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In Brief

Community volunteers needed for BIRD

Teen and adult volunteers are needed for several Culver area work projects this weekend in conjunction with the BIRD community project (Building, Inspiring, Recreating, and Discovering). Local youth created BIRD to assist anyone in the community with yard work, cleanup efforts, and the like. BIRD culminates this weekend (July 30 through August 1) with live music, familystyle cookouts, and community fellowship in Culver. Those able to lend a hand are asked to call 216-280-5065.

Sidewalk days

Culver's annual downtown sidewalk days will take place this weekend, Friday, July 30, and Saturday, August 1. 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.

Friends book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold their next book sale Friday, July 30 and Saturday, August 1, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. The Friends welcome book donations anytime at the main desk of the library. Those with questions may contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

Silent auction takes shape at Miss America event Aug. 14

A Silent Auction will be held August 14 at the Culver Cove Resort with all proceeds going to Riley Hospital for Children. All donations are being made to support Katie Stam's designated charity. Stam is Miss America 2009 and will be participating in the Wedding Dresses Through the Ages Style Show which will immediately follow the Silent Auction. An item of interest is that Miss Stam was married on Friday July 23rd in Indianapolis to Brian Irk. She therefore will most likely be the newest bride at the Style Show.

The auction takes place from noon to 2 p.m. and the Style Show will follow at 2.

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Corn roast, firemen's fest fun

ABOVE LEFT: Bill and Sue Roth of Culver assist granddaughter Claire Roth (age 3), as she exits the "bouncing" tent at Saturday evening's Culver Firemen's Festival. Complimenting that annual tradition is another, the Lions Club corn roast, which was enjoyed by twins Trevor and Joseph Quast (BOTTOM LEFT), age 3, of Lake Zurich, Illinois. The boys were visiting with grandparents Denis and Angie Nelligan of Culver.

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Music from Culver towers lofty

ABOVE RIGHT: Culver Academies organist and carillonneur John Gouwens at the keyboard of the Memorial Chapel's carillon, high above the Chapel sanctuary. This summer marks Gouwens' 30th at the school, from which he has composed and recorded award-winning music and written an internationally-used carillon teaching manual, the only such book widely available. See story below.

Gouwens rings out 30 years as Culver carillonneur

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Most of those living in or visiting Culver have heard the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel carillon chime out the hour (or half or quarter hour), even if they weren't necessarily aware of the source of the sound. And driving by the campus, many have likely heard music emitting from the Chapel tower at one time or another, but the unusual and notable presence of the Chapel's carillon is likely all too often overlooked by locals. Anyone who hasn't made the strange journey up the winding spiral staircase into the Chapel tower (which rises 156 feet from the ground) and belfry -- and seemingly into another time and place altogether -- is in for a pleasant surprise.

John Gouwens, the man whose notable, award-winning talent makes the Carillon's 51 bells (ranging in weight from 11 1/2 to 6,496 pounds each) erupt into sound marks three decades in Culver this summer as Culver Academies' official

organist and carillonneur, a position he says he sought after a guest recital here in 1978, inspired by the reputation of Culver's carillon, which was cast in 1950-51, the last of many important carillons in North America built by Gillett and Johnson of Croydon, England.

An early interest in bells

Originally from Buchanan, Michigan (though he moved to Fort Wayne at age 6), Gouwens showed an interest in the organ "literally from the start, to the point that at our church in Buchanan, by the time I was two, our organist would let me try it out. Interestingly, the first thing I learned to find on the controls was the chimes...I showed an interest early on in bells and clocks, so in a way it all started together."

Piano lessons at 7 led to Gouwens' beginning his organ studies at age 11, and by 14 he was playing church services regularly.

He first became aware of the existence of carillons in

grade school, recalls Gouwens, and he began to read up on the instrument, visiting carillons at the University of Michigan and in Florida during family trips. Ironically, at Bok Tower in Florida, Gouwens encountered carillonneur Milford Myhre, who had been organist and carillonneur at Culver from 1957 to 1967.

"Milford's playing in part showed me the expressive possibilities of the instrument," Gouwens explains, "and he played some music, both in the afternoon recital and on the tour he gave us afterwards, that was conceived for the carillon and would not have created the same effect on any other instrument. That really caught my interest."

Gouwens would major in organ at Indiana University, which had two carillons but initially upon his arrival no staff to teach the instrument, though that changed his sophomore year when a fellow student returned from studying the instrument in Belgium and was able to teach.

"Before I'd gotten to try (playing the carillon)," he says, "I'd wondered if I'd be as fascinated playing it as listening. In hindsight it's strange that I ever questioned that, because it turned out to be more fun than I thought, so I quickly realized that carillon would be part of the rest of my life, as would be the organ."

He continued his studies at the University of Michigan, during which time he first visited Culver.

A Culver career begins

"Like many music majors, I wondered where in the world I would find a job," recalls Gouwens. "And I already had met someone on staff here (at Culver) and knew that their organist at the time had been looking for a job elsewhere, so I did something unusual and offered to play a recital here for free. That was really just an excuse to come pay a visit, but also make myself a little more visible; that was 1978. I recorded the recital

from the Rec building so I could hear the effect outside, and when I played it back, I was amazed at what I heard. You don't get that good an idea of the sound outside from up here (in the tower), but I knew I was working to put in lots of expressive nuances, and they all came through. I loved the sweet, intimate sound of the smaller bells on this carillon. I decided I was going to keep my ear to the ground about job openings here."

By April, 1980, Gouwens had a job interview and began his Culver career that summer, continuing a tradition of carillonneurs at the school since the Chapel opened in 1951.

Culver's bells a rare sound

Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel was originally conceived in 1944 as a memorial to the school's 6,500 alumni who fought in World War II, with the names of the 288 alumni

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"If you want to do some good, get local!"

'Wonderful Journey' leads John Zeglis to SJRMC/Plymouth's Board of Directors

For someone who has worked all his life, John Zeglis is getting the most out of semi-retirement.

The retired Chairman and CEO of AT&T Wireless Services and President of AT&T, Zeglis is now the principal owner of the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, the team he founded, of the NBA's Developmental League (D-League).

"And it is so much fun," Zeglis said with a big, enthusiastic smile. "The fans are great and since our first season began in the Fall of 2007, our players have always been a very classy and hungry bunch."

It only makes sense that a team would be molded into the shape of its founder, as Zeglis has been hungry to succeed since his days growing up in Mokenca, Illinois. From there he went downstate to the University of Illinois where he was valedictorian of his 1969 class in the College of Commerce and Business Administration. That same year, he took a "time-out" to marry his wife of now over 40 years, Carol. In 1972 he graduated magna cum See Zeglis page A6



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Jet ski accident sends one to hospital

Workers from Culver Academies remove two jet skis from the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee after the student-driven craft collided near the Upper Camp ski pier Monday morning. According to Indiana Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Seth Owens, students were participating in a power watercraft safety course when the accident occurred. While one student involved appears unhurt, the other was airlifted by helicopter to the hospital in South Bend.

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who gave their lives in the war inscribed in scrolls in the tower room. The presence of a carillon in the building, says Gouwens, was planned from the start, and the instrument was made possible through funds from the Amon G. Carter Foundation of Texas. The building was dedicated in October, 1951, and included the carillon, one of just 166 such instruments in the United States (there are 651 worldwide), though as Gouwens notes in the program booklets to his weekly summer carillon recitals, "few are as well-situated or as responsive as the Culver instrument."

Culver's carillon is played from a keyboard connected mechanically to the bell clappers, which reside some 40 to 45 feet from the ground (that's 55 steps for those planning a tour). The English Gillett and Johnson company who made and installed the bells -- and who were renowned, says Gouwens, for "sonorous, powerful bass bells" -- went out of the carillon business six years after Culver's was completed, though they still make clocks.

Chiming out the hours

And speaking of clocks, a tour of the carillon will also afford guests a fascinating look at the device providing the origins of all those hourly chimes and short, daily musical interludes by which Culverites can set their watches throughout the community (the other is St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, though its chimes are electronic recordings and not actual bells). The carillon, notes Gouwens, was an automatic instrument at its inception in the 1400s, having grown from large European clocks emitting



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In the tower of Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel, this old-fashioned mechanism is responsible for the hours (and quarter-hours) chimed out across Culver daily.

a signal to mark time each day (the first documented connection of bells to an arrangement of ropes and sticks for melody-making is considered to have been 1482).

In Culver, an electro-pneumatic bell mechanism encased in glass and some five or more feet long (and which Gouwens cheerfully describes as "antiquated") chimes hours and quarter-hours, with bells connected to an automated system using movable pins on a cylinder. With some painstaking efforts, Gouwens came up with Culver-related tunes for the device, including "The Culver Song," "Ye Men of Culver," "Culver Daughters Sing Thy Praise," "Treasured Memory," and the Summer Camp centennial song, all played daily (and automatically) at 5 p.m.

He notes there's "not too much upkeep and maintenance" on the carillon as a whole, though every 15 years or so it needs major servicing, which has taken place twice: once in 1982 "when it was sorely overdue," he says, and again in 1998, "which was about right." Gouwens notes Culver's carillon being as enclosed as it is, is better sheltered from the elements than many such instruments, which in some places are left more or less open.

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Last month, the Taylor Bellfoundry of England returned for its third Culver visit, this time to replace the counter-wrights used to facilitate playing the larger bells, with spring balancing. That work, Gouwens explains, is "a good example of why I stay around (Culver)." Before the changes this year, he says, many guest carillonners complained of the heaviness of the keyboard's response, something which now is "much improved...it's definitely much easier to start a note in the low range now."

Besides the quality of Culver's smaller treble bells, notes the carillonner, the Chapel is situated in such a way as to afford a great listening area for carillon music: "a wide, open lawn with not too many building reflection problems and not much traffic. It might be hard to record, but live it's a great setting. So it was a good place to cultivate an immense dynamic range because I can play as loudly as I want, but not be overbearing, but also quiet enough that they can hear something I'm playing very delicately."

Composing his own

The setup at the Chapel also includes a practice keyboard of which Gouwens makes good use not only for preparation for his recitals, but in composing his own music, something he began in college. Nowadays, he composes mostly at the computer with a synthesizer and musical notation software to begin with, before bringing compositions to the carillon proper to try out.

A member of the Guild of Carillonners in North America, Gouwens has had several of his compositions published by that and several other organizations (several of his pieces have won international awards), and he also serves with the GCNA as a judge on the Student Examinations Committee and Music Publications Committee. He's working on a carillon piece of his own now, says Gouwens, to add to the nearly 30 he's composed already, which range in length and difficulty.

An internationally used book

Gouwens also wrote, "Playing the Carillon: An Introductory Method," the first American carillon teaching book -- and currently the only one widely available -- which he says is "something people talked about needing for years. I was taught out of a book by a Dutch carillonner, and it left a lot to be desired."

He began compiling the book -- some of which grew from his teaching endeavors at Ball State University -- during the 2002-2003 school year and he uses it to teach students at the Academies and from outside the school community. The book is used around the US and in several other countries including in Europe, and is published and sold by the GCNA.

25th anniversary - Peterson



Vernon (Pete) and Elaine Peterson (Szymczak) will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 17, 2010.

The couple was married Aug. 17, 1985 at the Culver Military Academy Chapel.

They have continued to live in Culver and have raised their two boys here.

Pete works at Keller Advisory Group in Winamac, and Elaine works at First National Bank of Monterey in Culver.



do from in front of Culver's Recreation Building. "The trick is finding a day when it's quiet enough to do that," he notes. "The first one was recorded over spring break, the second on New Year's day, and the third over two evenings during Thanksgiving break. The challenges include the cooling tower system from the ice rink, which we just have to filter out in the recording, trains going through Burr Oak, and of course barricades for traffic."

The CDs mix equally Gouwens' organ and carillon playing to appeal to a broad audience. They feature some of Gouwens' own prize-winning compositions as well as those of others, and are available at the Academies bookstore, museum in downtown Culver, on Amazon.com, and via the school's web-page.

A Saturday series

After the overhaul of the carillon in 1982, Gouwens felt the instrument was finally in good enough shape to begin regular recitals, an ongoing summer tradition beginning that year and continuing the remainder of this month, September 4, and October 2.

"Summer is the prime time to do carillon recitals," Gouwens points out, "when conditions are conducive to outdoor activity. I chose Saturdays with the intention of coordinating and sharing guest recitalists with other locations...no one else nearby had a Saturday recital series, but it also made sense in a lake community where people might be leaving on a Sunday and not there yet on a Friday, but on Saturday might be looking for something to do. So I've stuck with that."

And of course, his Culver recitals always include a tour of the belfry and carillon for anyone interested, and he has conducted school tours for local classes as well. "I've always considered it important to show people the instrument and explain it to people. Sometimes people don't know there's a person up here doing it! If you hear expression -- more than one note at a time, or something fast -- somebody's up here."

Gouwens has played recitals around the US and Canada, including at ten congresses of the Guild of Carillonners of North America and a congress of the World Carillon Federation. In 2005, he made his sixth European carillon recital tour.

But of course much of his time is spent exercising his various duties at Culver, which through the years have included several stints as choir director, piano teacher, and organist for weekly Academies chapel, weddings, funerals, and an annual organ recital, to name a few.

"I have occasionally looked at other jobs," he says, "but ultimately I've been glad I ended up staying. Both the carillon and organ have meant a great deal to me. I love the freedom I have; no one ever tells me what I should play, though church services are another story. Not every carillon situation is like that."

"It's been nice to present the carillon in a dignified way that's still accessible to people."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

John Gouwens at the keys during the early years of his Culver career, circa 1983.

Recording Culver the carillon

Gouwens made his first of four commercial recordings in 1994 -- the latest having been released last summer -- with the initial challenge being recording, which he has continued to

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Culver Community schools back in session August 17

Tuesday Aug. 17 is the first day of school for students attending Culver Community Schools. Elementary school (kindergarten through sixth grade) registration at Culver Elementary School will be Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 6:30 p.m. Monterey Elementary School registration will be Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 3 p.m.; Thursday Aug. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m.; and Friday Aug. 6 from 8 to 11 a.m.

A "Back to School Open House Night" will be held at Culver Elementary Monday Aug. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. and at Monterey Elementary, Tuesday Aug. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Middle school (grades seventh and eighth) registration will be in the middle school/high school Media Center Tuesday Aug 10 and Wednesday Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All children including elementary may be registered at this time.

High school (grades ninth through twelfth) registration will be in the high school media center Tuesday Aug. 10 and Wednesday Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The high school office will be closed Friday Aug. 13.

During registration, students and parents must pay book fees, purchase P.E. uniforms and get class schedules. If there is an error in a class schedule, students should see the guidance office for assistance.

Orientation for parents of grade seven students and students new to Culver Community Schools will be Tuesday Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in the middle school gym. Orientation for grades seventh and eighth students will be Tuesday Aug. 17, the first day of school, in the middle school gymnasium. Orientation for grades ninth through twelfth students will be Tuesday Aug. 17, the first day of school, in the high school auditorium at 8 a.m. The bell will ring at 7:45 a.m. (EST) for students to enter the building. Students must register prior to orientation.

Parents and guardians of all kindergarten students, all grade seven students and all other students in any grade who are new to Culver Community Schools, must provide a written statement of the child's immunizations, accompanied by the physician's certificate or other documentation. This can be accomplished by a physical and/or a statement showing record of immunization.

Textbook rental for full-day kindergarten will be \$104;

first grade \$136; second grade \$143; third grade \$134; fourth grade \$119; fifth grade \$88; and sixth grade \$116. Fees for middle and high school students are dependent upon course schedules.

Breakfast and Lunch costs for elementary grades are: breakfast \$1.65, lunch \$2.40. Middle and high school breakfast are \$1.75; lunch is \$2.50. Milk is 35 cents for all grades. Reduced breakfast for all grades is 30 cents; reduced lunches are 40 cents. Adult breakfast is \$1.75; lunch \$3; and milk is 40 cents.

Assistance is available. Parents and students will obtain an application for reduced-price lunches upon registration. Check guidelines verify eligibility and. Income verification is required at the time of applying. Applicants need to fill out only one application per family and may do so during registration at the individual offices.

Friday release time will be adjusted this year to allow for Professional Development of staff. Elementary schools will be released at 2:30 p.m. and the middle school/high school will be released at 2:45 p.m.

Information can also be found at the corporation's website, www.culver.k12.-in.us.

Culver Tennis Tournament is August 7

The 43rd annual Culver Tennis Tournament will be held August 7 and 8. Players are invited to join this friendly community competition. All levels, ages 15 and up, are invited to play. Saturday morning, August 7, is for Women's Doubles and Men's Singles, with blueberries and cream offered to players and spectators. Saturday afternoon features Men's Doubles and Women's Singles. On Sunday, August 8 it's a fun, come one, come all for Mixed Doubles. Winners and competitors alike are honored at a Sunday awards party. For further details, and to register, visit www.culvertennis.com or contact Jim Peterson 574-842-3940.

Letters to the editor

Walorski and Chocola

Former 2nd District Congressman Chris Chocola has indicated he will open his sumptuous summer house on Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver, Indiana, in August 2010 for a fund raiser for Republican congressional candidate Jackie Walorski.

In August?

Why not when the lake freezes over?

Walorski is well known for her skating, i.e., not showing up to vote for the time change vote her constituents wanted defeated. And when Mitch wanted a 75 year lease on public property (the toll road), a lease opposed by a majority of Walorski's constituents, she sailed in Mitch's boat.

Now Walorski is about to cast off with Chocola in his "Club for Growth" yacht.

She's ditched "Little" Mitch for "Power Player of the Week" Chris!

Jim Walsh
Culver

Grateful for the opportunity

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the Town of Culver and the Lakefest Committee for allowing me to be the Grand Marshal this year. I am truly a blessed person for being chosen from the many well-deserving people in the community. Culver is still embracing me and so the love affair between us continues. Both townspeople and strangers have approached me with congratulatory thoughts.

To me, Culver epitomizes what small-town USA is all about. The town has the heart of a Lion. I thank God that He has allowed me to live in such a beautiful and wonderful place.

Charles "Mick" Henley
Culver

Kindness of strangers

Dear Editor,

My sister and I were on Pine Road near the new jail, and right by the entrance was a very small baby deer who had been killed. I felt so bad but didn't have the heart to pick her up and bury her. I then saw two ladies in a pickup truck had gotten out. We were driving and I couldn't tell if they picked the baby up.

But if they did, I just want to say thank you for being so kind. It is always heartbreaking to me to see any animal that has been killed on the road. On 17 going to Plymouth people go 70 and 80 miles an hour. We need more police cruising that road. Again ladies, thank you!

Kelley Aasand
Culver

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Obituary - Mahler

Larry R. "Hammer" Mahler Dec. 20, 1940 – July 24, 2010



Larry "Hammer" Richard Mahler, age 69, passed away July 24 after a losing his battle with lung cancer. Born December 20, 1940 in Leiters Ford to Pete and Dorothy Mahler, he graduated from Aubeenaubee High School in Leiters Ford. Larry started his career as a mechanic early. In 1960 he married Sharon Baker, with whom he raised three children. His first job as a mechanic was for his father-in-law Chuck Baker, who owned the Standard Service Station in Culver. He quickly became known as the "go-to guy" for automobile repair. It was not until 1990 that he opened his own "Hammer's Garage" at 535 S. Main Street. Soon after, Ron James was hired. Later Larry purchased the building at 215 W Jefferson Street which remains the current location.

Hunting and fishing in earlier years and mushroom hunting in later years were favorite past times. He was known to go to extreme lengths to protect the location of his mushroom hunting spots. Hammer's happiest moments were sharing stories at the garage. He always had time to tell or listen to a tale being spun.

He is survived by a son, Edward Mahler of DeBeque, Colorado; daughters Susan Mahler and Lisa Mahler, both of Culver; grandchildren Gavin and Chloe Salyer; mother Dorothy Mahler; sisters Ginger Shirley (Keith) of Albuquerque, NM; Paulette Hanna of Plymouth (Dick), Ind.; brother Greg Mahler of Monterey, Ind.; seven step-children, step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren, faithful dog Missy, and shop cat Sassy.

Preceding him in death were: father Ernest "Pete" Mahler, wives Donna McFarland Mahler and Vickey Farlow Mahler.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Marshall County Humane Society in lieu of flowers. Visitation was at Odom funeral home, 104 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver (574-842-2082), on July 28, from 2 to 8 p.m. The funeral took place at 10 a.m. July 29 at Odom Funeral Home, with burial at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

The family is grateful to the Center for Hospice Care and the many friends and customers of Hammer's Garage for their kindness and thoughtfulness expressed during his illness.

Ron James will continue as new owner and operator of Hammer's Garage.

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Nostalgia

100 years ago - 1910

July 21: In the semi-annual distribution of school funds, Union Township drew \$1,181.94 and Culver \$442.

Aug. 4: Sam Easterday, I.S. Hahn, Lee Easterday, Charles Asper, and Elizabeth Wagoner are preparing to lay cement walks.

90 years ago - 1920

July 21: The Culver City Club held its annual picnic at the Bay View Club (*on the east shore of the lake -- Editor*) July 15 with 50 present.

No danger of farmers choking on turnips when they sell at eight cents a pound.

Aug. 4: The first report from the director of the census for 1920 shows the population of Culver as 1,080; Culver showed the largest gain of the county, with a 33 percent growth from 810 in 1910.

With the supply of coal sufficient to last only three days due to the shortage, it is probable there will be no street lighting until the situation improves.

80 years ago - 1930

July 30: Ervin Nelson, golf pro at the Academy, and Mike Milliser, pro at Plymouth and Bass Lake courses, were in Anderson July 28 and 29 taking part in the Indiana Professional Golfer's Association Tournament.

Immediate relief from speedboat nuisance has been promised vacationers. The enforcement of the law has been lax in the past.

Phil McLane is the winner of the city checker tournament, beating Cecil Young. He will play the state champion August 1.

50 years ago - 1960

July 27: At 3:50 p.m. last Friday, Culver lost the dubious honor of being the biggest town in the United States without a traffic light. A traffic signal light was placed at the busy band corner of Main and Jefferson Streets in downtown Culver.



50 years ago this week, NIPSCO crews place Culver's first stoplight, while residents ignoring it were given gentle warnings by police officers Don Mikesell and Jim Cox.

Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

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No one was able to pin down the location of last week's "Where in the World" photo, but it was a nifty one, adding to your editor's amazement at how far and wide these photos originate (and how many readers actually remember to take their copy of the paper with them as they travel!).

The photo, reprinted above, depicted Carol McKeone of West Shore Drive in Culver, at Giants' Causeway in Northern Ireland. As some readers may know, the spectacular site is formed of huge columns in 'stepping stone' patterns, and is said to have been built by the Irish giant Finn McCool to go battle Scottish giant Benandonner. Thanks to Carol for submitting the photo. More to come.

Submissions of your own photos of the *Culver Citizen* on its many journeys (with your assistance) may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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CBGC is positive place to spend summer months

With thousands of youth out of school for the summer, Culver Boys & Girls Club offers a place for all kids to be safe, and fight the "Summer Brain Drain".

While many lucky out-of-school youth will look forward to this summer to exciting camps or trips to Disney many more will find themselves with few structured activities, parents who are working all day – and too much time to get into trouble with crime, drugs, or other negative activities. Many kids can not afford to go to camp or feel they are too old to be "baby-sat." The club is offering young people an inexpensive safe, fun, and positive place to spend the summer months.

During the school year, the hours young people spend after school offer the most danger – and the most opportunity – of any part of their day. More than 14 million kids are alone and unsupervised after school and Porter County is no different.

Over the summer, the numbers get even worse: More than one-third of students will spend at least three days home alone each week this summer. Parents are especially concerned about summer and see these months as the hardest time to make sure their child has things to do.

According to the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University, "Summer Brain Drain" is a seasonal malady that causes millions of young people to lose months of accumulated knowledge. Educators see summer vacation as a learning challenge. Some young people take advantage of the time to get ahead and prepare for demanding college prep classes.

However, many parents argue that summer is a time to allow kids to relax by the pool and build sand castles on the beach, not practice their algebra and periodic tables. Unfortunately, the cost of a summer of total relaxation is that many young people return to school in the fall only to find they have forgotten months of learning from the previous school year. This is "Summer Brain Drain," also known as summer learning loss.

Summer Brain Drain hits particularly hard among young people from low-income households or those in which both parents work. For them, it only exacerbates their challenges. Faced with difficult home and economic situations, many young people are likely to accept lower standards of academic achievement, lessening their aspirations for higher education.

There are many benefits of quality summer programs like the club and older kids love it as much as the younger ones. Out-of-school programs have been shown to increase involvement in crime, improve behavior at school and heighten interest in learning.

Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Rudy Wakefield, seemed to stump most readers. His face is a familiar one today, as he's often seen in Culver assisting Greg Odom of the Odom Funeral Home. In years past, among his other endeavors, he worked with the Culver Citizen Press, Inc. to make Culver High School yearbooks and of course the *Culver Citizen* newspaper.



Realities, so he's no stranger to this newspaper's behind-the-scenes workings, even if it's been a few years.

This week's Mystery Citizen was practically an icon for many Culverites. Correct guessers may take advantage, as always, of free parking both in downtown Culver and now --for the summer -- on Lake Shore Drive near the beach as well!

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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laude from Harvard Law School, where he was a senior editor of the Harvard Law Review and won a Knox Memorial Fellowship for a year of postgraduate study in law and economics in Europe.

In 1973, Zeglis embarked on his career in law as an associate with Sidley and Austin of Chicago before becoming a partner in 1978. On January 1, 1984, he joined AT&T as Corporate Vice President of Law before becoming Vice Chairman and President of the company in 1997. In 1999, Zeglis was elected Chairman & CEO of The AT&T Wireless Group - a position he held until retirement in November 2004.

While the Mad Ants elevated him back to semi-retirement status in 2007, he and his wife took up full-time residence in their home on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver in 2005.

"When I was growing up back in the 1950's, Lake Maxinkuckee was our family lake where we would come a lot for vacations or to get away," Zeglis said. "And two of our three children were reasonably close with our one son practicing medicine in Ann Arbor where he still works and our daughter was studying law in Chicago at the time. So we came back here to the Midwest to our roots and a wonderful community we know."

Shortly thereafter, Zeglis realized that he wanted to dedicate his service to the community.

"I wanted to get local," Zeglis explained. "If you really want to do some good, get local."

Zeglis was asked to deliver the commencement address for the 2005 Leadership Marshall County Program.

"This was an opportunity to leave my 'help offered sign' to a lot of organizations that had representatives in the Leadership

program," he said. "If I didn't get at least three calls after that, I would have considered my speech a failure."

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center/Plymouth, who had a representative in the graduating Leadership class, contacted Zeglis. He has been on its Board of Directors ever since.

"One of the things I like most about being on Saint Joseph's Board is that if you want to have a vibrant, thriving community, healthcare has to be way up there on the list," Zeglis said.

Zeglis sites four specific areas SJRMC/Plymouth excels in making it a first-class hospital: access to treatment; quality of the treatment; quality professionals delivering the treatment; reinvestment is in the care.

"It just works so well in so many different ways and the hospital is blessed with very good leadership," Zeglis said. "I've had a wonderful journey and it's really good to give back however I can to a local hospital that offers so much."

Soon Zeglis will be getting back into basketball mode, as the Mad Ants will begin their fourth season the day after Thanksgiving - the first of 50 games that will take the team into April. But as a member of numerous other boards throughout the North Central Indiana, it's not uncommon to see Zeglis out and about in the many charming areas the region offers.

"In places like Marshall County, you make sure that you look at everyone you see because you'll probably know 6 out of 10," Zeglis said. "You'll get a smile out of the other 4, too."

And a hearty "GO MAD ANTS" would keep him happily semi-retired.

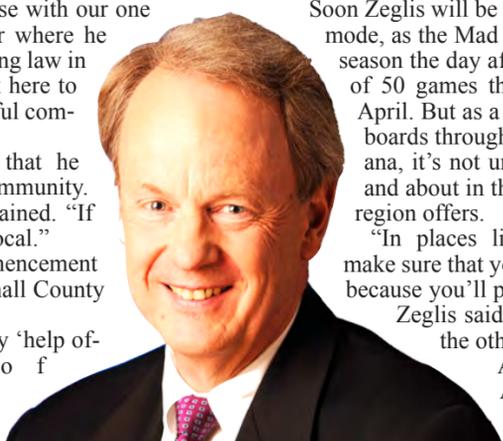


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John Zeglis



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Les Miller of Indianapolis examines his 1967 Ferrari, which won in the "Special Interest" category at this year's Lake Fest car show.

Lake Fest 2010 car show results

The annual Lake Fest Car Show was held in the Culver Town Park on Sunday, July 18, with over 40 cars in attendance. The participants enjoyed an extremely hot and muggy day of displaying their vehicles by the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The trophy winners of the day were:

Antique, 1934 and older: Leon Bennett, 1932 Plymouth PB Coupe

Original/restored 1935-1949: Jim Jones, 1937 Plymouth Pickup

Original/restored 1950-1963: Mike Fitterling, 1963 Studebaker Avanti

Original/restored 1964-1977: Brooks Gordon, 1964 Oldsmobile 98

Original/restored 1978-1989: Bill Jamison, 1978 El Camino

Original/restored 1990-present: Kevin & Nancy Bammerlin, 2009 Dodge Challenger

Street rod 1935 and older: Charles Campiti, 1929 Ford

Street machine/custom 1949-1969: Jim Jeppesen, 1963 Plymouth Sport Fury

Street machine/custom 1970-present: Bob and Scott Louk, 1979 Chrysler Cordoba

Two wheel drive truck: Ira Chez, 1956 Ford F100

Four wheel drive truck: Glen & Larry Wisler, 1984 Ford Bronco II

Import, modified: James Smith, 2003 Mazda

Special interest: Les Miller, 1967 Ferrari

Best muscle car: Larry Hognlund, 1967 Oldsmobile 442

Queen's choice: Tom & Jen Taylor, 1952 Ford F-1

Best GM: Jim Hall, 1969 Camaro

Best Ford: Chris Peterson, 1953 Ford Panel

Best Mopar: Lou Gordon, 1973 Plymouth Duster

Best of show: Phil Johanan, 1964 Ford Thunderbolt

The Car Show committee would like to thank the following people for their help in making the car show a success: Anthony Bonine, Cameron Curtis, Kerry Nelson, Amy Bonine, Amy Curtis, Ashley Zehner and Gary Master for providing the musical entertainment.

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Miss Maxinkuckee 2010

A throng was present for this year's annual Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, which was returned to its former time slot of Friday night of Lake Fest (July 16 this year) as a kick-off for the festival, after a handful of years pushed to earlier in the summer. Announcement of winners immediately preceded the popular Gong Show event, which debuted this year.

This year's Miss Maxinkuckee was Ashley Zehner, with Andrea Canacci as first runner-up and Lindsey Van Horn as second runner-up. Miss Congeniality was Ashley Zehner; Best Theme went to Andrea Canacci; and Top Sponsor was tied between Ashley Zehner and Lindsey Van Horn.

In the Junior Miss Maxinkuckee portion of the pageant, Grace Lorenz was named Junior Miss, with Maddy Diaz named first runner-up and Shannon Deery second runner-up. Miss Congeniality went to Maddy Diaz; Shannon Deery won Best Theme; and Top Sponsor recognition went to Shannon Deery.

The 2010 Little Miss Maxinkuckee was Lindsey Proskey. First runner-up was Paige Good, and second runner-up Rachael England. Miss Congeniality was Paige Good; Lindsey Proskey won Best Theme; and Paige Good was awarded for Top Sponsor.

In the Princess Miss category, Megan England took first place, with Kennedy Creviston coming in as first runner-



up and Eriahna Vela as second runner-up. Miss Congeniality was Kennedy Creviston; Best Theme was won by Megan England; and Top Sponsor went to Kennedy Creviston.



TOP PHOTO: Miss Maxinkuckee 2010, center was Ashley Zehner. At left is second runner-up Lindsey Van Horn, and at right first runner-up Andrea Canacci.

TOP RIGHT: Junior Miss Maxinkuckee 2010 was Grace Lorenz (center), pictured here with first runner-up Maddy Diaz (left), and second runner-up Shannon Deery.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Little Miss Maxinkuckee: was Lindsey Proskey (center), with first runner-up Paige Good (left), and second runner-up Rachael England (right).

Princess Miss 2010 was Megan England (center), with Kennedy Creviston named first runner-up and Eriahna Vela second runner-up.

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County will help in Culver project

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

CULVER – The town of Culver will have the help of Marshall County when they begin replacement of the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet pipe.

Culver Town Manager Mike Doss and Ralph Winter came before the Marshall County Commissioners on Monday to outline the plan for replacing the pipe and seek help in its construction. The outlet pipe connects Lake Maxinkuckee with Lost Lake by West Shore Road. The road is a main traffic route through the area and has begun to deteriorate.

The city has recently repaired the pipe but engineering consultants agree that it is in need of replacement for safety purposes.

According to Winter the plan decided on will have the same elevation and size as the current structure, duplicating the existing structure as much as possible. The plan would possibly include links for recreational trails if money from outside sources to pay for them could be found.

Doss told the Commissioners that the plan currently would cost an estimated \$118,000 and the city hopes to put it up for bid soon.

He told the Commissioners that the city would be on the hook for the whole amount but hoped to find funding from several outside forces to help pay for the project. Winter added that if they could not procure other funding, the project would necessitate the city putting a stop to other essential projects and reorganizing them based on urgency.

Doss said that the city hoped to start work on the project next fall.

The Commissioners gave their support to the city, stating that they would help by funding one third of the project in an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The three Commissioners believed that once the bids were let, the project would come in significantly under the \$118,000 estimated figure.

County money for the project will be taken from the Cume Bridge Fund. Culver is hoping to procure another monetary pledge from Union Township for the project.



Cook hopes project will help communities build green

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Andrea Cook and husband Phil hope to make the world a bit cleaner and safer, and they hope to work towards that goal one building at a time.

Cook visited Culver's Kiwanis Club last month to discuss Project Green Building, part of a proposal spearheaded by the couple to purchase distressed properties and renovate them into "green" buildings, increasing awareness along the way as to how to "better build for green, eco-friendly living and working," Cook said.

Discussing her own background, Cook -- today owner and Director of the Midas Center in Plymouth as well as a sometimes-columnist for the *Culver Citizen* -- told her Kiwanian audience her first job after graduating from Purdue University was for Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill LLP, an architecture firm she assisted with marketing. During this period, she and Phil -- an instructor at Culver Academies -- "developed a passion for the old brick bungalows of Chicago," she recalled, "and with help from the Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative, we were able to restore, update, and keep the historical charm (of the bungalows), and then sell them to buy another one...to this day when we see a brick budaglow we say, 'Whoah, there's one!' In Indiana they're rare."

Last December, during a visit to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, the Cook family toured an exhibit of "Chicago's Greenest Home," which was touted as 100 percent fueled by solar and wind energy.

"We were inspired from this tour," Cook explained. "We wondered, what if we were able to take something from

our background and apply this in our community in Indiana? We also have an interest in revitalization of small town communities. My husband is the real green person, and my daughter too. She goes to camp at Earth Works (in Donaldson), and she insists we use cloth napkins (and the like)!"

The couple's plan is to purchase a downtown property (likely in Plymouth), renovate it according to "green" standards, and promote the effort via a community awareness program. Another endeavor in which Cook is involved, Go Green Media, will aid in that area, she said, in addition to the use of social media, speaking engagements, and other avenues.

Examples of considering eco-friendly approaches to building include considering what to do with fixtures in a recently purchased property one is renovating. "A lot of people aren't even aware places like the Re-Store in Plymouth," she noted, referring to the outlet for exchanging salvaged building materials. "People throw away things because it's too difficult to get things to these places."



Andrea Cook chats with Culver Kiwanian Bill Furry following her presentation last month.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Cook also discussed differentiating between "when is it really proper green living, and when is it -- well, it's trendy and pretty and I like it and it says 'green,' so I buy it? When is it just a novelty and when is it really making a difference?"

She encouraged listeners to consider the gasoline and energy it takes to get a given product to one's home when ordered, as well.

"We think there are a lot of community benefits for Project Green Building," Cook continued. "There are lots of benefits of being in a green community with green building. It gets recognized in the media...people take more pride in their community and don't litter as much; it beautifies, breaks barriers of politics and religion, and would provide green jobs. It would also

build a lot of green synergy for other businesses and organizations.

"We were ready to build it and have people living and renting for the summer," Cook said of initial plans for the project. "I had to scale back and realize maybe a two-year phase



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Union Township 4H winners

Among winners at this year's Marshall County 4H fair in Argos, held July 11 through 17, were those pictured here. TOP ROW, LEFT: Supreme Champion Beef Heifer and Grand Champion County Bred Beef Heifer winner was Tanner Hoffman (right). Also pictured is Terry Burks, judge.

TOP ROW, RIGHT: The Supreme Champion Milking Doe (dairy goat) was shown by Rebekah Johnson, far right. Pictured from left are also Elizabeth and Renae Johnson.

SECOND ROW, LEFT: In the Swine category, Tanner Hoffman won Reserve Grand Champion Barrow and Champion Crossbred Barrow. From left are Tanner and his parents, Vince and Michelle Hoffman.

SECOND ROW, RIGHT: Michael Skiles controls his Commercial Heifer while watching Judge Terry Burks. AT RIGHT: Symantha Parks took home the Reserve Grand Champion Wether honors in the Pygmy Goat Show.

Other Union Township winners include: Champion, Reserve Champion Angus Steer, Samantha Howard. Reserve Champion Crossbred Steer, Kylie Dickey. Reserve Supreme Heifer, Tanner Hoffman (Commercial). Champion Chianina Heifer, Tanner Hoffman. Reserve Champion Chianina Heifer, Kylie Dickey. Champion Maine Heifer, Rebekah Johnson. Champion Commercial Heifer, Tanner Hoffman. Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair: Samantha Howard. Beef Showmanship Results, Junior Division Champion, Tanner Hoffman.



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Plan Commission tackles sub-division approval, provision concerns

Staff Report

The Culver Plan Commission's monthly meeting dealt with a subdivision approval and reviewing comments made in reference to the new zoning ordinance proposal.

Attorneys Jim Easterday and Roy Roush asked for approval of the Rasmussen Subdivision into two lots for property located at 2738 East Shore Drive. Noting that Lot 2 did not meet the 21,780 square foot ordinance requirement for the area, Easterday reported that at a recent meeting of the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals, a variance had been granted for the 18,739 square foot parcel. The variance was granted due to the parcels proximity to the East Shore sewer system and two taps were presently installed. The current ordinance allows a 10,000 square foot lot if served by municipal sewer. The request was approved noting that the East Shore sewer system is not necessarily defined as a municipal entity, but felt that the intention of the requirement had been met.

Kathy Clark brought her concerns about provisions in the new proposed ordinance to the attention of the commission. Some members of the sub committee who reviewed the ordinance, Kevin Berger, Doris Breyfogle, Grant Munroe and Russ Mason, building commissioner, were present to discuss the changes. Breyfogle prefaced the discussion by telling the board members that no changes proposed were made with a view to any possible new construction or to any individual request for special consideration. She noted that there had been some comments that some changes were slanted toward favoring certain developments.

Clark's concerns, as documented in a recent town council meeting, were addressed on an individual basis. The 50 foot height allowed in an industrial zone was questioned due to a former decline of variance for a 50 foot extension of the Portside Marine expansion. The commission noted that the Portside Marine variance was denied due to a series of concerns, primarily the proximity to the adjacent trailer court and encroachment on the rear yard setback.

Munroe, Berger and Breyfogle explained the reasoning behind the changes to the current Planned Unit Development ordinance and noted that it is somewhat less restrictive than the current PUD. Clark was concerned that the new wording, "Each phase of," has been added to the new ordinance, which she noted would remove a time table for completion of the project. The committee felt that this gave the commission and council more control over a development as each phase could be reviewed. Clark's concern was that it removed a time table for completion. However, the committee felt that adding review of each phase could result in preventing an uncompleted PUD by limiting the time frame for review and completion.

Plan commission members thanked Clark and committee members for their concerns and time spent in review and revision of the ordinance and made no further recommendations for change. Bill Cleavenger, chairman of the commission, was asked to proceed with scheduling a hearing for the zoning of the newly annexed property from S. Davis Street to Tamarack Road. Cleavenger also noted that he had requested a notice in the local Culver Citizen advising that posting yard sale or other signs to utility poles, right of ways, etc. is illegal and can result in a fine of \$25.

Mason presented his report for June 15 to July 19 with 65 permits issued valued at \$5,631,250 to date.

Library computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its session of free computer classes in August, held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. Sessions for the month of August include: Microsoft Excel (August 2, 6 p.m., and Friday, August 6, 10 a.m.), Microsoft PowerPoint (August 9, 6 p.m., and Friday, August 13, 10 a.m.), Microsoft Publisher (August 16, 6 p.m., and Friday, August 20, 10 a.m.), Computer building (August 26, 6 p.m., and Friday, August 30, 10 a.m.).

Two sessions demonstrate how to build a computer from parts. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main Street.

Community calendar

Thurs., July 29

Culver Academies Summer Camps homecoming weekend begins

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

Culver Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.

Sidewalk days, downtown Culver

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

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

Final Council Fire, 9 p.m., Culver Academies Bird Sanctuary

BIRD community volunteer event (work day culminates in music, picnic in evening -- see Brief page A1)

Fri., July 30

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sidewalk days, downtown Culver

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

Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets

Maxinkuckee Players present "The Wizard of Oz" onstage, 7:30 p.m., Culver Community High School auditorium.

BIRD community volunteer event (work day culminates in music, picnic in evening -- see Brief page A1)

Sat., July 31

DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tues., Aug. 3

Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co.

OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Weds., Aug. 4

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Community garden work session, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets

Culver Parks and Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall

"Willy Wonka," Culver Woodcraft Camp play, 8 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

Thurs., Aug. 5

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg

Mon., Aug. 2

Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets

Sun., Aug. 1

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PHOTO/DON FREESE, SECRETARY, CULVER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Hutchins honored for service

The Culver Community Council of Churches made a special presentation July 14 to past president Amy Hutchins. Hutchins has been the President of the Culver Community Council of Churches for the past 14 years. Council members presented her with a plaque of appreciation that read as follows: "The members of the Council of Churches extend a well deserved 'thank you' for your dedication of time and service on behalf of the Council of Churches.... Amy Hutchins....The Culver and surrounding areas have been served well under your tenure as President of the Culver Community Council of Churches....God's continued Blessings in His Service."

The presentation was made by the incoming President of the Council, Marilyn Kelly. Those present for the recognition were: (front row, left to right) Pastor Ron Lewellen, Emmanuel UMC; Amy Hutchins, Past President; Marilyn Kelly, President, Council of Churches. Back row, left to right: Cara Lewellen, Pat Birk, and Pastor Larry Saunders, Wesley United Methodist Church.

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It is not necessary to purchase a ticket in order to participate in the silent auction, which will be on the second floor of the Culver Cove. Many local and Northern Indiana businesses have graciously donated baskets and individual items for auction, including theatre tickets, sporting event tickets, jewelry items, beautiful print for framing, gift certificates for clothing, restaurants, and fitness memberships, and autographed sporting equipment by celebrity professional players.

Friends meeting Aug. 2

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold their annual monthly meeting Monday, August 2 at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Culver library. New members are always welcome. Those with questions may contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

Golf outing for Health Center Aug. 8

The St. Joseph Health Center will sponsor a golf outing Sunday, August 8 starting at 2 p.m. at Mystic Hills golf course, SR 117 and 20B Road in Culver. Fees are \$260 per foursome or \$65 per golfer. Holes may be sponsored for \$100. Fees include 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner, door prizes, and there will be hole-in-one prizes awarded.

All proceeds go to support the St. Joseph Health Center, 116 East Washington Street in Plymouth. Those with

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questions may contact Ginny Buchman at 574-842-3513.

Culver VBS Aug. 7

The Culver Community Vacation Bible School will take place August 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., followed by a program. Children are invited to come to this wonderful day of having fun and learning some of the Heroes of the Bible. Each day at Hero Headquarters kids will participate in the large group excitement of experiencing God's Amazing Bible Heroes, create craft projects at Power Projects, enjoy snacks, and play games at Action Games. The VBS will take place at Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 401 S. Main Street in Culver. Those with a child or who know someone who wants to come, contact Pastor Ron or Cara Lewellen at 574-842-4204 or 574-216-1516 to register the child. The age is pre-kindergarten thru sixth grade.

CCHS coach sought

Culver Community High School has an opening for a high school cross country coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the Culver Community Athletic office if you are interested (574) 842-3391 or email thomasa@culver.k12.in.us.

Lake Association to meet Aug. 7

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its Annual Meeting Saturday, August 7 at 10 a.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library's Lower Level Large Meeting Room.

Culver looking to fill Board of Zoning seat

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of inter-

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BZA handles number of requests

Staff Report

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals had a full agenda for their July meeting with eight requests for variance and 1 continuance. Joel Harter, 513 Peru Court, was finally granted the variance for a 200 square foot addition after the request was continued in the April, May and June meetings. Neighbors of Harter were concerned about the water run-off of the addition plus from the 2,000 square foot garage that is presently on the property. Russ Mason, building commissioner, advised that the Town of Culver will be adding a larger storm sewer drain in the area that will alleviate the water runoff concerns. The petitioner also agreed to add gutters to the garage that will direct water into the drain.

The petitions of Steven B. McCombs, 720 Nueva Gordo, to replace an existing deck; Weldon and Jennifer Egan, 1814 East Shore Drive, for an offset garage and replacement of an existing home, Howard Nagel Corp. for SDF Management to demolish and rebuild a home at 1128 South Street, Charles Bewick, 466 State Street, to add a 13 x 16 foot deck and Kathleen Berindei, 442 Forest Place, for a side yard setback for a small shed, were all approved unanimously.

John Little, agent for Hoosier Capital Holdings, asked that a Special Use permit for 19349 State Road 17 be allowed multi-family occupancy. The 4.43 acre area had previously been developed with apartments, but became rezoned to Suburban after the property was abandoned by the developer. Little said that there was interest in purchasing and restoring the existing structure but the current zoning prohibited using the property for apartments. Neighbors asked that the property maintain its current zoning of Suburban 1 as the area is agricultural in nature and previous tenants had trespassed and were disruptive. Pete Trone, chairman, moved to findings of fact for a special use permit and noting that one or more members had voted no to one or more questions asked if Little wished to continue the request. Chuck Dilts made a motion to continue the question seconded by Jim Boswell. All four members, Trone, Dilts, Boswell and Bobbie Ruhnnow voted to continue the discussion. Member, Dan Adams, was absent. Members were concerned about the vagueness of anticipated use since the property had not been sold.

Attorneys Roy Roush and Jim Easterday asked for a variance of lot size for the Catherine Rasmussen Trust and Fred Fehsenfeld, 2738 E. Shore Drive to create a minor subdivision. The Culver Plan Commission has final approval of a subdivision but the lot proposed would be approximately 3,000 square feet below present zoning ordinance requirements of 21,780 square feet in an Lake 1 district. However, the attorneys pointed out that there was two taps available for hookup to the East Shore Sewer district. The lot requirement if municipal sewer is available, is 10,000 square feet. Ruhnnow questioned if the East Shore Sewer district was properly termed "municipal" but agreed with the three members that the request be approved. The issue of two residences on one zoning lot will be corrected.

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est for the Culver Board of Zoning. Those interested are asked to send letters of intent to the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 no later than Aug. 9, by 4 p.m. The Culver Board of Zoning is in need of one appointment that resides within the jurisdictional area, is a Democrat and who does not hold any other elective or appointive office in municipal, county, or state government. This appointment will be made by the town council at the town council meeting Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

SR 17 closure through Aug. 4

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced that it will close Indiana 17 between Indiana 8 and U.S. 30 from 6:30 a.m. July 6 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4.

The closure -- about three miles south of Plymouth and 10 miles north of Culver -- is for reconstruction of roadway for a new intersection at Indiana 17 and Pioneer (Pine) Road.

Yard sale sign ordinance

The Culver Plan Commission wishes to remind area residents of the Culver Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to displaying and placing of yard sale signs.

Sec. 5.3 of the ordinance in item 9 prohibits persons from attaching signs to any utility structure such as street signs, utility poles, fences and trees. Violators can be subject to fines of \$25 per day per occurrence. The Plan Commission appreciates your cooperation.

Culver sewer line jetting

In an effort to assure proper sewage flow, the Town of Culver will be conducting sewer line maintenance during the months of July and August. This process requires pressure water jetting of problematic sewer lines in town. If you have any questions regarding this preventive maintenance project, please feel free to contact Town Hall during normal office business hours at 574-842-3140.

Library discussion group Aug. 4

The Culver Public Library's "A Novel Approach" book/film selection for August is, "Empire of the Sun" by J.G. Ballard, the story of survival of a young British schoolboy imprisoned in a Japanese internment camp after Japanese soldiers invade Shanghai, China during World War II.

The group meets at noon in the large meeting room at the library on Wednesday, August 4. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to enjoy while they watch the movie. The library will provide tea and coffee. Discussion follows the movie. This program is open and free to the public.

Jet ski, golf cart raffled for charity

Culver's Kiwanis Club this summer is raffling off a 2010 Ultra LX jet ski (with lift and trailer) valued just under \$14,000 as well as a 2010 EZ-Go ST Sport golf cart valued at more than \$7,000. Raffle tickets are \$20 (one ticket) and \$50 (three tickets or multiples thereof). If enough tickets are sold by noon on September 6 (Labor Day Monday), a drawing for each item will take place at the town park in Culver. Proceeds will benefit Kiwanis and other local organizations assisting in the raffle, including Culver's Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Fest committee, and the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available at Osborn's Mini-mart and Park N' Shop in Culver, or from any Culver Kiwanis member.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Roasting corn and firemens' games

Views around last weekend's enduringly popular Lions Club corn roast and Firemen's Festival (held in the town park and fire department station and parking lot at State Street and Lake Shore Drive, respectively) include: TOP LEFT: Jim Hahn, Chester Gut, and Culver Town Manager Michael Doss were three burger-flipping musketeers on behalf of the Lions Club, being among the many members lending hands (and spatulas) to the preparation and serving of corn roast food.

TOP RIGHT: Brandi McVicker, age 11, of Culver, tries her hand at the coin toss at the Firemen's Fest, accompanied by grandmother Joann Ulery.

AT LEFT: Branden Wurst, age 6, makes a donation to the cause of Keith Sparks, one of a litany of "prisoners" in the "jail" at the corn roast, who accept donated dollars (in Sparks' case, \$40) to bail them out. Local legend has it that the cage used each year for the fund raiser is the former Culver town jail, and once resided in Culver's police station.



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The petition of Suzanne R. Scott, 290 S. Shore Drive, drew the largest response from the standing room only crowd. Jim Easterday, attorney for Scott, presented the petition. The existing structure of 1,350 square feet would be removed and be replaced with a 4,000 square feet residence. Front yard setbacks would be observed and the east side yard setback of 3.5 feet existing would remain. Easterday requested a 50 foot rear yard setback from the center of South Shore Drive from ordinance requirements of 85'. He produced a letter from Marshall County Highway Department that South Shore Drive did not have a "county highway" designation. Easterday said this would negate the 85' requirement.

Scott spoke to the group and said their present home was too small for their increased family. She and her husband plan to retire to Culver for six months of the year and wish to have a large enough home for family visitors and their comfort. The current residence is 54 years old.

Michael W. Reed, attorney for Rodney and Lora Mail, the immediate neighbors to the east, said his clients are

opposed to the variance. He continued by saying that the 85' setback should be enforced and that our zoning ordinance does not give a clear definition of county highway nor does Marshall County. Reed said there was no practical difficulty presented in complying with the zoning ordinance. He presented a series of drawing to the board that showed the proposed home in relation to existing structures and how it would affect the ambience of this neighborhood.

Also speaking against granting a variance was Sherill Fujimara, 286 S. Shore, Shorney's, 324 S. Shore, Hillis, 374 S. Shore, Kaspers, Huth, 340 S. Shore, Judy Guild, 274 S. Shore and McClellans, 260 S. Shore Drive. The only supporting letter was from the Lamberts at 234 S. Shore Drive.

Mike Stallings, Mirar Homes, spoke as contractor of the proposed home. Stallings said that when these lots were created, in the 1950's, they were considered adequate for summer cottage use. However, he continued, the smaller homes erected at that time, are no longer adequate for full

time residency. He questioned the accuracy of the drawings Reed produced in overall sq. footage and appearance on the lot. Stallings said in answer to a question about the septic tank location that the new home would not be built until the conservancy district had installed the new sewer system.

Easterday said there was "practical difficulty" presented due to the non-conforming size of the lot. Prior to the board moving to findings of fact, Easterday requested a continuance which was granted.

Trone thanked Jim Boswell for his work with the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals for the past several years. Jim and wife, Linda, will be moving from Culver in the near future and this was his last meeting.

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is more appropriate."

Discussing practical ways for communities to function in a more "green" context, Cook noted some European countries have limits on the amount of trash individuals may throw away, citing a friend from Europe who visited the US "and was shocked at how much trash we could throw away here. We need to compost to reduce wastes...you put nasty garbage in there and get good soil. Some packaging -- like Sun Chips -- is also now biodegradable."

Cook is also a member of Culver's Redevelopment Committee, though she noted she began on the CRC in January and has "just been listening so far."

She said information is available about the project at www.project-greenbuilding.com, and regular updates are available by searching for "Project Green Building" on Facebook.

"Green people," said Cook, "aren't granola-eating tree huggers anymore. They're people that look just like us that support green initiatives. I'm not an expert; I'm just a person in the community hoping to open up discussion."

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