

Special issue: Culver
and classic cars!



In Brief

Lake Max Film Fest returns Labor Day wknd

The third annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival is scheduled for Saturday September 4.

Titled the "Gift of Warmth," this year's festival will open at Culver's Up-town Cinema movie theater, where films will be shown from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (titles will be announced closer to the festival date). This is followed by "Fun in the Park," which will feature live entertainment, food, and fun things to do until the feature film (also to be announced), which as in years past will be shown at dusk on a gigantic outdoor screen.

Admission to all events on Saturday is a new or lightly worn, clean item of winter wear for school age children. These gifts of warmth will be distributed to children in need in the Culver Community Schools district area. Those with questions may contact Event Chairman Lois Broeker at 574-842-2118 broeker1@hughes.net.

Bonine celebration Aug. 29

The community is invited to attend Jim and Rosalie Bonine's 50th wedding anniversary, 50th year in Culver, and 50 years of owning their business prior to retirement, on Sunday, August 29 at the Culver Railroad Station from 1 to 5 p.m. No gifts, please.

End-of-month meal returns August 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will return after a summer hiatus Monday, August 30 at the church, 124 College Avenue in Culver. 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. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

St. Mary's port-a-pit benefit

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver, will hold a Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken sale Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Culver Fire Department parking lot. The sale will benefit St. Mary's student bus service.

Worship times

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Historic auto legacy

ABOVE LEFT: Former US Congressman and Culver Academy graduate Elwood 'Bud' Hillis is the grandson of Elwood Haynes of Kokomo, credited with pioneering the first America automobile and creating the first system of mass production for the vehicles. Pictured to Hillis' left is his grandfather and his first auto, the Pioneer, in 1894.

See story below.

Miss America meets Culver

ABOVE RIGHT: Miss America 2009, Katie Stam, greets former Culver Community Schools students Christina and Cally Jo Klausning during the 'Wedding Dresses Through the Ages' style show Saturday at the Culver Cove. At right, Culver's Michelle Allyn (escorted by Culver Military Academy cadet Kevin Kim) models a wedding dress worn by her mother, Eleanor Kay Tusing (to the late Ronald, in January, 1958 in Elkhart), and Michelle herself, at her own wedding as part of the show.

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Culver to roll out red carpet for tour of ultra-rare autos

Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg tour here Aug. 31, Sept. 1

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs are coming to Culver. Thirty-five years ago this Labor Day weekend, the famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival of Auburn, Indiana, launched its annual Hoosier Tour, an outreach of the festival designed to carry the classic Indiana vehicles it celebrates to the highways and byways of their home state. One of the first stops back in 1975: Culver, Indiana, and the Culver Academies.

This August 31 and September 1, Culverites will have a chance to see the Auburns, Cords, and Dusenbergs return, in a gala celebration of the 35th anniversary of the tour, and the Culver Academies, Lake Maxinkuckee, and Culver community are rolling out the red carpet for the 49 cars and their approximately 125 owners and drivers.

Belva Meyer, representing the ACD Festival, notes the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club was formed in 1952, with the Auburn, Indiana-based festival following (the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum is also located there). The festival itself takes place over the September 3 weekend and includes a lengthy list of activities, detailed at the festival's website (www.acdfestival.org) including a cruise-in, antique show, auctions, a club reunion and meet, and this yer a first-ever Duesenberg race, taking place at Kendalville.

The genesis of the Hoosier Tour, explains Meyer, is steeped in the auto owners arriving earlier than the festival itself in years past and having time on their hands. So, she says, "seven cars took off (in 1975) and one of places they stayed was Culver."

More recently, Tom Spiece -- well known to the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee area -- thought of bringing the ACD Tour here after it came to his hometown of Wabash a few years back.

"Along with Richard Ford and several others," he recalls, "we hosted them and it was quite an event. I felt they would enjoy seeing one of Indiana's greatest treasures -- Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee."

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Culver's Zehner competes for Miss Teen Northern Indiana title



Ashley Zehner

that was conducted by this year's Northern Indiana Pageant Coordinator.

Zehner will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty-gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be compet-

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Culver's Hillis carries on 'first US auto' legacy

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As the Culver community prepares for the descent of around 50 rare and classic automobiles for the unusual honor of hosting the 35th annual Auburn, Cord Duesenberg tour, Culverites may or may not know the role Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee play in American automobile history, and the rather amazing legacy thereof, which is still a vibrant part of the area.

Elwood 'Bud' Hillis as a cadet at Culver Military Academy



As the 125-odd visitors to Culver from the ACD Festival August 31 and September 1 will learn, Lake Maxinkuckee continues to be home to the family responsible for the winning vehicle in the very first Indianapolis 500 -- the Marmon Wasp, manufactured by the Marmon Motor Car Company, whose owning and leading family moved to Lake Maxinkuckee in the 19th century and whose descendants, the Greenleafs and Lewellens of East Shore Drive, continue in the same cottage today.

However, Culver is also

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Miss America Stam stresses service, values

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Miss America 2009, Katie Stam, took a wrong turn in her drive to the Culver Cove Saturday and wound up driving around the community. She was, she said, impressed by Culver, and following her appearance that afternoon at the Trinity Lutheran Church-sponsored "Wedding Dresses Through the Ages" Style Show and silent auction, it's safe to say the feeling was mutual.

Stam, who was raised on a dairy farm near Seymour, Indiana, graduated from Miss Indiana to Miss America in 2009 (the 2010 winner was crowned by Stam in January). Besides modeling her own wedding gown, performing several musical numbers (her vocal talents were a standout for Stam at the Miss America pageant), and narrating the Style Show in a manner belying the fact that she'd only studied its script a few minutes before the show began, Stam also closed out the afternoon's festivities with a talk about her journey to becoming -- and duties as -- Miss America.

Twenty-four year old Stam noted she grew up surrounded not only by parents and siblings, but grand-parents and other family as well, which "taught me the value of family and traditions." She attended a small, country Lutheran school where she participated heavily not only in the school itself, but in athletics, besides being a 10-year member of 4H. She stressed the importance of being active in her church, community, and school in helping

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Hillis' grandfather pioneered American auto industry

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Though Bud Hillis' grandfather died the year before he was born, he certainly has been heir to Elwood Haynes' legend and legacy. Born in small town of Portland, Indiana in 1857, Haynes attended school at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and though he struggled to turn a rather rudimentary one-room schoolhouse education into a successful college career, his keen proficiency in understanding metals and metallurgy grew into his graduation thesis, "The effects of Tungsten on Iron and Steel," which laid found-

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The invitation was well-received, says Belva Meyer, and plans were underway for the trip, which will include ACD vehicles from all over the US. One Duesenberg, in fact, will be driven cross-country from Texas in honor of the 100th anniversary of its 1910 manufacture.

That sort of adventure with cars as extraordinary as those making up the Tour is rare, says Steve Spaw, himself a car collector (though he emphasizes more in the MG and Cadillac vein, not quite on the level of the very rare and collectible ACD vehicles). The Lake Maxinkuckee resident, who is assisting Bob Kreuzberger of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver with the AHS’ and other portions of the Tour, has been collecting classic cars about 10 years and frequents auto shows, auctions, and the like, but “Cords and Dusenbergs are something you hardly ever see,” he notes.

“They’re mostly kept privately in someone’s collection. These people take a lot of work and pride and time (to maintain the vehicles).

“I think the nice part is, I’ve attended a lot of car shows and very rarely do you see them driving down the street in a line. It’ll be quite interesting...they’re all road worthy. They’re collector cars, but (their owners are) willing to put them on the road and live with a few stone chips. Lots of people keep them covered up. It will be a fun day.”

The red-letter days in question for the public will be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 31 and September 1. From 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, the ACD vehicles will be parked near the Culver Academies Naval Building, on the shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, where the public is invited to view them (visitors are asked to park their own cars in the lot just north of the Memorial Chapel on campus).Immediately after, says Academies Alumni Director Alan Loehr, the public is invited to share in the experience of a special Retreat Parade by the school’s corps of cadets in honor of the Tour.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, the ACD cars will begin a slow drive around Lake Maxinkuckee, including through the town of Culver, giving folks a chance to see them “in action” on the road. They’ll be given information about significant points of historical and other interest they’ll see as they drive.

Starting around 3 p.m. the same day, the public is welcome once again to view them at the Naval Building. Plymouth residents may take in the ACD automotive sights in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express on North Michigan Steet early in the morning both days, and in the evenings after the day’s activities, besides lunchtime Tuesday.

A busy area itinerary includes presentations for Tour members on the history of the Academies and Culver’s unusually rich connection to national automotive history (see article this issue on “Bud” Hillis), lunch at the Academies’ dining hall, campus tours, a demonstration from the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes preparing for the World Equestrian Games opening September 25, besides the tour of the historical highlights of the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area, among other offerings.

“The car owners will be exposed to all facets of our community during their visit to Marshall County,” says Loehr, “including the Academies, our town, and the lake community.

“The Academies are pleased to offer the facilities to showcase these unique Indiana institutions,” he adds, noting the school and high-end auto manufacturing “are teaming up with the Antiquarian and Historical Society and community members” to make the Tour special for all involved. “We look forward to having many community members on campus to visit during the Tour.”

Auburn, Cord, and Dusenberg vehicles were elite items even in their day. Between approximately 1900 and 1936, the Auburn company in Auburn, Indiana, manufactured cars and was best-known for the ACD models, all of which earned reputations as high-end touring cars. As was the case with many of America’s smaller-produced and specialty-market car manufacturers, the Auburn company couldn’t survive the Great Depression of the 1930s.

“A 1928 Duesenberg SJ sold for \$25,000 in 1928,” points out Steve Spaw. “A Ford was selling for \$300. Multiply that backwards. These were expensive cars.”

They were also ahead of their time in engineering and speed, he adds. “The stuff developed in the 1930s (by Auburn) was ahead of its time for the cars we have today. Some of those 1920s Duesenbergs went 140 miles per hour!”

“This is a chance to see rolling works of art,” reflects Belva Meyer. “These are classics. (It’s a treat) just to hear them and see them on the road as they’re coming in.”

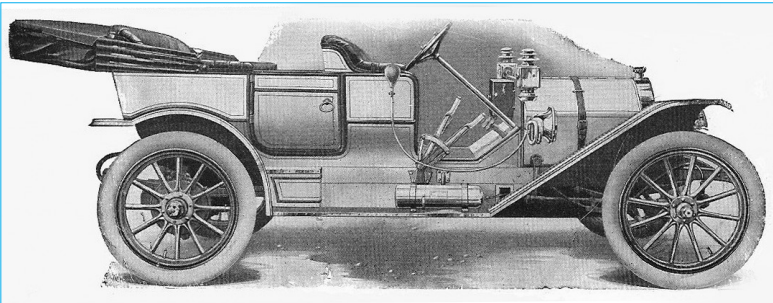
Steve Spaw agrees. “They’re pretty rare cars...I’m excited to see them, and I’ve had the fortune to be someplace where there were some Deussenbergs. But I doubt if many people here have seen them up close. I think we should be honored, a small town our size, to have this club come.”

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Haynes from page 1



TOP: A 1910 advertisement for a Haynes auto. LEFT: Elwood Haynes.

datations for his later pioneering work in that area. He continued his formal education at Johns Hopkins University. Returning to Indiana, Haynes took a job as a professor at today's Ball State University (then Eastern Indiana Normal School

and Commercial College) and when the US natural gas boom launched in Indiana in 1886, Haynes' work in that field led to his becoming superintendant of gas for the Portland Natural Gas and Oil Company. The grueling work of overseeing construction of a gas pipeline to Chicago, says Bud Hillis, was "hard going" for Haynes and contributed to his hopes for something better for himself.

Haynes began drawing up plans in 1891 for a "horseless carriage," a notion which propelled forward after he got his first look at a gasoline engine at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Though the first automobile had already been patented in Europe in 1886, Haynes had plans of his own and began work on a carriage and engine in his kitchen the same year, though the resulting damage to the

kitchen led him to Elmer Apperson of the Riverside Machine Shop in Kokomo.

Elwood Haynes first tested his automobile, dubbed "The Pioneer," in Kokomo on July 4, 1894 (that same autumn, Culver Military Academy would open its doors for the first time, just to put some historical perspective on the event for Culverites), making it the first gasoline-powered vehicle driven in the United States. The same year, the Haynes-Apperson company began mass production of cars in Kokomo and sales climbed steadily so that 240 had been sold in 1901, and the factory employed some 350 men in round-the-clock shifts. After the Apperson brothers split from the company, Haynes in 1905 formed the Haynes Automobile company, gaining national prestige and recognition as the inventor of the American automobile and even leading a parade of 2,000 cars down Broadway in New York in 1908.

By 1910, Haynes vehicles became the first to include a roof, headlights, a speedometer, and windshield as standards. Haynes' manufacturing of his own car, which surpassed that of the Haynes-Apperson vehicles, reached around 10,000 autos, which was a tiny percentage of the output for Ford or Chevrolet today, says Bud Hillis, but "it was significant at the time, especially since they didn’t have the distribution and support system (of today). Cars were still a high-end luxury for a lot of people back then."

The recession of 1920 and 21 following World War I put many Indiana car makers out of business, Hillis explains, though Haynes survived until 1925, when the company was liquidated after increasing drops in sales. Though the Apperson company lasted a few years longer, many Indiana auto makers were done in by the Great Depression. "If the `21 recession didn’t get them," says Hillis, "The Depression did."

Indiana-based author Ralph Grey says the Haynes is "really America's first car," points out Hillis, adding the "Pioneer" is on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

A lesser-known facet of Elwood Haynes' career was his work with metals. He had one of the early patents on stainless steel as well as his creation of the metal stellite, which is still produced in Kokomo. It's been used in outer space, nuclear reactors, dental and lathe tools, and as a high-temperature alloy. He sold his Haynes Stellite company in 1920 to Union Carbide quite lucratively.

Miss Teen from page A1

ing in the Miss Teen division, one of

four divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of seven and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most importantly, she will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year’s N. Indiana judging panel.

Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition. If she were to win the title of Miss Teen Northern Indiana, Zehner would represent northern Indiana and the surrounding communities at the Cities Of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Fa. More than \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be presented at the national competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six

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days in Orlando.

There is no cost to Zehner for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist her in participating in this year’s competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Zehner to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year’s pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Zehner may contact her northern Indiana pageant coordinator, at 1-800-569-2487.

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Death notice

Batta

Bonnie Jean Batta
March 7, 1932 – Aug. 14, 2010

SOUTH BEND – Bonnie Jean Batta, 78, of South Bend, formerly of Culver, died at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at her residence.
She is survived by her sons, Craig Paluszewski of Los Angeles, Calif., Stanley (Debbie) Paluszewski of Homestead, Fla., Martin (Carolyn) Paluszewski of New Carlisle, Timothy (Cheryl) Paluszewski of South Bend, Brian (Pam) Paluszewski of South Bend, and Kevin Paluszewski of South Bend; stepchildren: Marty Carnegie of Nappanee, Pete Batta of Plymouth, and Patty VanBlaron of Plymouth; a brother, Walter (Emma) VanDePutte of Koontz Lake; a sister, Ellen VanDePutte of South Bend; 22 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.
Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison Street, Plymouth.
Funeral services took place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the funeral home.
Burial took place at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.
Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Joseph County or The American Cancer Society.
Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

We were so pleased to have a flock of BIRDS descend on our lawn last weekend. They moved in quickly and proceeded to weed, clip, clean and sweep our lawn and garage area with efficiency and good cheer. They departed as swiftly as they descended leaving us with a neat lawn and clean gutters. A group of young people like this should give us all thanks that our future is in such capable hands. We are so appreciative and our thanks also, to Julie Bess and Bob Kline for their overseer duties.

Bud and Bobbie Ruhnow
Culver

Thursday Tech Time at the library

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold its Thursday Tech Time for August on August 26 at 6 p.m. This month's session is "Customizing and Tweaking Windows."
Most people have used the features in Windows for basic customization such as changing the wallpaper, sound effects, etc. This is only the beginning of what you can do to personalize your computer. We will demonstrate various features and programs that enable advanced customization.
Making performance tweaks to Windows can noticeably improve performance, especially on an older computer. See various methods of increasing your computer's performance.
Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions.
Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Community calendar

Thurs., Aug. 19 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement-	Grace United Church of Christ Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building	Road Literature book club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Lions Club mtg. (annual steak fry and District Governor's meeting), 6:30 p.m., train station-depot
Tues., Aug. 24 Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co. OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall	Weds., Aug. 25 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Community garden work session, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets	Thurs., Aug. 26 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement
Fri., Aug. 20 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets		
Sat., Aug. 21 Culver Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library		
Mon., Aug. 23 Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets DivorceCare, 7 p.m.,		

REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.
Thurs., Aug. 19: Stuffed cabbage, scalloped potatoes, wheat bread and margarine, fresh fruit in season 100 percent juice, and milk.
Fri., Aug. 20: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, tropical fruit, Brownie & Whipped Topping, and milk.
Mon., Aug. 23: Pork roast, peas, vegetable blend, wheat bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.
Tues., Aug. 24: Ham and beans, chef's choice: vegetable, corn bread and margarine, applecrisp, and milk.
Weds., Aug. 25: Cheeseburger, bun, corn, green beans, applesauce, and milk.
Thurs., Aug. 26: Sliced turkey, lettuce, tomato slice, mayo, rye bread, potato salad, fruit salad, orange juice, and milk.
Fri., Aug. 27: Pepper steak with onions and peppers, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, roll, peaches, and milk.

Death notice

Davit

Kathleen D. (Jones) Davit
July 14, 2010

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen D. (Jones) Davit, 47, Ft. Wayne, died Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at Hospice Home, Ft. Wayne.
She is survived by her husband, Henry Davit; a twin daughter and son, Natalie and Nicholas Davit; daughter, Nina Davit; brothers, Mike (Cheryl) Jones, Jeff (Kathie) Jones, and Tim (Debbie) Jones; mother-in-law, Ilse Davit; and father-in-law, Domenic Davit.
Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 23 with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services Saturday at Randall & Roberts Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.
Funeral services took place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers.
Burial took place at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis.
Memorial contributions may be made to: Visiting Nurse at Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN, 46814 or to the IU Simon Cancer Center for Neuro-Oncology Research, c/o IUF/IUSCC, P.O. Box #660245, Indianapolis, IN, 46266.

High-speed pursuit leads to Culver arrest

On Thursday, August 12, Officer Troy Ulch of the Culver Police Department was on routine patrol near the area of Lake Shore Drive and Forest Place when he found a vehicle driving at 40 mph in a posted 20 mph zone of Lake Shore Drive near the town park.
As Officer Ulch attempted to stop the vehicle on Lake Shore Drive near State Road 10, the vehicle continued north on State Road 17, failing to stop, at which time Officer Ulch began pursuit. With the assistance of the Marshall County Police Department, stop sticks were deployed near the intersection of SR 17 and 12th Road. However, the driver traveled eastbound on 12th Road instead of traveling toward the stop stick deployment area.
The vehicle came to a stop at a residence located in the 17000 block of 12th Road. The driver was ordered from the vehicle and was taken into custody. It was also found that a nine year old child was also present inside the vehicle.
The driver, thirty-six year old James L. Hattery of Argos, was arrested for felony resisting law enforcement, as well as driving on a suspended license. Hattery was transported to the Marshall County Jail where he was held and later formally charged for the listed offenses. Hattery advised he fled because of an active warrant, and is also being held on this warrant from a surrounding county, which was issued for failure to appear for seven counts, one of which is attempted voluntary manslaughter.
The Culver Police Department was assisted by the Marshall County Police Department.

Correction

In the July 22 edition of the Culver Citizen's page 1 story, "Steinbrenner's generosity changed CCHS grad's life," Rene Dulworth's parents' names were listed as Jackie and Harold Elliott. In fact, the couple was Jackie and Elliott Brown. Jackie is today Jackie Elliott. The Citizen apologizes for the error.

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Culver: an early automotive timeline

Editor's note: In keeping with this edition's theme of Culver's automotive history, printed below is a timeline of related matters, adapted from a Culver transportation timeline created by late former Citizen editor Robert Rust in the late 1970s (which of course is why it cuts off in 1978!).

1840's: Transport of grain from area overland to Logansport mill took 2 weeks travel time.

1851: Eight streets in Uniontown (Culver): Cass, Jefferson, Madison, Lake (Lake Shore Drive), Main, Scott, Washington, and Scott Streets

1863: Public road, around East Shore to South side, Lake Maxinkuckee opened. The road passed through Van Schoiack barnyard where gate had to be opened, closed. Some indication that tolls were charged.

1883: Vandalia rail line reaches Culver from Logansport, June 30. One passenger train daily.

1880-1915: Steamboats on Lake Maxinkuckee is means of transportation.

- Auto steam engine powered vehicle patented.

1892: Durea patents auto gasoline engine.

1902-03: Gasoline powered autos make appearance in area.

1903: Improved gravel base road encircles Lake Maxinkuckee...Newspaper item "Culver needs more hitching racks for traders"

1904: In a 24-HP Winton auto, Knight Culver and his family drove from St. Louis to Culver arriving here after four days, Oct.3

1900's: S.C. Shilling was among first car dealers in area selling Ford Model T.

1905: Advertisement: Hayes & Son Livery, "Buggies at your own price" ... News report: Mr. and Mrs. Osborn injured when auto struck their buggy, Lake Shore Drive.

Town speed limits: Bus District, 8 mph; residential areas, 15 mph; rural roads, 20 mph. (Note: signs posted, 1908)

1911: Town to pave section of Main Street with Poster brick .Cost \$4.60 per lineal ft.

1914: In May, Marshall County Commissioners announce award of contracts for graveling road, Union Township, and brick paving

ing of street in Culver.

1915: Town of Culver has 1 and 1/8 miles of brick paved streets.

1916: Newspaper reports that as of October 20 S.C. Shilling has sold 36 Fords this year.

1920: November 17, State Highway Commission announces plans for new east-west highway, St. Rd. #50 (later S.R. #10), Warsaw to De Motte.

1921: D. Hatten named dealer for Maxwell Auto.

1922: May 24, Culver-Bass Lake gravel base road opened.

1923: Culver-Plymouth Behmer Road to be paved

1925: Motor busses begin replacing two-horse drawn school hacks. Hacks began transporting pupils in 1900 in area

- New Culver Car Agency handles Star Auto.

1926: Losier Tazi Co. adds 15-passenger bus to



PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
Crews hard at work to pave Lake Shore Drive near the train station (at right) with bricks, at today's Town Park, circa 1915.

taxi fleet.

1929: Features of new Model A Ford demonstrated early in May . . . New Chevrolet price: \$595.

May 29, State road oiled to keep down dust.

Submit petition to county to pave road around Long Point.

August, announce plans to pave Ohio and Madison Streets. . . . Petition state to pave State Road 10

1909: Capt. Bays drove his Auburn from Culver to Sullivan Indiana in 11 hrs. Casualties: one dog, two chickens, one turkey

1930: February 26th, roads impassable due to

sudden thaw. Only outlet from Culver is paved road to Plymouth. State Road 10 closed.

Final section Lake Shore Drive paved; College Avenue to be paved

September 24, Gasoline 14.4 cents per gallon.

1931: Petition state for North-South, Plymouth-Culver-Logansport State Road.

News account tells of Culver family driving to Cleveland Ohio in 17 hours.

1932: January 12, Plymouth-Logansport highway route through Culver (West Shore, Main Street, Lake

Shore Drive becomes State Road 17).

1940: State Highway Commission to incorporate 10-mile extension of Fulton-Marshall County line road into state highway system (State Road 110).

1942: November 18, motorists register for gas rationing. Note: in 1943 gas stations limited to 72 hours. per week.

1947: March 24, Inaugurate Culver-Plymouth bus service. April 1, Construction begins, four-lane U.S. 31 Plymouth-South Bend.

1950s: State Road 110 widened; State Road 17 relocated west of Culver; State Road 117, east shore established. Relocation of State Road 10 plans shelved, 1953

1979: Gasoline shortage; Gasoline as high as \$1.11.

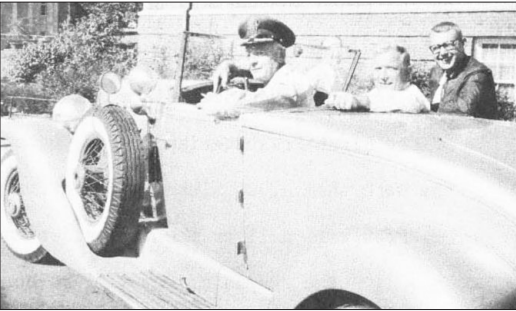
An earlier Culver Academy Duesenberg visit (circa 1961)

A humorous memory from the Culver Military Academy's CMA Messenger newsletter of October, 1961. --Editor

Two weeks ago, when the Academy decided to sell its 1931 Duesenberg, Business Manager William E. Covington Jr. inserted a classified advertisement in the weekend edition of the Chicago Tribune.

By Tuesday of the next week, the Academy was deluged with offers. More than 50 inquiries were received, either by phone, personal visit, or letter. Antique car owners in the Illinois and Indiana areas were alerted that a rare find was available for purchase.

Many of the answers were interesting. Some were small boys who thought the \$50 in their savings account might be enough to purchase a 1931 automobile. An elderly woman called from Wheaton, Illinois, but she was handicapped when she didn't understand Colonel Covington's explanation that second gear doesn't work. Then there was a man who wrote from Chicago and began his letter with the statement: "I am not interested in buying your Duesenberg." He went on to say the word "Duesenberg" was misspelled in the advertisement, and since the word was misspelled, the Academy obviously didn't know much about the automobile. He offered the titles of three books Col. Covington could write for to obtain further information about the car.



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES
William Covington, Russ Oliver, and Charles Owen in 1961 with the Duesenberg.

By noon Saturday, Oct. 14, it appeared that a man who called twice from Shrewsbury, Mass., and wrote two letters, would be the new owner of the prize antique car. He upped his ante three times to make sure he was the high bidder.

The car was a gift in 1959 from William A. Burns, Cincinnati, President of Trailmobile, Inc. Burns' idea was that

the uniqueness of this automobile would be a stimulus to boys taking the motors course, but the course was dropped from the Winter School curriculum last year and the Academy discovered that a 1931 Dusenbergs was too valuable to have stored. Money from this sale will be placed in the endowed funds for salaries and scholarships for faculty

Courtesy Culver Academies archives.

Nostalgia

100 years ago
August 18, 1910

The Koontz and Walter vacuum cleaner factory will soon add automobile repair to its business.

The town board has received a petition from a large number of citizens asking for the installation of street lights. The petitioners, business men and residents, are willing to contribute substantially for the cost of the initial installation.

W. L. Devine placed a fine, new launch in the lake recently. It is 26 feet long, has a 35-horsepower, four-cylinder engine, and cost \$1,800.

90 years ago
August 18, 1920

Philip Sickman has sold his house and three lots opposite the school to J.I. Barnes (*Editor's note: the J.I. Barnes company was a forerunner to today's well-known Easterday Construction in Culver. James I. Barnes Construction of Logansport was working extensively for the Culver Military Academy with Russell Easterday as foreman, according to the Easterday Construction website. Offices were opened on the second floor of the State Exchange Bank building in downtown Culver, with materials and equipment "stored at the family farm at the edge of town on Slate Street, the current location of our main offices."*)

It is estimated there are 600 acres of mint in Marshall County this year.

80 years ago
August 13, 1930

Culver's radio station, WCMA, will broadcast every afternoon from 1:15 to 5. Mrs. Edna Robinson will broadcast every afternoon at 3:30 giving the highlights from this week's society news.

M.H. Ewald was doubly honored at the National Meat Dealers Association in Minneapolis last week. He was elected into the "T-Bone Club," a select group, and also named president of the organization (*Editor's note: Ewald's Meat Market was located on the east side of North Main Street*).

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Fritz Kemple, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kemple, has a new industry. He is shipping turtles to the University of Buffalo to be used in the biological laboratories.

50 years ago
August 17, 1960

Nearly 100 people assembled in the Community Building (today's Culver Elementary School gymnasium -- editor) for an informal discussion of the proposed consolidation of Union Township of Marshall County, North Bend Township of Starke County, and Aubbeenaubbee Township of Fulton County. Starke and Fulton County are against the merger, which is a response to the state's Reorganization Act.

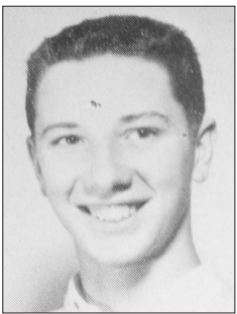
Sponsored by the Culver Lions Club, 77 members of the Culver Little League, accompanied by nine adults, journeyed by bus to Comiskey Park in Chicago for the White Sox-New York Yankees game last Wednesday. The buses were driven by Al Sytsma, Jr., and Ed Kowatch.

Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's Mystery Citizen continues to be a visible part of the Culver community, and he was recognized by Sandra Middleton, Leroy Bean, Judy Sawhook, and Phyllis Lindvall (and doubtless many others who didn't call or write). He's Kenny Miller, inheritor of three generations of Miller's Dairy (as detailed in 2008 in the *Citizen*). He was, for decades, Culver's milkman, until his retirement in the 1980s.

This week's Mystery Citizen is also active in a number of local endeavors, but may be most readily recognized for his work with the Culver branch of a particular organization.

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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Miss America from page A1



her learn what she wanted to be, and in helping her become Miss America.

And Miss America, recalled Stam, was a prevalent part of her life at least from the age of three, at which she has a photo of herself in a Miss America outfit she put together herself with mother's slip and other accessories. This continued throughout her childhood, she added, when she and her cousin created more elaborate Miss America costumes including cardboard and glitter made tiaras.

Stam emphasized there are many misconceptions about the pageant, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. Among other traits, the Miss America pageant is the largest provider of scholarships to young women in the world, she explained, adding the four points of the winner's crown -- which may only be worn publicly by the present Miss America -- are service, scholarship, style, and success, with an emphasis on Miss America being an advocate of a cause about which she's passionate.

The process of making her way finally to the Miss America pageant was long and at times difficult, said Stam, who described a frenzied, whirlwind series of press conferences and plane rides immediately following her

crowning. In the year that followed, Stam said she worked seven days a week, logging 250,000 miles in 170 planes crisscrossing the country, a process which was "absolutely exhausting, but amazing."

Stam became the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network, whose only Indiana hospital is Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Stam shared stories of her many endeavors and meetings with ailing children around the country.

She also is proud, she said, of her work with the U.S. Military. Stam praised the Culver Military Academy cadets acting as escorts for the area young ladies modeling historic wedding dresses at the style show. "It's important that we put aside our opinions of what's going on around the world (with the military) and support the people in the military," she added.

Also stressed was the importance of helping people in communities across America "realize the opportunities for volunteering in their own communities," she said. "People think community service has to be so many dollars and so many hours. Community service is simple. It's helping others. That's what makes your community so beautiful. When we work together, we can learn and grow."

Stam closed with her recollection of her now-husband Brian Irk's marriage proposal in January just before she crowned the new Miss America (so he could say he proposed to Miss America!), in front of 25 former Miss Americas and over 600 people at a formal event, with the aid of program host Robin Leach (perhaps best remembered for the "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" television program).

"I started hyperventilating," she said. "He

got down on one knee and asked if I would be his Miss America forever."

The couple was married in July, and Stam is featured on the cover of the most recent issue of Bridal Guide magazine, in wedding attire. She called the Indianapolis wedding "the most important moment of my life, even over being crowned Miss America."

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY
LEFT: Miss America 2009, Katie Stam (now Irk, as of her July wedding) discussed her journey to Miss America, and to Mrs. Irk, with her Culver Cove audience last Saturday.
BELOW: Stam chats with Trinity Lutheran Church Pastor K.C. Dehning. Stam, a devout Lutheran, said she attended a small, rural Lutheran school near Seymour, Indiana, while growing up, and emphasized her involvement in the church, school, and her community as helping her make it to Miss America.



Hillis from page A1

home to the grandson of the man credited with designing America's first automobile for mass production and forming the first US company to manufacture the then-new "horseless carriages" for a profit, Elwood Haynes.

Haynes' grandson, World War II veteran and former US Congressman Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis, continues to live in Culver, having graduated from Culver Military Academy and growing up summering on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Today, Hillis has a photo of the legendary grandfather he missed meeting by a year with his sister, Margaret.

"My sister remembers Grandfather being a kind, gentle, Santa Claus sort of man, a very sweet person. He set a pretty positive moral tone in his life. I've always tried to model, and to think about that."

Bud and his siblings are the children of one of Elwood Haynes' two children, Bernice and March. As it happens, March also attended CMA and purchased a home on the east shore, though he later moved to San Francisco and spent the rest of his life there.

Bernice Haynes attended high school in Kokomo, says Bud, and "was supposedly the first licensed female driver in the United States. She certainly was an early driver -- when licenses came into being, she got one."

She married Glenn R. Hillis, who went on to run for Indiana Governor in 1940 ("He came in second," expains Bud Hillis today. "In politics, coming in second is not too good!"). Hillis lost to the popular Henry Schricker of Starke County, whose son George was ironically a fraternity brother of Glenn's son Elwood "Bud" at Indiana University (George's son George Jr. is a Plymouth-based musician and storyteller today). Glenn had been an attorney in Kokomo and early in his career became prosecuting attorney in that city, adds son Bud. He passed away in 1965.

Bud Hillis himself grew up in Kokomo, though he says his mother took her four children on frequent Sunday drives.

"She was adventuresome," he recalls. "We came up to Culver in the winter one time, and it was beautiful. She said, 'You ought to think about going to school here. That was the early 1930s.'"

Bud Hillis' first deep exposure to Culver was in the summer 1937 as a Woodcrafter, during which time his parents rented a cottage on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Though he came back to Woodcraft in 1938, Hillis didn't return to the Academy until the autumn of 1941 as a cadet plebe, spending the next three years at CMA, from which he graduated.

"That's how I started coming into the Culver community, and I've been coming here ever since."

Hillis graduated from CMA in 1944.

"At the (CMA) final ball, all night long starting about midnight they piped in the first news of the invasion of Normandy. We stopped dance as it was happening. They were just hitting the beaches over there. Five weeks later I was in the Army. I was fortunate. I served about 30 months in the occupation of Germany and came back."

Hillis then attended IU, where he met his wife Carol, a native of Lima, Ohio. The couple had three sons (though one has since passed away).

Hillis followed in his father's footsteps studying law, moving back to Kokomo to practice with his father until Glenn Hillis' health prevented him from further work.

His parents had sold their Maxinkuckee cottage in 1955 to prominent Indianapolis entrepreneur Tom Binford, though Hillis and his wife later purchased a home at 176 South Shore Drive.

"We went off the lake for a while," Hillis says. "But I always loved the place. I sent a son to the Woodcraft Camp; he went later to Upper Camp a year or two. I had the opportunity to buy the cottage on the south end...it was strictly a cottage at the time. It had an old oil furnace. We used it in the lake summer season a lot when the kids were growing up."

In 1966, Bud Hillis ran for the Indiana Legislature and served two terms in the House of Representatives in Indianapolis. In 1970, he ran for US Congress and served 16 years before retiring and eventually returning to the Culver area.

During his political career, he served on the Armed Services Committee and played a major role in the development of what's now the M1 tank. During his second term in the state legislature, Dr. Otis R. Bowen of Bremen was Speaker of the House before his election as Governor, says Hillis. "He was always worried we'd have a Constitutional Convention and rewrite the Constitution. He appointed me Chairman of the Committee, and we helped rewrite certain areas of the Indiana Constitution; judicial reform was one. We got it fairly well modernized. The basic concept of the document has remained intact."

After Bud Hillis' retirement from Congress, he and Carol moved to Culver, where they stayed from 1988 to 2001. They then moved to Colorado, summering again in Culver now at the Riggings on State Road 10.

"I kind of got that Maxinkuckee sand in my shoes from Culver. I never wanted to leave it permanently."

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"It was an excellent experience. By that time my parents had purchased a home on the east side by Curtis' (cottage) today. Mowbray, the head of the CMA history department, sold it; he had just retired. This was before the war, and it was \$15,000 or something. They paid a pretty good sum at that time."

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"I've seen the Culver community emerge from a small, sleepy almost village to a thriving summer resort," muses Hillis. "The Academy brings people from all over the country and world now. I have a great grandson at the Academy, and some of the kids in his cabin are from Mexico...it's getting well known all over the western hemisphere! That shows the stature of the institution."

"When I went to winter school it had kind of a somewhat international feel. We had students from Mexico, but it's a different kind of school today than it was then. It casts a tremendous impact on this community that is 99 percent positive. It's a real treasure, and the lake is a treasure."

Scenes from the Wedding Dress Style Show

Nearly 40 wedding dresses -- dating from the 1890s to last year -- belonging primarily to area residents and their ancestors were modeled Saturday afternoon by several Culver area young people (many, though not all, students or recent graduates from Culver Community Schools). The event was sponsored by Culver's Trinity Lutheran Church and included a silent auction aimed at raising funds for Riley Children's Hospital, the chosen charity for Miss America 2009, Katie Stam Irk (she herself was married this summer), who waived appearance fees in lieu of the Riley's donation. Hundreds packed the ballroom at the Culver Cove resort for the show, which included dinner and beverages.

Stam narrated the Style Show, which also included projected slides with original wedding photos featuring each dress and its original wearer. Stam shared with the crowd

not only information about each dress and several anecdotes of unusual or humorous (or both) incidents taking place at many of the weddings, but also discussed shifting trends in bridal attire as they related to cultural and historical changes in American culture, from less expensive trends during the Great Depression, to more informal and personalized wedding ceremonies in the 1960s and 1970s. She also detailed the material of which each dress was made and the various accessories and unique properties of each.

Several dresses were worn by both mother and daughter -- years apart -- in their respective weddings, with some modeled by granddaughters at the Style Show. In some cases, brides past modeled their own gowns at the event. Two couples with dresses featured in the Style Show -- Jim and Rosalie Bonine and Jim and Ina Harper, both in

attendance at the event -- celebrated golden (50 year) anniversaries this year, something to which Stam drew attention. The models were escorted from the runway by cadets from Culver Military Academy.

Models included Michelle Allyn, Elizabeth Beauchamp, Dawn Brockey, Jeanene Calabrese, Teresa Daugharty, Hannah Freese, Victoria Gardner, Kim Kephart, Aspen Kitchell, Cally Jo Klausing, Hannah Kline, Brita Krzanowski, Linda Krzanowski, Patrice McBee, Allycia Rabenau, Jeanette Rettinger, Ashley Rowe, Jessica Smith, Jordyn Sorg, Katie Stam, Cheante Stiles, Alex Sullivan, and Ashley Zehner.

The program was dedicated to the memory of recently-deceased Trinity members Dorothy Mester, Marie Orangius, Maxine Todd, and Ruth Uebel.



FROM LEFT: Young models in wedding attire line up outside the Culver Cove ballroom as the event is about to launch. Hanna Freese models the wedding gown from Joseph and Matilda Schwegman's June, 1909 wedding at St. Mary's, Indiana. Freese is escorted by Culver Military Academy cadet Kevin Kim. Miss America 2009 Katie Stam sings "What a Wonderful World," one of a handful of songs she sang to kick off the style show, wearing her own wedding gown. Stam was also featured, in the gown, on the cover of the current issue of *Bridal Guide* magazine. Modeling Charlotte Montgomery's wedding down (she married George in October, 1940 in Chicago) is Allycia Rabenau.



FROM LEFT: Kim escorts Brita Krzanowski, who modeled a dress worn at Lawrence and Ruth Payton's March, 1945 wedding in Chicago. Phoebe Gier's dress is modeled by Miss Maxinkuckee (and Miss Northern Indiana hopeful) Ashley Zehner (Phoebe married Edward Gier in November, 1947, in Chicago). Rosalie Bonine's May, 1960 wedding to Jim was recalled by model Hannah Kline. Chester and Shirley Gut were married in Portage, Indiana, in June 1963. Modeling Shirley's dress is Cally Jo Klausing. Charlotte Hahn's dress is modeled by Jessica Smith -- here escorted by CMA cadet Zachary Kephart. She married James in Steger, Illinois, in September, 1963.



FROM LEFT: Kevin Kim escorts Jordyn Sorg, who is modeling a dress worn at the wedding of Frank and Susan Elizondo in April, 1973, in Wabash, Indiana. Beth Pare's dress -- worn in her November 1989 wedding to Paul, is here modeled by Allycia Rabenau. Michelle Alborn's August, 1993 dress is modeled by Patrice McBee. Elizabeth Beauchamp models her own dress, worn in her September, 2006 marriage to Thad.



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Rakich recognized for work

Jean Rakich of the Culver Lions Club (above, left) was recently recognized for organizing and managing “Cane Day” volunteers and collections for the Culver Lions Club. These collections support projects related to eye sight. The award came from Timothy M. Fischer, President and CEO of the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank, located in Indianapolis. Approximately five years ago, Rakich attended a workshop on eye sight and Cane Day support, at a Lions Convention, according to Don Freese of the Lions. She brought back to the Culver Lions Club enthusiasm and ideas for supporting Lions Eye Sight projects, he adds. Over the next five years Rakich recruited 20 to 30 volunteers for each of the two Cane Day collections conducted each year (readers may recall seeing these volunteers at Main and Jefferson Streets and Highways 10 and 17). During Rakich’s tenure on this project, she and her volunteers have raised in excess of \$10,000 for eye sight. She is now turning this project over to Wesley United Methodist Church Pastor Larry Saunders and Dan Adams. Here Rakich is shown receiving her award at the July 28 Lions meeting from Culver Lions President Barbara Winters.

Tree safety, removal debated by Council

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Shoring up procedures for tree trimming and removal in Culver came to the fore at the August 10 meeting of Culver’s Town Council.

Council member Lynn Overmyer raised the discussion following a recent incident in which a resident of Culver’s tree and hedges were trimmed against his wishes at the request of Culver Tree Commission member Tom Kearns, who noticed a tree trimming service already at work at the resident’s property. Kearns, in the audience, said the tree and hedges, on Academy Road, have been obscuring drivers’ views to the point of being hazardous for a few years now, and more than one attempt has been made by the Tree Commission to convince the property owner to trim the trees. Kearns said attempts to trim the tree by NIPSCO were also halted by the property owner, who instead secured the tree removal company to clear power lines by trimming his tree.

“We called in (Street Department head) Bob Porter,” added Kearns, “and he agreed (the tree and hedges should be trimmed). The property owner said, ‘You people just want me to move.’ No, we don’t, but (the trees and hedges in the street are) an accident waiting to happen...Lynn (Overmyer) was there and agreed we need to take care of it. The property owner will not have to pay for it; it’s town work. This is a safety problem that has to be addressed. We’re just living within the (tree safety) ordinance.”

Culver’s Tree Commission, comprised of unpaid volunteers, has in recent years worked not only to plant new trees, but to target and remove or trim problem trees around Culver causing hazards in safety, visibility, or pedestrian transit.

Overmyer asked suggested the Council and Tree Commission need to work more in concert on tree issues, and asked who will pay for trimming of trees designated as hazards such as at the Academy Road property. Porter or Town Manager Michael Doss presently approve tree trimming or removal actions at such sites, on a case-by-case basis.

“I think it’s ok that the tree commission identifies these problems,” said Council member Ginny Munroe but as a citizen I would feel bullied if a person stops (a company hired to do work) on their property and then calls Bob Porter....I would feel a bit attacked if I called (a tree trimming service) and then had this happen..it’s getting sticky from multiple angles.”

Audience member Grant Munroe suggested a formal process similar to when a property is identified as having grass in need of mowing, in which case a warning is sent prior to the town cutting the grass and billing the property owner.

Town Manager Doss said such a process was discussed at the last Tree Commission meeting, noting a “tree permit” was established by ordinance but doesn’t yet exist in actuality.

Audience member Kathy Clark noted much of the basis for creation of the Tree Commission was handling trees in town-owned right-of-ways at streetside throughout Culver.

“(Property owners) can get sued (over tree hazards in the right-of-way) whether they want to acknowledge a problem or not,” she said. “There’s several intersections that need bushes trimmed. That’s been not looked at because the property owners don’t want them trimmed. Well, that’s not (their) place. It’s the majority of the people that are the (safety) concern.”

Overmyer suggested the Tree Commission has been using the \$6,000 budgeted to it annually to purchase new trees. “We don’t need more trees,” she said. “We need these problems solved.”

Kearns responded that last year the Commission

purchased only 20 trees at \$50 per tree from its \$6,000, and spent the remaining funds on tree maintenance and safety issues. Doss added 16 dead or fallen trees have been removed so far this year by the town. “Be advised,” he noted, “you’ll make people upset (by forcing them to have trees and other plant life on their property trimmed). But it needs to be noted the money’s been exhausted.”

Doss also said the Tree Commission is seeking to establish clearly-defined roles in the process of identifying and managing tree-related safety issues, and is aiming for a “call before you cut” policy.

Overmyer noted money isn’t budgeted to enact the improvements around town the Tree Commission hopes to see made.

“Then let’s budget more,” said Kearns, “but you’ve got to give us the tools to do the work.”

Munroe noted the Commission’s budget has increased incrementally in recent years.

“Because of foliage at a stop sign, my wife and I were blindsided,” said Kearns, referring to a serious vehicular accident in which he and his wife were injured in rural Starke County in June. “Right now, the idea of safety in this town should be paramount. If we have to spend or borrow the money to do it, we have to do it.

“We’re trying to do the work the town has given us,” he added. “We try to do it so the town doesn’t have to pay for it, but things have to be done to be more supportive of the Tree Commission. The ordinance is on the books, but we have to get things going.”

In other discussion, grant writer Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources was on hand as part of a public hearing on funding applied for by the town of Culver towards wastewater improvement. Results of a grant recently applied for utilizing federal Disaster Recovery 2 monies will be announced Septmeber 25, said McLeod, noting \$994,000 was applied for. Doss said the funds would be used to replace the sanitary sewer lines on several streets as well as multiple components at Culver’s wastewater treatment plant. McLeod said she’s hoping for success with the application, but wants to be prepared to submit a proposal for around \$600,000 in Community Focus funds by August 13, in case the DR2 grant is denied. The reduced amount would require scaling back some improvements at the sewer plant, she noted, adding storm water improvements could be addressed starting early next year if the DR2 money comes through.

Also discussed was the potential sale or disposal of a 1998 ambulance belonging to the Culver-Union Township EMS. In the past, Culver’s fire and street departments had both expressed interest in the vehicle, said Council President Sally Ricciardi, though Fire Chief Mike Grover, in attendance at the meeting, said his department is no longer interested in it. Doss explained the street department is interested in utilizing the ambulance as a sort of mobile tool-box to handle equipment needed at various worksites. Doss said he would speak further with Bob Porter of the street department about the matter.

During his Town Manager’s report, the Council approved Doss’ request for \$3,757 to replace the town’s water meter on Academy Road, which was struck by lightning earlier this summer. Insurance will cover the cost of the replacement.

Also approved was \$8,200 to the Bonar Group for design services at the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet culvert, designated as needing replacement some months ago. The cost includes state DNR and other permit fees, Doss added. He also said it’s possible Marshall County will take over the project and make use of some of its own materials in the replacement, thus eliminating bid documents and construction administration, though those negotiations are ongoing. Ricciardi affirmed, in response to a query from audience member Jack Cunningham, that the work will be an exact replacement of the existing culvert rather than an expansion to accommodate a bicycle path. Such an expansion, she noted, could change the lake’s outflow and become a much larger matter requiring delays up to three years.

Audience member Jean Rakich also told the Council Price Nursery has examined and worked on a tree planted in the park in honor of the late Selestine Ware, and believes the tree -- once thought slated for removal -- can likely be saved. Culver’s Parks and Recreations board, she said, paid for the work.

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Culver Elementary among food program sites

PLYMOUTH — The Marshall-Starke Development Center, Inc. announced the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and its policy providing free and reduced-price meals at no separate charge. Free and reduced-price meals will be provided to participants meeting the approved eligibility criteria. Meals are available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability at the following sites: Head Start classes at Kaleidoscope Children's Center, St. Thomas School, St. Peter Lutheran School, and Culver Elementary School.

The USDA Eligibility Guidelines (which are effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) are for example: For a household of two people, reduced-price meals are given to those whose income is at or below \$26,955 annually and free meals are given to those whose income is at or below \$18,941 annually.

For each additional family member living within the household, add \$6,919 annually to reduced-price meals and \$4,862 annually to free meals. Children who are members of households that receive TANF or Food Stamp benefits or are Head Start participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. This program, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Department of Education, Division of School and Community Nutrition Programs gives financial assistance to child care centers so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential child care services for children.

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change at Grace

Grace United Church of Christ, 307 North Plymouth Street, is changing its worship times to the following: church service, 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m. for children and adults. The changes will begin September 5.

Heritage Park brick order approaching

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is accepting orders for personalized Heritage Park bricks for an upcoming order to be sent out in the near future (the bricks are ordered when a certain number of orders are reached, so this may be the last chance to order for some months). Bricks may be ordered with a family, individual, business, or other name engraved in them for placement at the AHS' Heritage Park at Main and Jefferson Streets, or simply ordered for personal use. To order, or with questions, contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

Academies model trains exhibited

An exhibit featuring the Culver Academies historic model railroad collection is ongoing through November 10 at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 South Main Street in downtown Culver. The model train collection was the largest student-operated model railroad in the United States and was prominently featured in *Model Railroader* magazine and other publications. The exhibit may be viewed during the museum's regular hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (the museum is closed Tuesdays). Information is available online at www.culver.org/museum or by phone at 574-842-8842.

Friends book sale Sept. 24 wkcd.

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold their next book sale Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. The Friends welcome book donations anytime at the main desk of the library. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267.

Friends meeting

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold their next monthly meeting Tuesday, September 7 at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the library. New members are always welcome. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267.

Large item trash pickup

The Town of Culver would like to advise individuals that "large pick up" items will be collected by Allied Waste on the last Friday of each month. Those residential properties with a large item should call Allied Waste at 574-842-3003 to be added to the pick up

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Barbara Quivey, winner of the Quivey reading award, will be featured in our upcoming *Maxinkuckee Reed* newsletter. Participants are welcomed to the library to pick up their grab bag prize.

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Quivey wins reading award

Standing in front of Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church's Susanna Quilters display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is (at left) Clerk Fran Kent presenting Barbara Quivey with the First Place award in the Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Quivey also won an award for the Book Review she submitted as a participant in the popular Library program.

The Library recently honored participants in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Staff members Fran Kent and Polly Wolf coordinated the annual program this year. The theme was "Water Your Mind," and 26 adults signed up for the program. Members were awarded points for each book they read (extra if the book was about water), and the points were recorded on their reading logs.

Connie J. Deery received the second place award. This year participants were invited to write reviews of the books they read for the program. Several readers responded and turned in reviews which

list each month.

Library computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library continues its session of free computer classes in August, held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions include: Microsoft Publisher (Friday, August 20, 10 a.m.), Computer building (August 26, 6 p.m., and Friday, August 30, 10 a.m.). 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.

Street paving work this month

During the month of August, the Town of Culver Street Department will commence with their 2010 street paving and concrete projects. Street milling and paving work is scheduled to start Monday, August 23 and continue until Friday, August 27 (weather permitting). At that time, the Town requests that all parked vehicles be removed from the following streets: Lakeview Street, Lake Street, Academy Road between Lakeshore Drive, and State Street during the hours between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Note: The streets should be opened for vehicular parking in the evening hours. If you have any questions regarding this capital improvement project, please call Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Culver looking to fill Board of Zoning seat

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest 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.

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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.

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.

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Academies recognized with Circle of Excellence award

Culver Academies was recently awarded the Circle of Excellence Grand Gold Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), its highest honor, in recognition of the school’s successful achievement of the Batten Leadership Challenge. The Batten Leadership Challenge raised \$100 million for Culver’s endowment and was part of Culver’s comprehensive campaign, By Example: The Campaign for Culver, which is the most successful fund-raising campaign in the history of American secondary schools, raising \$376 million over eight years.

The Batten Leadership Challenge was a unique opportunity for Culver to build its endowment during a difficult economic environment. Frank Batten, alumnus and the founder of the Weather Channel, and his wife, Jane, funded the Batten Leadership Challenge, a \$50 million matching grant in the fall of 2008. In 16 months, the Batten Leadership Challenge raised \$100 million for the school’s endowment, making Culver’s endowment one of the larg-

est among secondary schools nationwide.

Culver was the only Grand Gold winner among 76 entries in the category of Fundraising Programs: "Principal, Major, or Special Giving Programs." The Gold winners were awarded to universities, including Harvard University, Princeton University, University of Texas (Austin), University of California (Berkeley), and Syracuse University.

“We’re pleased that the Batten Leadership Challenge was recognized with this prestigious honor,” said John Buxton, head of schools at Culver. “We’re also proud of the Culver community of students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni, who came together to meet the very generous challenge Frank and Jane set for us to ensure that Culver can continue to deliver the outstanding education it provides for years to come.”

The Circle of Excellence Awards, CASE’s premier international awards program, exclusively recognizes the work of CASE members. The awards acknowledge superior ac-

complishments that have lasting impact, demonstrate the highest level of professionalism, and deliver exceptional results. Winning programs epitomize the profession’s best practices, raise standards, and contribute to a growing body of knowledge about advancement.

Grand Gold awards are reserved for entries that are clearly pre-eminent among gold-level winners in each specific category. Grand Gold winners are honored in a display at CASE’s Summit for Advancement Leaders conference in New York in July, and receive recognition in CASE’s CURRENTS magazine.

The Batten Leadership Challenge also received recognition when the Battens were awarded the 2010 Seymour Preston Award from CASE, presented annually to an independent school trustee for exceptional commitment and leadership in developing voluntary support for his or her institution.

The Marmons: Culver’s other classic car connection

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Note: With the upcoming arrival of the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg "Hoosier Tour" to Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee, this edition of the Citizen takes a look at the Culver area's remarkable contribution to automotive history. In addition to our cover story on the Haynes Automobile legacy of 'Bud' Hillis here, the east shore of the lake continues to be home to Anne Greenleaf and her daughter, Katy Lewellan, who help keep alive the legacy of another pioneering auto family of Indiana, their ancestors the Marmons. Below is an excerpt from a two-part article on the Marmons and their Lake Maxinkuckee presence, published in the Citizen last July.

Anne Greenleaf, of 1100 East Shore Drive on Lake Maxinkuckee, helps carry on the legacy of the renowned Marmon auto company which her ancestors founded. “Orchard House,” the historic Marmon (now Greenleaf) cottage on Lake Maxinkuckee is remarkably unchanged in appearance since its 1882 construction by her great-grandfather, Daniel W. Marmon. Born in 1844 in Ohio, he married Elizabeth M. Carpenter before moving to Richmond, Ind., where he was the first head of well-known Earlham College, a Quaker school whose faith the Marmons shared. The couple moved to Indianapolis where Daniel founded the first power company in that city — later Indianapolis Power and Light — says Greenleaf. Daniel and Elizabeth’s children Howard, Caroline, and Walter, Walter’s son (Anne Greenleaf’s father) Franklin, Greenleaf herself, and her own children and grandchildren spent many happy hours a stone’s throw from Lake Maxinkuckee. The Marmon family was also part of a community of summer cottagers who brought a deep appreciation of literature, arts, and culture to the area.



would build an air-cooled V-twin engine which introduced the notion of pressure lubrication. Before long, the company was selling dozens of the vehicles he designed to make use of his engine, and shifted its focus to their manufacture and development.

“Of course Howard was the real engineer,” recalls Anne Greenleaf, “and my grandfather (his brother) Walter was the bookkeeper and president of the company. Uncle Howard was the real designer and built the car that won the first Indianapolis 500 race...I used to be driven up here (to the lake) at 100 miles per hour by my grandfather while I slept in the back seat!”

Though the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was built in 1909, it wasn’t until 1911 when the first Indianapolis 500 race was organized there. Winning driver Ray Harroun’s Marmon car was nicknamed the “Wasp” because of its yellow and black color scheme, and sported the first rear-view mirror in the world. The

Marmon’s status, of course, only increased as a result.

“They did very well,” recalls Greenleaf, “Indianapolis and Kokomo, of course, were car centers.

“When I was 4 months old in 1924, my father (Franklin) had grown up and went to MIT, and he was an automotive engineer, too. He designed a new brake for the Marmon cars. Uncle Howard said, ‘That young man is too cocky,’ and sent him out to Pike’s Peak to test the brake, which Uncle Howard knew would work. (My father) drove back and got as far as Avon, Ind.. I’ve always heard he hit a ‘T’ in the road. The car turned over and it broke his neck... that was virtually the end of the Marmon automobile company. Uncle Howard always felt guilty about that. Carl Fisher, who was with (Franklin in the accident), survived and was one of the ones who started the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.”

Though the Marmon company – which up to the late 1920s sold cars to a wealthier class of buyers – introduced successful, lower-cost automobiles to the industry, the stock market crash of 1929 and subsequent Great Depression crippled a host of car makers of the day, the Marmon company among them.

“They were wonderful cars,” says Greenleaf. “I saw a marvelous model of one at the New York branch of the Smithsonian museum (and) our oldest daughter’s companion collects them now. There aren’t that many of them left, of course, but they’re being collected.”

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TOP: The first Indianapolis 500-winning Marmon “Wasp” on parade in 1914 in Indianapolis.

RIGHT: Grandfather Walter Marmon – president of the Marmon auto company – shares a drink from the flowing well at the “Orchard House” on East Shore Drive with young Anne Greenleaf.



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Leadership Marshall County extends application deadline

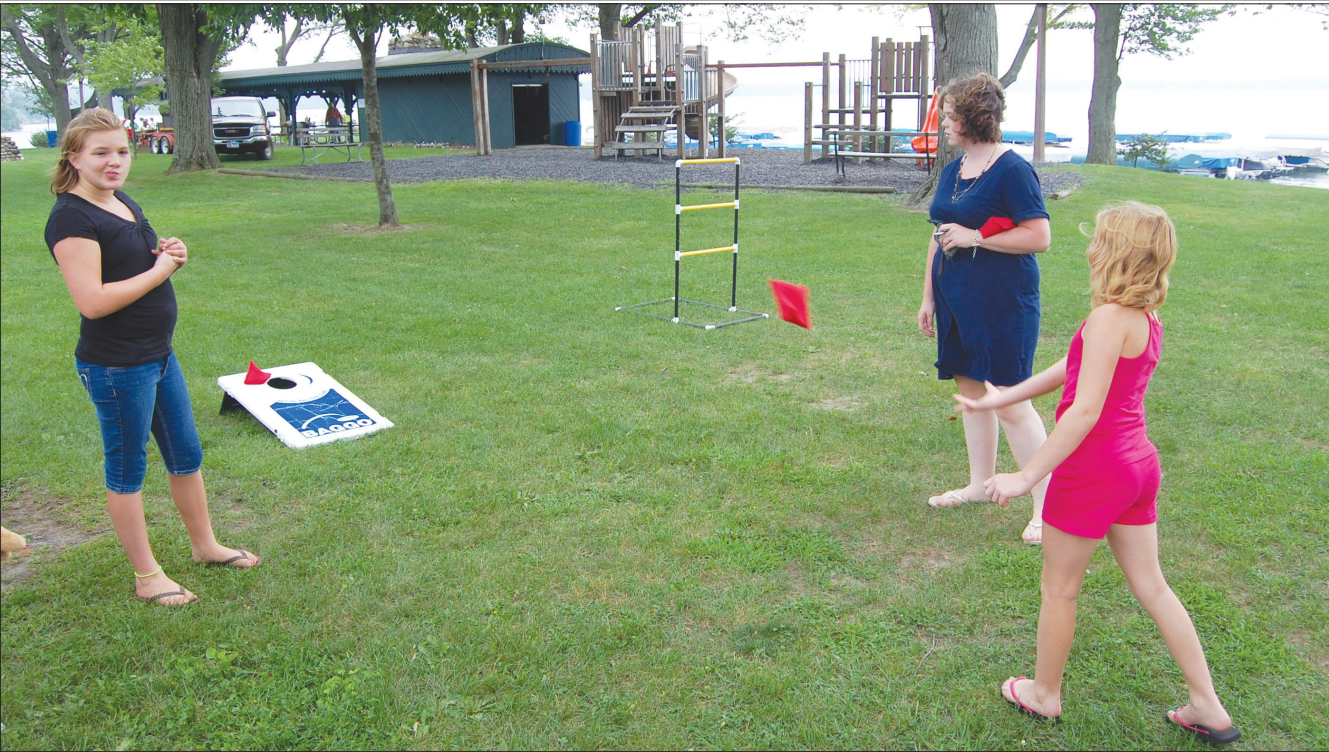
PLYMOUTH — Leadership Marshall County is extending the application due date for this year’s class until Aug. 27. Leadership Marshall County is a nine-month program designed to educate future leaders of Marshall County. This program was designed to identify, motivate, and develop community leaders through education and skills development, involving sessions taught by currently established leaders in Marshall County government, agriculture, education, economic development, arts, tourism, health and human services and criminal justice.

Individuals interested in attending Leadership Marshall County may contact the Marshall County Community Foundation office at 574-935-5159 or visit the website at www.marshallcountylmc.org for an application.

Bike rides and race Sept. 11 through Kosciusko, Marshall counties

WARSAW — The "2 Bourbon and Back" race will take place Sept. 11 with entertainment, door prizes, fundraiser prizes, and food. There is a \$12 entry fee per person. The ride begins (2 p.m.) and ends at the intersection of Lake and Center Streets in Warsaw, going through Boggs Industrial Park and linking with the "Greenway" at Zimmer Road with "Sag" stops at Bourbon and Etna Green via country roads south of "Old 30."

"2 Bourbon and Back" is 35 miles. The "2 Bourbon and Back Plus" is 39.5 miles via Summit Chapel Hill, the highest point in Marshall County. To Etna Green and Back is 27 miles. For more information visit www.becknell.org.



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Picnic fun

Mandy (age 11, at left) and Sarah (age 9, far right) Morrison join the young folks in line for prizes at the bean bag toss game at the Wesley United Methodist Church’s annual picnic and auction Sunday, August 8. Assisting is Mary McDaniel (center). As in years past, a community meal was followed by games and – inside the Lions Club train station - depot – both a silent and live auction for an assortment of items. The picnic took place in the Town Park.

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