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In Brief

Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members for anniversary

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of the group's existence. It's been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to reassemble as many of past and present members as possible.

Former members interested in participating in any way, should contact either: Andrea Mallory at 574-784-2479, Dan Adams at 574-842-3478, or Vickie Dearth at 574-842-2978.

The actual performances will be on a Saturday evening and a Sunday afternoon in mid- to late-October. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the performances.

Cub Scout roundup

Culver's Cub Scout Troop 290 will hold a roundup for any boy, aged first grade through 10, interested in joining the Cub Scouts. The meeting will take place Wednesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m., in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. For more information, call 574-780-3033.

Classic cars in Culver next week

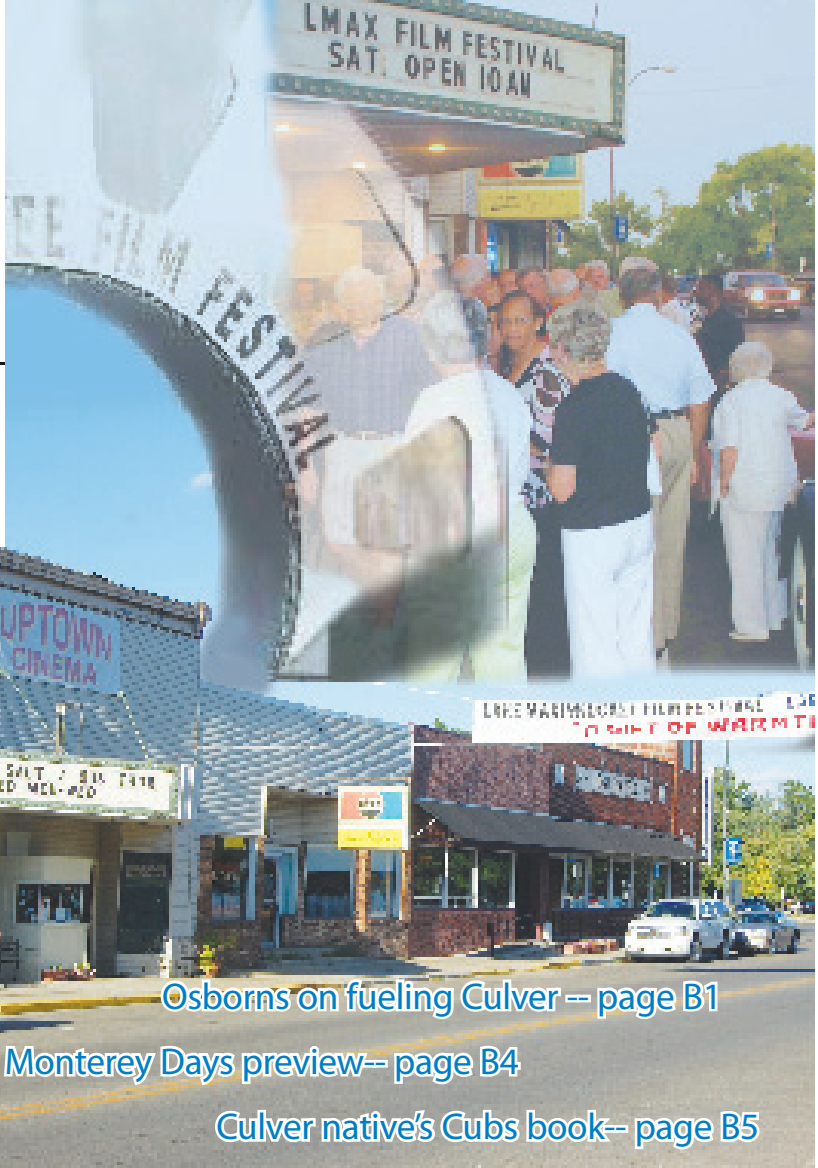
The famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival's Hoosier Tour will return to Culver to celebrate its 35th anniversary on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 31 and August 1. The public will have a chance to see the 49 classic cars from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, near the Culver Academies Naval Building, on the shore of Lake Maxinkuckee (visitors are asked to park their own cars in the lot just north of the Memorial Chapel on campus). Immediately after, the public is invited to share in 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. Starting at 3 p.m. the same day, the public may view them at the Naval Building. More information is available by contacting the Culver Academies Communications Department at 574-842-8365.

End-of-month meal returns August 30

St. Mary of the Lake

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Culver Garden Court a reality

ABOVE LEFT: Surrounding the floor plan drawing for Culver's 2011-planned Garden Court senior living facility are (from left) Kevin Berger of contractors Easterday Construction, Architect Brent Martin of BA Martin Architects, US Congressman Joe Donnelly, Garden Court President Ron Liechty, Consultant Scott Hughes of Scott Hughes Associates, Inc.

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Gearing up for L'Max film fest 2010

ABOVE RIGHT: As detailed below, organizers -- and area residents -- are gearing up for the third annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, which takes place over Labor Day weekend at the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive, and the Town Park across the street. And, as in years past, the whole event aims to collect warm attire and funds to offset heating costs for those in the Culver Community Schools district in need this winter.

See story below.

L'Max Film Fest returns to warm hearts, bodies

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival is returning for this, its third year, and Uptown Cinema owner -- and festival originator -- Dan Bickel is already pleased with initial activity around the festival's underlying charitable cause: "The Gift of Warmth."

"We're very pleased with the financial outpouring so far," says Bickel, "but also we're getting early clothing donations, which has been tremendous."

The festival was launched to great success in 2008, and as in years past, attendees entry "fees" are a clean, gently used coat or item of winter attire, or a financial donation, all aimed at serving residents in the four townships covered by Culver Community Schools' district in need either of winter wear or assistance with heating bills this winter.

Also as in years past, the event takes place the Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend -- September 3 and 4 this year -- with Friday evening slated for a "sponsorship night" gala including a wine and popcorn meet and greet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., a movie at 6:30 (this year it's "The Best Man in Grass Creek," a lighthearted, PG-rated comedy filmed in nearby Fulton County), and says Bickel, "at 8 p.m. we gather under the tent and lights (for dinner), and everything's catered. Richard Ford is again providing an Aria group from the Jacob School of Music at Indiana University; they will sing at 9 p.m."

Bickel points out Friday evening's festivities aren't open to the general public, but are reserved for underwriters of the festival.

However, he adds it's not too late to become a sponsor, and there are various levels of sponsorship to make it feasible for many.

Bickel decided Saturday's movie selection would focus on comedies this year, including a showing for the general public of "Best Man in Grass Creek," a children's offering, and others (see schedule accompanying this article for a complete run-down).

"I thought it would be kind of fun (to feature comedies at this year's event)," Bickel explains. "The economy has been kind of crappy, so this year I thought, 'Why not enjoy it and do something light?'"

All day Saturday, movies will run continuously at the Uptown on Lake Shore Drive, and beginning at 6 p.m., entertainment will begin in the Town Park across the street, including musical offerings, a light supper and dessert, and of course the capstone to the evening, the "movie in the park" on the giant screen. This year, Bickel says that portion of the event will begin at 8:40 p.m. with a children's offering, the short film, "Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers." The finale of the evening will be the 1996 musical comedy, "Little Shop of Horrors," starting at 9 p.m.

Rumors this year had abounded that the movie "Grease" would be the in-the-park feature, but Bickel points out a lesser-known facet of the theater business is the studios occasionally refusing certain films.

"We were going to show

'Grease,' but because they're

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The L'Max Film Festival 2010 schedule of events

The 2010 Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival follows essentially the same schedule as its predecessors. Details of the two days' activities are as follows.

Friday, September 3

Sponsor night (for festival sponsors/underwriters only) at the Uptown Cinema

5:30 p.m. Wine and popcorn meet and greet

6:30 p.m. movie: *Best Man At Grass Creek* (1999, 88 min. rated PG). This film was shot locally by California independent filmmaker John Newcombe; all the locations and conversation of this locally well-loved film are highly recognizable.

Plot summary: Adam Lewis succumbs to an arrangement to become an insecure newspaper editor's best man in order to save his job. When he and girlfriend Holly arrive in the small farm town of Grass Creek, Indiana, the events surrounding the wedding put their relationship to the test.

Saturday, September 4

10 a.m. Saturday morning kids' film: *Milo and Otis* (1986, 90 min., rated G). Plot summary: The story of two animals and their adventures. Milo, the cat, and Otis, the dog, are separated and begin a journey to find each other. The quest finds the two traveling across mountains, plains, and snow-covered lands searching for one another.

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Donnelly, others make Culver Garden Court official

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

US Congressman Joe Donnelly Friday joined representatives of Plymouth-based Garden Court, Inc., in officially announcing a \$1.5 million US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to launch creation of Culver's first Garden Court senior living facility, which will join 10 existing facilities in three area counties.

Speaking for Garden Court was its President, Dr. Ronald Liechty, at a press conference held at the Culver-Union Township Public Library Friday afternoon. Liechty thanked several individuals and entities involved in the project, including Wade and Claudia McGhee, landowners who made the future facility site available on Culver's south side, in an area south of Davis and west of Main Street. Liechty also thanked, among others, Culver's Town Council, who worked in cooperation with the project to annex the land on which it will sit and bring needed infrastructure.

Liechty said Garden Court had been working for more than 12 years to find property in Culver, which he said the non-profit organization felt was "a good place for a Garden Court."

Donnelly praised the work of the organization and oth-

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Nationally lauded author, Lake Max resident, to appear at library



Former Hoosier -- now Brooklyn-based, award-winning author -- and part-time Lake Maxinkuckee resident Heather Swain has been making literary waves since her 1999 publication debut, but her most recent book is a shift from her several novels, to something a bit more practical for parents and kids. She'll be sharing ideas from "Make These Toys: 101 Clever Creations Using Everyday Items"

(2010, Puffin/Speak, a subsidiary of internationally known Penguin Books) with Culver audiences August 31 at 3:30 p.m. when she stops at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

She'll be demonstrating

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re-releasing it as a singalong so they wouldn't let us have it. 'Little Shop of Horrors' is a fabulous musical."

Attendance to all aspects of Saturday's offerings is free to all sponsors and anyone bringing in the aforementioned freewill offering or article of clothing, either to the Uptown or the park, at which a wristband will be given allowing full access.

Everything, Bickel says, is dependent on weather. Should there be rain or other inclement weather, the outdoor activities will be moved to Culver Academies Multi-purpose Building. Donations, he adds, will continue to be accepted after the festival has ended as well.

Last year's Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival was a success in terms of its contribution to the warmth needs of area families, he says. "Financially we were able to help out a lot of people. One hundred percent of all cash donations go directly to the cause. Every cost of the festival is covered through donors."

As an aside, those who might not have visited Culver's big screen in recent months will see some notable enhancements in the Uptown Cinema when attending films there for the L'Max. Besides replacing all the carpeting in the lobby and the runners, Bickel points out all of the theater's seats have been replaced, and renovations in the lobby -- including replacing the concessions counter with a more managable-sized case -- have given the area noticably increased space. Dan and his wife Bonnie hope to renovate the building's facade next spring.

Meantime, Bickel and other festival organizers hope folks from Culver and surrounding areas come out to enjoy what has become "a fun end of the summer event."

"I think because of the way we've handled it, it's not so much a film fest as an end of summer celebration where everybody can get together and feel good about donating stuff and participating in watching films and a day out in the park. We don't have visiting artists in here or pick from contemporary, cutting-edge films; I don't think that would work right now...and we're keeping it small and locally-directed. I think that goes a long way."

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Young journalists

These Culver Elementary School students (some of whom have since moved on to Culver Community Middle School) made up the staff of the *Elementary Times* newspaper, two issues of which were published earlier this year. Students voluntarily join the after-school endeavor, under the direction of CES fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens (in her second year heading up the paper). Participants are taught methodology of interviewing, reporting, writing, editing, and layout of the paper, which is currently published twice yearly and sold to students, teachers, and parents at the school. Students were also visited by *Culver Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney to learn how that paper is put together.

Pictured above, in the back row, left to right: Collin Retschlag, Brandon Havron, Drake Garbacik, Cecilia Kenney, Megan Brady. Front row: Allie Harris, Elise Oquendo, Cara Oquendo, Vedrana Stefanic.

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Heather Swain

some of the home-made toy techniques outlined in the book at the library, including indoor tennis (page 15); balloon punch ball (page 7); rolling dog (page 154); and a marshmallow popper (page 4). As is the case with all the projects in the book, these will be made with household objects (in this case provided by the library) and are aimed at getting kids' creative juices flowing. Kids in attendance will make their own toys to take home, and Swain will be giving away copies of her book to a few lucky children in attendance.

"Before mega toy stores and Internet shopping," Swain says in the book, "kids found plenty of ways to entertain themselves. Children have been playing with rag dolls, slingshots, sewing cards, and wooden hoops with sticks since homesteaders parked their Conestogawagons on the prairies. Most of these playthings were made by either the kids themselves or the grown-ups who loved them."

She adds there are great reasons for kids to make toys at home; doing so can save money and natural resources, decrease toxins in one's home, and the best reason of all, she says, is that it's fun.

Swain is no stranger to Culver. She and her husband (a fellow Hoosier) spend each August on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee with their two young children.

"My husband's family (the Vonneguts) were some of the earliest summer visitors to the lake," explains Swain. "We love bringing our children here every summer so they can experience the beautiful waters, fantastic people, and family connection. Lake Max is one of my favorite places in the world and it's been an important part of my writing life. I've worked on every novel I've written while sitting in our cottage. And last summer I was busy testing toys and illustrating my new book while we were here.

"I feel really gratified to do this event at the library," she adds, "because it's one of my kids' favorite places to visit in the summer and I'm very excited to put on an event for other kids in the community."

And for parents and grandparents in a community like Culver, whether you're visiting the lakeside for a week or so or a year-round resident, the endeavors described in the book may be life-savers in the advent of a rainy day at Maxinkuckee -- or anywhere else, for that matter.

Heather Swain is a former third grade teacher, a writing instructor, and the author of the young adult novels "Me, My Elf, and I," and "Selfish Elf Wish." Her novels for adult readers, including "Luscious Lemon," have received rave reviews from critics across the country. More information about "Make These Toys" and her other works is available online at www.heatherswainbooks.com.

Obituary

Kathleen D. (Jones) Davit

Jan. 4, 1963 — July 14, 2010



FORT WAYNE — Kathleen D. (Jones) Davit, 47, Ft. Wayne, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at Hospice Home in Ft. Wayne.

She was born Jan. 4, 1963 in Plymouth, to Jerry and Dolores (Busart) Jones. Her father survives.

Kathleen had worked at Darlington Farms, and previously at Gordon Food Service for 13 years. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, and taught Religious Education classes at the church for four years.

In addition to her father, Jerry Jones, she is survived by her husband of 20 years, Henry Davit; a twin daughter and son, Natalie and Nicholas Davit; daughter, Nina Davit; three brothers: Mike (Cheryl) Jones, Jeff (Kathie) Jones, and Tim (Debbie) Jones; mother-in-law, Ilse Davit; and father-in-law, Domenic Davit.

She is preceded in death by her mother.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, with Father Patrick Click officiating.

Calling was held Friday, July 23, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, with a Rosary Service held at 7 p.m.

Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Kathleen Davit 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.

Culver schools early dismissal reminder

Culver area residents -- especially drivers -- are reminded that, in addition to the return of Culver Community Schools students on their way to and from school at the usual times of the morning and afternoon, all students will also be released 30 minutes earlier every Friday (other weekdays will continue dismissal at the regular times). The official dismissal time for Fridays are 2:30 p.m. for Culver and Monterey Elementaries and 2:45 p.m. for the Middle School and High School. Monday through Thursday will continue to be 3 p.m. at the Elementaries and 3:12 at the Middle and High Schools.

The school year calendar approved by the Board of School Trustees in February reflects this change so that two additional in-service days for teachers and no students can be included in the calendar. The complete calendar for the year, and other information, is available on the Corporation web site, www.culver.k12.in.us.

Community calendar

Thurs., Aug. 26 Marlene Mahler (Union Twp. Trustee), 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-	Mon., Aug. 30 Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ	Community garden work session, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets A u b u r n - C o r d Duesenberg “Hoosier Tour” around Lake Maxinkuckee (starting 1:30 p.m.) and public showing at Culver Academies Naval Building (3 p.m.) Culver Cub Scouts round-up, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church basement Culver Parks and Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall
Fri., Aug. 27 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets	Tues., Aug. 31 Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co. A u b u r n - C o r d Duesenberg “Hoosier Tour” public showing, 4-6 p.m., Culver Academies Naval Building OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall	Thurs., Sept. 2 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Sat., Aug. 28 Culver Farmer’s Market, 8 a.m. Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Nelson’s Port-a-Pit chicken sale (to benefit St. Mary of the Lake school bus program), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Culver fire station, Lake Shore Drive	Weds., Sept. 1 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	
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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. 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.

Mon., Aug. 30: Country Fried Steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Tues., Aug. 31: Meatballs&Noodles w/ Gravy, mixed vegetables, salad with tomato wedge, Western dressing, roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

Weds., Sept. 1: Meatloaf, baby bakers, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

Thurs., Sept. 2: Chicken Breast Patty, bun amd mayo, baked potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

Fri., Sept. 3: Smoked Sausage & Bun, sauerkraut, peas, carrot slaw, apple, and milk.

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Make no peace with oppression

“Make No Peace with Oppression”
Luke 12:49-56

I think if you were to ask people what they hope to get out of their faith practice in the short run, many of them might say peace or serenity. There is a certain comfort in worshipping with our brothers and sisters.



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Tom Haynes,
St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal Church

The Bible gives us a lot of encouragement along these lines. Jesus even greeted his disciples by saying, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36;

John 20:19).

The reading from Luke 12 is not about peace though. Jesus says “Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!” This is a scary thought. We come to church looking for peace and find division.

People are comfortable where they are. They don’t want to be challenged. There are folks who look at change and see it as an indictment of what they used to do. This really misses the point. Something that worked perfectly well in 1980 may not be the best practice of 2010.

We keep things if they work and continue to get the job done, but at some point most of us get new cars and grade-books because they work better or they are better suited to the work they are doing.

Sometimes it is not even change but the prospect of it

that causes stress and division. We have to be committed first to doing what is right. We have to be careful not to want peace at any cost. If all we wanted was peace, we might get peace with baggage. I want to say a few words about that baggage.

Last Saturday the commemoration on the church calendar was Jonathan Myrick Daniels. Daniels was a seminary student who went to Alabama in 1965 to work with Civil Rights. He pushed a girl out of the way of a shotgun blast and was killed himself. The collect for his day includes the words “we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression.”

The words that have stuck with me were the “make no peace with oppression.” I think sometimes we can compromise what we know is right in the name of peace. This is the baggage I mentioned. We need to be committed first to doing what is right, even if this means conflict and division.

Now I would like to point out that it is our commitment to the Gospels that brings this division. Your neighbor who likes to stir things up may be bringing division, but that is something else.

I am talking about pushing the envelope to do what is right. I am talking about doing the right thing even if it is hard and makes someone unhappy. The division is not the point, but it can be a consequence. It may be the cost of doing the Lord’s business.

Blessings to each of you from St. Elizabeth's!
Rev. Tom Haynes is the Pastor at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. He also teaches math at The Culver Academies and is the Assistant Director of Spiritual Life.

Grab an oar and go!

Canoeing has been a vibrant part of my life since I was 12 years old. Mom and Dad presented me with my first canoe on that special birthday because my attempts to build a water-worthy vessel were beginning to frustrate their young



Heartbeats and Footprints

By DANA NEER

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Turkey Creek in Northern Indiana. Launching my bright red, 17-foot Coleman LTL into the shimmering ripples for a full day of exploration was a dream come true.

Passing on the love of water to my own children has been a focus of mine for many years – each of my kids donning small blue life jackets as early as 2 years old while enjoying a day on the creek or lake. Since the start of 2010, I have taken thirteen river trips with my children on three different bodies of water. Each excursion possesses bonding experiences and contributes to the collection of vivid memories that will never be erased. My son, Landrum, and I decided to start recording accounts of each trip entitling our adventures in a book we simply call “River Journal.” The following is an excerpt from March 2010:

“First time we launched at the new access point under

the Burlington Bridge. Immediately birds of many varieties were present. Viewed throughout the day were ducks, geese, a flock of eight turkeys climbing on a steep ridge, two owls crossing the creek so close that we could visualize feathers, hawks, blue heron, and a bald eagle who posed a number of times before landing on a Sycamore branch as we exited at Adams Mill.”

Canoeing is a fun and healthy activity providing wonderful opportunities all year, especially during our beautiful summer and fall months. My daughter Waverly and I have enjoyed many workouts over the years while canoeing and running. We drive to a chosen bridge, unload the boat, canoe downstream to the next bridge and run back to retrieve the vehicle. We have logged many miles over the years performing this duathlon. If running isn’t your thing, walk back and embrace the afternoon with your kids. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenery. Most bridges on area creeks and rivers are only three to four miles apart – a perfect distance for a day of activity. Paddling to develop upper body strength, walking or running to build cardio vascular and leg stamina and cultivating many moments of mental stimulation to keep you young and healthy – what more could you want?

To get you kick started, I am offering the use of my canoes to borrow. I own a rickety fleet of eight boats that would serve a short trip like the one described - nothing fancy, but certainly utilitarian enough to accommodate a short jaunt. The summer days are in full bloom, soak them up!

Name that Culver “citizen”



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Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

After a few weeks’ hiatus, another Citizen reader has submitted a great “Where in the World” photo of our cosmopolitan local paper on one of its adventures around the country and the globe. Can you identify just where the paper has traveled in this week’s photo?

Readers are encouraged to submit photos of the paper in a famous or unusual location in an effort to stump readers. Guesses as to where the Citizen has traveled in the above photo 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.

Name that Culver “citizen”

Last week’s Mystery Citizen was Brian Linhart, who many readers will recognize for a number of different endeavors, but in recent years he’s been perhaps most visible with Culver’s



Left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Brian Linhart, then and now Right: this week’s mystery citizen.



VFW Post 6919, as former Post Commander and active with the Men’s Auxiliary. Among readers to correctly identify Brian: Leroy Bean, Chuckie Strang, and Lynn Overmyer. Catching up on our previous week’s Mystery Citizen, reader Larry Miller points out he may be in trouble were he unable to i.d. his own brother, Kenny Miller!

This week’s Mystery Citizen has also been involved in many local endeavors, though like Brian may be most identified with a particular local entity. Lest you’ve forgotten, readers, it may be worth your while to guess: there’s free parking in downtown Culver for those who answer correctly.

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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Shaffer receives scholarship

Lauren Shaffer of Culver received a \$1,300 scholarship from The Indiana Grand Lodge Of Masons. Plymouth Kilwining Lodge #149 in Plymouth was able to award five of these state scholarships in Marshall County, along with nine other smaller scholarship awards funded by the Lodge. Scholarship money comes from Blueberry Festival parking.

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Full street facelift

LEFT: Pictured is a portion of Lakeview Street in Culver, where the town recently undertook a thorough overhaul of curbs.

“This project incorporated the installation of new curbs to ease drainage on Lakeview Street,” says Town Manager Michael Doss. “The project finished ahead of schedule and the demolition work was performed by the Street Department. The demolition saved the town money in the overall cost of the project. A special note of appreciation goes to all of the Street Department employees and the citizens on Lakeview Street for their assistance and cooperation during this project.”

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ers involved. “This is a great team and a great program, here in a wonderful town. Garden Court’s reputation goes all the way back to Washington, where it’s well respected. This is such a winning program that changes people’s lives...then to have it here in Culver, which is beautiful, beautiful town.”

Donnelly said the people occupying the facility will add to the Culver community and Culver will enhance their lives as well.

Liechty said Garden Court was started 40 years ago by a Plymouth couple working towards housing for seniors, which has expanded into 306 apartments at present, with a facility in LaPaz at 80 percent completion. Once Culver’s Garden Court is complete, the facilities will total 12 with 333 apartments. Liechty added 182 people are currently on waiting lists with Garden Court, “which seems to say we’re doing something that’s needed.”

Architect Brent Martin, of BA Martin Architects, shared the floor plan of the Culver facility with the audience, noting there will be 13 apartment units in Culver with additional common areas, a screened-in porch, community room, and management and support facilities needed for the operation. The building will be a one-story structure with a central hallway and no exterior apartment doors.

“Specifically, Garden Court asked us to give this building a little bit of a cottage or bungalow feel,” said Martin, “which they felt was appropriate for Culver.”

Easterday Construction of Culver will handle contracting for the structure.

Much of the preliminary work needed for the facility has already begun, noted Liechty, who explained construction will hopefully begin next spring. Since HUD requires each Garden Court have its own corporate structure, Culver’s facility will apply for non-profit status, which will likely take several months. “Plans are ahead of schedule,” he added, “because we anticipated we would be approved and got started.”

A management firm is hired by Garden Court for on-site management including a part-time manager and part-time maintenance person. Screening of applicants will begin once the facility is well under way, with 120 days until occupancy from there. By the time the building is ready to open -- likely in late 2011 -- Liechty said, all the apartments will be leased.

Applicants, as was outlined on an informational sheet Liechty shared with attendees, must be 62 years old or older and will be screened by a national criminal and sex offender check, landlord history, credit check, and income requirement. Rent will be based on 30 percent of an individual’s monthly adjusted income, and utilities and appliances are included in the rental fee. One pet per resident (20 pounds or less) is allowed with a required deposit, and medical pull-cords are located in the bedroom and bathroom of each unit. Those interested in an apartment may call 574-935-3600.

Dean Byers, Manager of the Marshall County Housing Authority, said his organization’s waiting list for seniors is 33 months, “so there’s definitely a need for subsidized housing.”

Lynn Overmyer of Culver’s Town Council praised the effort and the positive value it will have in the community.

“It’s a home run,” added Donnelly. “I’m so proud of your organization, and I gratefully thank you for making our seniors’ dreams come true.”

Osborns: ‘small-gallon’ to world, fulfill big need in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Longtime Culverites Tim and Lydia Osborn spent some time last Thursday discussing the popular Culver business they’ve owned for the past 17 years and fielding all those questions about the gasoline industry (on a local level) many folks have, but don’t know who to ask.

During their presentation to Culver’s Kiwanis Club, the Osborns thanked the club for a certificate recognizing them -- and their Lake Shore Drive business, Osborn’s Mini-Mart -- for their support of local community endeavors and charities through the years. Tim noted the couple doesn’t advertise their giving, but said they were honored to be recognized for it.

Noting they’ve been area residents most of their lives, Tim Osborn explained the business was purchased from Bob and Karen Adler, who emphasized donut sales and a deli along with the gas station which continues to operate there, one of just two in the Culver area. The station itself has operated under several flags, he added, including Conoco-Phillips, Mobil, CITGO, and Phillips 66.

“We’re a small-gallon service station,” he said. “Sometimes we get lost in the wind when a company who brings us gas buys another company. Sometimes we change names for five years, or two years or whatever.”

The Osborns don’t own the gasoline or any equipment used in its operation; instead, their primary business is what’s sold in the store. The gasoline company fills the store’s tanks and indicates regularly -- sometimes once or even more than once daily -- what the price will be by telephone. The Osborns also have little control over fuel pricing, which is handled by the “jobber” who brings the fuel, which in this case is Atlas Oil, “a pretty large outfit” operating from Taylor, Michigan, Osborn said. Atlas owns a number of Marathon stations, BPs, and now Phillips, he added.

And, while state and county gasoline taxes are the same from station to station, prices differ from one community to another. Part of that, said Osborn, is the system of stations prepaying the lion’s share of their taxes, so that when the remainder is due, either the state cuts the station a check for overage, or the station has to pay out the difference. Fuel pricing overall is based on several factors, including whether fuel was purchased in bulk from one company and at what price it was purchased.

“They sell at whatever rate it is on that particular day, but if they’re losing gallons, they have a tendency to lower the price...sometimes at the end of the month or quarter, prices drop. Sometimes we’re paying you to buy gas when those prices drop.”

Osborn assured one audience member there’s no price-related communication between his business and Culver’s other filling station, the Good family-owned BP station on Main Street. Each business can raise and lower prices as



Tim and Lydia Osborn, at left, accept a Certificate of Appreciation from Culver Kiwanis President David Baker (center) and Kiwanian Dick Swennumson (right).

they wish, and each local station follows the other at various times, since -- as Osborn noted -- each has to conform its prices to what the other lowers it to.

Asked about variances in fuel prices between towns in the same area, Osborn said prices from place to place are calculated based on the markets there. That particular day, he said, the price per gallon in Knox was \$2.62, \$2.68 in Winamac, and Logansport was 12 to 15 cents higher than Culver’s prices.

Frequency of drive-offs without paying varies from year to year, he noted, adding that the incorporation of a pre-pay system for customers “isn’t a nuisance for me; it’s a nuisance for you. If other stations don’t go to pre-pay, then we won’t. In small communities you don’t have pre-pay. In larger areas you’ll pre-pay, where the clerk can’t see every pump, and the camera can’t catch every license plate.”

Osborn did say some drive-offs are actually caught, and in Culver -- as was testified to by one attendee whose son-in-law simply forgot to pay -- loyal customers may simply forget to pay, and may wind up with a visit from a Culver police officer. In fact, once -- prior to owning the station -- Tim Osborn himself forgot to pay, and found a note on the door of his house next door to the station: “Tim, you need to pay me for gas.”

While the Osborns do make a profit from fuel sales at their store, some days, says Tim, “I pay you to buy gas.”

Osborn’s averages about 40,000 gallons of gas per month, which “in the scheme of things is not much at all.

In Knox (at a similar gas station and convenience store the couple also owns), it’s 190,000 per month.”

Osborn’s in Culver’s on-site storage capacity, he added, includes five tanks, with an additional for kerosene. Due to the station’s proximity to Lake Maxinkuckee and the water table, the Osborns had to put in more tanks at a shallower distance. The tanks hold about 5,000 gallons of fuel and about 3,000 gallons of kerosene.

In December, 1995, a little over a year after the couple’s purchase of the business in October, 1994, a Subway restaurant was added to Osborn’s.

“It was recommended to us to put in a Subway,” Osborn recalled. “At the time, fuel margins were very low,

and selling chips and candy bars doesn’t pay the bills. Subway had a low franchise fee and low startup costs. We just had to make room to put their footprint inside their building. For a while (immediately after Subway opened), we noticed a difference in fuel sales because Subway was new, but that didn’t last. Here in Culver, some people go to BP to get gas, and our store to get Subway!”

Similar to short-term spikes in sales because of Subway, added Osborn, is the present controversy over BP’s oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. “I can’t put a pencil to (whether national boycotts of BP have affected local sales),” said Osborn in response to a query from audience member Latham Lawson. “I think people go to BP because it’s the Good family, or to ours because it’s Tim and Lydia. Some people are boycotting BP now, and any surrounding stations will benefit, but once the furor goes down, it goes back to normal.”

Asked by David Baker why Culver -- like many small American communities -- once boasted seven or more gas stations and today has only two, Osborn replied, “Because they (in the past) weren’t making money on fuel. When those stations -- the (now-defunct) Texaco or Bob’s Marathon -- were relying on their little in-house service, those things were costing more and fuel margins were going down. They were independent and buying their own fuel. Those people started going away because they couldn’t afford to stay in business; it was a losing battle.”

CES students turn trash into schoolyard treasure

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



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Culver Elementary School fourth graders gather around a new playground bench for which they helped collect thousands of plastic bags to recycle, and a maple tree purchased with money from recycled ink cartridges. Planting of the tree was donated by Tony Sellers of Sellers Landscaping (pictured at right of the tree, in the back).

When Culver Elementary School students headed back to school last Tuesday, it was to a playground enhanced by not only a new tree, but a Trex bench made from some 4,500 plastic bags recycled by CES students. Last year’s fourth graders collected the most bags (570.7 pounds’ worth -- which equates to 40,000 bags!) throughout the year, ending on Earth Day April 22. This according to fourth grade teacher Alicia Cotner, who started the program last September and who, taking monthly turns with fellow fourth grade teacher Leslie Shepard, sorted the plastic bags during math classes.

“Only certain colors were usable by the (Virginia-based) Trex Company,” notes Cotner. “After the bags were sorted, we figured out how to weigh them. Twice a month we did this and then took them to Martin’s in Plymouth as a drop-off point.”

Students created graphs and spreadsheets as part of the project during math classes, and the endeavor became a school-wide competition between grade levels to see which could collect the most bags. Cotner says plans are underway to repeat the contest this school year as well.

Additionally, CES students from all grades earned funds throughout the year by recycling ink cartridges through the Green Schools project. These monies were used to purchase a young maple tree to be planted along with the bench, near the play equipment at CES. Tony Sellers of Sellers Landscaping donated his services in a tree planting involving the students last May.

“This was a win-win project,” says Shepard. “The students participated in math while benefiting the environment and the playground has a new bench and shade tree. They learned to work in groups and cooperate in order to achieve their goals.”

Culver’s Coutts joins local firm



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Allison Coutts.

Ally Coutts, raised in Culver and graduated from Culver Girls Academy with a GPA of 4.09 (on a 4.0 scale), has joined the Plymouth firm of Weidner and Co., P.C. Coutts graduated Cum Laude from Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., named by the Princeton Review as one of the top colleges in the nation. She obtained her Masters Degree in the school’s tax program.

She began her career with the firm of Wolf & Company of Boston but came back to Marshall County when the opportunity arose.

“I’m loving it,” she said of her new opportunity at Weidner and Company, P.C. “I’m really happy to be back near family and friends, learning new things and advancing my career here.”

For Dan Weidner, CEO of Weidner and Company, P.C., adding another valuable team member is a step forward for the firm.

“We are very fortunate to be able to have Ally,” said Weidner. “I’ve known her and her family for quite a few years and I know she has a great background, intelligence and work ethic. When the opportunity arose to get Ally we took it. Having known her and having seen what she can do we are very pleased to have her as a part of our organization.”

For Ally the opportunity offered by Weidner and Company, P.C. is a chance to use her strengths.

“I think that I’m a people person. I love to meet new people and get to know them,” she said. “I’m very service oriented and I think it helps relate to your clients to get to know them. I really hope to help out on all areas of accounting.”

“She is going to be a more well rounded accountant with us,” said Dan. “She was working in the tax department (at Wolf & Company) and we hope to capitalize on her strengths there as well.”

Knowledge of technology is also a plus in Ally’s background.

“I started working with computers at the Academy,” said Ally. “At Bentley technology was a key part of the program.”

Coutts is the daughter of Culver optometrist Mark Coutts and his wife -- and Family Vision Clinic office manager -- Linda.



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Gearing up for battle

Culver Community High School's football team has been back on the gridiron for the past few weeks in preparation for the upcoming season, under the direction of head coach Andy Thomas and assistant coaches Louis Posa and Chad Hollenbaugh. Pictured are, from left, James Dulin (42), Tucker Schultz (43), and Kevin Hogan (34).

43rd Annual Culver Tennis Tournament results



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Men in the back row (from left to right): John Sherck, John Nash, Jim Pyke, Jim Peterson, Eldon Gohn, Bill Furry (AKA Furry Dude), Chuck Pocock and Stu Roberts. Women in the front row: Erin Staley, Susan Nash, Phyllis Pyke, Laura Vervynckt, Virginia Gohn, Krista Furry, Carol Pocock, and Julie Thompson.

There were 42 participants in the 43rd annual Culver Tennis Tournament, which was held August 7 and 8 at the Culver Academies tennis facilities, and was blessed with splendid weather.

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Here are the results:
2010 Trophy Winners
Women's doubles: Jenifer Foxworthy and Julie Thompson

Men's doubles intermediate: Max Hungerford and Chuck Pocock
Men's doubles advanced: Leon Huskey and Doug Muzzillo
Mixed doubles intermediate: Phyllis Pyke and Jim Pyke

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Sports briefs

Football

CMA drops opener
Culver Academies grabbed an initial 13-0 advantage but couldn't find the end zone after the first half in a 26-13 loss on the road at Tippecanoe Valley Friday.

Wade Cave was a big factor on the inside, and the Eagles couldn't contain James Gregory on the outside as Tippey Valley scored three times in the second half en route to the win. The Vikings ran 26 plays for 143 yards and didn't punt once in second half.

CMA's touchdowns were on a 5-yard run by Ryan Kolden, and a 20-yard completion from QB Tom O'Neill to Juwan Brescacin.

CMA will host North-Wood next week.

• TIPPECANOE VALLEY 26, CMA 13
At Tippecanoe Valley
Score by quarters
CMA: 0 13 0 0 — 13
TV: 0 7 7 12 — 26
Scoring summary
Second quarter
CMA — Ryan Kolden 5 yd run (run failed) 10:19
CMA — Juwan Brescacin 20 pass from Tom O'Neill (O'Neill kick) 6:01
TV — Brody Andrews 1 yd run (Justin Gunter kick) 2:47
Third quarter
Gus Lukens 1 yd run (Gunter kick) 5:52
Fourth quarter
Gunter 7 yd run (run failed) 9:46
James Gregory 24 yd run (kick failed) 4:02
Rushing: CMA 32-107; TV 45-227
Passing: 122 10-17-0, TV 18 2-5-1
Punting: CMA 4-70, TV 3-110
Fumbles: CMA 4-2, TV 2-2
First downs: CMA 11, TV 12
Penalties: CMA 8-55, TV 8-55

Balanced Cavs win

Michael Salary, Kevin Hogan, and Collin Stevens scored on plunges of 3, 2, and 1 yards respectively as reigning Class A Sectional 33 champion Culver Community opened its football season with a 20-12 win at

West Central Friday.

Stevens led the Cavs, passing for 123 yards and rushing for 70 more.

Culver's Micah Budzinski reeled in three catches for 75 yards.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 20, WEST CENTRAL 12

At Francesville

Score by quarter

Culver: 6 7 7 0 — 20

West Central: 6 0 0 6 — 12

Scoring summary

First quarter

WC — Zeph Conley 3 run, 5:42.

C — Michael Salary 3 run, 0:02.

Second quarter

C — Kevin Hogan 2 run (Collin Stevens kick), 2:45.

Third quarter

C — Stevens 1 run (Stevens kick), 0:01.

Fourth quarter

WC — Spencer Dobson 8 pass from Conley, 8:06.

Culver stats

Rushing: 39 carries for 152 (Stevens 14-70, Sam Hendrickson 8-36,

Hogan 5-15, Salary 6-14, James Dulin 5-13, Tucker Schultz 1-4).

Passing: Stevens 8-14-1, 123 yards.

Receiving: Micah Budzinski 3-75,

Joe Krsek 1-17, Hendrickson 1-13,

Hogan 1-11, Schultz 1-7, Salary 1-0.

First downs: 14

Punts: 2-27.5

Fumbles-lost: 1-0

Penalties: 6-55

West Central stats

Rushing: Spencer Dobson 15-107,

Dillan Rehn 1-24, Michael Hamilton 2-22, Jacob Smidler 4-12, Zach Miller 4-6, Conley 13-(minus)8.

Passing: Conley 1-5, 8 yards,

Dobson 0-1, 0 yards.

Receiving: Dobson 1-8.

First downs: 11

Punts: 3-23.7

Fumbles-lost: 2-0

Penalties: 8-65

Girls golf

CGA loses opener

Culver Girls Academy opened its golf season with a 182-196 loss to Valparaiso at the Culver Academies Course Friday.

Valpo was led by low medalist Haley Dubsky's even-par 36, while the Lady Eagles were led by a 42 from Brenna Newell. Sa-

See Sports page B3

Mixed doubles advanced: Julie Thompson and Stu Roberts

Women's singles: Jenifer Foxworthy

Men's singles intermediate: Jake Gedrimas

Men's singles advanced: Bill McLane

2010 Awards

Best dressed was won (once again) by Jenifer Foxworthy.

The oil can award went to Jim Peterson (once again) as the oldest of several bicycle accident victims who participated in the tournament.

The best sport award went to Laura Gedrimas who pleasantly accommodated several event roster changes.

The hostess statue was presented in appreciation to this year's awards party host, Agnes Bramfeld.

Many thanks to all the organizers and supporters of the Culver Tennis Tournament. For more information about the Culver Tennis Tournament and to subscribe to its newsletter, visit www.culvertennis.com.

Schedule from page A1

Saturday day films - all comedies all the time
Noon: *Best Man At Grass Creek* (1999, 88 min. rated PG) See details above
3 p.m. *Annie Hall* (1977, 93 min., PG-13). Plot summary: Woody Allen’s romantic adventures of neurotic New York comedian Alvy Singer and his equally neurotic girlfriend Annie Hall. The film traces the course of their relationship from their first meeting, and serves as an interesting historical document about love in the 1970s.
5 p.m. Film to be announced. Waiting to confirm title
6 p.m. Activities in the Town Park, including live entertainment with Culver Community Middle School’s vo-

cal ensemble “Cavalier Sound,” Culver Academies Band and Choir, vocalist Mike Overmyer, vocalist Quentin Flagg, Sentimental Journey big band.
8:40 p.m. approximately: Saturday night film under the stars. *Wallace & Gromit in The Wrong Trousers* (1993, 25 min., rated G). Plot summary: animation of the loveable duo of Wallace and Gromit, inventors of all manner of useful devices. In this Oscar-winning story, Gromit (a dog) finds himself being pushed out of his room and home by a new lodger who is actually a ruthless criminal (and a small penguin). However, Gromit is wise to the penguin and comes to the rescue.

9 p.m. (approximately) *Little Shop of Horrors* (1986, 94 min., PG-13). Plot summary: Seymour, an orphan and a nerd, is taken in and given a job by Mr. Mushnik, the owner of a run down florists in the seedy part of town. Seymour spends his time doing menial tasks and dreaming of the shop assistant, Audrey. One day, Seymour discovers a strange plant. He buys it and names is Audrey II. While caring for Audrey II, Seymour discovers the plant’s rather unique appetite. The plant grows and grows, as does Seymour’s infatuation for Audrey, but who will get her first? Feed me!

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mantha Siebel shot 49 for CGA, which opens at 0-1.
-VALPARAISO 182, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 196
At Culver Academies Course, Par 36
CGA (196): Brenna Newell 42, Emma Han 53, Samantha Siebel 49, Helen Hansen 52, Ruini Ma 58.
Record: CGA 0-1

Girls soccer
Bremen beats Culver
Heather Martin scored twice, and four different Lady Lions scored goals as Bremen beat Culver 5-1 in a Northern State Conference girls soccer match at Culver Tuesday.
Alex Keller scored Bremen’s opening goal on a penalty

kick in the 13th minute and assisted on another goal by Abby Brown in the 29th minute to put the visitors ahead 3-0. Bremen outshot Culver 21-9.
Whitney Sanders scored Culver’s lone goal in the 71st minute.
• BREMEN 5, CULVER 1
At Culver
First half
B — Alex Keller (PK), 13th minute
B — Heather Martin (Jenna Pfeiffer), 17th minute
B — Abby Brown (Keller), 29th minute
B — Martin (unassisted), 38th minute
Second half
B — Jasmine Schafer (Shannon Jordan), 42nd minute

C — Whitney Sanders, 71st minute
Shots: Bremen 21, Culver 9
Saves: Shayna Graverson (Bremen) 5, Shianne Mammon (Bremen) 4, Culver 20
Corners: Bremen 4, Culver 0

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Culver Club news, upcoming programs

Upcoming programs at the **Culver Kiwanis Club** include: Nancy Dembowski (September 2); Chris Collins (September 9); Medallion Cabinetry (September 16); Chris Kline (September 23); Installation of new board members (September 30); Bobby Osborn, Osborn Seed (October 2). Culver's Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's main meeting room. Lunch is catered by Gladie's Deli of Culver (cost is \$9), and the free program begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact President David Baker, 574-842-2507.

Upcoming at the **Culver Lions Club**: Jeff Kenney, Culver history program (September 22); Breakfast, bake sale, and flea market (October 2 - breakfast 6 to 11 a.m.; flea market 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; bake sale 7 to 11 a.m.); Jeff Kenney, Culver history program (October 27); Annual children's Halloween party at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium -- please note change in venue from recent years (October 28, 6 p.m.).

Lions meetings take place the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lions-renovated Culver train station-depot at the Town Park. Meals -- catered by Rochester Meats & Deli -- are \$7 and start at 6:30 p.m. Programs are free and begin at 7 p.m.

Monterey Days 2010 offers roster of fun for all

Takes place daily over Labor Day weekend



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Young Wyatt Loehmer enjoys a trip down the waterslide at the Monterey Days festival in 2008. Highlights include a host of activities, townwide yard sales, and the parade.

The annual Monterey Days Festival returns over Labor Day weekend, daily from September 3 through September 6. Activities include:

Friday, September 3: Kids' dance (5 p.m.), Crafts and food booths open (6 p.m.), Mr. and Miss Monterey Days pageant (6 p.m.)

Saturday, September 4: Pancake and sausage breakfast, townwide yard sales and library booksale, craft and food booths, Methodist Church cookie walk and potato bar, potato sack race, music, kids' inflatable park, BBQ pork, pedal tractor pull, Lion's Club ham and beans, clown activities, pie eating contest, kids' coin dig, kids' karaoke, golf cart contest, parade (at 5 p.m.), Kiss The Pig contest, bed race, street dance, wrestlers

Sunday, September 5 (activities start at 8 a.m.): Pancake and sausage breakfast, craft and food booths, tractor show, Lions' Club Vision Van, kids' inflatable park, cornhole tournament, turtle and frog race, Fireman's waterball challenge, ice cream social, Rick Clingler, watermelon eating contest, Sentimental Journeys Band, Taekwondo School demonstration, youth talent show, music by "Night Shift."

Monday, September 6 (activities start at 7 a.m.): Corner Tavern breakfast, "Walk Down Memory Lane," craft and food booths, car show, music, Collins Tasch Post #399 ox roast and bingo.

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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 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 or dered 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 rail-

road 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.

'Tweet' along with Culver

Culverites can now keep up to date on the town of Culver by way of Town Manager Michael Doss' Twitter page, at www.twitter.com/culvertm. Doss encourages readers to become "followers" at the site and keep up with his end of Culver's goings-on.

Friends book sale Sept. 24 wkd.

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 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.

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. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

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 com mittee, 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.

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Culver native’s new Chicago Cubs book blames demise on ‘billy goat curse’

CUBBING, a new book about the Chicago Cubs and how the Curse of the Billy Goat may have been responsible for demolishing the 2009 season, claims the author, a Culver native. The Cubs had been an odds-on World Series favorite until mid-season when they dropped from first place to 10 games back.

Originally scheduled to be published in time for Christmas of 2009 by a fledgling Indianapolis publisher, the delivery date was delayed several times for various reasons, one of which was under-capitalization.

The author is Russell R. Leonard, a former Indianapolis Star sportswriter, whose father was Dr. Ralph Leonard, the Academy orthodontist. Leonard attended Culver public schools through the eighth grade, and the Academy the ninth through 11th grade. His senior high school year was spent at the University of Chicago before he enlisted in the Navy V-5 (Air Corps) program.

The Billy Goat Curse was leveled at the Cubs in 1945 by Chicago tavern owner William Sianis when his pet goat was refused a seat during the World Series. Scoff if you will, but consider this:

After the All-Star Game in early July of 2009, the Cubs had won 14 of 19 before July 31 when the Marlins paraded a goat in front of the first-place Cubs’ dugout. The Cubs then lost nine of the next 12 and for the month of August were 11-18 as the Cards grabbed a commanding first-place margin, winning 20 of 26.

In Culver, CUBBING is available at Ruth Mackey’s The Collectors, 110 South Main Street.

A feature of the book which has drawn much comment is two segments involving Hoosier Jake Fox, a Greenfield native, who was drafted by the Cubs, traded to Oakland and traded again last May to Baltimore. He wrote a most interesting Introduc-

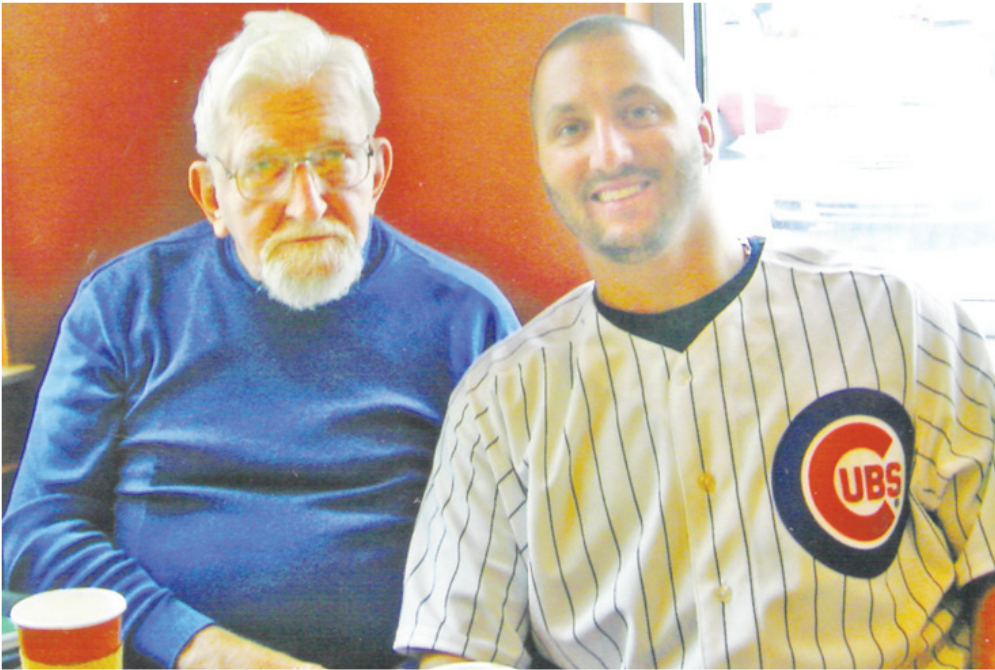


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Author Russ Leonard, left, with Hoosier Jake Fox, initially drafted by the Cubs before eventually winding up playing for Baltimore.

tion relating how his boy-

hood dream came true, then held forth with observations and experiences in a special chapter.

Just recently Fox, who has been playing a utility role for the Orioles, said:

“Right now is a great time to be a member of the Baltimore organization. It is fun to watch and be a part of the things going on. Buck Showalter’s going to turn this team around and as for my career; I just have to stay ready because my opportunity is coming.

“I’m excited. This feels like a good fit for me to fly high with the Orioles.”

A communications major at the University of Michigan, Fox relates what it is like to be a Major League player in the Introduction.

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