



## In Brief

### 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 home-made pies and other 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](http://www.culvertennis.com) or contact Jodie Schroeder at 574-842-3940 or [jodieschroe@aol.com](mailto:jodieschroe@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.

### Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

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

### Free computer classes at Culver Public Library

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## Goodbye to another summer at Culver camps

Students from all over the world will graduate from Culver Academies summer camps this year, rounding out another summer of more than a century of beloved traditions such as those pictured above. TOP LEFT: Woodcraft campers Mary McKinnis (left), daughter of Scot and Nancy McKinnis of Culver, and Caitlyn Cowell, daughter of Dan and Julie Cowell of Culver, pause during preparations for the popular, Saturday night Council Fire dance and performance earlier this summer. LOWER LEFT: Camper Lucy Battersby, daughter of Richard and Katherine Battersby of Culver, costuming up for the Council Fire. LOWER RIGHT: Amber Cowell -- sister of Caitlyn pictured above -- leads her unit at another longstanding Culver tradition, the Sunday evening Garrison parade.

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# Thirty years of saving lives

## A look back as Culver's first EMS service observes milestone this weekend

### Part 1 of 2

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

What began with Culver's only certified EMT over three decades ago (the late Art Birk, who passed away in July) has evolved into a life-saving emergency services department on which Culverites have depended for thirty years this month.

The Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Services (CUTEMS) celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this weekend with a combination open house, reunion,

historical tour, and celebration at the ambulance garage and offices added to Culver's town hall to house its newest emergency department. And all of it started with a lone ambulance run out of Culver's funeral home, a practice common in many American communities going back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

According to Sally Ricciardi, the longest-continuing EMS member (she joined at the department's launch in August, 1979, at the prodding of then-clerk treasurer -- and cousin -- Marizetta Kenney), Jim Bonine of the Bonine Funeral

Home in Culver was one of the few such ambulance drivers to carry backboards and oxygen in his station wagon ambulance. "Basically you'd go to the scene and give first aid," she says of the pre-CUTEMS days, "and run to the hospital and hope the patient survived."

Pat Birk, a longtime dispatcher for Culver's EMS, says husband Art took a national EMT certification class in South Bend in the early 1970s, going to work for Bonine in 1973 assisting with maintenance of the ambulance as well as on ambulance runs. Art was later grandfathered in to

Indiana certification since Indiana had no EMT certification when he'd taken the nationals class in South Bend.

"Those first few years," Pat Birk explains, "you didn't go anywhere without telling anybody how long you'd be gone and how far you'd go without turning back. One time on the way to my sister's in Dayton, we turned around and came back. So many times -- birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions -- we'd take as a family, and dad would go off on an ambulance run."

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### CUTEMS anniversary open house

The Culver-Union Twp. Emergency Medical Services will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year this Sunday, August 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the ambulance garage, located on the east end of Culver's town hall on Washington Street. Past and present members will be on hand as well as images and historical information about the history of the EMS. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.



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## Swimming the Maxinkuckee - take two

Sharyl Welsh, far right, swam the 2.6 miles July 23 from the south shore of Lake Maxinkuckee to the town park -- for the second time. Welsh, who first made the same swim in 1969 or 1971, she says, has been swimming a few miles at a time in a pool to train, and completes her second Maxinkuckee swim at age 61. Welsh, a Bloomington, Ind., resident and daughter of current Culver resident Larry Welsh, was joined by her nephew, Jeremy Hardy of Tuscon, Arizona (a Plymouth High School graduate, far left) and his nephew Ben Shortt (in red trunks) and his friend John Hamilton, both age 15 and members of the swim team in Plymouth. Shortt and Hamilton completed the swim in one hour, 55 minutes, while Welsh and Hardy finished in two hours, 23 minutes. The swimmers had family spotters alongside in boats.

## Holocaust survivor recalls to Culver audience his 'six years of hell'

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

When World War II Holocaust survivor (and former Hoosier) Abe Price apologized to his Culver audience for becoming a bit emotional when speaking of his "six years in hell" during the Nazi occupation of Poland, someone in the audience of Culver Kiwanians remarked everyone in the room had been emotional listening to him as well.

Price, whose son Herb is a Logansport optometrist and facilitated Price's July 23 visit in conjunction with Culver Kiwanian Dick Swennumson, riveted his listeners in describing his harrowing journey from junior high school at age 16 in 1939 Poland -- when the Nazis invaded that country -- to his eventual home in Indiana.

Crediting the Danish and Swedish peoples for assisting many Jews during and following the Holocaust, Price said he felt the complicity of so many Europeans in such widespread genocide rested in a long pattern of anti-Semitism in European Christianity, which he said differed from American Christianity which he felt was "spreading love" since its arrival here. He thanked the many "righteous Gentiles" who helped save thousands of potential Jewish victims of Nazi atrocities.

"As a sophomore in high school I had to read a novel called 'The Dream'... about a poor university student who was always hungry and dreaming of a dinner," Price said. "I had everything I needed; it was provided by my parents. It didn't make sense to me -- I wasn't hungry."

That changed over the ensuing six years, as the Nazi Gestapo confiscated Price's parents' business, forced his and other Jewish families in the area from their homes, forced them to wear the Jewish Star of David, and transported many to slave labor camps. Price himself escaped after 11 weeks and headed home, but in spring, 1941, was taken to work at a stone quarry from which he also escaped. Over 28,000 people were forced into the slums of the city to live in a Jewish ghetto, many dying from Typhus and starvation. Price said more than 1,400 people were murdered during deportations from the area, with pregnant women, the very old, sick, babies, and children used as target practice for Nazi soldiers.

He also described a "humiliating" ride in cattle cars for two to three days and nights during which many suffocated and the cars

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Jim Bonine, left, of the Bonine funeral home, hands the keys to Culver’s past ambulance over to Jean Williams, then of the Culver town board, as Susan Flora of the EMS looks on, in October, 1979. The ambulance pictured was used as a backup until the service bought its second rig two years later.

lance run and we wouldn’t see him.”

Then, says Ricciardi, a major push across Indiana and beyond came into play in the mid-1970s to shift away from funeral home-based ambulance service and transition to local EMS services, with grants offered through the state to fund purchase of initial ambulances and equipment. In February, 1974, then-Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen signed legislation establishing emergency medical services in Indiana.

In Culver and Union Township, a board of trustees with representatives from the town and township advisory boards

Ricciardi notes. These continued out of the funeral home as plans progressed for a dedicated space for the as-yet officially unformed group.

Ten new EMTs graduated in 1977 from a new round of classes, followed shortly by another 13 in April, 1978, leaving a pool of trained EMTs including Marcia Combs, Sharon Coffee, Helen Osborn, Phil Mallory, Dwight Noble, Winifred Joice, Susan Flora, Peg Lewis, Jack Easterday, Fred Lane, and Ray Walmouth. Early classes were held at Culver Academies, recall Birk and Ricciardi, as there was then no other place to hold them.



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Sally Ricciardi, CUTEMS’ longest continuing member, in 1979 at the services’ outset.

was formed in 1976 as a governing advisory board to establish Culver’s first EMS ambulance service. The group, Ricciardi says, included Ron Gleason, Phil Mallory, Dave Baker, A. Coke Smith, Helen Overmyer, and chairman Jack Keldenich. The state of Indiana established its own Emergency Medical Services Commission as a support group for municipalities like Culver first getting out of the EMS gate.

With Birk as the pioneer, a second wave of certified EMTs followed including Jim Bonine himself, Larry Norman, and Tom Walker, all likely certified in 1975,

One early force behind the effort, recalls Birk, was Jack Easterday, who not only helped facilitate the service, but drew up and donated plans for the proposed ambulance garage and helped facilitate the purchase of the ambulance itself.

“They had let bids for the first vehicle,” recalls Pat Birk, “and Superior Coach out of Ohio won, and they wanted to know if we wanted to inspect the ambulance while it was being built. Jack Easterday was really hot to go. Jack said, ‘I’ll fly you over!’ He flew (Art and me) and Win Joice over to Ohio and St. Paul, Minne-

sota and we watched them do (various stages) of construction, such as building in the cabinets and storage areas in the back.”

The ambulance itself was paid for largely by a major grant, says Ricciardi, but the construction of the ambulance garage and equipment and other costs was “definitely a community effort.

“We did a lot of fund-raising: car washes and bake sales, that sort of thing. The garage was built with all volunteer labor and donated materials, plus some materials at cost, and some

of it was purchased through donations from people in town to help build the garage... they had bricklayers that donated their time and mortar and what-not. There was a massive list of people who helped: electricians that helped wire, and dry-wallers.”

Culver’s first ambulance arrived in August, 1979, and the garage finished in December of that same year (the rig was housed in the present fire station during the interim). The department’s new meeting room and office area weren’t finished until 1980,

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“became our torture chambers.”

There were six extermination camps established by Germany in Poland, where Price said many non-Jewish Poles “would trade for one pound of sugar their Jewish neighbors.”

Price made special mention of the millions of “beautiful children murdered without pity” during the Holocaust and their

eral different locales during those years, returned to a woodworking factory he had fled and receiving severe beatings for his efforts, but thankful to be among those few escapees not hanged at the factory, something he witnessed repeatedly.

With the Soviet army breathing down their necks, the Nazis took Price and others on a death march

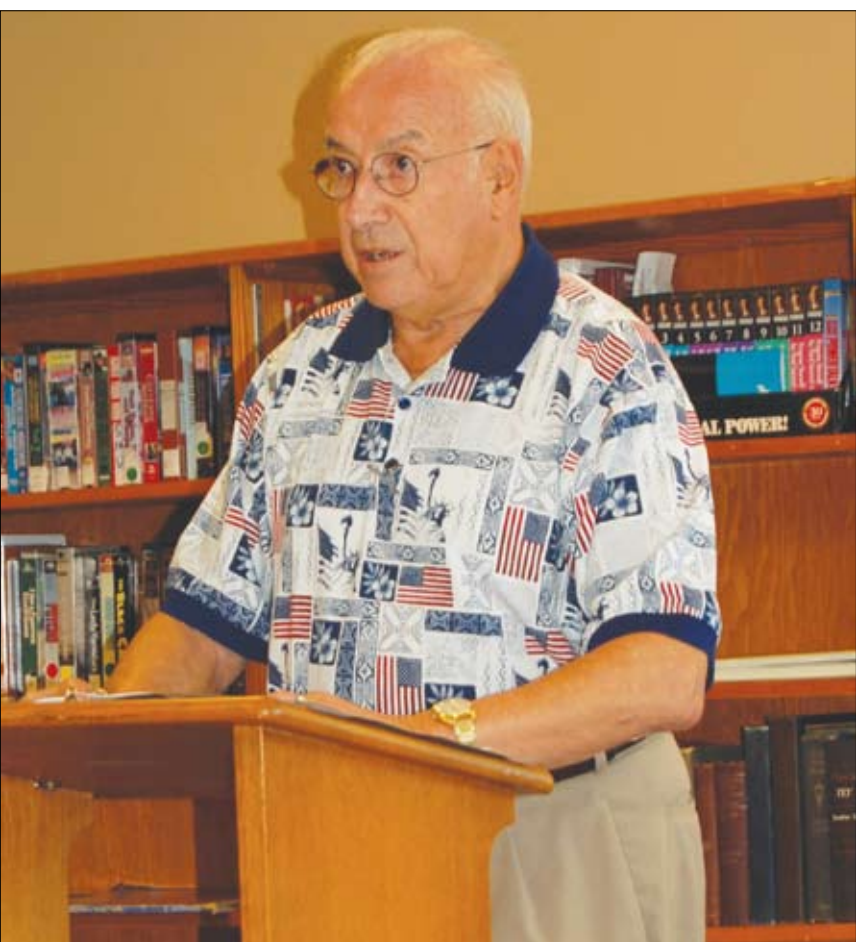
says Ricciardi. Birk recalls she and Art, on the night of their wedding anniversary, alongside other members of the new service, sprinkling talcum powder on the floor of the new meeting room with carpet installer Larry Boetsma to get the carpet to lay.

The service consisted then of certified EMTs and drivers, the latter of which Ricciradi signed on as the same month in 1979 the ambulance arrived.

“We all went down and looked at the ambulance (when it first arrived) and took it for a drive around the

high school parking lot. On August 1, we started going out on ambulance runs. The first run I went on, I hadn’t actually driven the ambulance ‘til the day I climbed in on my first run! It was a cave-in where a concrete slab had caved in on a person. It was definitely on the job training! They had brought in six to ten drivers to drive the ambulance so the EMTs would be able to help people in the back.”

***The conclusion of this article will appear in next week’s edition of the Citizen.***



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Abe Price shared his memories of the Holocaust with Culver’s Kiwanis club recently.

courage and strength, adding he himself wished his parents had given him a gun for his birthday instead of a book.

“Our Gentile neighbors went about their daily lives,” he added, “insensitive and indifferent to our suffering and misfortune. I survived in order to be a witness to the Nazi crimes; my guardian angel worked double time!”

Price escaped and attempted escape from sev-

in January of 1945, after which he again escaped alongside a friend, hiding for five days with no food or drink in a barn near a small village. They were eventually taken in and fed by an older woman and her two married daughters, finally winding up at the farm of a polish farmer reclaiming his own land from the Nazis before being liberated by the Soviet army a few days later. Price, who acknowledged the Soviet gov-

warmly embraced by the Statue of Liberty,” recalled Price. “She had tears streaming down her face!”

Two sponsors in Goshen, Indiana, ensured a place for the couple there, and within three days of their 1951 arrival with their five year old son, Abe had a job in a commercial bakery. Two more sons were born in Goshen before the Price family moved to South Bend where Abe studied English at Indiana Univer-

lived with her parents and sister, and the two decided to get married after knowing each other just two weeks.

The couple hoped to immigrate to Israel, but were blocked by the British government, so the Prices lived alternately in Italy and Germany, making preparations to move to the United States.

“We were warmly embraced by the Statue of Liberty,” recalled Price. “She had tears streaming down her face!”

sity South Bend to improve his linguistic skills (he now speaks eight languages total) and where he managed a shoe store for 24 years and men’s clothing store for three more. “Now I live in God’s country in Naples, Florida,” joked Price.

In both South Bend and Florida, Price spoke to countless schools, churches, and private clubs about his Holocaust experience. His lecture to a middle school in the nearby city of Golden Gate led to students there creating posters in their classrooms, which eventually formed the basis of the Holocaust Museum in Naples, which Abe’s son Herb told the audience “may be the only museum created by middle school students; it evolved into what it is now: a beautiful museum.”

Abe Price, in fact, was contacted by Steven Spielberg during the movie director’s research for his acclaimed film, “Schindler’s List.” Price published a book about his experiences twelve years ago, he said, and is working on a second one with “many secrets” pertaining to an underground organization hunting high office Nazis, chiefs of police, and Gestapo generals from the war, an endeavor his wife convinced him to leave behind.

Price and his wife, he explained, decided not to tell their children about their Holocaust experiences until their sons were in high school. “We didn’t want them to hate the world. I don’t talk to young children; only to high school and middle school students.

“We worked hard, my wife and I,” he added. “We sent three sons to college and one is an eye doctor, one is an attorney, and one an orthodontist...our success story could only happen in the United States.”

Price’s sons, he noted, all lecture students about the Holocaust, and Abe and his wife sing “God Bless America” daily “as a token of our gratitude.

“I can’t forget and will not forgive the Nazi killers for what they did to my loved ones and people. The wound won’t close until death closes it over.”

And, he said, while there’s room for improvement in America, “People don’t know how good they have it here, and how wonderful a country this is.”

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Obituary

J. C. Beck

October 17, 1914 - August 1, 2009

Lifelong Culver resident J.C. Beck, formerly a custodian at the State Exchange Bank, passed away Saturday, August 1 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. He was 94 years old.

A softspoken family man with four children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, J.C. entertained his family by playing guitar and singing old-time country and gospel favorites. A strong role model, J.C. dedicated himself to his family, exemplifying the values of love, honesty, and commitment.

J.C., son of Jacob and Luttie Beck, was born October 17, 1914, in Monterey. During World War II, J.C. served his country stateside, carpooling each day

to the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant near LaPorte.

J.C. married Olive Johnson in 1944, and followed his wartime service working at the Studebaker and Bendix plants in South Bend. J.C. joined the staff of the State Exchange Bank of Culver in 1955, working in the maintenance department until his retirement in 1979. He continued working part-time at Maxinkuckee Home Supply of Culver until his 75th birthday in 1989. J.C. was a member of Grace United Church of Christ of Culver



Janet Beck Baker of Culver, son Terry Beck (Marcia) of Defiance, OH, and son Tim Beck (Vickie) of Valparaiso. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Don Baker (Janet Halling) of Culver, Megan Beck of Crestview, FL, Heath Beck of Port Hu-

ron, MI, Julie Scott (Tony) of Delong, and Kim VanSpeybroeck of Leisters Ford. He had one great-grandson, Graham Baker of Culver.

J.C. was preceded in death by his son Alan Beck who passed away in an auto accident in 1958.

A time of visitation with the family will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4 at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. Rev. Robin Keating will officiate the services at 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Glaucoma Association of to Grace United Church of Christ. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.boni-

Wedding

Bell-Blubaugh



Kelsey Blubaugh and Katherine Bell were united in marriage May 23, 2009 at the Bloomington Convention Center in Bloomington at 5 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Moore performed the double ring ceremony.

Kelsey wore a diamond white taffeta gown by Casa-blanca Bridal. The strapless gown featured a crisscross v-neckline. The roused fabric continued down into a dropped waistline. Crystals and beading accented under the bodice and followed the

top of the gown to a deep v-back. The gown featured a cathedral length train. The veil by Malis

Henderson was cathedral length English netting with a silver pencil edging that featured crystals that added sparkle to the train. The bride carried a hand tied bouquet of roses, gardenias, peonies and stephanotis.

The matron of honor was Danielle Gantz of Plymouth, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Kayla Kusmierz of Minneapolis, Minn., Kelly Gretencord of Indianapolis, Kelsey Beatty of Plymouth, Christi Chaney of Indianapolis, Trisha Luebcke of Orlando, Fla. and Devin Kindt of Chicago, Ill., all friends of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore celadon satin strapless cocktail length dresses.

The best men were Kyle Bell of Yorktown and Ben Bell of Anderson, brothers of the groom. The groomsmen were Matt Gantz of Plymouth, brother-in-law of the bride; Mason Buck of Hendersonville, Tenn., friend of the groom; Dru Davis of Pendleton, friend of the groom; Nate Setser of Winona Lake, friend of the groom; and Brent Viers of Bourbon, brother-in-law of the groom.

The flower girl was Tynley Gantz of Plymouth, niece of the bride.

The bell ringers were Alyxa, Abbey, Addyson and Avery Viers of Bourbon, nieces of the groom.

Readings were done by Jamey Viers of Bourbon and Tracey Bell of Bourbon, sisters of the groom.

Approximately 200 people attended the reception held at Bloomington Convention Center in Bloomington.

The bride's parents are Mark and Darlene Blubaugh of Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth High School and received an undergraduate degree from Indiana University. She is currently a fourth year student in The School of Optometry at Indiana University.

The groom's parents are Don and Becky Bell of Bourbon. He graduated from Triton High School and Ball State University. He works as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

They now reside in Bloomington.

Zurbrugg graduates from Kenyon college

GAMBIER, Ohio-- Lauren E. Zurbrugg, daughter of Anton and Cathy Zurbrugg of culver, received the bachelor of arts degree at the one hundred and eighty-first commencement of Kenyon College Saturday, May 16. Zurbrugg graduated magna cum laude with a major in sociology. She also earned membership in Kenyon's chapter of Sigma Xi, a national scientific research society. Zurbrugg will begin a doctoral program in industrial/organizational psychology at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX this fall.

Editor and writer Roger Rosenblatt delivered the Commencement address. Rosenblatt has been a literary editor and a columnist for the New Republic, a columnist for the Washington Post, and an essayist and editor-at-large for Time. He is widely known for his television essays over two decades on the PBS Newshour program.

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Letter to the editor

Family tradition stolen, sought

Leonard, a chubby, snugly orange kitty who died a few years ago after a short but difficult illness. It was comforting to look out the kitchen door and think, "Hi Leonard, you were such a great kitty."

And then, once our son Graham was born in 2008, we used that lion statue to create even more wonderful memories. Since my family lives on the east coast and isn't able to visit often, we'd photograph our son every few weeks next to the lion so they could see how he was growing. In

recent months, Graham had passed the lion in height, but he always loved toddling out to say hello to his buddy in the yard.

And now our lion is missing. I know that in the grand scheme of things, this is pretty insignificant. Somebody walked into our yard and stole our plastic lion. Big deal. But to my family, it IS a big deal. We lost a tribute to some very sweet memories and also what could have been a precious family tradition. There's a bare patch of dirt under that shady tree, and I can't help

but look at it and feel sad.

So at the risk of looking like a sentimental sap, I'm writing this letter to request that anyone with information that might help us get our lion back contact the Culver Police Department. And for what it's worth, I'm asking whoever took our lion to do the right thing and please return it to our yard.

Sincerely,  
Janet Halling  
Culver

Community Calendar

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

Fri., Aug. 7

Culver Academies  
Woodcraft graduation, 3 p.m., Eppley Auditorium  
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Aug. 8

Culver Academies Upper Camp graduation, 9 a.m., parade field  
Lake Maxinkuckee Asso-

ciation mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Tennis Tournament (today and Sunday), Culver Academies (see Briefs this issue)

Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel (see article this issue)

Sunday, Aug. 9

Wesley church annual community picnic and auction, 11 a.m. start, Culver town park and depot  
Culver Tennis Tournament, Culver Academies (see Briefs this issue)  
Culver Basketball Skill Camp, through August 13, Culver Academies (See Brief this issue)

Mon., Aug. 10

Yoga class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Redevelopment Committee mtg., 4 p.m., town hall  
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  
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Aug. 11

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Aug. 12

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m.,

Culver Public Library

Culver history program, noon, REAL Meals, beach lodge

Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot  
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary's church rectory basement

Thurs., Aug. 13

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Parks and recreation board mtg., 7 p.m. town hall

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Collections

Have you ever collected anything? Some people have very valuable art collections, or coin collections, or even stamp collections. Perhaps you collect plates or spoons or license plates or baseball cards. My grandmother collected postcards and because I also collected postcards when I was younger, I received all the postcards she had collected up to her death. At some point in time, I lost interest in postcards and now all of those postcards are packed up in boxes and stored away. I haven’t looked at them in years.

Today, I collect something that may seem unusual - for a pastor. I collect shot glasses. Now, the shot glasses I collect are not just any shot glasses and it is also important for you to know that I have never used the shot glasses I collect for any purpose other than displaying them in my home.

Each of the shot glasses in my collection has a special significance. I enjoy looking at my shot glass collection and remembering the events associated with each one. I have a shot glass depicting the St. Louis Arch reminding me of a family vacation. Some of my shot glasses remind me of roller coasters I have ridden such as “The Raven” and “The Legend” at Holiday World. I own shot glasses that represent sporting achievements such as the Kansas Jayhawks winning the NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship in 2008. Some new additions to my collection remind of a family outing to see the South Bend Silverhawks and riding “The Shafer Queen” with my son at Indiana Beach.



Pastor’s Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran Church

Sometimes when I purchase a shot glass, there is only one choice available. Other times, there are several to choose from and I need to pick the one I like the best. The price of the shot glasses, which can range from \$3 to \$5 or \$6 also influences my decision. Once I have chosen what I think is the perfect shot glass, I buy it and place it in my collection.

Isn’t it wonderful to know that God did not work in the same way when He collected (gathered) us into His family. I would not purchase a cracked or chipped shot glass to add to my collection, but God chose us when we were completely shattered. Because of sin, there is nothing about us that would make us appealing to God. Yet, because of His great love, God paid the ultimate price to make us a part of His collection. He had already declared that the price of sin was death when He warned Adam “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:17 NKJV) When Adam and Eve disregarded that warning and ate of the tree, they plunged themselves and all of humanity into sin. In order to gather us into His collection (the Church), God had to pay the price of death which would satisfy His own judgment.

St. Paul describes the price that God paid for us when he wrote to the Romans: For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ... Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:6-10, 18-19 NKJV)

As a result of Jesus’ death and resurrection, the broken and shattered pieces of our lives are picked up and restored. We are made new and, by the work of the Holy Spirit creating faith in our hearts, we are made a part of God’s collection, the Church.

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“I cannot live without books.”  
--Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to John Adams, June 1815

We are in the closing days of July and summer is yet all around us; at your Library we have many activities taking place and many new materials on our shelves for you. In this month’s column our Children’s Assistant, Ali Gaskill, will share a few thoughts with you about our Children and Young Adult activities. When you visit the Children’s and YA room of your library you may notice all the new materials there. Ali tells us that the Children’s staff is busy processing and putting out over 70 new children’s and teens’ books and DVDs for you. The titles are listed on our website in the New Materials section: [www.culver.lib.in.us/new-items.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/new-items.htm)

Ongoing storytimes for little ones include Discovery Storytime at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings and Brown Bag Storytime at noon on Fridays. And in preparation for school, Ali is

setting up a Back-to-School Resource Area in the Children’s Room which will include crafts and worksheets with recommended reading materi-



From the Other Side of the Book Drop

By Colleen McCarty  
Director, Culver-Union Twp. Public Library

Als. Ali is very enthusiastic about sharing news of upcoming fall programs. We will have a Children’s Book Club for K to 6. For the Teens a book club and Teen Advisory Group (TAG) are planned. TAG members will help plan and manage Young Adult programs and suggest books, movies and music to order. Applications are available here at the Library, so come and join and let your voice be heard.

The Big Read will be celebrated in the Children’s area too, with a Lego Bridge Building Contest for K to 6 youngsters and a Bridge

Building Contest for Young Adults scheduled in October. We have also planned a Reader’s Theater in which participating students will read Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” aloud, in character. And Children and Teens will have an opportunity to create their own mural of Culver, “our town” in the Children’s Room!

With new materials available for the public, and all of these programs planned, Ali radiates her enthusiasm for CUTPL’s Children’s Room and all it offers to the younger generation. She says that the Children’s Room is “a great place to visit: there is always something going on!”

Have you visited our new webpage yet? Computer Technology Manager Andrew Baker has put the finishing touches on CUTPL’s webpage which debuted on July 1<sup>st</sup>. When you visit it, you will find a clean, easy-

to-navigate design. Andrew has incorporated an RSS feed so you can receive the latest info on our new materials and programs. And he has developed a dynamic list of upcoming Library events on our webpage home page, with a link to our monthly calendar.

**Friends News:** The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library have a booksale planned for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. As always, the Friends have an excellent assortment of materials. There are plenty of bargains available. Be sure and stop by to browse (and buy).

**Get your cameras ready:** Next month in this column we will talk about some of the adult programs planned for The Big Read here at your Library. But I want to mention one now because it is coming up soon: the Our Town Photography Contest, which will kick off in August. Be sure and visit our The Big Read webpage for more information on the Contest and all of our programs: [www.culver.lib.in.us/bigread/events.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/bigread/events.htm)

Name that Culver “citizen”



At left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Bob Kline, then and now. Below: this week’s mystery citizen.

Last week’s Mystery Citizen was guessed only by Debby Cultice Miller, who correctly ascertained the face of Bob Kline, a face visible around the community but most regularly at Miller/Norcen Insurance on North Main Street.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is surrounded daily by memories. Any further hints would likely give away her identity (if her photo above doesn’t already) in an instant.



As always, free parking throughout downtown Culver -- as well as your editor’s esteem and admiration -- await the lucky correct guessers.



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Speaking of ambulance history...

...as the cover of this week’s Citizen does, pictured at left is a very early ambulance (and hearse) operated by William S. Easterday, whose funeral parlor was then located on the east side of North Main Street. This photo comes from a 1913 advertisement calling attention to the funeral home’s “Private Ambulance” and the fact that picture framing was also a service offered in addition to funeral direction. William S. Easterday’s 1893-launched business would be taken over by his son, William R., who sold it to Jim Bonine, whose name appears alongside Greg Odom’s on Culver’s only funeral home (even if in a different locale) today.

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# No leeway for county to ease Culver golf cart issues, says Dembowski

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver area golf cart drivers hoping to get some relief by the township or county from recent legislation on the state level reiterating the ban on the carts on county and state roads won't find it anytime soon. Culver area state representative Nancy Dembowski, visiting the town to chat with diners at Culver's REAL Meals July 29, affirmed Indiana counties may not pass specific legislation designating a county road legal for gold cart driving, and legislators, it appears, intended this to be the case.

As reported in last week's Citizen, Indiana House Bill 1483 upholds a state ban on operation of golf carts on state or county highways but does allow town or city municipalities to make laws allowing golf cart usage. The latter clause, spelling out the legality of a community such as Culver passing ordinances allowing and regulating golf cart use within its borders, is what's new. The ban on county and state road golf cart usage isn't new, but fresh attention has been given the ban since the legislation officially upholds it.

"The golf cart legislation was pushed strongly by the state police," said Dembowski, "and you can see why. You've got slow moving vehicles on county roads or state highways, and it's just a safety issue."

Dembowski said the law has sparked discussion and concern in her home area of Starke County, where use of golf carts around Bass Lake is at least as popular, if not moreso, as it is here, around Lake Maxinkuckee. The town of Culver, in

2007, passed an ordinance allowing golf carts to be driven on city streets by insured, licensed drivers who registered for a golf cart tag with the town and met other predefined guidelines. Use of the vehicles spiked last summer as gas prices soared, but area residents living all around the lake – though outside the official town limits in any direction – have been using golf carts for near-home travel for years.

And, even though news of House Bill 1483 has driven home the illegality of golf cart usage around the lake (as well as public streets and roads immediately around the campus of Culver Academies, which is outside Culver's town limits), Dembowski notes this recent bill isn't actually the one which forbids driving the carts in areas such as the east, south, and west shores of the lake.

"The new legislation allows cities and towns to pass ordinances allowing golf carts within their borders," she explained. "Previous legislation said (golf cart use on public roads) was illegal, but it did not say counties could pass ordinances if they want to allow golf cart usage (on county roads) in a certain county."

Dembowski said she phoned Indiana Legislative Services Attorney Susan Montgomery specifically to ask for clarification on the law, in part because of Montgomery's relationship with the transportation committee which helped write the legislation.

"She explained it's just by exclusion," Dembowski said, since cities and towns can allow golf cart use

age now by definition and counties weren't specifically given that option in the bill.

Dembowski added the possibility of giving counties the authority to designate certain non-municipal areas as "golf cart friendly" zones was discussed by the committee, but the group was "being strongly urged by state police that counties not be allowed to pass ordinances allowing (carts)."

All of this lends finality to the question of finding a means of alleviating the challenges many just out-

## Culver schools' funding shortage alleviated some by budget changes

Nancy Dembowski – who brought along a copy of the recently-passed state budget to her July 29 visit to Culver to demonstrate its massive size at several inches thick – acknowledged passing the budget was a compromise intended by legislators to prevent Governor Mitch Daniels from following through on his threat to shut down the state government

posed budget, which was amended to the relief of area administrators.

Both Culver Community School Corporation and North Judson's school system stood to lose over \$1 million over the next three years under the original budget, something over which Culver's and other superintendents expressed great concern. Demboswki said a special budget session facilitated another \$54 million, bringing both Culver and Judson's funding losses under \$500,000 each, still a difficult cut to manage while continuing to operate a school.

"To me, education will ultimately lead us out of all these issues and problems we have," said Dembowski. "I think the cost of education should be what these young people become when they come out into society...I would like to have seen more money put into our schools and job creation."

Though she said some construction jobs for higher educational institutions were created, she feels "we neglected the area of job creation" in the budget.

She also explained the main reasons school corporations are usually hit hard at budget time is diminishing enrollment in a given school, something she said both Culver and North Judson's administrators assured her is minimal in their respective schools. School funding formulas, she said, are "extremely complex," so much so that legislators – and even the

governor – seem unable to determine exactly why schools like Culver wound up with such large shortfalls. The state is adding a school funding sub-committee is being established to look at the matter.

"The governor wants to see schools consolidated, and that's (reduced funding) a great way to do it, to whack them off in funding. It looks suspicious to me."

Dembowski said she shared some citizens' concerns that schools lose their identity in consolidations, though she noted the governor's proposal is not to close Culver schools, adding Marshall County once had a county school system in terms of administration similar to what Daniels seems to propose, and it seemed to work well in the past.

Dembowski also discussed recently passed legislation forbidding teen drivers from cell phone use while driving and establishing several other regulations for pre-adult drivers. She noted a "Silver Alert" similar to the Amber Alert system which aims to find and protect missing children, has been passed in order to assist in finding elderly men and

The Representative also explained new legislation extending deer hunting season in those counties with a certain level of deer-auto collisions, and that other new legislation allows a former Prisoner of War or disabled veteran special parking privileges without being ticketed.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
State Representative Nancy Dembowski during last week's visit to Culver.

side Culver's town borders will face as regular golf cart users. At least until new legislation is introduced at the state level, Marshall County's hands, so to speak, appear to be tied.

if the budget wasn't passed. Saying she feels the budget "was the best we were going to get," she noted two area school districts would have been hit particularly hard by the original, pro-

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# Five Great Lakes, 24 hours

Culver family swims in all the Great Lakes to raise money, awareness for wildlife



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Above: Hiram, Ohio resident Neil Robertson (Bob's grandson) at Tuscarora State Beach, NY during a swim of Lake Ontario July 26.

Culver resident Bob Robertson joined his son and two grandsons over the July 25 weekend in a successful attempt to swim in all five Great Lakes in a single, 24-hour period. Envisioned as a fun yet challenging adventure to raise awareness of

environmental issues affecting the Great Lakes, the Robertsons partnered with the

National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., to raise more than \$1,800 so far for NWF programming. Bob Robertson, his son Rob, and grandsons Neil Robertson and Will VantWoud began their tour in the early morn-

ing hours Saturday with a brisk dip in the 64 degree (F) water of Lake Superior, near Brimley, Michigan. Following visits to Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie, the Robertson/Vantwoud crew completed their trip 24 hours later with a swim in Lake Ontario near Youngstown, New York Sunday morning.

The team's trip itinerary in total included: (Friday, July 24) Depart the Cleveland area at 8 a.m., arrive in Ann Arbor, Mich. around noon to pick up the NWF's Toyota Prius; camp near Brimley, Mich. (Saturday, July 25) Sunrise dip in Lake Superior; morning transit to the Straits of Macinac; morning swims in Lakes



Michigan and Huron, Toledo, Ohio, by lunchtime or early afternoon; afternoon swim on Lake Erie; night time arrival to the Niagara region of New York. (Snday, July 26) Sunrise swim in Lake Ontario, near

Youngstown, New York.

"This is an unusual experience that really seems to catch people's imaginations," says Rob Robertson of Hiram, Ohio. "It surprises people that it is even possible. It's not easy, but it is very interesting to see the different habitats along the Great Lakes shorelines: peaceful sand and rock beaches, large cities, power plants and wildlife preserves. Seeing all of that variety in one day is fascinating."

The team hopes their experience has contributed to improving the quality of the Great Lakes through the support of the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center. That center works to restore, preserve and protect the Great Lakes, eradicate invasive species, develop clean energy, and mitigate the effects of global warming.

Bob Robertson is a longtime Culver resident and retired in June from a career as a fisheries biologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (his wife Melanie, a well-known teacher at Culver Elementary School, retired the same day). His son, Rob, grew up in Culver and attended Culver Community Schools. Rob's son, Neil, age 8, is entering the third grade and has a great love of swimming and wildlife. Will VantWoud, 14, of In-



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Left: Will VantWoud of Indianapolis. Top photo: Culver resident Bob Robertson at East Harbor State Park, Ohio during a swim of Lake Erie July 25 Bottom photo: Rob and Neil Robertson.

dianapolis, enjoys being involved in environmental and community issues.

For further information, contact the NWF-GLN-RC at [online.nwf.org/site/](http://online.nwf.org/site/)

eServer?pagename=glnc\_restoration\_24hours. Interested readers can follow the team's journey at [www.pocketadventure.blogspot.com](http://www.pocketadventure.blogspot.com).

# Basketball history author to visit Culver

Seeks past local players’ momentos, memories at Sept. 23 library visit

Indiana author Emerson Houck wants to help honor and preserve Indiana’s high school basketball teams,

particularly those which a whole town loved and boasted of.

Towards that end, Houck will be at the Culver library (one of only ten places in Indiana) Wednesday, September 23 at 1 p.m. He wants to meet old-time and newer players and fans and see their memorabilia – be it photos, posters, pennants, newspaper articles, or more

– towards a scrapbook to give to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame titled “The all- time all-star Hoosier High School Alumni Basketball Team,” which will be kept on permanent display at the Hall.

Houck is author of a national book on basketball team logos and their histories, and has authored a new book centered on the 1,200 teams who played for their local Indiana high schools. It covers outstanding seasons, coaches and logo histories from the beginnings of basketball about 1900 to the present. It’s the most comprehensive book on Hoosier teams ever written and was 10 years in the making.

The new book from Hawthorne Publishing of Carmel is titled “Hoosiers All: Indiana High School Basketball, Team Names, Glory Season, Boys and Girls, Past and Present, Large and Small.” (softbound 500 pp. color insert \$25 ISBN



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Emerson Houck

978-0-615-290-133-3.

“Hoosiers All” is interestingly organized by “team name types,” (birds, big cats, patriotic teams etc) and contains over 1,500 historic photographs, logos, and many brief town and team histories.

Houck has traveled the byroads of Indiana for many years collecting old photos from alumni and hearing the fabled stories of “the one big season.” He ate at

local diners, visited local high schools for their collections and hit small-town museums and historical societies and Web sites.

Houck also secured the cooperation of other collectors and authors who have amassed and collected material and thus a broad history of teams since the beginnings of Indiana high school basketball is included. The history follows recent teams also, up to some of the 2009 teams,

“I ate at a lot of good little beaneries and cafes and met many good people. I must have met hundreds of students, teachers and alumni and was impressed by their enthusiasm for their teams, many of them now gone,” Houck says. Over 200 old school photos are included. “I particularly wanted to honor those little teams and towns.”

After the publication of his first book about national team mascots: “Go Huskies, Beat Felix the

Cat” (365 pp. softbound 0-9745335-0-3 \$25 and hardcover 0-9745335-0-5, \$35), Houck was urged by Roger Dickinson of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle to write a book exclusively about Hoosier teams, emphasizing their successes. This is that book. The Basketball Hall of Fame cooperated in several phases of the book’s preparation.

“Hoosiers All” (\$25) can be ordered from Hawthorne Publishing, 15601 Oak Road, Carmel IN 46033 pre-paid \$30 including shipping. Those ordering before September 15 will receive a \$3 discount on the book price and can call 317-867-5183 for information.

The *Citizen* will present more information on Houck’s upcoming visit to Culver in upcoming editions of the paper.

## REAL Services menu

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

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

**Monday, Aug. 10:** Sweet Potato patties, BBQ pork, bun, baked beans, pineapple, and milk.

**Tuesday, Aug. 11:** Beef stew with corn, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower and

broccoli salad, biscuit, peaches and cottage cheese, and milk.

**Wednesday, Aug. 12:** Oven Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread and margarine, green beans, applesauce, and milk.

**Thursday, Aug. 13:** Smoked sausage, black eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

**Friday, Aug. 14:** Hamburger with cheese and onion, bun, pea and cheese salad, corn, fresh fruit, and milk.

The 30th Master reunion was held June 28 at Monterey Town Park with 80 members present. Games were enjoyed by the children and visiting by the adults.

Cindy Master gave the blessing. Karl Master was the oldest man and June Master was the oldest lady. Kyler Noteboom, the son of Sara and Jesse Noteboom was the youngest. Jodi Coyer traveled the greatest distance from Missoula, Mont. Prizes were given to the oldest, youngest and the one coming from the greatest distance.

During the year there were three births - Kanyon Masin Boldizar, son of Aneka Wilcockson and Brian Boldizar, grandson of Jim Wilcockson, great-grandson of Alberta Master Wilcockson; Charles Allen Schrimsher, son of Craig and Shelly Master Schrimsher, grandson of Don Master, great-grandson of the late Phil and Helen Master; Kyler James Noteboom, son of Sara and Jesse Noteboom, grandson of Rick and Jane Wilcockson, great-grandson of Alberta Master Wilcockson.

There were five marriages:

Erica Ann Skerl, daughter of Martha Langenbahn and John Skerl, granddaughter of the late Dorothy Master and Henry Langenbahn was married to Nathan William Spice; Michael James Rensberger, son of Madeline Jean Master and Rowdy Rensberger was married to Kathy Jewel Geiger; Allison Lyn Good, daughter of Robert and Carla Good, granddaughter of the late Pauline Master and Lorin Good, was married to Toby Brandon Ripberger; Joshua James Louis Master, son of Shawn and Ellen Master, grandson

of Jack and Carol Master, was married to Brittany Chanelle Sullivan; James Lee Master, son of Paul and Sandy Master was married to Sheila Pahlkamo.

There was one death — Pauline Louise Master Good, widow of Lorin Good.

Co-chairpersons for next year are Judi Master Rinehart, Carol Ann Barnett and Kerry Master. Next year’s reunion will be June 27, 2010 at Monterey Town Park with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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## Culver's classic car connection

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Elwood 'Bud' Hillis of Culver, far left, stands with one of the cars manufactured by his grandfather, Elwood Haynes of Kokomo, in 1918. Haynes is considered by some to be the first carmaker in America and is generally credited as the first to mass produce automobiles for consumers, among many other innovations in that -- and the metallurgy -- industry. Haynes' business followed the path of many Hoosier auto manufacturers and folded in the recession of the early 1920s. Pictured with Hillis are, from left, Bob Gollner of the Gollner Museum of early Indiana autos in Kokomo (Gollner is owner of the pictured car), Bob Kreuzberger of Culver, who arranged for the Haynes and other early cars to be brought to Culver, and E.P. Severns of Culver and Kokomo, a longtime friend of those pictured.

The occasion was last Saturday's 'You Auto be in Culver,' a presentation of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver focusing on Culver's connection to early automobiles -- including both the Haynes company and that of the Marmon family, whose descendents continue to reside on Lake Maxinkuckee, including Anne Greenleaf -- and on car dealers and service stations in Culver through the 20th century, in an audio-visual presentation by Jeff Kenney of the AHS.

# Culver council eyes storm water ordinance, town-wide trash service

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Among other discussion at the Culver town council's July 28 meeting, council members entertained discussion of a storm water ordinance and fees for the town, something previously not on the books (see also article this issue). Council member Ralph Winters, noting the town has applied for a grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to overhaul the storm sewer on the west end of Culver, said he felt a maintenance fund and storm water rate should be established for proactive, preventative steps with regards to Culver's ongoing storm water issues. Town manager Michael Doss noted news as to results of the OCRA grant should be in-hand within a few weeks.

Winters added he felt steps should be taken towards storm water rates and ordinances whether or not the grant is awarded the town, something echoed by council president Sally Ricciardi, who noted an OCRA representative informed the council any storm water repairs ought to accompany ordinances and fees, which she said generally are not a substantial monthly cost to residents.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger noted the city of Plymouth, among other Indiana communities, does have storm water fees es-

tablished. Doss and Clevenger were asked by the council to work towards establishment of ordinances and fees for storm water in Culver.

Doss and the council will also look into creation of a policy clarifying concerns over water meter size and residential services, largely as a result of a visit at the last council meeting from Mike Hudson representing the Bay View condominiums on East Jefferson Street during which Hudson asked if that building's multiple water lines could be billed as a single, incoming line rather than each condominium unit being billed separately as is the case now (Hudson noted many unit owners use minimal amounts of water but still pay the full minimum usage fee for their individual water lines).

Winters, at the July 28 meeting, expressed embarrassment that previous decisions regarding splitting a water line to one building have often deferred to whoever was in charge of Culver streets at the time, rather than a clear policy on the books via the council.

The policy on the table, Winters noted, would deny Hudson's request, though Winters said he and Doss discussed the other component of Hudson's concern, which pertained to the size of the water line going into the building, which Winters

pointed is a "separate issue" from going to single billing for Bay View's water line.

"Mr. Hudson could ask for smaller water meters which would lower his monthly charges," said Winters, "but I'm totally opposed to him going to a master meter (for single billing)."

In response to a query from audience member Jim Hahn, Ricciardi agreed it would be helpful to establish a policy of distributing notification of the marked difference in cost between one size water line and another when a resident approaches the town to put in a water tap.

In other discussion, attorney Clevenger reported he has done some research regarding Culver going to a town-wide trash service, a possibility raised by an audience member and discussed by the council at a previous meeting. Clevenger reported recycling pickup is not a legal requirement in county municipalities, though it is in unincorporated areas of Marshall County.

Council member Ginny Munroe asked if going to a town-wide trash pickup system, in which Culver would contract with a private vendor to get a mass rate lower than most individuals currently pay for trash pickup, would require all residents to participate in the program. Clevenger affirmed Plymouth's recently-es-

tablished city-wide trash service does require full participation from all residents, which ensures lower rates per individual.

Winters asked the council to consider the many elderly and lower income residents who produce very little trash and have theirs handled by a family member, though Munroe countered the town-wide system might also benefit those struggling economically in establishing lower rates for them. Munroe noted a number of people have been dumping trash in other residents' private bins or public bins such as in the town park, adding many of those doing so are visiting vacationers or part-time residents who have no trash service of their own.

Audience member Doris Breyfogle asked about residents only here three months per year having to pay for 12 months of service, which several council members said is already the case with town water fees. Council member Lynn Overmyer noted those residents would also pay less per month if the town-wide system is established. Doss was directed by the council to research quotes and logistics on town-wide trash pickup.

The council approved purchase of 100 tons of street salt at \$67.47 per ton, delivered, from Morton's salt, an amount Doss said

should be sufficient for the coming winter.

Police chief Wayne Bean reported Culver police officer Troy Ulch would be graduating from the Police Academy within the week, and would be back with Culver's force soon.

Doss also said he received a call from town park director Kelly Young asking to present a proposed agreement to the park board for environmental management group The Nature Conservancy to take over maintenance of town-owned property west of Culver in the former fish hatchery area off State Roads 10 and 17 south. Young also asked the town check an agreement with the state of Indiana from several years ago concerning the land, to ensure there are no conflicts with that original agreement, should the Conservancy maintain the land.

The town issued an official proclamation establishing Sunday, August 9 as Emergency Medical Services Day with the theme, "EMS: Your Life is Our Mission," and encouraging the community to observe the day "with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities" honoring Culver's EMS volunteers. Culver's EMS celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary August 9 with an open house and other events at the ambulance garage adjoining the town hall.

The council also passed town employee salary increases on first, second, and third reading, and approved \$1,808 to repair the master water meter at the town's water plant at Davis and Ohio Streets.

Ricciardi, noting she's been representing the town of Culver at county Emergency Management Agency meetings, reminded the council of a recent visit by county coroner Bill Cleavenger, who explained county municipalities are being asked to consider purchase of body bags and other measures in case of a widespread epidemic of illness such as the H1N1 virus. Ricciardi said she will work with Doss to figure out an appropriate number of body bags. Acknowledging the rather gruesome nature of the discussion, Ricciardi said the matter is "one of those things you do have to take into account."

Munroe read part of a letter sent the council by an unsigned citizen concerning three south Culver properties with various potential nuisance ordinance violations, including broken windows, a refrigerator in the back yard, and trash on the porch for several months running. Doss will address the listed properties in a letter.

## Public invited to United Way of Marshall County 2009 Campaign Kick-off luncheon

PLYMOUTH -- The United Way of Marshall County invites the public to attend its annual Campaign Kick-off Luncheon on Friday, August 14, 2009, at Occasions Banquet Hall in LaPaz, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is underwritten through the gen-

erosity of Tom Langdon of Pat's Bar/Occasions Banquet Hall and Mary Beth Listenberger and Robert Listenberger, owners of Hoosier Catering and their staff.

During the luncheon, Mr. Mike Lintner, CEO of Marshall Starke Develop-

ment Center, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. John J. Oliver, CEO of U.S. Granules will be the guest speaker. A long-time supporter of United Way and the needs of Marshall County, Mr. Oliver will share his perspectives on the importance of United

Way and those they serve.

This year's campaign goal is to raise \$375,000. "A single gift to the United Way benefits thousands of Marshall County residents each year," said Francis Elbert, 2009 Campaign Chair. "The United Way of Marshall County invests in the

building blocks for a good life: income, education & health. All of our programs seek to advance the common good. By helping our children, leading our adults to self-sufficiency and strengthening our neighborhoods and communities, you are creating a stronger

future for Marshall County. I invite the community to join us for the Kick-off and to Live United!"

Contact the United Way office at (574) 936-3366 to make a reservation.



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The 2009 4-H Car Show was held at the Marshall County 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 18. Kasey Green and Ryan Benczik, 2009 4-H Top Achievers, awarded Mr. Jim Smith of Culver with the Achievers Award. The award was given for his display of a 1930 Model A Ford. The Black Top Cruisers received the Club Participation Award, and Ron and Christi Kunkle received the Featured Car Award.



# Library announces Big Read photo contest

Culver-Union Township Public Library continues it's the Big Read celebration of Thornton Wilder with a Photography Contest in September. The Big Read in Culver is presented in partnership with the Culver Community School Corporation, the Culver Academies, Ancilla College, Trinity Lutheran Church, Heart and Hands and other local-groups and businesses.

This contest is open to everyone. It is your opportunity to exercise your passion for photography and to be recognized. All entries will be displayed in the Culver-Union Township Public Library and on our website, and the winners will be professionally mounted and displayed in the Library, on the Thornton Wilder Society website [www.tcnj.edu/~wilder](http://www.tcnj.edu/~wilder), and The Big Read website [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

The theme of the contest is "Our Town." Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, composition and effectiveness in conveying the unique character of our town and Wilder's vision. Age groups are 6-12, 13-18 and adult. Categories include: nature; architecture; people; cities & towns; rural life; bridges; and our town in black & white. Entrants may submit a maximum of three photos.

All submissions are due by August 31. Official instructions, applications and waivers are available on the library's website: [www.culver.lib.in.us/](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/).

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for The Big Read is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Transportation for The Big Read is provided by Ford.

For more information on this event, please contact Polly Thompson Wolf. Several additional events are planned for The Big Read, including an all-day open house to kick off The Big Read. For a full calendar of events for The Big Read, go to the library's events webpage at [www.culver.lib.in.us/bigread/events.htm](http://www.culver.lib.in.us/bigread/events.htm)

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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](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@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. For the past five years, over 100 campers yearly have enjoyed NBA- and College-level instruction on the campus of the Culver Academies. Day Campers and Overnight Campers, both boys and girls ages 10-13, are welcome. 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](mailto: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](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).



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## A hardworking Kiwanian, a surprised winner

Jim Weirick, right, of Culver's Kiwanis Club, looks on as Miss Maxinkuckee 2009 Paige Norwiche draws the winning ticket in the club's annual summer raffle, which this year followed a "50-50" format. Looking on are Kiwanians Dave Baker (left) and his wife Mary (right). Weirick turned out to be the surprised winner of the raffle's cash prize. He has long been a regular organizer and volunteer at many of the club's functions, and clearly didn't expect to be this year's winner. According to Kiwanian Dick Sennumson, the club made around \$1,800 from the raffle, besides an additional \$100 donated by one family in lieu of tickets. The money will be used towards a number of charitable and philanthropic efforts in Culver and beyond. The drawing, held in Culver's town park, took place July 19.

# Payne Stewart Memorial Par 3 Tournament open to public

Saturday, Aug. 15 event at Plymouth Country Club will fund  
Marshall County golf scholarship

PLYMOUTH – The 1st Annual Payne Stewart Memorial Par 3 Tournament at Plymouth Country Club will not only honor the iconic holder of the PCC course record, but will also fund a scholarship for a deserving Marshall County student golfer.

The inaugural event will be Saturday, Aug. 15, 2 p.m. at PCC and is open to the public.



Each of PCC's 18 holes will be shortened to par 3 length, which will make for a fun and challenging event. Proximity prizes on each hold, hole-in-one payouts, team awards and an abundance of other fun incentives will greet the golfers.

Included in the \$65-per-player fee are green fees and carts, on-course beverages, a buffet dinner afterwards, and music by the band 10 Gauge.

Golfers are encouraged to wear Payne Stewart attire at the tourney, which may include knickers, knicker socks and knicker caps.

A portion of the proceeds from the event – which will include a silent auction and an active auction – will go toward funding a scholarship for a deserving Marshall County student golfer.

To register your team, stop by the PCC Pro Shop or call (574) 936-9008.

The late Payne Stewart, a beloved PGA professional, established the PCC course record 63 from the back tees in 1979 following his senior year at Southern Methodist University. It's a record from the back tees that still stands to this day.

Stewart died in a plane crash in the fall of 1999 after winning the U.S. Open earlier that summer. Local golfer Justin Murphy recorded a 62 from PCC's forward tees in 2007.

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## Shopping craze at sidewalk days

ABOVE, LEFT: These shopping buddies from no less than four states clearly found much to their liking at this year's annual Sidewalk Days sales in Culver (particularly if all those bags from Diva on South Main Street are any indication). Pictured from left to right, Helen Miles, Lydia Connerty, Nancy Blacker, Sue Homra, and Diann Woodard (seated). Woodard, from Indianapolis, vacations each year in Culver and joins her friends in visiting a sidewalk sale in the area each summer. The other ladies hail from Georgia, Florida, and Kentucky.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Cousins and residents of the south shore of Lake Maxinkuckee (from left to right) Fritz Krause, age 17, Joe Corcoran, age 13, and Henry Krause, age 15, check out the unusual (and in many cases old fashioned) gadgets and toys offered by Gail's shop on South Main Street during Sidewalk Days.

## Readers asked to submit photos for unique pictorial history

Pictures to span 1945 to 1995 in Marshall Co.

The Pilot News Group has started the process of compiling a pictorial history book celebrating the 50 years between 1945-95 in Marshall County.

"Living History: The people, places and times we lived . . ." will be a collection of more than 300 photos from throughout Marshall County during the period 1945-95.

The 160-page, hardback coffee table book will be compiled with the help of Marshall County residents, present and past. It will be available in early December for holiday gift giving.

Pre-orders are now being accepted.

"We are looking for 'slice-of-life' photos of people, places and events from throughout Marshall County during the time span of 1945-95," explained Rick Kreps, publisher of The Pilot News Group and coordinator for the community project. "We're asking folks to pull out their photo albums and shoeboxes of photos and help us by submitting those that best capture this 50-year 'living history' period."

Photo examples include:

- A photo of your first Little League baseball team or Brownie group from the 1960s.
- A photo of "the gang" from the sock hop during the 1950s.
- An "album cover" photo of that local garage rock band you put together in the 1970s.
- That fun and memorable slumber or swim party photo from the 1980s.
- Personal backstage snapshots from your thespian debut in the school play from the 1990s.
- Your pals and gal pals with your prized car in the

1940s.

An advertisement in today's newspaper gives highlights of the program.

When submitting photos (all of which will be returned), each should be properly identified as to where it was taken, who is in it and approximately when it was taken. These are key elements.

Photos can be dropped off to the Pilot News office in Plymouth, mailed, or e-mailed.

See the ad in this issue for all details.



## Looking with his eyes closed

*Citizen* reader Joe Baughn sent in this photo of his grandson, Jimmy, age 6, who accompanied his grandfather on a fishing trip recently while visiting the lake. While looking over the edge of the boat for fish, Jimmy fell asleep. "I've always said the waters of Maxinkuckee are the most soothing in the world," says Joe.

## Correction: St. Mary's parish festival Aug. 14

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church's annual parish festival kicks off Friday, August 14 at 2 p.m. (not August 1, as was incorrectly typed last issue) 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 Citizen apologizes for the date error.

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 or 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.

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# Getting their feet wet

The Culver-Union Twp. Emergency Medical Services -- combined with the Culver Fire Department and Culver Lake Patrol -- held an annual water in-service training session July 28 on Lake Maxinkuckee. The training, according to CUTEMS director Millie Sytsma, "is to learn and practice the skill of backboarding in a not-so-common and unpredictable environment (the water). It's good practice for everyone, not just those of us who live in and work in emergency services in a lake community, as there are pools in nearly every community."

TOP PHOTO: Basic EMT student Amanda Johns is secured to the backboard while fellow Basic students prepare to lift her onto the Culver Fire Department's pontoon boat. On the CFD boat: Bryce Lindvall (bottom), Denny Morrison (top). Other students in the water around the backboard: Ray Ragsdale (top left), Jenny Allen (top right), Patrick Allen at the feet, backs of Jennifer Chumley (bottom right), and Ashley Coldiron (bottom left). BOTTOM PHOTO: Basic EMT Student Curt Mosier is secured to the backboard by fellow Basic EMT students Jennifer Chumley (bottom left), Patrick Allen (at the head), Ashley Coldiron (top right), and Ray Ragsdale (bottom right).

# Howard receives Wells scholarship



Alexis Howard

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Indiana University has announced 2009 Culver Academies graduate Alexis Howard (Bourbon, Ind.) is one of 18 entering freshmen and two current IU juniors who will join the more than 420 others who have been named Wells Scholars since the first class enrolled in 1990.

The scholarship, created in honor of the late IU Chancellor Herman B Wells, ranks among the most competitive and prestigious awards offered by any American university.

Incoming freshmen Wells Scholars receive full tuition and course-related fees, as well as a living stipend, for four years of undergraduate study on the Bloomington campus. Newly named recipients who already are students at IU receive tuition, fees and a stipend for their remaining undergraduate years.

The Wells program also offers special seminars; an optional year of study abroad; support for a summer research or service project, creative activity or internship; and a wide range of extracurricular events and activities. The Wells program emphasizes close interaction with faculty, academic and career advising, opportunities for community service and contact with distinguished visitors.

A Batten Scholars at Culver Academies, Howard was the valedictorian of the Class of 2009. A National Merit Scholar, an AP Scholar with Honor and a Global Studies Institute Scholar. A member of the Cum Laude, Blue Key and Spanish honorary societies, Howard served as council chair, diversity council chair, a member of the senior advisory board July 29, 2009 to the dean of girls and of the student admissions organization, a representative on the disciplinary committee; international student liaison coordinator and a peer tutor.

Howard was also a founding member of BEAM, a youth organization that works with United Way of Marshall County to provide service grants, and a member of Greenlife, an environmental club, and of Amnesty International. Howard participated in Sol Education Abroad, teaching English to high school students in Costa Rica and working on ecological, biodiversity and other projects. She was a writer and editor for the school newspaper and a member of the concert band, earning gold medals in state solo and band competitions on saxophone. She was a four-year member of the military exhibition rifle drill team, serving as executive officer her junior

year and commander her senior year and played on the varsity softball and basketball teams. Alexis plans to pursue studies in preparation for medical school.

Freshman Wells Scholars are nominated by their high schools or the IU Office of Admissions and selected for having demonstrated exceptional qualities of character, leadership and distinction both inside and outside of the classroom. Internal Wells Scholars are nominated by IU Bloomington faculty.

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