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## In Brief

### Miss Max sign up

Dates have been announced for area young ladies to sign up for the Culver Lake Fest's 2011 "Miss Maxinkuckee" pageant. Sign-up will be Tuesday, June 21, at the Culver Town Park beach lodge. Sign-up for Princess (ages 4 to 6) and Little Miss (ages 7 to 10) is 7 p.m., and sign-up for Junior Miss (ages 11 to 14) and Miss Max (ages 15 to 18) is 8 p.m. The Miss Max Pageant will be held at the West Pavilion in the Town Park Friday, July 15, at 6 p.m.

For more information call Susie Norwich (574-298-5970), Jean E. Overmyer (317-513-5216), or Chelsea Bramfeld (740-994-8611).

### CBGC auction features Straight No Chaser, more

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will hold its annual summer fund raising event Friday, June 17, at the Culver Academies' Legion Memorial Building from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a complimentary cocktail hour and silent auction, and a plated dinner will follow in the Heritage Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Guests will also be entertained by "Straight No Chaser," the renowned Indiana University men's a capella singing group.

Admission is \$100 per person. Mail checks to the Culver Boys & Girls Club, PO Box 44, Culver, IN, 46511. For further information please call cell phone number 973-610-4806.

### Culver history bike ride June 18

The Bike Barn, at 103 Lake Shore Drive in Culver, will once again team up with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver for a bicycle tour of the town of Culver on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Bike Barn. Bicyclists are invited to bring their own bikes and helmets for the free event, which will be led by Jeff Kenney of the Society and is expected to cover no more than four to five miles of riding. Questions may be directed to 574-842-3606, or online via www.bikebarnculver.com.

### Taste of Culver June 18

The Culver Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste

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## Have a seat, Culver

ABOVE: One of the standout events of the summer was Sunday night's "Chairs for Charity" auction, sponsored by Culver's Tri Kappa and including more than 60 chairs, hand-painted and decorated by creative folks from around Culver and the area, and "paraded" on display in recent weeks throughout Culver and Plymouth. The event, which included a sit-down dinner and drinks and a live auction of the chairs, raises money for the sorority's many charitable contributions in the community, and revives the 2009 event. Among the offerings were several chairs with Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee themes, some of which are visible above. TOP ROW, left to right: "Gone Fishing" by Judy Sawhook (Sawhook was also chairperson for the event); "Doors of Culver" by Chris Sheppard. BOTTOM ROW: "Anchors Away" by Colleen Dunham; "Map of Culver" by Marina Cavazos; "Rustic Flag" by Lois Curtis; "Sailing Maxinkuckee" by Lois Curtis; "Go Eagles!" by Emily Ryman with Pat Risner and Rita Shirem. Partially obscured at upper right: "Go Cavs!," "Woodcraft Fun," and "Go CGA!," all by Emily Ryman with Pat Risner and Rita Shirem. More detailed coverage of the event will be included in next week's Citizen.

## Ruth Mackie, nearly 30 years in Culver's downtown, retires Bear End, Collectors

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As the years have rolled in, not many local businesspeople continue to be familiar faces in Culver from 25-plus years back, but Ruth Mackie's is just such a familiar face, though after almost three decades as a staple of Culver's downtown business community, she's preparing to bid the Collectors antique store and the Bear End farewell, after this summer.

Mackie, a Culver High School graduate and lifelong resident whose father had been a school teacher and later a printer at Culver Academy, says she began dabbling in antiques in the early 1980s, as she and late husband Ronald (a World War II veteran who had once been a German prisoner of war, and who passed away in 2000), began clearing out her parents' household things. Prior to that, she had worked for the Culver Citizen, the Academy bookstore, the Culver Inn, and even the Snyder Cafe at Jefferson and Main Streets, she recalls.

Prior to opening the Collectors, she threw in her lot with Country Cousins, an antique shop across the street from her present store at 110 South Main Street. She

began renting space of her own (in the north section only) at 110 South Main in 1982, though eventually the family would



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Don and Ruth Mackie of The Collectors and The Bear End in Culver.

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## National regatta returns to Lake Max, brings fun for public, participants alike

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

If the lake looks especially picturesque this weekend due to a swath of graceful sails on its waters, that's because Culver is hosting the 2011 C Scow National Championship Regatta from June 17 through 19. And one of the people behind the event, Culver's own Ed Furry, says that's good news for the whole community -- and he hopes the whole community will take part in the festivities.

"We'll probably have 60 or 70 boats, each with a two or three-person crew," he says. "We'll be bringing a few hundred people to Culver to support the restaurants and businesses."

Furry explains the event, which draws sailors most heavily from the Midwest -- including Missouri and Minnesota -- had once been on a rotation to take place regularly on Lake Maxinkuckee, but that tradition halted in 2000, when the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club opted to hold the MC Scow Nationals and realized it couldn't handle two major, national regattas the same year. C Scow National organizers actually sought out a return to this area, he adds, because they'd "been gone from Lake Maxinkuckee for too long, which is a compliment."

"We have one of the better lakes for sailing, we have a great town, and the Academy has a great campus -- they've always been great working with our club."

In the past, he explains, social gatherings connected to the regatta have been based at the Academies campus, but this year the school is a bit busier, and organizers like Furry (whose parents, Bill and Krista Furry, are longtime active participants in the Culver community on several fronts) wanted the town involved more in the event.

Sailors will enjoy get-togethers at the Edgewater as well as Furry's own residence on Thursday and Friday after their races. Following Saturday's races, says Furry, the community is invited to the Edgewater's new banquet facility (located on Lake Shore Drive at the former City Diner locale), where a live band

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## Local students honored at annual Kiwanis banquet

### Brantingham named 'Kiwanian of the Year' for service

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor  
Culver's Kiwanis Club held its annual awards banquet last Thursday, during which local students were awarded scholarships and lauded for their achievements.

Club member Jim Weirick, noting the event is the Club's chance to give the youth-related funds it raises all year to local students to help further their education, presented scholarships to recently-graduated Culver Comm. High School students Clarissa Baker, John 'Alex' Shaffer, and Cassandra Dehning. Baker said she plans to attend Indiana University in the fall

in the school's exploratory program, while Shaffer said he will attend Manchester College to study the Psychology of Broadcasting. Dehning, out of town at the time, was unable to attend, but will be presented her scholarship at a later date.

Barbara Winters presented the Barbara Winters Scholarship for Excellence -- which she said is "one of



ABOVE: Clarissa Baker (left) and John Shaffer address the audience at last week's Kiwanis banquet. RIGHT: Barbara Winters (left) and Jackie Bauer.



the highlights of my year" to Jackie Bauer, explaining she heard Bauer speak recently at the Chamber of Commerce Top Ten dinner and Lions Club student

awards banquet and was "very impressed."

Winters added when she read Bauer's application, she knew the Purdue-bound future Animal Science and Biotech major "had all

the excellence I would hope this award would indicate." Winters also noted Bauer was a runner-up for the prestigious Lilly scholarship in Pulaski County, and said she'd had Bauer's parents, Ted and Amy Bauer, as students herself during her teaching days.

Kiwanis member Dusty Henricks introduced the Kiwanian of the Year, Dick Brantingham. He said Brantingham

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## Johnson, Culver middle schooler, will compete in national rodeo

Renaee Johnson, a 13-year old 7th grader at Culver Community Jr. High, and the daughter of Scott and Gretchen Johnson, has earned a position on the Indiana state National Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, New Mexico from June 26th thru July 2 to compete at the 7th annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in the goat tying competition. Featuring more than 1000 contestants from 47 states, Canadian provinces and Australia the National Junior High Finals is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In ad-

dition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$100,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion.

The Saturday championship performance will be tele-cast series (check nhsra.com for the broadcast schedule).

Johnson, whose family resides in Leiters Ford, Renae began riding in 2005, when her grandma Vicky surprised her with riding lessons. Since then, she joined up with Indiana Jr. Rodeo Association (IJRA) and this is her third year competing. She competes in Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, and Pole Bending with her five year old Quarter Horse, Clue. She also does Ribbon Roping with partner Michael Shreeve.

Johnson was chosen at the beginning of this season to represent Indiana as an All-Star on the Cinch Team.

Johnson is the granddaughter of Linda Porter, the late Ron Porter and Bill and Vicky Russell. She has an older brother, Michael and two sisters, Rebekah and Elizabeth.

Johnson competed last year in the Indiana Jr. Rodeo Princess Contest, and holds the title of 2nd runner up. She and her family are active with Marshall County 4H, where she shows dairy goats, rabbits and beef cattle. She is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and loves to scrapbook, sing, ride her horse, swim, spend time with her family and friends and going camping.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Renae Johnson demonstrates her goat-tying skills at the LaPorte rodeo in July, 2010.

Johnson invites everyone, especially her family and friends, to come watch all kindergarten through 8th grade students compete in upcoming IJRA rodeos August 13 and 14 in Columbia City.

"If you have never been," she says, "then come and watch. Rodeo is fun and the kids are amazing!"

Johnson is looking for sponsors to help her family with the cost of the trip to Gallup. If interested, contact her mother, Gretchen at 574-542-2588 (please leave a message).

## Kiwanis from page 1

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY moved to Culver full-time in 2002, Dick Brantingham, right, accepts the Kiwanian of the Year award from Dusty Henricks.



"I've been on a number of committees around town," said Henricks, "and he's always the chairman!"

Brantingham has also been very involved with Culver's Tree Commission, he added, which in five years has planted 243 trees in the town. At present, Brantingham -- who thanked Henricks and the Club for the award -- is also President of the Second Century committee, a branch of Culver's Chamber of Commerce.

Kiwanis President Julie Bess emceed the event, which took place at the Yach Club banquet facilities at the Culver Cove.

## Mackie from page 1

buy the building. The south portion of the building would later be rented to Mary Tanguy for the first incarnation of her Mary's Shoppe, though various entities had made use of that portion of the building prior.

Mackie, in the early to mid-1990s, bought the smaller, one-story structure at 114 South Main, at auction. Early in the Mackies' ownership of it, Jean Snyder's Thru the Grape Vine shop occupied the space, prior to Mary's Shoppe moving in (sharing space with Nancy Baxter). Tanguy would relocate Mary's Shoppe to 102 South Main, site of today's Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, around 2000, leaving the building open for a new hobby of Ruth Mackie's.

Around 1990, when she took a class in making bears, she recalls she "got so excited" and began making the plush toys out of old fur coats. The back end of the store became "the bear end," as it was the site her creations occupied.

After the departure of Mary's Shoppe from 114 South Main, Mackie decided to open up an entire shop specializing in bears and plush animals, and today's The Bear End was born.

The shop has carried numerous lines of quality bears and other stuffed animals, but both Ruth and son Don Mackie, who got involved seriously in the business in the mid-1990s, recall with a smile the days of the "Beanie Baby" craze in the 1990s, which Ruth says paid for the shop to put in awnings and receive a new paint job!

"We would get in shipments (of Beanie Babies) and put them in bags for people who were hooked and had requested them.," Don says. "People would follow the UPS truck here, and once someone got so angry he wanted to fight me in the street over (buying a) Beanie Baby!"

Ruth's hand-made bears were localized to include Culver attire, and were given the monikers "Susie Culver" and "Teddy Culver." Those, and all of the more than 600 bears she hand-made, were big sellers through the years, and often grew from customers' bringing in treasured items such as a deceased parent's fur coat, to have a bear made from the material. At least two local enthusiasts were buried with the bears Ruth Mackie personally made for them, and one customer told her the hand-made bears sat in the front pew at her daughter's wedding.

"We called ourselves the 'largest little bear shop in Northern Indiana,'" she notes.

The opening of the bear store led to a door being created between the two buildings, which has remained there ever since.

On the antique side of the business, Don Mackie notes the Collectors has specialized in vintage wicker furniture and its repair, and featured a great deal of refinished, antique furniture over the years.

Don himself says he "got the bug" for antiques most specifically when helping with some of the antique shows his parents participated in (many of which took place in multiple states across the country). Seeing the sales available in the business, he quit a Union job in theater in Indianapolis to go into the antique business.

However, the economy and changing tastes have driven down the profit margin for antiques considerably, he explains, and he's been forced to take up a sideline business (which is featured at the Collectors): the sale of cowhide-covered furniture and accessories, which is currently quite popular around the country. He travels from Boston to Houston, Florida back to Culver, on a regular basis.

Those profit margins are also part of the reason for

the impending demise of the Collectors and the Bear End as regular businesses in Culver.

Don and Ruth say they hope to sell most of the remaining bear inventory by the end of this summer (most of their stock is already 50 percent off), and that's also when they'll close the Collectors' doors, though Don stresses he plans to reopen the antique store around Christmas and during summertimes, when he can.

Starting next year, he says, he'd like to rent out the two storefronts, but until then, "We'll have a store here. I never want newspapers in the windows downtown, especially here."

At least at the former Bear End locale, that won't be a problem.

Don is hard at work redoing that building (and its hardwood floors) for the opening of Civvies, "a fun and fashionable little shop with hand-picked clothing, accessories and furnishings," says information given Mackie by new renters Julie Workman and Julie Brooks. The store is slated to open in July.

The thing I will miss most is the people," says Ruth Mackie of her upcoming retirement. "Some are very dear friends I will miss. There are wonderful people here, but of course that's just Culver. I've had a lot of fun here."

## Regatta from page 1

will begin at 8 p.m. A \$5 donation at the door goes to the Yacht Club's Junior Fleet, a sailing program for youngsters which is open to the entire community.

If Ed Furry's name sounds familiar, by the way, it should: besides being behind the scenes (and on screen) as a sailing instructor and organizer in the Disney movie, "Morning Light," his Sail22 company (sail22.com) works with teams all over the world to prepare for major sailing events, work which includes getting boats where they should be, photography, arranging housing, dining, crew gear, and more. Yoder's Sports, in Plymouth, carries the company's sailing gear and attire, and the company also handles vinyl graphics, primarily on boats, but other areas as well, such as the Edgewater in Culver.

Another area Sail22 handles is photography (as they'll be doing this weekend at the Regatta). In fact, Furry's fiancé Becky DaMore's photography -- primarily of sailing and sail-related subjects -- is part of a special display at the Culver Coffee Company at present. This Thursday, June 16, the Company will host an open house during which she'll be present to discuss her work, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Those interested in the best views of this weekend's Regatta may want to stop in at the Academies Naval Building and ask for Ed Furry, to be put on a spectator boat and learn more about what's going on. Races start around 10:30 a.m. each day, he notes. More information, and a complete schedule, is available at the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club's website, www.myc-culver.org.

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## Letter to the editor

### Opportunities abound to show patriotism

From Memorial Day through Flag Day, June 14, then July 4, right through to Labor Day, this country's citizens we have a great opportunity to show our patriotism.

Of course, one of these and probably the most important is to display your U.S. flag, and please do this in the proper manner. For example, if you display your flag from your porch and it is hanging straight down, then display it with the blue star area to the left of those passersby who will see the flag.

If hanging over a street or an area where passersby see all sides of the flag, the blue area should face north or east, whichever is appropriate for the display.

Lots of us will be watching parades this summer, two I think of right now are the Culver LakeFest and the Plymouth Blueberry Parade on Labor Day. Be sure that you show respect to the flags in the parade. When flags pass by, you should stand and salute veterans of military service may use the military salute, but all the rest of us should use the heart salute. Place your right hand over your heart, with elbow extended at a right angle to your body.

Public displays of patriotism are relatively rare these days and that is the reason for my letter. Our national VFW Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank thinks our veins are filled with red, white and blue blood and we should not dismiss any occasion to show our patriotism.

OK, how many of you will have your U.S. flag flying all summer? When I drive by, I will look for them.

**Mary Lou Wise**  
Americanism chairman,  
Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 6919 Culver

## St. Elizabeth's reading group's new direction this summer

This summer, St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church's Summer Reading Group is taking a new direction. Two different forms of study will be pursued over the summer.

"Introduction to Spirituality," led by Father Tom Haynes, provides the basics of spiritual practice. It will aid those who do not have a faith tradition and want to learn the basics of spiritual practice while granting those with a faith tradition to better understand and strengthen the tradition of choice. Participants will explore spirituality and the practice of the faith for Christians in one session. The second will address the practices of Islam and Judaism. The final session will focus on the Muslim faith and what it means to be a Muslim in the United States.

For anyone who has questioned how to apply biblical truths to today's culture, "The Wired Word," offers an easy, yet insightful, lesson to weave current events into Bible Study. Judy Becker, moderator, will provide everything needed to link the latest headlines to appropriate Scripture.

There is no required reading and anyone is welcome, men and women. Discussion be non-sectarian in nature, so any Christian (or someone who knows a Christian) will be comfortable. The group meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church located at 515 State Street in Culver. For more information, call and leave a message for Karen at 574-806-2260

## Obituary - Newman

### Edward Anthony Newman Jan. 23, 1961-June 7, 2011



STAR CITY -- Edward Anthony Newman, 50, of Star City died June 7, 2011 at 4:20 a.m. at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

He was born Jan. 23, 1961 to Herbert R. and Norma R. Good Newman. Ed was married to Marilyn Krohn June 25, 1988, in Culver. She survives.

He was a graduate of Culver Community High School in 1979 and attended Purdue University. Ed was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pulaski, and the Knights of Columbus, Monterey.

He was a CCA licensed agronomist and agricultural salesman and was employed at CFS, Winamac. Ed was actively involved in the Marshall and Pulaski County 4-H organizations and FFA. Ed had a lifelong love of dairy farming and the dairy industry.

He cherished time spent with his family. He adored his family and was an incredible husband and father. He was a firm believer in the value of an education and assisted in many youth development activities. He loved to hunt and fish, spend time with his dogs, watch various sporting events, chase goats around the barnyard, and support Purdue athletics.

Ed was a person who never knew a stranger and always lent a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by a daughter, Meghan Rose Newman, Star City; son, Eric Ryan Newman, Star City; father, Herbert R. Newman Sr., Culver; brothers, John F. (Jeanne) Newman, Winamac, Herbert R. (Janet) Newman Jr., Culver; Arthur A. (Melissa) Newman, Winamac; sisters, Barbara M. (Warren) Penrod, Geri A. Newman, Culver, Mary L. Newman, Bennington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma R. Good Newman, and a nephew, Douglas Newman.

Funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pulaski, Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 10 a.m., with Rev. Ronald Schiml and Rev. Edward Clark officiating.

Burial will take place at McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Winamac.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011 at Frain Mortuary, 305 E. Main St., Winamac.

Memorial contributions may be given to 4-H scholarship program.

Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

## Obituary - Overmyer

### Lance A. Overmyer May 18, 1943-June 6, 2011



CULVER--Lance A. Overmyer, 68, of Culver died peacefully in Hospice House in Elkhart at 1 a.m. June 6, 2011 with his wife and children at his side.

Lance is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Lynn (Stoffel) Overmyer; two daughters, Shelli Ann Arriaga and her children Jennifer and David of Carmel, and Amy Lynn (Ryan) Jessen and son Preston of Plymouth;

one son, Lance Aric (Jessica) Overmyer and sons Lance Andrew and Thomas of Plymouth. Also surviving are his mother, Helen Overmyer; sister, Suzanne (Keane) MacOwen; brothers, Thad (Jane) Overmyer, and Tim Overmyer; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Dean Overmyer, and a daughter, Sally Anne Overmyer Bolt.

Memorial services are Saturday, June 18, 2011 in the Culver Elementary gym at 11 a.m. Fr. Jeffrey Largent and Fr. Tad will officiate.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund account has been established at First National Bank in Culver. Donations will be divided between Culver Fire Department and Hospice. The name of the account is the Lance Overmyer Memorial Fund.

*"Human character is measured by good deeds done when no one is watching."*

## Birth - Summey



Michael Summey and Priscilla Singleton of Plymouth announce the birth of their son born May 10, 2011 at 3:01 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Andrew Michael Summey weighed 7 pounds and 20 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by a sibling, Madison Summey, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Singleton and the late Chester A. Singleton, of Culver.

Paternal grandmother is Shelia Tuttle of Grovertown.

## 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., June 16:** Parmesan chicken, lima beans, Italian bread and margarine, fruit, dessert, Parmesan packet, and milk.

**Fri., June 17:** Pork burger, yellow kaiser bun and

dijon packet, macaroni salad, corn and black bean salad, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

**Mon., June 20:** Smoked sausage, bun, saurkraut, peas, potato salad, apple, and milk.

**Tues., June 21:** Tuna sal-

ad wrap, Italian pasta salad, chips, fruit cup, cookie, and milk.

**Weds., June 22:** Meat loaf, baby bakers and sour-cream, green beans, rye bread and margarine, pineapple, and milk.

**Thurs., June 23:** Grilled

chicken, multigrain bun and mayo, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

**Fri., June 24:** BBQ pork, bun, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert, and milk.

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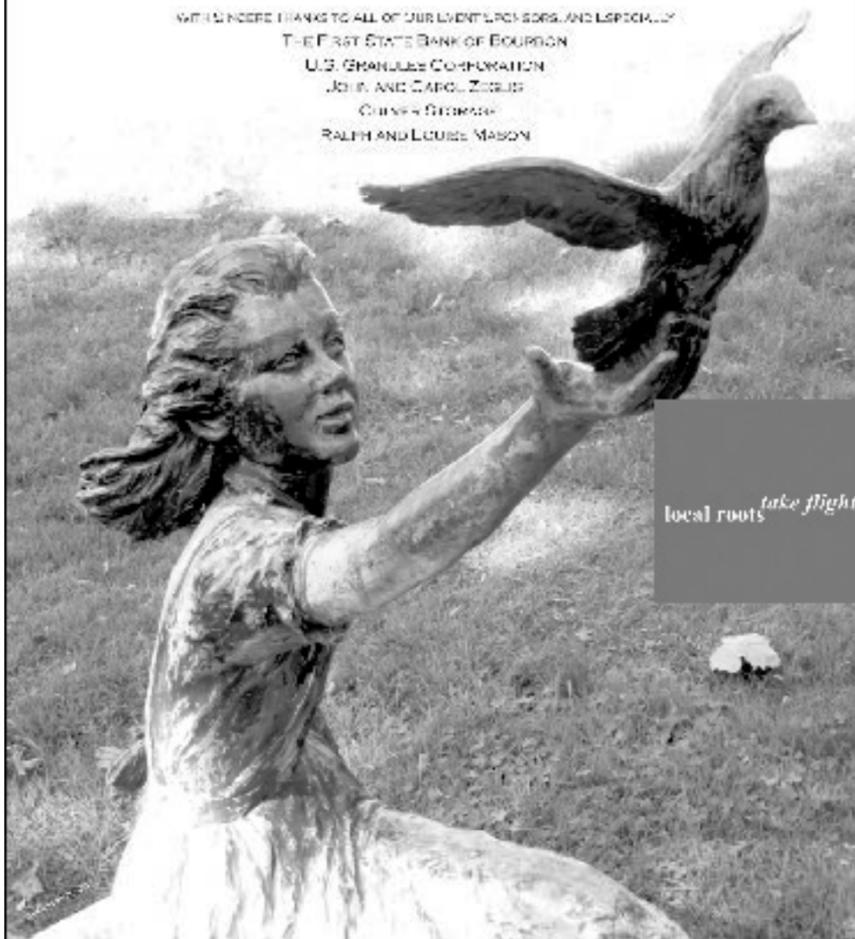
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## Israel: A Light unto the Nations

**Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent**

If that powerful man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

### What are the facts?

A nation to be envied. The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society, that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, has reached a crescendo following Israel's 2008 defensive action in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the total Jews for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their "gratitude" by almost daily pounding Israeli towns with close to 10,000 rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to evacuate areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a rocket launcher in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The hue and cry of Israel's demonizers in a coming of "disproportional force" is totally absurd. The ultimate insult, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely heaped about by Israel's detractors.

Israel is not an "apartheid state." Another familiar tech of Israel's critics is to call it an "apartheid state," on the model

of former South Africa. But that is so ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its benighted neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, assisted tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows. They are represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, leftists, including in the United States and, sad to say even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly not let up grades in all areas important to the fact. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States. All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies women have the same rights as men. The Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court is a woman. One-sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy where women are not allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Cars and lesbians are totally unmentioned in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death penalty.

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these extraordinary qualities to bear in building their own country; Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this progress and this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of Jihad and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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# Welcome back, Culver Indians of '61

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

*Editor's note: this weekend, members of Culver High School's class of 1961 will return for their 50th class reunion. Following are some facts, figures, and fun from the class of sixty-one.*

Culver High School's class of 1961 graduated 43 students in the Community Building (today's Culver Elementary gymnasium) on Friday, May 26, following a prelude by the school band under the direction of Robert Boyd. Rev. Warren Sorenson, Pastor of the Burr Oak Church of God, gave the invocation. The class of 1911 was honored on its 50th anniversary by Principal Kenneth Cole during the ceremony.

"What Men Live By" was the theme of commencement talks given by Anne Osborn, Sharon Spahr, Nancy Ervin, and Gary Dillon. Union Township Trustee Eugene Benedict awarded the class diplomas.

Anne Osborn was the valedictorian, and Roberta Lou Easterday the salutatorian. Gary Dillon (CHS '61) won the Herman Sayer award at the CHS Alumni Association banquet (for citizenship, academic standards, moral character, and athletic achievement).

The class Baccalaureate services had been held May 21 in the same building, also the site of the junior-senior prom May 19. The annual senior Sunshine breakfast was held May 17 in the Methodist Church fellowship hall, and the annual home economics department style show took place that evening in the Community Building.

The class colors chosen were lavender and silver, and the class flower the red rose.

The senior trip in April, 1961, was a tour through Akron, Youngstown, Pittsburg, Washington, DC, and New York City. Student predictions ahead of the trip included getting lost in Greenwich Village (Karen Kemple), shopping on 5th Avenue (Jean Warner), "censored" (Bonnie Parker), "I never know what I'm going to do 'til I do it" (Lance Overmyer), "get seasick," (Jim Parker), of course "have fun" (or some variation thereof -- Cathy Overmyer, Sharon Lindvall, Anne Behmer, and others), and "just what the rules allow -- nothin'!" (Gary Dillon). Senior trip fundraising began during the class' freshman year with fudge sales, and continued with a number of endeavors including concessions at ball games.

During the 1960-61 school year, improvement and changes to the building -- which in those days shared the present Culver Elementary structure with middle and elementary students -- included repainting of the classrooms, installation of American flags in each room, student-read announcements broadcast into each room daily, and new lockers. A wish to replace the three flights of stairs students had to ascend to reach some classes, with escalators, failed to take place.

A survey in April, 1961, listed Culver High School students' favorite TV shows as: 1. "Surfside Six," 2. "Lassie," 3. "Untouchables," 4. "Adventures in Paradise," 5. "Route 66," 6. "The Deputy," 7. "Red Skelton," 8. "Gunsmoke," 9. "The Flintstones," and 10. "Checkmate."

Favorite records in March, 1961, among students were topped by "Blue Moon" at number one, followed (in order) by "Top 40," "Little Miss Stuck-Up," "Once in Awhile," "Walk Right Back," "Asia Minor," "Dream Boy," "The Water was Red," "Manhunt," and "Babysitting Boogie."

In March, 1961, Anne Osborn, Merrie Kay Stoneburner, and Anne Behmer of the staff of the "School Bell" (the weekly space in the Culver Citizen devoted to Culver schools), wrote about "A Day in the Life" of CHS.

Students arrive, they wrote, "in slacks and sweaters, driving old Fords, Plymouths, or maybe a Chevy. "There's the bell starting first period, so let's visit the

Chem. class where our future scientists are performing one of their notorious experiments. Gasp! Choke! Wow! Those fumes are really potent.

"Ouch! My finger." The boys home ec class is at it again -- and this time it's sewing. How about some embroidering, Mike?

"Let's transfer our attention next door to the world history class where Mr. Robinson's students are giving him a rough time. 'How do you spell- 'comma,' sir?' 'Would you please repeat that?' Poor Mr. Robinson. Just take comfort in the thought that the 1961 seniors only have three months left!

"During the fourth period, the seniors have a class meeting and discuss the trip. 'How's the money coming, Lance?"

"12:15 and the daily stampede to the cafeteria!

"Fifth period, and it's Mr. Graham's famous senior English class. Oozing out of the room comes riotous songs like 'Jon Johnson' or 'Lord Randall,' accompanied by much foot stomping and yelling. The inevitable happens, and Mr. Lawson comes over to close the transom!

Oh, well, not everybody can recognize pure genius when he hears it!

"At ten of four, that blessed final bell rings and grateful students head for the drugstore."

School Bell staff members also conducted some fascinating polls of CHS students, from which we learn that: 85 percent of students surveyed opposed wives working after marriage; among girls surveyed, the official majority said the "ideal boy" had brown hair, blue eyes, and be over six feet tall (athletic types were tops, with musically inclined a close second, and 58 percent said a boy didn't have to have a car to be a catch -- 24 percent admitted "it helps!"); the ideal girl (for boys) had medium length brown hair, doesn't smoke, and is of average height; 14 out of 50 students surveyed were against the controversial practice of "going steady," and most teachers said they believed teenagers should date a variety of other teens.

Culver-Union Twp. school Principal Kenneth Cole, in his end of the school year thoughts in May, 1961, noting he was the "third new Principal" the consolidated township school system had had since its inception some 30 years ago, said he felt the school year had been a good one, and Culver has a solid school with the exception of just a few students and parents who disregard important disciplines. Cole had begun his duties as Principal in 1960, taking over from Raymond Ives (Cole was Superintendent until 1963, and Principal at CHS until 1966).

CHS lost two-year head basketball coach Tom Benbrook, who led the Culver Indians (as the school's teams were known in those days) to a 20-23 record, to Akron High School in Fulton County following the 1961 year.

Interestingly, in August, 1960, Union Township Trustee Eugene Benedict told residents attending a reorganization meeting that there was "virtually no hope" of keeping Culver schools in Culver, and that consolidation would almost certainly force a county-wide system in which students would be bused to Plymouth or Argos. Of course, eight years later, Culver High School was no more, and Culver Community High School -- which would bring together Monterey and Aubbeenaubbee (Leiters Ford) high schools, was born. Thankfully, Benedict's then-palpable prediction didn't come to pass, though the recent closing of Monterey Elementary School has brought the matter to the fore once more.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'



Several readers identified last week's Mystery Citizen, including Barb Quivey, Lora Pinder, Lynn Overmyer, Phyllis Cox, Phyllis Lindvall, Chuckie Strang, Marcia Blessing Madsen, Cynthia Bonine Goss, and Judi Burns. She was Jeanette Geiselman, who's been involved in a number of community endeavors, including Culver's VFW and more recently, as a very active assistant to site

director Ruth Walker, at Culver's REAL Services nutrition site (that's five days per week at Culver's beach lodge) for older adults.

Our Mystery Citizen is a regularly visible face in the Culver community, likely most familiar to residents through his work in one particular local entity.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto: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, Jeanette Geiselman, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.



Culver High School -- technically Union Township Schools -- as it appeared in 1961, when it included Culver Elementary and Culver Junior High.



Valedictorian Anne Osborn (left), and salutatorian Roberta Lou Easterday.

## Lake increases summer security

By Lydia Beers, Staff Writer

CULVER — Sheriff Tom Chamberlin and representatives from the Lake Maxinkuckee Association presented a plan to increase patrol hours on the lake this summer during the Marshall County Commissioners meeting Monday. Their objective is to have law enforcement patrolling the lake on boats for 800 hours during the summer, which Chamberlin said is considered to be June 1-Sept. 15.

"In past summers, the former lake patrol has patrolled 1,000 hours, but sometimes it was only 500 because of

lack of staff or inclement weather," said Chamberlin.

He continued, saying that the extra patrol hours would be filled by State Police merit officers and three Culver officers who would be seasonal employees.

"No monies will be taken from the state police department or taxpayers," said Chamberlin, noting that the funds for the extra patrol hours come partly from a \$15,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

Whatever funds are needed over that amount will be supplemented by the Lake Maxinkuckee Association.

Chamberlin also noted that the officers would receive additional boat training and be instructed in Title 14 boating laws.

"There will be an emphasis on security and enforcement of Indiana boating laws," said Chamberlin later. "There has been some lack of law enforcement on the lake for a number of years."

The agreement for increased patrol hours was approved by the commissioners, and its effectiveness will be evaluated next year for the following summer.

## Culver's Cook, county's Laurent named to "Forty Under 40"



Andrea Cook

Andrea Cook, Culver resident and business owner of Plymouth's The Midas Center, a full-service marketing firm, as well as iHEART Green Media; and Jennifer Laurent, Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) Executive Director, have been named to the Michiana "Forty Under 40" class of 2011.

The Michiana Forty Under 40 program is a collaborative effort involving The Chamber

of Commerce of St. Joseph County, the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce, and other entities, to recognize and honor 40 young professionals within the Michiana region for their contributions and accomplishments in both their workplace and community.

Honorees were recognized at a luncheon at the Gillespie Conference Center in South Bend June 3. Tracy Graham, former Notre Dame football player and current South Bend entrepreneur, was the keynote speaker.

"Congratulations should be extended to both Andrea and Jennifer for this area-wide recognition of the work that they do in our community," said Kevin Berger, Chairman of the Marshall County Economic Development Cor-

poration Board of Directors (and himself a Culver business owner at the helm of Easterday Construction).

Since relocating to Culver from Chicago five years ago with husband Phil and the couple's children, Cook says she's "been diligently working to put Marshall County on the map."

She describes iHEART Green Media as "an eco-friendly business that creates online media platforms (including iHEART Culver) to give local businesses many promotional benefits."

Cook has also served with Culver's Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity fundraiser and on the Culver ReDevelopment Commission board where she's serving her second term.

## Park board reverses on recording meetings, updated on summer activity

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Parks and Recreation board should begin using a recording device to document its meetings in the very near future, reversing a debated decision made by the board last year. At that time, an audience member offered the board a recording device in hopes it would begin using it, but the board voted then to refuse the offer.

At the June 1 meeting, however, a request from audience member Mike Stallings that the board reconsider -- in the absence of board secretary Peg Schuldt, and thus the absence of last month's meeting minutes -- led to a new offer, this time from Union Township board member Bill Githens, who was in the audience.

Board member Patty Stallings noted the recorder could also help Schuldt's ability to participate in meetings rather than having to concentrate on taking notes throughout each meeting.

Culver's Town Council, among other public boards in town, has made use of a digital recording device for several years, and archived recordings of past meetings are made available upon request, to the public.

The board voted to accept the recorder and put it into use, with board President Leroy Bean abstaining. Githens said he would present the device at the board's July meeting.

During her report, park Superintendent Kelly Young thanked local fourth graders in Leslie Shepard's class for their efforts in planting flowers and plants in the park recently. She also thanked Culver's Tree Commission for planting four new trees in the park, and board members

Bean and Leon Bennett for installing new benches by the east end play areas. The benches will have plaques added to reflect their donors, she noted.

Among new items on the way or already installed at the park, said Young, are a flag pole in front of the beach lodge, a pet station near the lighthouse (with plastic bags available for visitors to clean up after their pets), bicycle racks near the Chamber of Commerce pier for boaters who might bike to the area, and 10 new buoys to keep boats out of the swimming area.

Young said the park's opening (Memorial Day) weekend was very successful, and she praised the park's "rookie staff" for handling everything -- including a Sunday afternoon tornado siren -- "very well."

In reply to a question from board member Tammy Shaffer about the park's recourse when boaters illegally dock at park piers reserved for paying renters, Young said she called the police recently to handle one such situation. She also noted the Marshall County Sheriff's department is taking over operation of the Lake Patrol boat, which will mean the boat will be manned by academy-trained police officers.

Pier removal this fall will be extended to October 22, she added.

Young discussed a request from Githens that the park look into purchasing an AED (Automated External Defi-

brillator) device for use at the park, in part to protect its liability in the event of an incident. While funding is being examined, Githens noted the public school or Culver Academies might be able to loan the park a device on a temporary basis. Lifeguards at the park are CPR certified, it was noted.

Young will also discuss purchase of Quickbooks software to handle financial record-keeping, with Town Clerk Casey Howard, in the near future. Stallings, who suggested the purchase, noted the software is inexpensive and invaluable as a tool for accurate financial data management, and it could be interfaced with beach lodge cash registers to record sales. Githens added use of the software could be very beneficial in the township's efforts to easily find financial information.

The board approved \$2,100 for Martin Elliott to repaint the beach lodge. Also approved was landscaping on park property across Lake Shore Drive from the Original Root Beer Stand; Price Nursery of Plymouth will handle the work.

Audience member Pat Chmielewski praised Bennett for his many volunteer hours at the park. Bennett said he's glad to be able to do it and thanked many others -- including board members, town employees, and the community -- for their help in such endeavors.

"You ask, you get help," he added.

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## Student athletes recognized

Culver Community High and Middle Schools recently held their annual spring sports award banquet.  
 LEFT: Middle school scholar athletes: (front row, left to right) Donna Zehner, Jennah McCarthy, Angela Lewellan. Back row, Mickella Hardy, Tatum Schultz, Trevor Hopkins  
 RIGHT: High school scholar athletes: (front row, left to right) Dylan Bennett, Allen Betts, Joe Krsek, Zoe Bauer, Lindsay Van Horn. Middle row, Collin Stevens, Grace Lorenz, Erin Bau, Kayla Shaffer, Paige Norwich, Micah Budzinski. Back row, Trent Elliott, Donny Clark, Alex Shaffer, Kyle VanDePutte.

## CGA's Neer keeps her cool at state finals

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

BLOOMINGTON — Despite some weighty expectations and the sweltering heat at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex, Waverly Neer kept her cool Saturday.

Even with temperatures running in the mid-90s, the Culver Girls Academy star managed to break a pair of state records in the 1600- and the 3200-meter runs at the 38th Annual Girls Track and Field State Finals, clocking a 4:43.46 stop in the 1600 meters to shatter the old record by nearly six seconds before setting a new standard in the 3200 in 10:20.66 an hour and a half later.

Neer got a little zen-like advice from head CGA track and cross country coach Michael Chastain leading up to the races.

"It really was miserable," said Chastain. "We talked about the weather, that the weather is going to be what it is; there's nothing we can do about it. We will keep you as cool as possible, and you need to think cool and not even worry about it. If you start dwelling on that, that's going to hinder your performance."

"Think cool" is a phrase that Coach Chastain has come up with. He's kind of become famous for it; I think he should get a copyright," said Neer with a laugh. "He really gets me as an athlete, he really understands how I think, and before I went to the staging area in the 1600, he said 'There are going to be people talking about how it's too hot to race, its too hot to post fast times, it's going to be too hot to post records. That doesn't matter. In your mind, you have to think cool. Don't let the weather affect you or dictate your attitude towards this race. Keep your mind even and accept what the weather is, and regardless of what it is, know what your goals are and achieve them.'"

In addition to "thinking cool", Neer kept fresh in between races in an air-conditioned van, but the heat started to take a toll nonetheless around the fifth lap of the 3200 race. As the suffocating temperature and her previous record-setting performance in the 1600 began catching up with her, Neer said she could feel former U.S. Olympian Amy Yoder's record slipping away from her.

"The heat had definitely taken a toll on my body and

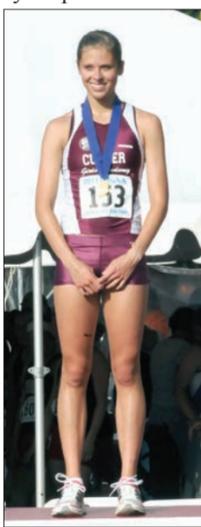


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Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer stands atop the podium after the 1600-meter run in Bloomington Saturday.

sapped my energy. With each lap, I could feel the record slipping away from me as I got more and more tired from the previous race and the previous mile, but I just tried to remind myself of the goals I had set for the season and all the tough workouts and all the people that had been behind me and supported me," she said.

While the muggy conditions may have made Saturday's races especially unpleasant, Neer says they may also have been a bit of a blessing in disguise.

"Looking back, I'm glad the weather was so extreme and terrible because people can't just say 'She had great weather, and that's why she broke those records,'" she said. "I was able to break the records in the most extreme conditions, and I think that's a testament to all the hard work and determination I put into those two races."

Neer's record-breaking runs at the state finals were the fifth and sixth records she's set in this year's state series after breaking meet records in both events at the Rochester Sectional and the Bremen Regional. Her prodigious state series came on the heels of a national 5K record-setting performance at the 2011 New Balance Indoor Nationals at the New York City Armory on March 10, another standard-setting run in the 1600 at the Goshen Relays — the first of two records Neer broke this spring that were previously held by 2008 Olympian Yoder — and a third-place finish in the 3,000 meters at the elite Penn Relays.

Neer also captured the 2010 IHSAA Girls State Cross Country title in the second-closest finish in the meet's 30-year history, nosing out Bloomington South's Nicole Lucas by .7 of a second with an 18:17.5 time for a clean sweep of championships in that state series. She set a new Culver Girls Academy Regional record with a 17:53.9 on her home course before running an identical time at an even more challenging New Prairie course to set a new semistate standard there in October.

Saturday's state track meet made for a sweet finish to a historic year for Neer at the end of what was for her a sometimes disappointing high school career.

"There have been some highs and lows to my high school career, especially between my sophomore and my junior years," said Neer. "Reflecting back, I think there's a plan for you, and you just have to keep your head up because there are better things to come. I honestly cannot think of a better way to finish out my high school career than this past track and cross country season."

"It's the sweetest ending I could ask for."

The Columbia signee isn't finished yet, either, with USATF outdoor national meets scheduled at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina June 16-18 and in Tracktown, USA at the US Junior Nationals at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon on June 22-26.

## CMA finishes strong season at Homestead Regional

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne Canterbury beat out host Homestead on a fifth-man score, while Warsaw grabbed the third team berth out to the state finals with a 307, and Culver Military finished out a strong season in sixth place with a 318 at Orchard Ridge Country Club at the Homestead Boys Golf Regional last Thursday.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military Academy's T.J. Selby lines up his chip shot during the Homestead Boys Golf Regional at Orchard Ridge Country Club in Fort Wayne last week.

The Eagles closed out their year at Homestead after advancing out of the Warsaw Sectional in third place the previous week.

They saved some strokes on the backside but couldn't make up for a tough start at the regional meet.

"We're going to lose our top three so those are going to be difficult to replace but we've got some pretty good JV kids, and my number three is a sophomore and John (Connelly) is a freshman," said CMA head coach Fred Haase. "We'll see if we can build around them next year, but it'll be hard to duplicate this year. We finished 17-2, we won three invitationals and we were runner-up at three other invitationals, so this is really the best season we've had since we went down to state in 2004. I would've like for it to end on a different note, but all in all it was still a really good season for us."

Nerves had less to do with the tough start than the course itself, said Haase, as the Eagles' front nine resembled their start at the Homestead Invitational in May, when CMA had to scramble out of the turn to finish fourth.

"We did the same thing back here in May, we shot 149 on the backside and 166 on the front," he said. "We just haven't played the front side well here."

Connelly shot a team-low 78 for CMA. Not bad for a freshman who nearly missed the cut to play in this year's state series.

"He was sort of the question mark we had going into the state tournament, whether or not we should even bring him, and he comes and shot well at Warsaw and had our low score today," said Haase. "When your fifth guy shoots 78, you're pretty happy about that, but obviously the other guys didn't have the scores we need to advance today. But it's good to see him shoot so well at the end of the year and know he's got three more years."

• HOMESTEAD BOYS GOLF REGIONAL At Orchard Ridge Country Club (Par 72)  
 CMA (318): Andrew Eiler 80, James Kinsey 81, T.J. Selby 79, Alan Kuesterman 85, John Connelly 78.



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## Culver, 25 trees richer

BELOW: Culver's Tree Commission, with a fleet of volunteers and assisting entities, planted 25 new trees in Culver last Saturday, following the removal of several dead or dying trees. The community-wide effort included Sellers Landscaping digging the holes for the trees, and Culver's Fire Department providing water. Town vehicles were made available as well for the effort.

Bill Githens, left, prepares a tree for planting with the assistance of Sam Hissong, right.

Culver Fire Chief Mike Grover, left, who has just helped water the newly-planted tree, rakes soil around it as workers (from left) Adam Behnke, Dick Brantingham (Culver Tree Commission), Kenny Miller, Kirby Ryan, and Larry Brockey lend a hand.

Other volunteers for the endeavor included Sam Hasely, Mike Stallings, Marty Sellers, Warren Bickel, Tom Kearns, Jack Butts, Jim Hahn, Ralph Winters, Jim Grover, Jerry Siler, and Robert Cooper. The effort was part of an ongoing maintaining Culver's status as an Arbor Day Foundation Tree City, USA, a national designation it has earned by meeting several criteria for five years now.

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of Culver festival returns Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jefferson Street between Main and Ohio Streets.

This year's Caribbean-themed event will feature many of Culver's well-loved restaurants offerings samples of their fare at sample prices. Steel drum player Kent Arn-sbarger ([www.kentarnsbarger.com](http://www.kentarnsbarger.com)) will play during the event, whose proceeds benefit Chamber activities. The Chamber's website is [www.culverchamber.com](http://www.culverchamber.com).

### L'MAX tour registration open

The L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour will be held Sunday, July 17, and the deadline for registration is July 1, just a few weeks away. Pick up a registration form at several local businesses, such as Osborn's Mini Mart or the Bike Barn, or online at [www.culverlakefest.com/forms11](http://www.culverlakefest.com/forms11). Riders may choose a 10-, 30-, 63-, or 100-mile route. All routes will be fully supported, and SAG stops will provide refreshments. Rider check-in begins at 7am on the morning of the ride at the Culver Beach Lodge. For more information, call Janet Halling at 574-216-7180.

### EMS seeks volunteers

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, INC., are looking for men and women willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance, and become Basic and Advanced EMT's. Culver-Union Township EMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well as EMT classes are held in the area at different times of the year. If you are interested in volunteering contact the office by phone or email. 200 E Washington St. 574-842-2773, [cutems@culver.com](mailto:cutems@culver.com).

com.net.

### Summer food program

Culver Community Schools' summer food service program is offered free to children (ages 1 through 18), and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or a breakfast for \$1.50.

Program dates and locations include: Culver Community High School, Culver Elementary School, Monterey Elementary School, Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, Aubbeenaubee Twp. Community Building, Northbend Twp. Community Building, and Ora Gospel Chapel Church. For dates, times, and more information, contact Carin Clifto at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

### Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free computer class, Microsoft Publisher, takes place June 17 at 10 a.m.. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes.

### Craft class at CUTPL

A craft class, open to the public, will take place at the Culver Union Township Public Library Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. The class will be taught by Marge Keltner, and the cost will be \$5. Two greeting cards with fabric will be made by each participant. Sign up sheets are available at the Culver Library and any questions can be answered by Rita Mason, 574-842-2656.

### Comm. garden volunteers needed

Those interested in volunteering to help out in Culver's

Community Garden may contact Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329 or Connie Richie at 574-542-4810 for work times. Your help will be appreciated.

### Friends raffling doll house

A hand-built doll-house, completely furnished and detailed (and valued around \$500, with over 100 hours of Friends' work to complete it) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be September 3. For tickets call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038).

### Conservancy Dist. sewer line

The Southwest Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District has a new website that will track the construction of the sewer system going in from Venetian Village up to the southern town limits. Go to [www.SWLakeMaxCD.com](http://www.SWLakeMaxCD.com) to view timely details. This part of the project should be complete by the end of this summer. If you have questions, you can contact your area representative by calling 574-952-2963 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email [SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com](mailto:SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com) anytime.

### Swim for Kids Sake seeks volunteers

The second annual Swim For Kids' Sake open water swim will be held August 27. Those interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering are encouraged to contact Mallory Mead, Race Director, at 317-997-6753 or [mallory.mead@hotmail.com](mailto:mallory.mead@hotmail.com). The greatest area of need for volunteers is for safety and support craft and pilots. For more information, and to view results, visit the Swim For Kids' Sake website at [swimforkidsake.com](http://swimforkidsake.com).

## Culver Middle School awards

Culver Community Middle School recently held its annual awards ceremony. Following are results.

**Mid-West Talent Search:** Jennah McCarthy and Madelyn Strycker

**YLMC:** Trevor Hopkins, Lona Montgomery, John Hopple

**8th grade "A-B" honor roll:** Katie Blocker, Michael Davidge, Shelby Gross, Frank Kline, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Tia Romig, Summer Turney, and Donna Zehner

**7th grade "A-B" honor roll:** Addyson Allyn, Aaron Becker, Megan Brady, Caitlyn Cowell, Justine Dexter, Lindsay Emery, Danny Flenner, Teeno Hite, Madeline Justis, Cecilia Kenney, Maria Lindvall, Anne Nowalk, Rebecca Rainey, Kelsey Shafer, and Cody Valiquet

**Distinguished honor roll (7th):** Cheyenne Durbin, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Clare Nowalk. (8th): Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimazewski, Angela Lewellen, Tatum Schultz, MadelynStrycker, and Megan Yeager.

**8th grade academic letter:** Alex Anderson, Jerrod Betts, Katie Blocker, Madeline Coby, Michael Davidge, Alex Graham, Shelby Gross, Mickella Hardy, Whitney Hopkins, Haley Klimazewski, Frank Kline, Angela Lewellen, Mark Mayer, Elizabeth McElroy, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Alecia Rearick, Tia Romig Paxton Schmidt, Madeline Strycker, Summer Tumey, Megan Yeager, and Donna Zehner

**President's Awards for Academic Achievement:** (7th) Justin Brown and Tatyana Romero. (8th) Trevor Hopkins, Garrett Jenkinson, and Wayne Young

**President's Awards for Academic Excellence** (8th grade only): Katie Blocker, Michael Davidge, Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimazewski, Frank Kline, Angela Lewellen, Dustie Pier, Brendon Pinder, Tatum Schultz, Madelyn Strycker, Summer Turney, Megan Yeager, and Donna Zehner.

### 7th grade awards

Outstanding Math: Daniel Bettenelli. Outstanding Social Studies: Aaron Becker. Outstanding Science: Kenny VanDePutte. Outstanding Language Arts: Margaret McKinnis. Outstanding PE/Health: Addy Allyn and Marisa Howard.

### 8th grade awards

Outstanding Math: Tatum Schultz, Madelyn Strycker. Outstanding Social Studies: Whitney Hopkins. Outstanding Science: Haley Klimazewski. Language Arts Achievement Awards: Kena Dulin, Michella Hardy, Angela Lewellen, Alexis Robles, and Kailey Heise. Outstanding Language Arts: Megan Yeager. Outstanding PE!Health: Angela Lewellen and Austin Brissette.

**7th grade Band Award:** Hannah Boland.

**8th grade Band Award:** Janele VanDePutte

**Directors Award:** John Hopple

**Principal's award** (Tom Corey): (7th) Austin Bailey. (8th) Joe Cavazos.

**7th grade Cavalier Award:** Taiyana Romero and Jennah McCarthy

**8th grade Eastburn Award:** Starr Howard

**7th grade top GPA:** Jennah McCarthy

**8th grade top GPA:** Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimazewski, Tatum Schultz, and Megan Yeager

**Distinguished Achievement Award, American Legion**  
Honorable mention: Madelyn Strycker and AJ Ross.  
Winners: Tatum Schultz and Alex Graham



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## Culver Community faculty, staff retire

ABOVE: Culver Community Schools' staff and faculty members were recognized at their retirement recently. Pictured above are (front row, left to right) cafeteria staff member Sandy Berger, Tom Rausch, art teacher Mary Beth Harness, science teacher Bob Konzelman. Back row: Culver Superintendent of Schools Brad Schuldt, special education teacher Tom Rausch .

## Student Books for Babies collection reaches new heights

Culver Elementary School's Books for Babies book drive was a huge success, according to CES 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens. The school collected 233 board books for Marshall County newborn babies, which Stevens says may be the highest number to date. Rachel Rife's 3rd grade class collected the most for the contest, and several of Stevens' 5th grade students (Emily Bradley, Collin Knowlton, Marcellus Anderson, and Dylan Lewandowski) brought cookies and drinks for the winning class.

Students bagged the books to get them ready to send to Marshall County area hospitals for newborn babies. Marshall County Reading Council sponsors Books for Babies throughout the county. Culver Elementary has contributed books for the past several years, adds Stevens.

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## Another memory etched in stone

LEFT: Stone mason Kurt Lucas of Culver added several bricks recently to Heritage Park in downtown Culver, the latest of hundreds placed since the park's creation some 15 years ago by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Families, individuals, organizations, businesses, and other local memories are memorialized on the bricks, which are available through the Society, and which read like a veritable "who's who" of Culver, past and present. Once enough orders are placed, Lucas installs several new bricks at a time.

A guide listing the bricks and their inscriptions can be found at the AHS' website, [www.culverhistory.com](http://www.culverhistory.com).