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An egg-citing Easter

ABOVE: Chilly rain didn't stop Culver from preparing for Easter with the time-honored tradition of the annual children's Easter egg hunt at the Town Park April 16. AT LEFT: Bennett Davis, age 8 (right), struck gold when he happened to find the right eggs to yield two large baskets (such as the one handed to him by Janeen Clark, far left, as Tetri Zechiel ducks out of the way), among other treasures. Each child left the event with an assortment of candy and other Easter-y prizes. RIGHT: Journey Heater, age 5, is clearly exuberant at her findings as she frolics back to mom after depositing several eggs in her bucket.

In Brief

Baseball-softball signups

Culver baseball and softball sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 30, 9 to 11 a.m., at the Culver Public Library. Forms may also be returned to the school, addressed Attention: Lisa Moise, or mailed to Lisa Moise, 7598 Pine Trail Court, Culver, IN 46511.

CES student performances May 4

Culver Elementary School will be the site of a student choir and band performance Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30 and 7 p.m., also at the gymnasium. The program is free and open to the public.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Culver Postmaster to retire

Cindy Shidler, Culver's Postmaster for the past several years, will soon retire, with April 29 slated to be her last day. Citizens are welcome to drop by to thank her for her work here and wish her well in her retirement.

Port-A-Pit for St. Mary's bus ministry

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will be have a Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken sale Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until all sold out. Cost is \$6 per half chicken. The sale will take place at the Culver Fire Station Parking lot. All proceeds to benefit the bus ministry.

Friends book sale April 29-30

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold their book sale Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. All are welcome, and proceeds support various library endeavors.

Community meal at St. Mary's Apr. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Saturday, April 30.

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Fate of Monterey Elementary is hot-button topic at meeting

Board votes to move MES Principal to Middle School

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

There were plenty of questions, a number of suggestions, and ample emotions running high at Monday night's meeting of the Culver Community School board, but at the end of the night, few easy answers.

The primary topic was the hot-button question of whether to close Monterey Elementary School as a means of compensating for a nearly \$1 million shortfall in corporation funding, assuming legislation currently in debate at the state level should pass.

Culver Community High School's cafeteria -- where the meeting was moved due to the crowd of more than 100 -- was nearly filled, with microphones provided for members of the public as well as board members and Culver school superintendent Brad Schuldt.

Many of the public comments, coming from audience members ranging from Monterey parents and teachers, to community leaders and Culver Elementary teachers, were addressed by Schuldt in a slideshow presentation he noted is also available on the corporation website, www.culver.k12.in.us.

Explaining he attended a small high school which itself closed four years after his graduation, Schuldt said he understood the emotions of those facing closure of their local school.

Schuldt details budget woes

He noted the school corporation's budget comes from six major funds, one of which -- the general fund -- is used for teacher salaries and benefits. No other funds may be used as revenue streams towards that end, by state law.

He also described the shift in 2009 from general fund sources being derived from property taxes, to income and sales taxes, which naturally have decreased in the recent recession. Last year, he said, the school system cut over \$348,000 to compensate for that loss, but now will have to trim appropriations for the general fund by \$855,928 in the next two years. Specific losses from the school's budget, should legislation pass downstate later this week, will come from the See Closing page 2

Gladie's Deli headed east, will incorporate bakery offerings

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



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Pictured is the future home of Gladie's Deli, at 415 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

(owner of the Uptown Cinema and Edgewater, who recently purchased the building) and asked him his plans for the building.

"He was very open to allow me to move. It was probably the closest we were going to get to this side of town."

Willhite recalls putting a great deal of thought into the original Gladie's, including traveling around the country to look at several similar ventures, three of whose look and feel he combined into Gladie's, which is named See Gladie's page 10

New fitness site will match Culver's unique makeup, says founder

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's no secret Culver is a unique community with a diverse and often well-traveled population, and fitness trainer Shaina Lampton thinks it deserves a fitness facility to accommodate its character.

That's why she's opening Bottom Line Training Company at 232 South Main Street in Culver, in the Main Street Centre (though locally it's often referred to simply as the Collins Building). The business will kick off with an open house May 4 from 4 to 7 p.m., with an official opening May 9.

Lampton has been in the community for six years (her husband, Sonny Adkins, has headed up Culver Academies' Woodcraft Camp during that time), several of them heading up the Academies' fitness center. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science and Wellness from Ball State University and is a YMCA Certified Personal Trainer, and is certified in Mat Pilates, Yoga Fit, RNT (reactive neuromuscular training), biomechanics, cardiac rehabilitation, spinning, as a group exercise instructor, and a Red Cross CPR, first aid, and lifeguard instructor. See Fitness page 10

"It will be a very simple setup,"

Shaina Lampton

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"We are grateful for the community's support with this project," Richie explains. "Individuals and organizations have come forward to help in a variety of ways. Wesley United Methodist Church provides the site, Osborn Seed Company has prepared the soil, firemen have watered the garden, and Grace (United Church of Christ) members and several dedicated, service-minded individuals have given of their time with physical labor to make the garden a success. Some individual members of Lions Club, Kiwanis, and B.I.R.D. have expressed interest in helping with the garden this year."

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ing, weeding, harvesting, or sales

Community garden seeks helping hands to make a difference

This spring marks the third year for the Culver Community Garden located at the corner of Lewis and Slate Streets. A large variety of fresh vegetables are grown and donated to the Culver Community Food Bank to provide clients there with fresh produce during the growing season, according to Connie Richie, one of the volunteers facilitating the project. The excess produce, she adds, is sold at the local Farmer's Market, with the proceeds given to the local food bank for the purchase of other needed items. Organizers of Culver's community garden, it may be noted, were honored in January by Culver's Lions Club as Organization of the Year for their efforts.

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loss of Restoration grant monies (\$572,692) and the Small School grant (\$195,485).

The school's Rainy Day fund does have \$980,000 in it in reserve, which Schuldt acknowledged could be used to get the corporation through its current crisis, but such a move would deplete funds possibly needed in the event of an emergency, and wouldn't solve ongoing budget problems past the next two years.

Answering a query brought up by some in the audience, Schuldt affirmed school administrators did give up their one percent salary increase recently, as did teachers.

He also responded to calls from some in the audience to reduce the school's athletics and extracurricular budget by noting it had already been cut by 25 percent, and a total elimination of those funds would only net the school \$122,580.

Culver schools' enrollment has dropped 15 percent since 1998, he also explained, and per-pupil funding from the state is being cut from \$7,283 in 2011, to \$6,861 in 2013.

Possible funding solutions

Schuldt offered three possible solutions to the budget crisis: to increase revenue by raising taxes 11 cents per dollar via referendum (which he said he felt would fail in a vote, and which would require two to three years' wait for the school to see revenue increases); use the Rainy Day fund to compensate for revenue losses; decrease expenses through budget cuts; or a combination of any of the above.

In the area of budget reductions, Schuldt offered a host of options ranging from closing Monterey Elementary, to reducing administration, to cutting programs such as business, art, music, industrial tech, foreign language, building trades, and vocational programs.

He noted many of the above-named extracurricular programs only have one teacher staffing them, so cutting an individual teacher would destroy the entire program.

Closing Monterey Elementary, he said, would save \$50,000 in utilities and maintenance, \$97,000 in administration (one principal), \$370,000 in certified personnel (seven teachers), and \$230,000 in non-certified personnel (five to six staff members). Combined with \$58,000 in other resulting staffing changes, Schuldt projected closing MES would net the corporation \$805,000 in savings, very close to the number needed.

In response to questions about multiple school buses running the same routes, Schuldt said three Monterey bus routes can be eliminated by combining buses, for a total savings of \$113,000, though the funds wouldn't benefit the beleaguered general fund where they're most needed.

The school does have \$250,000 from federal stimulus money, which he said could save five teachers' jobs, though only for the first year.

Berendt will become Middle School Principal

One immediate recommendation from the superintendent -- which the school board voted into effect -- was to appoint Culver Elementary Principal Chuck Kitchell (with Assistant Principal Craig Hopple supporting) as Principal for both Monterey and Culver Elementary schools, while moving current Monterey Principal Julie Berendt to Cul-



LEFT: Dan Schaller, left, and Brandon Collins, parents of Monterey Elementary students, address the school board Monday night. RIGHT: Bart Shank asks a question of Superintendent Schuldt.



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ver Middle School to relieve Culver High School Assistant Principal Tom Corey, currently acting as Middle School Principal in absence of a regular CMS Principal. The move will save the corporation around \$95,000, Schuldt said, including savings, insurance and other benefits, and the like.

Cuts at CES if Monterey stays

Keeping Monterey open, he said, would require over \$800,000 in budget cuts at Culver Elementary, which would likely come from extracurricular programs at CES.

"Some of you are very emotional about losing your school building," he said. "Many at Culver Elementary are emotional about losing the colleague teaching next door."

Schuldt said by pooling and Culver students into one building (he noted there are 10 empty classrooms currently at Culver Elementary) would create a balance in class sizes. Keeping Monterey open, he said, could cost Culver Elementary four teachers. Class sizes at MES might be as small as 15 while Culver's could be over 30 per class, he added.

Audience suggestions and input

One audience member suggested as many as 70 students currently enrolled at Monterey could leave the corporation entirely should MES close, which could cost the system over \$500,000.

Schuldt said he welcomed some audience members' suggestions of volunteering at the school as aides or for cleanup, to save the corporation money.

Other audience input included a detailed summary of options from MES parents Dan Schaller and Brandon Collins, who emphasized Monterey's success, having earned recognition by the state of Indiana as an exemplary school and Berendt's being named Principal of the Year. Also stressed were the increased class sizes at Culver Elementary and dissatisfaction from CES parents, who could pull students out of the corporation in response, causing heavy revenue losses to Culver as a result.

Many speakers commented passionately on the caring, nurturing environment at Monterey, the dedication of its teachers, the value of its small class size, and its success in motivating even under-performing students.

Audience member John Keller suggested not rushing into a decision the corporation would regret in closing MES. Monterey businessman and Lions President Doug Denton expressed concern about the fate of the community of Monterey as a whole, noting many people live in

the town for its quality school system. Closing MES could result in a large exodus out, he said, with resultant tax revenue shifts affecting the corporation's funding.

"If you keep taking things away from communities," he added, "pretty soon there'll be no one there."

Some Culver teachers stepped forward to emphasize the quality of teaching at that school as well. CES Principal Chuck Kitchell, commending Monterey for its successful record, said that many don't know Culver Elementary students scored on average higher on tests than Monterey students nine out of 14 times in English and Math. He attributed some of Monterey's success to less numbers of Special Education students. CES, he said, has had as many as 72 students in that group, which can alter overall scoring results in the state's view.

Kitchell also replied to audience member Bart Shank that an absorption of MES by Culver Elementary would likely result in Culver class sizes between 21 and 28 students.

Final vote to decide MES' fate May 9

The board will have to vote on whether to close MES at the next (May 9) school board meeting, it was noted. Schuldt said the state requires a certain time frame of notification for teachers whose jobs will be cut. He added Monterey's teachers aren't in jeopardy due to seniority -- current Culver teachers would instead feel the brunt of staff cuts.

Schuldt encouraged the audience to email, call, and otherwise contact the administration or school board members with other suggestions on how the school could come within budget needs but still keep Monterey open.

Each board member, thanking the audience for its input, discussed the difficulty of having to make the decision, and some suggested a closing could be temporary if it occurs. Member Jack Jones, who attended a standing-room-only "town hall" meeting at Monterey's public library the previous week, noted he put two of his own children through MES.

"(It's) a very warm, friendly, comforting place to go into," he said of the school. "I don't want to see it close. It's one big happy family. We're charged with doing what's right for all the students (in the corporation). That's the tough part."

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at the Farmers' Market, the food pantry clients will once again have fresh vegetables to savor."

The *Culver Citizen* will print times each week when volunteers will be working in the garden. Planting will begin Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. Continued planting times will be Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a.m., Friday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. All times are weather permitting. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gardening tools and join the gardeners, or those without tools may use organizers' extras.

"Each person who donates one hour per week makes it easier on everyone," Richie notes. "Come join us in this community project and get to meet others in a relaxed atmosphere. This is a free exercise program which comes with your dose of vitamin D provided through sunshine!"

Questions may be directed to Connie Richie at 574-542-4810, Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329, or Cory Barnes at barnesc@culver.org.

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4 arrested for making meth

KNOX — Starke County Sheriff's Department officers arrested four on methamphetamine charges in Knox Wednesday.

According to a press release, officers contacted the owner of 10650 E. Division Road in Knox in regard to possible drug activity at the residence. Prior to officers arriving on the scene, the property owner contacted the Starke County Sheriff's Department to report a suspicious vehicle at the home. When police arrived, three subjects were found inside the residence. They were detained and police searched the residence where they found an active illegal methamphetamine lab, precursors to manufacture meth and drug paraphernalia.

Brian Standiford, of Knox, and Amy Ahlenius, of Monterey, were arrested and have preliminary charges of Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Illegal Drug Lab, Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Paraphernalia. Also arrested was Rose Martin, of Knox, and David Scarberry, of Donaldson, and they have a preliminary charge of Visiting a Common Nuisance.

The Starke County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Indiana State Police Clandestine Lab Team.

60th anniversary - Roberts



Glen and Martha (Overmyer) Roberts will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary May 27, 2011 with an open house, hosted by their children, May 28 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Depot.

Family and friends are welcomed to attend at 615 Lake Shore Drive, Culver, and the couple requests no gifts.

The couple was married May 27, 1951 at Argos Wesleyan Church. Glen is a farmer and Martha cared for their seven children and is a housewife. Their children are: Linda (Jerry) Manges, Dianna (Robert) Swenson, Pam (Chris) McCord, Judy (Mike) Shivers, Robin (Kathy) Roberts, Roger (Carra Denise) Roberts, and Cris (Jim) Nutley. They also have 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Community calendar

Thurs., April 28
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Fri., April 29
Parents' weekend, all weekend, Culver Academies
Town-wide yard sale, all day

Friends of the Culver Library booksale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., April 30
Town-wide yard sale, all day

Baseball signups, 9 to 11 a.m., Culver Public Library
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Friends of the Culver Library booksale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tri Kappa student art show, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Culver Cove

Port-A-Pit to benefit St. Mary's bus ministry, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Culver fire station

Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

Dance Vision performance, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

Sun., May 1
Tri Kappa student art show, noon to 3 p.m., Culver Cove

Dance Vision performance, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

Mon., May 2
Knitting group, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

Spring leaf pickup, all week, town of Culver

Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Tues., May 3
Story time, 10 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

Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.
Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

Weds., May 4
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Choir and band concert, 1:30 and 7 p.m., Culver Elementary School

TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Howard Dukes (South Bend author), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

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

Thurs., May 5
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Carillon series begins Saturday

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of the Culver Academies, will present the first in a series of eleven recitals for 2011 on the 51-bell carillon at the Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies, on Saturday, April 30, at 4 p.m.

The program will include pieces by George Frideric Handel, Roy Hamlin Johnson, and John Courter, among others.

In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital (which would be indicated on signs near the South doors), and printed programs will be available near the doors as well. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance. Additional Carillon recitals will be presented on the following Saturday afternoons at 4 p.m.: May 21; June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; September 3, and October 1.

faculty.culver.org/~gouwenj/Next%20Performance.asp

Arrest report

Zechariah V. Albert, 22, Culver, was arrested April 23 by the Marshall County Police Department for two counts of theft-under \$100,000 value, three counts of unauthorized entry of a vehicle, and three counts of trespass-entering a dwelling without consent.

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for his mother, Gladys.

The original downtown location, however, at 108 N. Main Street, wasn't as conducive to traffic flow as Willhite would have liked. On top of that, he says the "spark" for the deli left him with the untimely death of his brother, Jeff, in 2008.

"I remember shortly after he died, I was going to close (Gladie's)," Willhite recalls. "Jeff was the cheerleader -- he really helped with it. But a close friend of mine said, 'You should wait a minimum of a year and a maximum of two years to really know. Don't make any quick decisions you'll regret later.' That was the best advice I got, even though it was difficult. Even after waiting, though, it just wasn't the same.

"But with moving, the spark is back, knowing Jeff would like this new location. He used to talk about, 'How can we get Lee on the other side of town?' We knew he'd be happy with this area. This was sort of the rebirth of Jeff's memory, something I know he would be all over."

Gladie's will retain its overall feel, combining soothing colors with a new injection of natural light which the venue makes available.

And while the deli offerings will remain largely the same, including the choice of Boar's Head meats, the major change will be the addition of a baker to facilitate a wide range of baked goods to enjoy. Towards that end, Willhite says the

Culver flower photos wanted

Spring is officially here and with warmer weather, locals are planting their flowers, bulbs, and more, to either brighten up the landscape or put fresh foods on the table. We would love to feature you, working or lounging in your garden, but we need your help.

Please send in a color photo of yourself, including your first and last name, your town, and tell us a little bit about your garden. We will run photos until the cold weather wits away all your hard work. Mail them (and a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want it returned) to 214 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN 46563, or drop off the printed photo and information at the Citizen drop box at the Culver Public Library. Submissions may also be emailed to citizen@culcom.net.

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., April 28: Pork Cutlet, red potatoes, mixed vegetables, cluster roll and margarine, fruit, and milk.

Fri., April 29: Stuffed baked potato and sour cream, broccoli, cheese, taco meat, muffin, jello, fruit, and milk.

Mon., May 2: Sloppy Joe, bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit, and milk.

Tues., May 3: Ham and beans, corn bread, margarine,

Letter to the editor

Thanks to Young for Easter egg hunt

Editor's note: This letter to the editor was written as addressed to Kelly Young, Culver park Superintendent

Dear Kelly,
Thank you and your helpers for another great Easter egg hunt in the park on Saturday, April 16th.

Each and every year it gets bigger and better. Spreading 1015 plastic eggs and numbering 765 prizes involved a lot of hard work and organization! Celebrating 25 years of tradition is very special.

Although, the morning was rainy all our grandchildren once again had a delightful experience. As a family we have shared this fun event for the last 7 years and then have a big breakfast afterwards as the kids examine their prizes and trade them with each other. This year our seven year old granddaughter found the "Golden" egg and of course that made her day!!

Thanks again Kelly, I know it has to be soooo time consuming but think of all the smiles that you put on every child's face.

Sincerely,

**Diane Green
Culver**

P.S. Thanks to Mike and all the guys for always bringing the Fire Truck!!

deli's hours will be extended to a broader variety.

As in the past, Gladie's will also offer catering, something the business has handled successfully in the past around the lake and regularly to Culver's Kiwanis Club. The availability of banquet and catering space in the same building, something Bickel hopes to take advantage of, makes for a nice combination of possibilities. Further, Gladie's will benefit from something unavailable in its previous locale: a parking lot.

Family has always -- and continues to be -- an important part of Gladie's, says Willhite. His brother Mike has always been a part of the operation, and his parents have been very supportive as well. In fact, all of the sandwiches are named after Willhite family members.

And Gladys Willhite herself continues to bake her homemade fudge and soups.

"Now that she's across the street, we plan to have her here more," Lee says, then jokes, "That's free labor! I'll make up for it at Christmas!"

"She's excited for the move," he adds on a more serious note. "(My parents are) excited because it's right there. They sit on the porch of their house, so they'll get to see the traffic of people."

Gladie's Deli may be reached by phone at 574-842-4523, and online at www.Gladie'sdeli.com.

Open house will benefit Liver Walk

A Silpada Jewelry open house will take place to support local participants in the American Liver Foundation's Liver Life walk in Indianapolis May 14. Jennifer Luttrell and Shelly Schrimsher are raising funds for the walk via the open house, which takes place Tuesday, May 10 at 196 W. Terrace Parkway (the Paré home) in Culver, from 4 to 6 p.m. All proceeds (30 percent) go to the Liver Life Walk.

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Bar addition won't change identity of Cafe Max, says Mahler

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler wants to assure customers the recent addition of a bar at the longstanding Culver institution is no cause for alarm.

"No, it's not getting changed into a 'hoochie bar,'" she says with a smile. "There will be no pole dancers, male or female!"

She points out Cafe Max has served beer for about 10 years and had a three-way liquor license for a year and a half. She says the bar, which was installed over two days last week during which the restaurant was closed, is largely about increasing night dining to the establishment.

"We discovered even after having our license for a year and a half, people would constantly say, 'We like to have a glass of wine or one drink with dinner and we can't get that here... we felt (adding the bar) was a necessity to increase business. There's only so much breakfast traffic.'"

A double brass rail will separate the bar area and help maintain the family restaurant feel. With the reconfiguration of the main dining room, patrons will notice the old counter is still present (even if it's changed location), and, she adds, diners may eat there or at the new bar.

Mahler emphasizes the establishment won't be "boozing it up with liquor on display everywhere -- it will look very similar to what you see now."

She says the hunt for an actual bar began last year, when it looked as if a Logansport establishment on the verge

of repossession would have the right equipment. That fell through, however, and meantime Mahler was discussing the possibility of a cabinet-maker building a whole new bar, though worries persisted whether it would maintain the vintage look so prevalent at Cafe Max.

Finally, online shopping led to a bar in an antique store in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the hunt was on to find a shipper to bring it to Culver.

The bar itself began its life, as far as Mahler knows, around 1880 in Chicago, moving later to a Pennsylvania hotel before an individual bought it, eventually selling it to the antique store. The 17 foot, 10 inch, nine foot tall apparatus is all oak, with a marble toe kick and striking columns.

Mahler is grateful to a number of people for facilitating the bar and its installation, from workers at Culver's JMC Engineers on Main Street, to "my sister's boyfriend Matt Salyer and his friend," to the Cafe Max staff. Indianapolis-based contractor Kevin Call and crew stayed above the restaurant to sleep, but otherwise spent two days making the changes in the place, installing the bar and making everything ready to use, while local electrician Tony Wakefield did the electrical work and Kevin Staples did the paint job.

"We had an awesome crew," she notes, pointing out the bar is ready for patrons to use. In fact, longtime customers George and Alma Posejpal made a point to be there on the scene as the first patrons, surely an historic moment.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler, left, looks on as Mark Keller (center) and Nate Terrone from Coca-Cola in Plymouth facilitate beverages at the restaurant's new bar.

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Engagement - Pokrajac, Salyer

Ron Pokrajac, Culver, and Crystal Salyer, Knox, announce their engagement to be married Aug. 13, 2011 at Culver Military Academy Chapel, Culver.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Linda Howard, Knox, and the late Woodrow Salyer Jr.

The groom is the son of Ron and Cindy Pokrajac, Rochester.



Editor's note: Our semi-regular "If these walls could talk" column (on the history of Culver's buildings) is absent this week due to space limitations, but should return next week.

Name that Culver 'citizen'



Last week's Mystery Citizen wasn't a local high school graduate but has become a familiar face in Culver in recent years.

She's Jessica Saunders, whose husband, Larry, is pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. Kudos to sharp-eyed readers Lora Pinder, Kay Tusing, and Bob Kline, who recognized her.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a longtime familiar face in the area, especially associated with

one local organization over others.

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, Jessica Saunders, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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Sports



Culver earns conference win

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community's baseball team probably needs to work on its walkoff-winning celebrations.

Senior first baseman Scotty Brown's two-out pop fly single to shallow right in the bottom of the seventh lifted the host Cavs to an 8-7 Northern State Conference win over Bremen Wednesday. However his teammates required a little urging from the coaching staff to exit the dugout area at the end of the game.

"We coaches knew it dropped, but I don't think anyone else was watching the umpires," Culver head coach Mike Elliott said, smiling. "I think maybe they're not used to winning this early in the conference season."

"Scotty Brown started the season 0 for 8 or 9," he added. "We've been telling him to just concentrate on putting the ball in play and good things will happen. He started the season in left field, and we've moved him to first. I think he wanted to play first all along, and now that he's back in that comfort zone he's started putting the ball in play, and he's had two or three hits the last two or three games."

In the subdued Cavs' defense, with daylight quickly fleeting under a thick overcast, Bremen second baseman Jacob Bennitt shielded the view and nearly made a diving stab of Brown's bloop, after the Lions' right fielder broke back on contact. Sam Hendrickson, who drew a one-out walk and advanced to second on an error on a stolen-base attempt, crossed the plate with the winning run.

Culver, which fought back from deficits of 2-0 in the first and 7-5 in the fifth, pounded out 11 hits, led by two apiece from Brown, Hendrickson and designated hitter Michael Salary; Brown and Salary each knocked in two runs.

Winning pitcher Collin Stevens, who entered to a bases-loaded jam in the opening frame, led off the first inning with a solo home run; freshman Nick Pritz laced an RBI double in the second and Brian Nelson added a suicide squeeze during the same frame.

The Cavs survived four errors and three times put a runner on third with less than two outs without scoring.

"I liked the way the kids battled," Elliott said. "In the past if we got down, came back, and then got down again we'd be done. I'm proud of the kids. Collin did a nice job getting us out of the first inning, and then led off the bottom of the inning with a solo home run to energize us a little bit."

"We made some mistakes; I made some mistakes," he continued. "We've got some things to work on. Bo has some young players; I've been there. This year our team is loaded with some seniors, and our seniors made plays to pull us through."

Third baseman Jesse Gingle went 3 for 4 and scored twice for the Lions, while Bennitt added two hits, highlighted by a two-run blast in the fourth inning to pull Bremen within a run, 5-4.

However, the Lions missed a big opportunity in the first. Tyler Johnson smacked a two-run single just inside the left-field line to score Sean Knepper and Eric Knepper and draw first blood. After Gingle's first single filled the sacks and chased Culver starter Zoe Bauer, Stevens struck out his first batter on three pitches and induced a fielder's choice grounder to escape further damage.

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CMA grad Henderson named new Princeton coach

EVANSTON, Ill. - Mitch Henderson, a Culver Military graduate and assistant coach at Northwestern for the last 11 seasons, has been named the head men's basketball coach at Princeton University, his alma mater.

A 1998 graduate of Princeton, Henderson has served his entire term at NU under Bill Carmody, a former head coach at Princeton himself.

"I'm extremely grateful to Coach Carmody," Henderson said. "I appreciate that he gave me the opportunity at a young age to work at one of the best universities in the world. Northwestern has been like

a family to me and I will definitely miss it. I spent 11 great years there and I got to work with a great group of young guys. I will always be pulling for the Wildcats."

During his tenure in Evanston, Henderson helped tutor two of the top guards in program history in Jitim Young and Michael Thompson. Young was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2004 and ranks eighth on NU's career scoring list. Thompson completed his Northwestern career last season, leaving as the school all-time leader in assists, while ranking second in 3-point field goals and third in scoring.

With Henderson on the staff, the Wildcats have won a school-record 20 games each of the last two seasons and have advanced to the postseason each of the last three years, also a school record.

"Princeton has made a great choice for its next head coach," said Carmody. "I've been fortunate to witness first-hand Mitch's growth as both a player and a coach and he will do a tremendous job. He has an outstanding work ethic and will be able to relate to his players through his own experiences at Old Nassau. I know how much Princeton means to him, and he will do what it takes to continue the winning tradition there."

Henderson is a 1994 grad of Culver Military Academy.



Mitch Henderson

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With the score knotted at 7-7 in the top of the seventh, yet another Bremen threat ended in bizarre fashion. Johnson led off with a two-base error and stayed put on Bennett's one-out infield single. Pinch hitter Dillon Mullen then grounded out to third baseman Bryce Lindvall for the second out, and Brown fired back across to Bauer covering third. Initially safe, Johnson came off the bag and Bauer applied the tag for the third out.

CULVER COMMUNITY 8, BREMEN 7

At Culver

Bremen: 200 320 0 — 7 7 5

Culver: 141 020 1 — 8 11 4

Austin Gardner, Nate Leeper (L) and Tyler Johnson; Zoe Bauer, Collin Stevens (1, W) and AJ Neace.

2B: Jesse Glingle (B), Nick Pritz (C).

HR: Collins Stevens (C), Jacob Bennett (B).

Record: Culver 4-4 (1-1 NSC), Bremen 3-3 (0-2 NSC).

Coach from page 6

An all-around outstanding athlete, he won a total of 12 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball during his career at CMA and was named the South Bend Tribune Athlete of the Year in his senior year in 1994. He is second on CMA basketball's all-time scoring list with 1,284 points and was a New York Yankees draft pick after graduation but opted to go to Princeton instead. Henderson was a four-year starter at Princeton from 1994-98, the last two of those seasons coming under the direction of Carmody.

He helped the Tigers win three straight Ivy League titles — including two with perfect 14-0 records — and three NCAA Tournament appearances, including 1996 when Princeton pulled off one of the tournament's most famous upsets by knocking off defending champion UCLA in the first round, 43-41.

Henderson was captain of the Tigers and a secondteam All-Ivy selection in 1997-98. That year, Princeton went 27-2 overall, earned a Top 10 ranking nationally, and ad-

vanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to Big Ten champion Michigan State.

He played professional in the NBA for the Atlanta Hawks in January of 1999 and one season in Sligo, Ireland, from August of 1998 to January of 1999. Before coming to Northwestern to begin his coaching career, he was a research associate for Lendx Corporation in San Francisco, Calif.

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The meal that evening will be picnic food (hamburgers and hot dogs, and all the trimmings). This will be the last monthly meal for the spring -- they will resume following a break for summertime. The community meal is for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Tri Kappa art show April 30 wknd.

Culver Tri Kappa has announced its 9th annual Student Art Show April 30 through May 1, 2011 at the Culver Cove ballroom. The show is open to any student from the Culver Community High School, Middle School and Culver Academies.

Judged categories include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, three-dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite artist and exhibit in the People's Choice category.

The public is invited to visit during the following hours: Saturday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1, from noon to 3 p.m.

Dance Vision this wknd.

Culver Academies will offer its Dancevision performance Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m., in the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. The free program includes student-performed ballet and modern dances. The public is welcome to attend.

Water problem info sought

The town of Culver is soliciting response from townspeople who have experienced water problems pertaining to water pressure, dead-end lines, water filtering or drinkability. The town is applying for a grant to fund an analysis of Culver's water system and treatment plant. Letter may be sent to the Town Hall (200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN 46511) or by calling 574-842-3140. Information must be received by April 30.

CBC hosts Nat'l Day of Prayer service

Culver Bible Church will host a prayer service for the "National Day of Prayer" on May 5 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them as they pray for our community and country. For more information, Pastor Dan Huhn can be contacted

at 574-842-3056.

Spring leaf pickup

The town of Culver will pick up leftover autumn leaves throughout the town during the week of May 2 through 6. Residents are reminded not to place leaves directly in the roadway, but confine them to their yards. Questions may be directed to the town hall at 574-842-3140.

Max Players auditions May 7

The Maxinkuckee Players will hold auditions for Nunsense-the Mega-Musical on Saturday, May 7 at the Culver High School choir room. Auditions will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m., and 5 - 9 p.m. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice and read from the script.

Maxinkuckee Singers here May 11

The Maxinkuckee Singers will present their spring concert, "Makin' Music - 2011," in at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver. The show is free to the public with a freewill donation accepted. For further information call 574-546-4230.

Donations sought

for Lions flea market

The Culver Lions Club is taking donations of miscellaneous items and household goods for the Spring Flea Market on May 7. No televisions will be accepted. Call Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460.

The collection is for the Club's annual Spring Fest, including a pancake and sausage breakfast, bake sale, and flea market, which will be Saturday, May 7 at the railroad station in the town park. Breakfast is from 6 to 11 a.m., the bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m., and the flea market from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VFW scholarship fund-raiser May 14

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a smoked chicken dinner, part of its Culver Community High School scholarship fund raiser, at the Post at 108 East Washington Street. Baked beans and chips are included in the meal, but availability is limited, so get tickets now. The dinner takes place Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per dinner. Tickets are available behind the bar.

Farmers' Market opens May 14

The Culver Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open from May 14 through October 8, each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets, across from CVS, the market features fresh produce, plants, fresh flowers, herbs, local honey and sorghum, eggs, meat, processed jams, salsa and pickles, baked goods, and an assortment of handmade crafts.

Chairs for Charity artists sought

Anyone can create a chair to be auctioned at this year's June 12 Culver Tri Kappa "Chairs for Charity" event. Drop off chairs from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, at 922 Lakeshore Drive (the corner of Lakeshore and Academy Road). The chairs will then be on "parade" at Culver businesses until the event. The event will be held in the Culver Academies' Dining Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information please email chairs@deadline-driven.com, call Rhonda Anderson at 574-842-2169, or Chairs chairman, Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

Scouts seeking donations

Three Culver area Boy Scouts have been working hard to raise funds to take part in the Boy Scouts of America's Liberty Tour of historic sites pertinent to American history in the Boston, New York, and Philadelphia areas this summer. Those needing jobs by the boys (for a contribution) or wishing to donate funds may call Ruth, at 574-216-5041, or 574-842-4432, and leave a message. Checks should be payable to Boy Scout Troop 229. The Troop may be found online at www.bsa229.net.

Kiwanis-Collins-Marina bass tournament May 7

The Culver Kiwanis-Collins & Co.-Marina team charity bass tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee will take place Saturday, May 7. Entry fee is \$70 per team if the entry is received by April 15 (\$80 per team if paid the day of the tournament). Tournament hours are from legal sunrise (6:30 a.m.) to 2:30 p.m. Weigh-in and release of fish will begin at 2:30 at the Culver Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in. Those with questions may email volkerts@msn.com or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

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Sports briefs

Baseball

CMA beats Bremen in DH

Culver Military Academy beat host Bremen both games in a doubleheader at Bremen Saturday, 12-9 and 13-11, moving to 4-0 on the season.

CMA rallied from behind for both wins, putting up a total of nine runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings in game one and scoring eight in the sixth and seventh of game two.

The Eagles out-hit the Lions 25-18 on the day. Ralph Laux homered in the first game, while Trent Kolden had doubles in both games and a triple in game two, and Kyle Bartelman doubled and tripled in the second game for CMA.

For Bremen, Sean Knepper and Nate Leeper homered in game one, while Tyler Johnson doubled twice, Leeper doubled once, and Jacob Bennitt also doubled in the first game.

Jesse Gling and Dillon Mullen each doubled in the second game for Bremen, which slides to 3-5.

• CULVER MILITARY 12-13, BREMEN 9-11

At Bremen
CMA: 200 001 36 — 12 14 0
Bremen: 400 400 10 — 9 9 3
Ben Espiritu, Colt Vessels (4, W) and James McGing; Jesse Gling

(L), Jacob Bennitt (7) and Tyler Johnson.

2B: Nate Leeper (B), Bennitt (B), Johnson (B) 2, Trent Kolden (CMA).

3B: Kolden (CMA).

HR: Sean Knepper (B), Leeper (B), Ralph Laux (CMA).

Game two

CMA: 221 004 4 — 13 11 3

Bremen: 302 140 1 — 11 9 6

HR: Sean Knepper (B), Leeper (B), Kyle Bartelman (CMA), Kolden (CMA), McGing (CMA).

3B: Bartelman (CMA), Kolden (CMA).

Records: Bremen 3-5, CMA 4-0.

Cavs shut out in NSC opener

A Jimtown pitching staff of five combined to shut out Culver 6-0 in the two teams' Northern State Conference opener at Culver Monday.

Zoe Bauer and Michael Salary both doubled for the Cavaliers, who recorded just four hits in the loss.

Culver drops to 3-4 overall with an 0-1 conference start and will host Bremen Wednesday at 5 p.m.

• JIMTOWN 6, CULVER 0

At Culver

Jimtown: 000 110 4 — 6 8 2

Culver: 000 000 0 — 0 4 3

Dustin Chafin (W, 1-1), Justin Brown (5), Brandon Weinkoff (7),

Evan Oblinger (7) and Mike Reiner;

Bryce Lindvall (L, 1-2), Zoe Bauer (7) and A.J. Neace.

2B: Cameron Kois (J), Matt Hill (J);

Zoe Bauer ©, Michael Salary ©.

HR: Brandon Weinkauf (J).

Records: Culver 3-4 (0-1 NSC),

Jimtown 4-2 (1-0 NSC).

Boys track

Culver beats OD

John Glenn captured wins in 12 events and went one-two in the 800, 1600 and 3200 races to top both Culver and Oregon-Davis in a three-way track meet Monday.

Stacy Noland, Mike Childs and Tanner Harman were all four-time winners for the Falcons at the meet.

Culver went one-two in both throwing events as Jeremiah Harvey placed first in the shot put and the discus, while teammate Max Burgess placed second in both events.

Oregon-Davis' lone win of the meet came in the long jump, where James Streic cleared 17'6".

• JOHN GLENN 85, CULVER 67, OREGON-DAVIS 15

Fitness from page 1

she says of the 900 square foot fitness studio. "I will have indoor cycling bikes, a treadmill and elliptical, free weights, and a bench and mini-cable free motion system (with which) you can do any directional pulling -- you can do everything.

"My whole goal for this space was not to have a club or gym atmosphere. It's a small, private intimate studio...it's going to be quiet, not vulgar. Some times of the day the studio won't be open for a workout, but that will be posted on our website. There'll be bands, balls, medicine balls, mats...everything we normal Joes would need to do."

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Bringing forth the bard

Sixth graders in Todd Shafer's class at Monterey Elementary School once again staged the school's annual Shakespeare play, which updates the bard for modern sensibilities and is performed for fellow students (and students at Culver Elementary) and parents. Pictured, performing "The Comedy of Errors," are (left to right) Austin Jones (playing Antipholus of Syracuse), Hailey Jones (playing Dromio of Syracuse), Brianna Kinyanjui (playing Luciana), Becca Johnson (playing Angelo), Courtney Salyer (playing Balthazar), Jesse Lamberson (playing Antipholus of Ephesus), and Katie Garland (playing Dromio of Ephesus). The play took place April 15.

to easily afford single training split the costs). In-home training is also available.

"If you have facilities in your home, I can come to you," explains Lampton. "You and your husband or you and a couple of girlfriends -- I can come to you."

Those simply desiring a place to work out may also find a home there. A one-week, one day or a handful of days' passes are available, in addition to month-to-month passes.

Also offered will be group classes ranging from yoga sessions to boot camps for business meetings and the like in town, or families here for the weekend. There's even a "silver citizens" class for older patrons desiring a more low-impact, but effective workout regime.

Though she's enjoyed working at Culver Academies, Lampton says up to now she's only been able to meet the needs of those associated with the school. In discussion with people in the community, including business owners, she says a recurring question for visitors as well as locals arises: "Where can I work out in Culver?"

"Previously, you were sent out of town," she points out. "We have a huge baby boomer community...they're not rocking chair people. They want to work hard and play hard. They want a place to go."

Lampton says she's keeping existing -- and building new -- bridges, including her ties with Culver Academies. She's part of the Lake Max Triathlon committee there, with which she works alongside the school's Wellness Director, to revive the event, which was on hiatus last year.

With 20 years of teaching experience to her credit, Lampton says she thinks there's a niche in Culver for a facility like Bottom Line, where other small towns might not have the same demand. She adds she's priced Bottom Line's offerings competitively. The facility will be open seven days a week, year-round, and classes will be offered ranging from morning sessions for moms after their children are dropped off for school, to after-work options.

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So what about the name of her new business?

"Whenever I talk with somebody over these years," says Lampton, "I come to the same conclusion: the bottom line is that you have to eat less junk and move your feet to whatever endeavor motivates you. There's not a pill or a diet or a quick fix. If losing weight and being healthy were easy, I wouldn't need to do this! I'm the coach, the motivator, but it's not up to me...I haven't found anything that works other than those things."

However, she smiles, people's assumptions that the business' moniker has to do with changing the contours of a certain body part also aren't entirely wrong.

"Hopefully we'll offer things people haven't tried," she concludes, "and I might challenge people to try new things. It will be a very natural, soothing environment though there will also be upbeat, though tasteful, music," she adds.

In addition to the website, Bottom Line Training Co. may be reached at 574-842-2400.