoffman and Katie Hoffman, sister.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

ABOVE: Vince and Michele Hoffman with the three animals they raised which were prize winners at the fair.

Front row from left: Supreme Heifer, Tanner Hoffman; Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Matthew Hollar; Grand Champion Steer, Logan Cripe. Second row: Michele and Vince Hoffman.

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LEFT: Marshall County Open Class Lemon Bake-A-Rama winners Lemon Coconut Layer Cake with Raspberry Filling Takes Top Prize in Lemon Bake-A-Rama, (from left) Ann Bradley, Argos, first place with cookies; Beverly Thompson, Argos, first place with quick bread and muffins; Linda Stevens, Bourbon, champion and first place with cakes; Phyllis Schoonover, Culver, reserve champion and first place with pies and Sue Drake, Plymouth, first place with bars.

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10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no fee for the exhibit.

Wesley community picnic, auction return

Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church invites the community to the church's community picnic and auction Sunday, August 9 at the depot-train station at the town park. The picnic itself will 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., while a host of homemade pies, four box seats to a Cubs vs. Mets game August 30, flowers for a year from Elizabeth's Garden, dinner at the Pinder's home, pie a month for six months, wall quilt, water color prints of the former Pinder's restaurant and the Maxinkuckee, Warner Williams figurines, and many more special items will go up for auction starting at 12:30 p.m. Donations for the food pantry will be welcome for the meal, and activities for children will be provided. Those with questions may call the church at 574-842-2900.

Culver tennis tournament August 8, 9

The Culver Invitational Tennis Tournament will be

held at the Academies' tennis courts and invites all interested tennis players to join us for this friendly community competition. The tournament is for beginner intermediate and advanced players, age 15 and up. The fee is \$10 per player. Play on Saturday, August 8 is for women's doubles, women's singles, men's doubles and men's singles. It's mixed doubles Sunday, August 9, and trophies are presented. The "Friends of Tennis" provide Wimbledon style blueberries and cream and the awards pot luck dinner is a great way to recap the highlights of the weekend. If interested visit the event website at www.culvertennis.com or contact Jodie Schroeder at 574-842-3940 or jodieschroee@aol.com

Lake Maxinkuckee Association to meet

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, August 8, at 10 a.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library's lower level meeting room.

Free computer class-

es at Culver Public Library

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer a summer session of computer classes for beginners. The classes last four weeks and cover basic operation of a computer, using the Internet, and E-Mail. Classes are scheduled for Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m.; each class session lasts two hours. For details, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit its website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

EMS open house to celebrate anniversary

The Culver-Union Twp. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will hold a 30th anniversary open house Sunday, August 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the EMS garage on Lake Street. There will be a display of equipment from years past, as well as current equipment used, pictures and articles showing some of the history of the service. Tours of the current building and the ambulances will be available to the public, and re-

freshments will be served. The public is encouraged to attend.

Culver Community Schools' registration, opening

Culver Elementary School (Gr. K-6) registration will take place Wednesday, August 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.; Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, August 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. (the office will be closed after 11). Monterey Elementary School will take place Wednesday, August 5, from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.; Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, August 7, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Middle school (grades 7 to 8) registration will be in the Middle School entry way Tuesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 12 from 8 to 11 a.m., noon to 4 p.m., and 5 to 8 p.m. The Middle School office will be closed Friday, August 14.

High school (grades 9 to 12) registration will be in the High School Bookstore Tuesday, August 11 and Wednesday, August 12

from 8 to 11 a.m., noon to 4 p.m., and 5 to 8 p.m. The High School office will be closed Friday, August 14.

Culver Community Schools' first full student day of school will take place Tuesday, August 18 (teachers' first full day is Monday, August 17).

This and more information can be found at the school corporation's web site, www.culver.k12.in.us.

Cubmaster needed

Culver's Cub Scout Troop 290 is seeking a Cubmaster for the next scout program year. Any interested persons are encouraged to contact Chuck Dilts at 574-842-4432 or 574-216-5042.

Book and film group meets August 5

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's monthly program, "A Novel Approach," will take place Wednesday, August 5 at 12:15 p.m. The book, "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier, will be discussed and the movie of the same title screened at the library. The book club meets at the library's large meeting room, located downstairs by the computer lab. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program; the library will provide coffee and tea. Questions may be directed to the library at 574-842-2941. Information about upcoming programs is available on the library website at www.culver.lib.in.us.

Wesley preschool registration

Wesley Preschool, a non-denominational preschool, has openings in its senior and junior year program. Seniors must be age four by Aug. 1 and juniors age three by Aug. 1. Wesley helps ease the transition for children to begin kindergarten by starting them in its exceptional preschool. Call Jennifer Luttrell, Director, at (574) 250-3852.

Culver Basketball Skill Camp

There is still time to register for the Culver Basketball Skill Camp, to be held August 9-13. Camp includes nearly eight hours daily of instruction, t-shirt, camp ball, camper evaluation, meals, swimming and lots of fun. Call Chet Marshall 574-842-8072 or email marshac@culver.org to sign up or for more information. Group and family discounts are available.

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.

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Lake Fest 2009 winners announced

Winners from the 2009 Culver Lake Fest's various competitions are listed below.

Car show winners

Best of show: Brooks Gordon, 1964 98 Oldsmobile; Best Hot Rod: Steve Harper, 1932 Ford with 327 engine; Miss Maxinkuckee's choice: Dannie Hoffer, 1952 Chevy Belair; Best Dodge: Lou Gorden, 1973 Dodge Duster; Police Chief's Choice: John and Jackie Briney, 1964 Chevy Impala; Indiana National Guard Choice: Dave Adams, 1970 MG-B; People's choice: Denny Nichols, 1932 Ford with Chevy engine; Judges' choice number one: Lyle Hoffer, 1956 Dodge pickup Lil Big Horn engine Detroit 3-53; Judges' Choice number two: Judy and Buzz Rogers, 2004 Mach I Mustang; Judges' Choice number three: Brooks Gordon, 1964 Oldsmobile 98; Best Antique Car: Frank Adamier, 1940 Ford truck; Best Chevy: Jim Hall, 1969 Camaro; Best Ford: Randy Malott Galaxie 500.

2009 golf cart decorating contest winners: Best use



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Hailey Parker -- of the Muehlhausen family of Culver -- was grand champion in the festival's turtle races.

of theme: "Starry Starry Night," Elizabeth Holway and Karen Brown. Judges' Choice: Patriotic theme, Sarah Wilson. Judges' choice: "Santa 'the Star' on Vacation on Maxinkuckee," Susan Becker.

Parade results

Best float: Culver Vacation Bible School, Ron and Cara Lewellen. Best equestrian: Culver Academies girls mounted unit, Sarah Wolff. Best antique: 1931 Ford truck, Jack and Sandra Keyser. Best marching unit: Culver Academies girls honor guard, Sarah Wolff. Best music, marching unit: Culver Community High School band, Jason Crittendon. Best use of theme: Culver Vacation Bible School, Ron and Cara Lewellen. Most unique: Grace United Church of Christ, Robin S. Keating. Best unit overall: Culver Vacation Bible School, Ron and Cara Lewellen.

Games winners

Ping Pong: ages 8-12: Tyler Saper; 13-16: Conner Hawk; 17 and up: Noah Gedrinas
Limbo: ages 7-11: Brian Enochs; 12-16: Maddie Kinsella; 17 and up: Alex Hnatusko
Tube race: first: Maija Bonebrake; second: Katie

Shapiro; third: Will Shanahan

Penny Find: Age three: Brandon Cole; age four: Cooper Darovic; age five: Makayla Coburn.

Watermelon eating contest: ages 6-8: Loren Remakel; 9-12: Sandra Valdes, Gavin Eads; 13-16: Justin Croy; 17 and up: Scott Remakel

Turtle race: ages 4-7: Grant Turpine; 8-11: Andrew Barkley; 12-16: Hailey Parker

17 and up: Jeff Costin. Grand Champion: Hailey Parker

Frog jumping contest: ages 4-7: Elly Kiran; 8-11: Brooke Kiran; 12-16: Max Nikolai

17 and up: Scott Kiran. Grand champion: Scott Kiran

Sidewalk sketching contest: ages 5-7: Zackary Jones; 8-10: Sandra Valdez; 11-13: Brianna Robertson, Valerie Jones; 14 and up: Stacy Scruggs

Sand sculpture: first: Ashley Jones and team; second: Anna Crowley; third: Derek Hill

Dehning, Pinder part of leadership program

Culver's C.J. Dehning recently attended the Indiana Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar. Dehning joined more than 150 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Indiana June 11 through 14 at Butler University in Indianapolis.



C.J. Dehning, left, and Myles Pinder.

CCHS student Myles Pinder, son of Ed and Peg Pinder. Pinder has attended in years past and enjoyed the experience enough to return as a leader.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores from public and private high schools to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about critical issues while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.hobyindiana.org

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The secret life of (Culver) bees

Workers – including Estill Rice of Culver Academies' Facilities department – work to remove two large colonies of 60,000 to 80,000 honeybees from the South Barracks building on the Academies campus. Rice, a veteran staff member of 28 years at the school, says students began finding bees in various rooms in the barracks from time to time, with the problem growing as spring hit. Around the close of school in June and after it was determined the bees were nesting inside



part of the building, a construction company was brought in to remove bricks and allow Rice and a local beekeeper access to the bees (Academies staff and faculty were warned to keep their distance). The columns inside the portion of the building shown above acted as "a big honeycomb," Rice explained.

Rice, a beekeeper himself, took "a nice colony" of the bees home after the procedure, which netted him just a few stings, he says.

Library board eyes state audit options

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Discussion was raised once again among Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board members regarding an expected audit by Indiana's State Board of Accounts in the near future, after an April resolution by the board to "take no action with regards to compliance

or non-compliance" until a completed audit has been received.

Board member Carol Saft raised the issue at the library's July 21 meeting, saying she has "a concern" as to the length of time it's taking for the audit – which typically occurs every two years and was expected to commence this summer –

to begin and whether the board should take steps to alert the state as to concerns on the part of the board pertaining to past occurrences at the library.

Library director Colleen McCarty said several Indiana libraries are presently overdue for audits. The state board is said to be short-staffed, she said, add-

ing other libraries haven't heard anything as to their audits either.

"I understand that," replied Saft, "but we need to let them know we have a major concern here that needs to be addressed, and could we be moved up on the list...I think it's time we face it."

Saft, who raised objections to the original resolution earlier this year that the library take no action, also responded to board member Rita Lawson's assertion that the state board typically does not give warning of an audit, saying she felt the board should no longer wait to see what happens, but take action.

Initially, McCarty suggested the board's following through on Saft's request might require a new resolution. After rereading the April resolution, however, the director noted its language does not address

asking for an audit as Saft suggested. McCarty said she would call the state board seeking information as to audit scheduling and whether the Culver library could be expedited in the procedure.

The board also introduced its newest member, Joyce Greeson, recently appointed and sworn in by the Marshall County Commissioners and taking the board position formerly occupied by Alfred Nyby. Greeson was also added to the board's ad hoc finance committee.

Board treasurer Lawson discussed a salary increase for library technical head Andrew Baker, an employee since 2006. "He's very good at what he does and is very important to us, and still is getting paid at a lower salary than he really earns," said Lawson. "We would like to raise his salary to bring it up to where

it should be."

Saft agreed Baker has been underpaid for the knowledge he brings to his position, which includes design and maintenance of the library's website, maintenance of the library's IT network and public as well as staff computers, and computer instruction for the public. The board voted to increase Baker's salary to \$12 per hour.

McCarty reported to the board on a number of items, including the return to the children's area of children's assistant Alison Gaskill and shifting of two temporary children's staff members to the adult circulation desk to replace two clerks leaving for college next month.

McCarty also said the library was awarded a "The Big Read" community grant with information on

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St. Mary's parish festival, end-of-month meal upcoming

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church's annual parish festival kicks off Friday, August 1 at 2 p.m. with a golf outing at Mystic Hills golf course in Culver. A 7:15 p.m. Vigil Mass at the church itself will be followed by casino night in the church basement.

The annual parish picnic -- following the 5:30 p.m. Mass at the church Saturday, August 15 -- will coincide with the church's annual silent auction and raffle drawing. A number of items and prizes will be available during the auction, including a cruise on the Ledbetter boat, delicious foods, event tickets, and more. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased from any member of the church.

The following morning, Sunday, August 16, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass will be a pancake and sausage breakfast in the church basement.

The public is invited to all events, and proceeds go to support St. Mary's daycare ministry.

A new offering by the church is its end-of-month community meal, which begins August 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners and the church's Ladies Society (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal).

St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Library hosts Kenney's rag doll making

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host Marizetta Kenney and her rolled rag doll-making class Saturday, August 1, at 2:30 p.m. as part of its Adult Summer Reading program "Master the Art of Reading."

Kenney's grandmother, who was born in 1860 and lived to the age of 99, taught her to make these rag dolls when she was 7. While Kenney will be providing embroidery floss and colored pencils, participants will need to bring their own:

- * needle, scissors, thread
- * 1/4 yd. white cotton material
- * 1/4 yd. print material for clothing
- * yarn for hair

Five of Kenney's own dolls, made by her grandmother, are on display in



the glass case on the main floor of the Library. Come and see this delightful folk art, and start a tradition in your family too! Join us and learn how to make these dolls, which will surely delight young and old alike.

For more information call Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail staff@culver.lib.in.us.

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related programs available on the library's website, and a short summer session of computer classes has been added to the library's schedule with good attendance so far. The board resolved to establish a "The Big Read" fund for close tracking of accounting, due to the federal funding of the program.

Culver is the 51st library in Indiana to adopt the Evergreen circulation system, McCarty said of the board's official decision at a previous meeting to transition to the system, making it part of a consortium sponsored by the Indiana State Library which will greatly increase item availability and ease of use for local patrons. November 1 is the library's tentative "go live" date with the new system.

The recent death of Edna Taber, who served the library as an employee for more

than three decades ending in 2007 was discussed, with McCarty suggesting donations be taken among staff and board members to do something in Taber's honor, pending investigation of the family's preferences.

McCarty also said it was expected the library would publish its 2010 budget August 21, with discussion of the budget planned for the board's August 18 meeting.

Several changes to the library's policy manual were made in the wake of extended examination of the manual in meetings of the board's policy committee. The board agreed to remove a policy change from previous years forbidding the director hiring more than one person from the same family, a matter discussed at the previous month's meeting after board president Jim Hahn asked for more time to consider the change. At the July 21 meeting, Hahn said he had no problem with the change.

Other policy changes related to staffing, eligibility for benefits, employee holiday and leave time, and a change in weather-related library closings. The board reversed a policy enacted in recent years to follow Culver Community Schools' weather-related closing schedule, instead opting from now on to allow the library director and board president to decide when bad weather merits a library closing.

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