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In Brief

Easter egg hunt

Culver's annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Culver Park and Recreation Department, will take place Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. The rain date will be Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. The ages for the hunt are 2 through 4th grade. All participants should bring a bag for their eggs and prizes.

Food, clothing drive for Culver until Monday

Boxes located at Culver Coffee Company and the Culver Public Library are in place to collect canned goods and clothing for Culver's food pantry and Wesley UMW Women's thrift store on Ohio Street. Culver Academies students Keaton Smith, Juwan Brescasin, and John Harm are coordinating the drive. Boxes will be available until Monday, April 11. If there are any questions please call 574-933-1696 or email smithk@culver.org. Start your spring cleaning early and help our community!

Sidewalk Applications

The Town of Culver is currently accepting applications for our 2011 Sidewalk and Curb Program. Applications as well as updated sidewalk specifications may be picked up at the Town Hall, 200 E Washington Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the Town website at www.townofculver.org. Please know that a permit is needed and an inspection will need to take place prior to the project and after completion. This program is a first come first serve basis. The deadline to receive applications is June 30, 2011. Please inquire within for more information, 574-842-3140.

Baked potato supper April 8

A baked potato supper will be held at the Vandalia R.R. Station in Culver from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (ET) Friday, April 8. The meal includes large baked potatoes and all the "fixings" (chili, sour cream, chives, cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, etc.) and includes pie, cake, coffee, and lemonade. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7 for adults and \$4 for children

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A soulful bowl for charity

ABOVE: Culver Elementary School's 6th grade students, teachers, and staff spent the evening March 29 feeding the community while also feeding area charities, at the third annual Soup for the Soul event, held in the school cafeteria. Students served locally donated soup in bowls they made by hand (plates and other hand-made items were also available) along with drinks, bread, and desserts. A silent auction was also a feature, with items donated from the area. According to 6th grade teacher Missy Trent, who helped initiate the first 'Soup,' the event raised around \$3,300, which will be donated to food pantries in the counties Culver schools serve (Starke, Pulaski, Marshall, and Fulton), as well as South Bend's Center for the Homeless (funds are targeted for children's use at the Center). Trent says organizers are hoping to raise enough to total \$3,500 -- donations are still being accepted. In the photo at UPPER LEFT: Jerrod Betts, left, and Frank Kline survey just one of the tables adorned with a vast array of student-made serving ware. LOWER LEFT: Student Erin Bendy, right, serves Darrell Garback (left), wife Laura, and son Dayne, a student at CES. RIGHT: Flo McCollum, Trent's mother (who also paid for the creation of student-designed 'Soup' t-shirts students wore for the event, among other supporting efforts), left, serves younger students Abigail Highberger (left) and Lillian Proskey), as CES 5th grade teacher Gayle Kinzie looks on.

Skateboarding laws, zoning, sewer rate, and sidewalk requirements debated

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council last week covered an immense amount of territory -- from skateboard legality debates to zoning controversies and beyond -- in nearly three hours' worth of meetings, the combination of a work session and its regular, March 29 meeting. Council members later received news of Town Manager Michael Doss' impending resignation (see article this edition).

Zoning controversy discussed

During the work session, members of the Council and several members of Culver's Plan Commission, present in the audience, discussed the Plan Commission's recommendation that three parcels of land on the south end of Culver be rezoned from S1 (single family dwelling) to R2 (a residential status which would allow multi-family dwellings to be developed there). The land is west of South Main Street, where part of the area will see ground broken today for a Garden Court assisted living facility long in the works.

Plan Commission members and Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason explained that the already-annexed land (as of last year) was being looked at as potential space for development of much-needed, more affordable housing in the Culver area.

"Duplexes can be built where the cost is less than \$75,000," said Mason. "I always hear this town doesn't have affordable housing. The only way you'll get it is to have density (by way of multi-family dwellings). If you have single family (dwellings), it will be a \$225,000 per house -- that's what they build. But duplexes, townhouses, condos, and apartments are the only thing you can get that's somewhat affordable. There's no space in this town for R2 development. The R2s are already occupied with structures."

Plan Commission member Bill Cleavenger expressed concern about recent dialog between some Council members and himself, though he said he was pleased to hear positive responses from Council members at the present meeting. He noted some people had questioned whether anyone on the Plan Commission voted a given way to benefit their own business interests, a concern he said he didn't want to "sweep away." Instead, he said he hoped to clarify the Plan Commission's thinking in recommending the shift to R2.

Council President Ginny Munroe asked if owners of the properties in question -- Howard, McGee, and Roberts -- had been notified of the Plan Commission's public hearing on the matter. Cleavenger explained the hearing had been advertised, but wasn't well attended. Mason said two of the owners are in favor of the rezoning and another hasn't expressed an opinion to the Commission.

Several Council members expressed appreciation for the discussion as well as increased comfort with the Plan Commission's recommendations based

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Community-supported cause elaborated tonight via Kenyan speaker

A member of the National Adoption Committee of Kenya will speak tonight, April 7, on the campus of Culver Academies as part of a 19-day visit to the United States to build understanding, awareness, and collaboration in support of children orphaned by AIDS in Africa.

John Ondeche will be speaking at the Legion Memorial Building at 7 p.m. on the topic "New Hope for Kenyan Families." His Culver appearance is co-sponsored Culver Girls Academy's Leadership Committee for Africa and the Global Studies Institute. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

The Leadership Committee for Africa (LCA) was created in 2004 by six CGA students inspired by Oprah Winfrey's efforts to establish the Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. LCA's mission is to respond to the AIDS and poverty crisis in Africa by supporting programs that promote the health, welfare, education and advancement of women and children.

LCA has raised over \$24,000 and in support of Christel House South Africa and the Amani Children's Foundation

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Town Manager Doss announces resignation

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Michael Doss, Culver Town Manager since early 2009, has announced his resignation at the end of this month, explaining he plans to return to his native West Virginia for "family reasons."

Doss is quick to emphasize he's neither leaving Culver for any negative reasons about the community or its people, nor leaving due to any problems in his family.

"Everything is fine with my family," he says. "I'll leave with all the good memories of had of this community, but it's time for me to be with my family."

"I want to applaud the Town Council and (Town Clerk) Casey Howard, all the department heads, and everyone who works here. They all do a great job. The Council has always been forward-thinking, very easy to work with, and cooperative. Teaming up with them, we've accomplished a lot."

Doss made the announcement to Council following the March 29 meeting. He says he'll leave Culver following the April 26 Council meeting.

He leaves Culver more than \$1 million the richer in funding for a host of projects.

"It's sad to go knowing the town will be seeing a lot of things come to fruition in terms of projects," he notes. "I have a lot of praise for...everyone involved in the town of Culver, and I think we've formed some great partnerships with the community schools, the (Culver) Academy, MA-COG (the Michiana Area Council of Government), and Marshall County."

He encourages anyone who wishes to stay in touch with him to contact him as he journeys to West Virginia, where he says he'd like an opportunity to "make a positive impact...for the folks there."

He says he'll always have fond memories of Culver and "the countless people in this community who have welcomed me with open arms...you Hoosiers are amazing people."

Chairs for Charity artists wanted for returning event



One of the many popular chairs auctioned off at the last 'Chairs for Charity' in 2009.

As spring is beginning to bud, so too are the ideas of local Chairs for Charity "artists."

Anyone can create a chair to be auctioned at this year's June 12 Culver Tri Kappa charity event. At the first auction two years ago, "creativity" was the buzzword and there was an almost endless variety of chairs. This year's event promises to be even more spectacular.

You will be able to drop off your chairs from 5 to 7 p.m. the Friday (May 27) of Memorial Day weekend, at 922 Lakeshore Drive (the corner of Lakeshore and Academy Road). The chairs will then be on "parade" at Culver businesses until the event. As always, businesses are encouraged to submit chairs that promote themselves, their products or services.

The magical evening will be held in the Culver Academies' Dining Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. As previously, a \$20 donation is the "price" of admission, with a beer, wine and delicious appetizer reception until the auction begins at 8 p.m. From then on, a cash bar will be available. Each chair donor will receive one free admission

ticket.

We will soon be contacting area businesses, and individuals who contributed chairs last time. If you would like to contrib-

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Fire dept. responds to calls

Culver's fire department has responded recently to several calls, according to Dave Cooper of the department.

A malfunctioned smoke detector on the south end of town was the culprit the morning of March 26. Several grass fires brought the firemen out since then. The worst of the four, on 14th Road, spread to the nearby woods, causing extra trucks to respond with water and manpower, but was caught fairly quickly and put out, says Cooper. A second fire was in fairly tall grass, but was put out with just

one truck, while another had been mostly extinguished by the property owner and a neighbor with a lawn tractor. The last call was from a passing car, and turned out to be a controlled burn.

"The fire department cautions folks to be aware of the wind and its direction when burning outdoors," notes Cooper. "Fires can quickly get out of hand and spread. Never hesitate to call the fire department sooner, rather than later. It is easier to stop a fire before it gets too out of control."

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in Kenya. The group has also organized three student trips (2006, 2008, and 2010) in which 50 CGA students have visited Christel House to lead leadership and team-building activities. LCA also has visited students at Christel House Academy in Indianapolis three times with the same purpose.

Students will present Ondече \$7000 during his visit, the result of a year of student fundraising projects involving the sale of student handmade beaded jewelry using beads made by Kenyan women, a CD of music featuring Culver Academies Performing groups, and a recent \$500 donation to the project by the Ron Rubin School for the Entrepreneur, according to Nancy McKinnis of the Academies.

"Another remarkable fact about this project," she adds, "is that the entire Culver Community has contributed to this effort, as the girls sold these handcrafted items on campus, Culver's Farmers Market, Culver's Lakefest, and at the Culver Coffee Company."

Ondече and his wife, Prisca Ondече, are co-directors of the New Life Home in Kyushu, Kenya, launched in 2001. Under their leadership, the Kisumu site has taken

in 500 abandoned infants. They arrive without a name or a home and leave with full legal rights as the children of their adopted Kenyan families.

Ondече's first visit to the US is sponsored by the Amani Children's Foundation and the New Life Home Trust. Amani is a non-profit organization that brings resources and education to the challenge of caring for orphans in Africa. Amani's work primarily supports New Life Homes.

A former banker, Ondече was appointed to Kenya's first National Adoption Committee in 2008. The nine-member body oversees all aspects of adoption in Kenya. On a continent where adoption has been taboo, baby-selling has been the norm, and child trafficking is ongoing, the legal adoption of abandoned children by Kenyan families is not only a life-saving miracle for the child, it has

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ute a chair or would like more information please email chairs@deadlinedriven.com, call Rhonda Anderson at 574-842-2169, or Chairs chairman, Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

So mark your calendars, get your creative juices flowing,

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on the dialog.

Academies sewer rate examined

In other work session discussion, Council members opted to continue to study sewer flow rates from Culver Academies to the town's sewer system before moving forward with a proposed rate change -- discussed at a recent regular Council meeting -- requested recently by the school. At issue was discerning actual flow rates in light of faulty meters in recent years on both the town's and the Academies' parts. Further, Council members discussed the present lack of charges for town residents' infiltration (seepage of flow from their respective pipes due to faulty pipes), something the Academies pays for.

Council member Ed Pinder suggested monitoring recently-rectified measurements of the school's outflow for six months to get a more accurate standard, adding, "We don't know what we've been reading."

Health hazards at town hall

Further investigation will be conducted into appropriate action regarding the condition of Culver's town hall building, Council members also decided at the work session. Town Manager Doss explained two options for the town to consider: hiring an architect to evaluate the best long-term, major overhaul of the building; or shoring up problems cited by Easterday Construction during a recent investigation of the building's condition. These included recommendations to replace wiring and address mold problems, both of which could pose more immediate health threats to employees. Doss said total renovation of the structure would cost roughly \$300,000.

Several Council members echoed member Ralph Winters' suggestion that health and safety hazards be rectified in the near future, with long-range building plans put on hold in light of uncertain future funding.

Skateboarders' fines debated

During the regular Council meeting, audience member Julie Carmean addressed the Council concerning a citation her son and another teen-aged skateboarder recently received for skating in Culver's business district. Carmean acknowledged the skaters had been warned several times by police prior to the tickets being issued, but asked, "What can these kids do? It's their only way of transport. I know they get a little rough, but if he's getting tickets, what can be done?"

"People are bicycling in business districts and on sidewalks," she continued. "If this continues, they have to have some point where they can skateboard and enjoy what they like to do."

Town Clerk Casey Howard said Ordinance 1996-004 defined rules on skating in Culver, but fails to establish a

specific fine for a citation.

Carmean noted there are no signs in Culver's business districts concerning skating. President Ginny Munroe, however, pointed out many town ordinances lack signs, while Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean added the skaters had been warned several times leading up to the ticket.

Winters, expressing admiration for the skaters' athletic prowess, suggested a \$1 fine for each skater, something the Council voted in, with member Sally Ricciardi opposed.

"I hope the police don't feel we blew them off with a \$1 fine," said Winters. "It's recognizing on our part that we need to update the ordinance."

Bean agreed to return to Council with a proposed fine scale.

Discussion ensued as to past efforts to create a skateboarding park in Culver, something advocated five years ago or more to the Council and Parks department, but which never took shape.

Audience member Leroy Bean said he was on the Council when the discussion took place.

"The town doesn't want a skate park in the town limits of Culver," he told Carmean, explaining the Parks and Recreation department would have to manage such a park, which would need to be on town-owned property.

Various concerns raised during the past about such a park were cited by Council members, from potential insurance and liability issues, to concerns over policing the park and possible noise problems.

Sidewalk requirements' legality

In other discussion, audience member Grant Munroe presented the Council with a letter from Patricia Williams, President of the Indiana Association of Realtors, concerning Culver's legal requirement that property owners conducting renovations on their land up to a certain cost level are required to add a sidewalk, or repair an existing sidewalk if needed. Munroe said homeowners' property values could be affected by having a stretch of sidewalk in an area otherwise without sidewalks, creating an odd appearance and piecemeal walkways around town.

Mason said the ordinance in question was created to eventually generate coverage of most of Culver with quality sidewalks. He said a town-driven assessment of sidewalks and subsequent systematic program to implement them town-wide would be "terrific," but at present the ordinance exists to promote as much an increase in walkways as possible.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger said determining sidewalk installation as a devaluer of property is "a tough generalization to stick with."

Munroe argued the ordinance has been enforced erratically, something Mason contested, noting some property owners were made exceptions due to extenuating circumstances, which they explained to Culver's Board of Zon-

Culver's Warrick pleads guilty

SOUTH BEND -- A formal guilty plea to child pornography charges has been entered by Culver resident Timothy J. Warrick, 61, following his arrest last year.

Court records show Warrick, a former Culver Academies employee, was investigated by the FBI beginning in December, 2009, following his sharing digital images on the internet of adult men engaged in sexual acts with pre-pubescent boys. Agents found some 8,500 digital images of child pornography on two laptop computers and eight external hard drives when they searched Warrick's home, having obtained a warrant, according to one agent quoted in court documents.

Warrick admitted downloading images and videos as part of a plea agreement filed before U.S. District Judge Robert L. Miller Jr.

Warrick will be detained until he's sentenced July 5.

Warrick had been, at various points, a professor of military science at Ball State University and a colonel in the Indiana National Guard. Warrick was not charged with inappropriate interactions with campers at Culver's Woodcraft Camp, where he was director for a time during the 1980s. However, he was in possession of "inappropriate" images of campers there, according to court testimony of Assistant U.S. Attorney John Maciejczyk.

been a game-changer for children's rights across Africa.

locate a chair or two and gather your paints and materials -- even have a chair decorating party with your friends or within your organization and get ready for a fun evening to kick off Culver's summer season.

ing Appeals.

Audience member Barry McManaway, who also sits on the Plan Commission, explained the ordinance was set up by way of the Plan Commission.

"You've got a process (in which residents may go) to the BZA and you can get a variance for those (properties with extenuating circumstances). Just because you start approving a five-foot setback on a property (due to such circumstances) doesn't mean you change the ordinance. It's not a bad ordinance. It's a case-by-case (decision), no different from a yard setback."

Clevenger suggested Munroe approach the Plan Commission about changing the sidewalk ordinance.

Public hearing on business zoning

The Council held a public hearing concerning a special-use provision to permit a professional corporation to operation in the R1 residential district defined by a 2001 ordinance. The matter came about when Jerry and Joyce Greason, owners of a home-based CPA business on West Jefferson Street, moved their residence to a farm outside Culver, but left the business in the house, thus violating the residential status of the district. A special use permit in such districts would allow similar businesses to operate there on a case-by-case basis by appealing to the BZA. Following closing the public hearing, the amendment was passed on first reading.

Other business

Approved by Council was up to \$1,500 to replace windows in the garage door of the most recent fire station addition at State Street and Lake Shore Drive, per Fire Chief Mike Grover's request, as well as \$1,506.21 for three water taps in town. Council members -- with the exception of an opposing vote from member Lynn Overmyer -- filled the advertised permanent part-time street position in hiring John Marks.

Two areas of discussion centered on repaving of a stretch of South Ohio Street (between Mill and Davis Streets), as raised by McManaway, a resident of that portion of the street. He explained excessive speeding is a problem there, and asked Council to consider placing temporary speed bumps there from spring through fall. Council members expressed concern that many streets experience similar problems and the move could lead to numerous such requests. Audience member Jane Grund, of the Lake Maxinkuckee Association, offered use of that organization's speed monitor trailers, which give large, digital readouts of drivers' speeds and have been placed around the lake in recent years, to Chief Bean for use at his discretion. Munroe said the Council would look into the matter.

The Council and Doss will also work with McManaway on his concern that new curbs on the street will affect a long-allowed "pull off" at his property to allow for residents' parking on the narrow stretch of Ohio Street.



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Death notice

Hutton

Ronald G. 'Jack' Hutton
March 29, 2011

KNOX — Ronald G. "Jack" Hutton, 70, of Knox, died Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children: Cindy Clarida of Valparaiso, Robert Hutton of Culver, Helen Banek of St. John, Ind., Joe Banek of Cedar Lake, Ind., Ron Hutton of Knox, Chrissy Bottorff of Koontz Lake, Tina Kuckson of LaPorte, and Tracy Geslak of Westville; and 15 grandchildren.

Graveside services took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2 at Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Letter to the editor

Disappointed at lack of backup

I live eight blocks from Conseco Fieldhouse and I attended the Culver Academies-Washington 3-A state championship game Saturday. I was disappointed, not at the team which played its heart out, but at the lack of backing by CMA.

No band! No cheerleaders! No student cheering section! It was a lost opportunity for Culver to gain statewide publicity, probably national had the Corps of Cadets or even the Honor Guard attended.

In 1942, maybe 1943, we (I was in B Company), some 600-plus strong in full dress uniforms boarded a train for Cleveland and Culver's game against Shaw High School. where at halftime we staged a garrison parade. The newspaper and radio acclaim was overwhelming.

Russ Leonard, CMA class of '45
Indianapolis, Ind.

1st birthday - Rogers



Abigail Lynn Rogers, Culver, celebrated her first birthday Saturday, March 26, 2011.

Her parents are Jake and Emily Rogers, Culver. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Annette Osborn, Culver. Paternal grandparents are John and Lori Rogers, Plymouth. Paternal great-grandparents are Dwight and Elsie Wade, Plymouth and Lyle and Sandra Rogers, Auburn, Kan.

Community calendar

Thurs., April 7
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Garden Court groundbreaking, 2 p.m., South Main Street

Fri., April 8
 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Baked potato supper (Trinity Lutheran Church fund-raiser), 4:30 to 7 p.m., depot-railroad station

Sat., April 9
 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Wesley preschool open house, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Wesley United Methodist Church

Sun., April 10
 Wesley's Got Talent, 2p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church
 Organ recital (John Gouwens), 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

Mon., April 11
 Knitting group, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Redevelopment Committee mtg., 4 p.m., town hall
 Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., April 12
 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Spring storytime, 10:30

a.m., Culver Public Library
 Tuesday tea and crafts, 1 to 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co., SR 17.

OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

Weds., April 13
 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver history program, REAL Meals, noon, Culver beach lodge
 TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Hooked on Books discussion group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Digital Photography for Beginners class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot

Thurs., April 14
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Obituary - Minix

Paul R. Minix

Feb. 26, 1955 — March 31, 2011

CULVER — Paul R. Minix, 56, of Culver, died at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011 at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Feb. 26, 1955 in Winamac to Mitchell and Katherine (Bailey) Minix.

On July 14, 1973, in Knox, he married Donna J. Harness.

She survives, along with one son: Matthew W. (Debra) Minix of Culver; two daughters: Sarah L. (Curtis) Minix of Rochester; Rhonda L. (Jesse) Bitterling of Star City; and nine grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers: Mark Minix and Larry Minix, both of Rochester; and four sisters: Pam Minix of Rochester, Eleanor Frakes of Winamac, Patty Minix of Rochester and Joan Minix of Culver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, Levi Minix, and a brother-in-law, Kelly Frakes.

Paul was employed for over 20 years with Conrail as a mechanic, machine operator and hydro spiker. He was a member and past president of the pool league, member of ABATE of Starke County and a member of Brothers of the Third Wheel.

Cremation will take place and a memorial dinner will be held at a later date. Please contact the family for date and time. Elkhart Cremation Services has been entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Obituary - Broecker

Adam R. Broecker

July 15, 1981 – March 26, 2011

CULVER — Adam R. Broecker, 29, of Culver, passed away at 5:42 p.m. March 26, 2011 at his home.

Adam was born to Robert and Lois (Bradley) Broecker July 15, 1981 in South Bend, Ind. He was a 2000 graduate of the Culver Military Academies. After meeting on a blind date, he was later married to Allysa Tchop Sept. 23, 2009. She survives.

Adam enjoyed the outdoors, tinkering with cars, riding snow mobiles, boating, and 4-wheeling. He loved his cat Daisy and farmed with his family. His interest in cars began with his first car – a '74 Corvette Stingray, and continued with his 2010 Camaro.

In addition to his wife, Adam is survived by his parents, Bob and Lois Broecker; 10-month-old son Aiyden, at home; as well as an unborn child; sister, Laura (Robert) McMahon of Houston, Texas; and grandmothers, Edna Bradley and Anne Marie Broecker, both of Culver.

A time of visitation was held at the Culver Military Academy Memorial Chapel Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Rev. K.C. Dehning officiated services at 10:30 a.m. at the Academy Chapel.

Interment followed at the Burr Oak Cemetery.

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

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

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12 and younger.

Culver Elementary PTO hosts book fair

Culver Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair, "Book Fair Carnival, your ticket to read!" through April 8. The book sale and literacy event offers a carnival midway geared to excite children about reading and learning, and is available to students and the community from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Special after school family hours are Friday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Laura Garbacik at 574-842-3287 or laura1275@comcast.net

Culver Garden Court groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at 701 S. Main St., Culver. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,445,600 to develop a 13-unit residence for the elderly unfair the Section 202 Supportive Housing Program. The new development will be known as Culver Garden Court and will be the twelfth Garden Court Community. Speakers scheduled for the groundbreaking event include Rev. Ronald Leichy, president of Garnde Court Inc., and possibly Congressman Joe Donnelly.

Preschool open house April 9

Wesley Preschool's Open House registration will be held Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Junior class students must be 3 years old and senior class students must be 4 years old by August 1, 2011. Seniors meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$92 per month. Juniors meet Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$64 per month. Registration form and \$40 supply fee are due upon registration. Please contact Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with

questions and interest.

Wesley's Got Talent April 10

Wesley United Methodist Church will shine a spotlight on its members' various talents Sunday April 10, starting at 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All are invited join the fun of this silly show for families with magic tricks, a unicyclist, a martial-arts demonstration and much more.

Community meal at Grace April 14

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m., in the basement of the church. *Please note the altered date from the usual meal date of the 15th of each month.* All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free computer classes in April take place Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., each lasting two hours. Classes include Computers for Beginners Part I (April 8, 10 a.m.), Computers for Beginners Part II (April 11 and 15), Internet (April 18 and 22), and E-Mail (April 25 and 29). 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.

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Applications for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship are now available for qualified Culver Community High School graduates who will successfully complete their freshman year of college and will be enrolling in their sophomore year this fall. Nontraditional students are also eligible to apply. Applications are available online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's website at www.pulaskionline.org. Deadline for applications is April 18. For more information contact the foundation at 574-946-0906.

Support local team in ALF walk

Culver's Schrimsher family and friends will take part in the "Liver Life Walk" in Indianapolis May 14 to help raise money for the American Liver Foundation (ALF). Those wishing to make a donation may visit www.liverfoundation.org/walk, or a check may be sent, payable to the American Liver Foundation, to: Caitlin Schrimsher, 1003 South Street, Culver, IN 46511.

Winters scholarship

National Library Week

"My encouragement to you is to go tomorrow to the library." -Poet Maya Angelou during a speech to a college audience that encouraged students to read voraciously and never stop learning. (Maya was born on April 4, 1928.)

Spring is coming to Culver and we have three noteworthy events to commemorate in our Library and in our community this month. The first is National Library Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association since 1958, National Library Week is celebrated in libraries each April. This year the dates are April 10 to April 16 and the theme is: Create your own story @ your library. The week offers us a unique opportunity to promote library use and support, and to look at the impact of our nation's libraries and librarians upon our society. During this time we invite you to reflect on the place of the public library in our community and in your own life, and perhaps ask the question: how can your Library assist you as you create your own unique story?

Librarians have a significant influence on their communities, and this is a fitting time for me to focus on our library workers and to make special mention of our staff's valuable contributions to your Library. In challenging economic times such as these, our Library is used more than ever for borrowing books and DVDs, undertaking job searches and joining computer classes. As you already know, CUTPL has a very special staff: each day the people working at your Library conscientiously endeavor to meet the diverse needs of our community. Library workers -- circulation staff, youth librarians, catalogers, pages, facilities workers, technology systems managers, bookkeepers, reference librarians -- make library service possible. They select and organize and maintain everything that is



From the Other Side of the Book Drop

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available in the library. In sum, each person strives to provide access to current information, to entertainment and to the past while embracing the present in a comfortable, inviting setting. I encourage each of you to take a moment this month to thank your Library workers for the vital services they provide to all of us.

Our second noteworthy event is National Poetry Month. Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month is observed every April. It is a time to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture and thus to increase awareness of poetry among the general public. During the month, we are encouraged to enjoy reading and creating poetry. Who are the poets out there? Would you like to have a poetry reading at your Library? Please contact Jon Gaskill or me at 574-842-2941 and we'll see what we can arrange.

We would like to make mention of "Poem In Your Pocket Day", observed on Thursday, April 14. This celebration was first observed in 2002 in New York City and has since spread to the rest of the nation. The idea is simple: during National Poetry Month select a poem you enjoy, copy it down and then carry it with you to share with co-workers, family, and friends. The Library will have print and audio books of poetry on display to help you make your selection and there is more information available on the Academy of American Poets home page: <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/406>

There is one final celebration to mention before we leave The Other Side of the Book Drop this month: April 23 is William Shakespeare's 447th birthday anniversary. Let's take a moment to honor Will's memory. Was he the greatest bard of them all? What are your thoughts about that?

If these walls could talk: a few updates

We'll be back next week with the next full installment of our series on Main Street, focusing on the site of Culver's hardware store -- surely one of the longest-running businesses in town -- at 120 South Main Street. We'll use instead the shorter-than-normal space available this week to catch up on some updates to past columns, which have been featuring building-by-building histories of the commercial district of Culver's Main Street.

Response has continued to be great to this column, with -- as I expected -- occasional corrections coming in from readers, besides more warm memories of favorite haunts mentioned in recent columns.

Verl Shaffer filled in a gap at the Wickizer building a few doors north of the hardware, and 106 and 108 N. Main. He points out he rented the northernmost side of the building, site of Gail's shop today, from 1962 to 1968 for \$35 a month in Hattie Wickizer's building. If \$35 a month sounds cheap, consider that hair cuts at Verl's "cost \$1.75 in 1962," he wrote. "A lot of cuts just to pay rent. Electric bills (ran) around \$15 a month...in the late '50s, I gave (my wife) Sylvia \$10 a week for groceries, and she had money left over."

Reader Sandy Baughn, expressing enjoyment of this column, wrote to clarify some information in the March 17 edition, which focused on 102 S. Main Street (today's Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop). Specifically, the article's reference to the J. Saine and Sons store, then located on that site, discussed the bank robbery of 1920, in which Saine himself was shot dead, the only local death resulting from the two early 20th century robberies of the State Exchange Bank (1920 and 1933).

Writes Sandy, "J Saine (John) was the owner of the store and he was my Great Great Grandfather. In the picture in the paper J Saine is in the middle, his son Jake Russell is to his right and he is the person who was killed in the 1920 bank robbery. The other man, in the suit wearing glasses, is Claude May who was my Grandfather. He was a grandson to J Saine, being the son of Eva Saine Hinkle, a sister to Jake who was killed in the robbery.

"If this is confusing," she continues, "imagine how I felt growing up - my dad talked about his Grandma Saine May Hinkle, his great Grandma Saine and on his mother's side his Grandma Stahl. I thought everyone in Culver had a last name that started with 'S'!"

In another of those "funny-the-way-things-happen" points, both our respondents this week are connected, indirectly, to the Saine story thus: interested readers may want to stop by the Center for Culver History (the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's museum and research center in the historic Carnegie room of the Culver Public Library -- which

come to think of it is connected to the other column on this page, by Director Colleen McCarty!) to see a bit more about Saine and Sons, and the bank and its robbery. There's a beautiful photo portrait of Mr. Saine on the wall, loaned the museum by none other than the aforementioned Verl Shaffer!

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen generated another groundswell of response, due I'm sure to his longtime familiarity to Culverites, and frankly to the increased ability to solicit guesses via Facebook and the Internet. He was Al Sytsma, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday with a community-wide party at the depot. Al is best known as proprietor of Al's TV and Appliances, which spent most of its multi-decade life in downtown Culver.

Among correct guessers were Connie Van Horn, Sandra Kelso, Kay Tusing, Cindy Riester, Janet Halling, Don Baker, Cynthia Goss, Sylvia and Verl Shaffer, Judi Burns, Cindy Tusing King, Danny Thomas, Anna Neher, Dave Crabb,

Catching up on some business from the previous week, Dallas Tousley guessed Rich Kelso as our Mystery Citizen from then.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also been an active part of Culver's commercial and civil life for decades, serving on various boards and committees, and volunteering in many organizations, besides her role today in a longtime local business.

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.



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Al Sytsma, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.



Sports



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A spectacular evening

Culver Community Middle and High School students continued a longstanding tradition Friday with the annual Sports Spectacular in the CCHS gymnasium. Pictured ABOVE: Lady Cavs basketball coach Tony Scheub takes to the air, guarded by student Larry Clingler, as Athletic Director Andy Thomas and student Zach Loehmer look on (at right) during the faculty-student ball game.

BELOW: Putting their all into the tug-of-war are, from left, seniors Jeremiah Ray, Sam Hendrickson, Jacob Cavazos, Michael Stout, Blake Bennett, Zoe Bauer, Dennis Davis, Jeremiah Harvey, Michael Salary, (faculty referee Ron Stevens oversees) against juniors Sam Hissong, Joe Krsek, and James Dulin.



TOP CENTER: Parents Gary Shaffer and Steve Strycker (right) in the tricycle competition.

BOTTOM CENTER: In the wheelbarrow race are, from left, Starr Howard, Preston Hansel, Emily Shidler, and Kaleb Dehning.

TOP RIGHT: Student Kalee Miller in the tricycle race.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Savanna Greene and Matt Busart in the two-legged race.

CUTPL digital camera classes

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, will host two classes on digital photography.

Demystify digital photography: learn how to take better photos and what to do with them once you have them. The class covers how to shoot better pictures, digital file management and digital photo editing the free and easy way. The classes are free and open to the public and will take place Wednesdays, April 6 and April 13 at 6 p.m. Feel free to bring your own digital camera for hands-on practice.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Jonathan Gaskill via e-mail at jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us or by dialing 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library by going to www.culver.lib.in.us.

Kucera signs with Ice Dogs



Luke Kucera of Twin Lakes, Indiana, a Culver Academies senior, recently tendered with the Fairbanks Ice Dogs of the North American Hockey League. Kucera was a defenseman on the Culver Prep hockey team.

He recently shared, "I am excited to play Junior Hockey for Fairbanks. They are a quality organization and I love the outdoors, so living in Alaska is going to be great!"

He plans to play D1 college hockey and major in engineering after completing Junior Hockey. In addition, he has received academic scholarships to the

following universities; the Clarkson University Aeronautical Engineering Department, the Michigan Tech Engineering Mechanics Department, and the Rochester Institute of Technology Biomedical Engineering program.

Kucera is currently the Co-President of the Culver Community Council, and he is the Culver Academies Representative of B.E.A.M., a youth community service organization. In 2010 he was the Captain of "Shifting Winds," the winning team in the Miclot Business Plan Competition for the Ron Rubin School for the Entrepreneur at Culver Academies. He is also the Founder and President of the American Indian Club at Culver, and a CMA leader having achieved the rank of Executive Officer in Company C.

In closing, Kucera said, "Culver is a great place to invent and reinvent yourself, you just have to keep going for it. I am grateful for the opportunities Culver has given me, and I look forward to giving back some day."

Help celebrate Ruth Walker's 90th with 90 cards

Ruth Walker, longtime site director for Culver's REAL Meals, will celebrate her 90th birthday April 24. In lieu of a party, assistant director Jeanette Geiselman hopes to coordinate at least 90 birthday cards for Mrs. Walker. The community is encouraged to send cards to the REAL Services Nutrition Site, 819 Lake Shore Drive, Culver, IN 46511.

CES Students of the month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for February.

Kindergarten: Abby Kisela (Amy Bonine, teacher), Jimmy Johnson (Heather Overmyer), Ethan Keller (Jean Urbin), Owen Falk (Janna VanDePutte), Shawn Donley (Rhonda Kinney)

1st grade: Zachary Hine (Andrea Berndt), Cheyenne Lindsley (Kelli Dickerhoff), Sam Luttrell (April Jefferies), Dalton Powell (Teri Zechiel)

2nd grade: Alexxa Howard (Jean Ahlenius), Ayden Burns (Tina Bailey), Wyatt Ringer (Carrie Tharp), Leah Minix (Kelly Young)

3rd grade: Austin Jones (Valerie Cultice), Brooklyn

Sellers (Jill DeSalle), Emily Bendy (Rachel Rife), Drake Gross (Kim Morrison)

4th grade: Nora Kline (Stephanie Alva), Sara Ringer (Leslie Shepard), Shawn Bell (Alicia Cotner)

5th grade: Pierce Ellert (Gayle Kinzie), Rachel England (Raeanne Stevens), Cherakie Thomas (Steve Young), Danny Cook (Kris Arvelo), Dylan Lewandowski (Jason Crittendon)

6th grade: Alyssa Conley (Bryan Albright), Gabrielle McCarty (Adam Huber), Troy Bolds (Missy Trent), Patrick Kline (Mike Elliott), Josie Ross (Joyce Lyman), Alyssa Conley (Julie Cowen)

CES honor roll

Culver Elementary School has announced its honor roll for the third grading period.

1st grade: Marquez Donovan Anderson, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Nico Mary-Madeline Barton, Mariah Nicole Bell-Howard, Bryce Allen Campbell, Charles John Carrillo, Zoey Louise Coble, Lane Conner Coby, Kennedy Rose Creviston, Matthew Paul Davis, Sydney Sue Denham, Austin Lee Dilts, Tucker Ryan Fisher, Kordeia Fulton, Dayne Kennedy Garbacik, Adam Lee Garza, Anna Katherine Gregorash, William Thomas Gregory, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Tydameion M Hesters, Savannah Grace Hissong, Emily C Jefferies, Elan Theodore Johnson, Keynan Patrick Jones, Shaelyn Alexis Keen, Mary Katherine Kelley, Paige Lilliann Lancaster, Samuel Lawrence Luttrell, Alyson Paige Martin, Dylan James McKee, Shianne E Moss, William Thomas Nicholson, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Kathleen Rose Perkins, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Alina Emily Rehka, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Gavin Matthew Salyer, Kaydin Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Hunter Steven Sickmiller, Cameron Ford Skiles, Triniti K Smith, Natalie Mechelle Stevens, Sergio Jesus Tapia, Haley Morgan Wieringa, Spring Ye, Timothy Oliver Young, Alex James Zehner

2nd grade: Braxton Rolland Atkins, Blake Wayne Baugh, Damian Byers, Makaila Elizabeth Caudill, Mia Patricia Conroy, Austin J Cooper, Ethan Michael Coyle, Anthony J Czerniak, Damian R Dunn, Francis K Ellert, Makenzie Faith Handley, Joshua P Havron, Aubrey M Highberger, Katie M Hoffman, Morgan J Keller, Kaleigh M Kephart, Taylor R Lewandowski, Ethan D Lima, Sarah Grace Lowry, Abigail Nichole Neff, Jessica Renee Pietsch, Lillian E Proskey, Abigail E Richard, Tyler D Rogers, Trayden S Schrimsher, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Kendal S Stebbins, Shane M Stevens, Chyna Dawn Thomas, Tyler James Coday

3rd grade: Isabelle J Ahlenius, Kacie Marie Atkins, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Anna R Blocker, Aysia R Conley, Savana G Cook, Nicholas M Cornwall, Grant W Dexter, Zachary A Ditmire, Trista Rae Fritter, Hanna K Haimbaugh, Lily G Hayes, Gabriel M Hissong, Kagnie J Hoffman, Haley N Howard, Austin David Jones, Emma E Krueger, Oliver Ryan Lampton-Adkins, Jordan J Mulvihill,

Rachel E Nash, Noah Riley Parsons, Dana T Rodgers, Lilly M Sayavongsing, Brooklyn M Sellers, Gabriel M Sherman, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Ryan W Tompos, Owen R Valiquet,

4th grade: Kennedy Lynn Ash, Jazmyn J Beitler, Jeremiah V Brady, Madison P Brewer, Rebecca C Christlieb, Wyatt J Coiner, Brandon Ray England, Lillian Elizabeth Gregorash, Katherine A Heim, Bailey C Howard, Trenton M Jones, Gabrielle Jade Kegley, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Sarah E Morrison, Taylor M Noah, Maranda J Otteman, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Hunter Mn Ringer, Sara E Ringer, Hailey C Shipley, Tihana Stefanic, Alex R Wagner, Christian J Zakhi, Noah Michael Baugh

5th grade: Emily Marie Bradley, Alex Ted Santistevan Cole, Pierce H Ellert, Jasmynne D. Fowler, Malachi L Griffith, Dylan C Lewandowski, Tracey R Lindvall, Charles McCarty, Angel Marie Moore, Benjamin B Myers, Dylan Pitera, Sydney G Pritz, Lindsey R Proskey, Reilly K Reinhold, Cody J Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Jake S Rodgers, Cody R Russell, Raymie L Shoop, Macee Marie Strycker

6th grade: Erin E Bendy, Brennin Aaron Betts, Alyssa M Conley, Drake Lee Garbacik, Alexandria M Harris, Brandon P Havron, Tanner R Hoffman, Morgan Tiara Keen, Patrick D Kline, Joshua P Krsek, Matthew A Markovitz, Amanda G Morrison, Jackson S Rich, Vedrana I Stefanic, Jordan A Wynn