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In Brief

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Monday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Aug. 13 wind turbine mtg changes venue

A "town hall" style meeting, sponsored by Concerned Property Owners of Southern Marshall County, will take place Saturday, August 13, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver Elementary School.

The topic is the proposed placement of more than 60 wind turbines in Marshall and Fulton Counties by Florida-based company Nextera Energy. Information is available at www.marshallcountyIN-wind-farm.blogspot.com. The public is invited to the meeting.

Lake Association annual mtg Saturday

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its annual meeting this Saturday, August 13 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Cove's second floor banquet room (an elevator is available).

Plan Commission seeks letters of interest

The town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Planning Commission. Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 no later than Aug. 22, 2011, by 4 p.m. The Culver Planning Commission is in need of one appointment that is a registered Democrat that resides within the town of Culver city limits. This appointment will end as of Dec. 31, 2011. This appointment will be made by the town council president. Appointment will be made at the Aug. 23 town council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Players show dates this summer

The Maxinkuckee Players will "take the show on the road" this summer when they perform "Nunsense: The Mega-Musical" for performances in several

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Retreat of another Maxinkuckee summer

Young Kyle Pereira, age 5, who's been summering on Lake Maxinkuckee, is blissfully unaware at the moment that mid-August is nearly upon us, and as hard as it is to comprehend for we adults, summer here is winding down. Culver's town beach, where Kyle frolicked last week with his mother in this photo, is becoming more empty as students prepare for Tuesday's return to school, following the departure of Culver Academies' summer campers. Though beach staff hours are diminishing this time of year, the swimming season officially ends with Labor Day.

Sellers wants Culver youth to 'Come Alive Outside'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Tony Sellers wants to get more area youngsters outside to play, and he's interested in community feedback on how he and others can work together to make it happen.

Sellers, of Sellers Landscaping on State Road 110 near Culver (though the business has a Rochester address), addressed members of Culver's Chamber of Commerce at the organization's monthly meeting, held last Tuesday at Diva on South Main Street, about Come Alive Outside, a nationwide initiative among outdoor landscaping entities like his own.

At a recent Chicago event, Sellers explained, landscapers visited Millennium Park and discussed the epidemic of child obesity in America, something he outlined for his Chamber audience at the meeting.

"The goal is to get more people outside," said Sellers. "Nobody wins unless somebody goes outside."

"Do you remember going camping, or playing on the swing set? A lot of our best memories are outside. This is a family time. Now we're in front of a Wii or Playstation (video gaming systems). Waving your hands around is (considered) exercise!"

Sellers shared sobering statistics on the state of American culture, including increases in video game sales, families with more than three televisions in the house, and hours youngsters spend in front of TV, computer or video games (an average of eight to eight and a half hours per day).

Showing photos of adults lounging on couches, Sellers noted, "This is our life after work instead of going outside...it's a slow death inside."

He also noted the percentage of adults sleeping fewer than eight hours per night has increased as well.

"With computers," he added, "when do we stop working? I deal with the same problem at home: I work late. I can't chase (my kids) around as a single parent. Video games become a cheap babysitter."

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Three file for Culver town clerk position



Casey Howard



Karen Heim



Jeanette Surrisi

Two Republican and one Democratic candidates have filed for the position of town clerk in Culver, while one Republican has thrown his hat into the ring for town council.

Janette E. Surrisi has declared her candidacy for clerk-treasurer on the Republican ticket.

"I have received a great deal of encouragement to run from many Culver residents over the past weeks," she said, "and I'm very excited to enter the race. As Clerk, I'll strive to bring a renewed level of professionalism and constituent service to the office."

Surrisi has a long connection to the Culver area and was a K-12 student in the Culver Community Schools. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-South Bend. After college, she and her

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Park board votes to oppose wind turbine placement

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Parks and Recreations board voted to formally express its opposition to placement of more than 60 45-story wind turbines in an area including land affecting the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee community, at the board's monthly meeting August 3.

The decision grew from discussion of a then-upcoming "town hall" style meeting at the Culver Elementary School August 13. Board member Patty Stallings said the company proposing to place the turbines, Next Era Energy of Florida, has visited Culver's Lions and Kiwanis Clubs and Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council.

"They're being up front about what they're going to do," she said, "so we can be up front about whether we want it or not."

Stallings added 18 of the turbines would likely be visible from the town park, if placed as planned.

"People come to the park to participate in the beauty of nature," she noted. "They want to enjoy the lake, the sailboats, the grass -- to see man-made structures like that, to me, flies in face of natural beauty. I couldn't see a reason why we would benefit from it at all. Maybe we as a nation will benefit, but I think there are so many subsidies going into it, when the subsidies run out, this will run out."

Fellow board member Ed Behnke suggested the board vote to take a position against the turbines' local placement.

"I think it's a stupid use of con- See Park page 2

Culver's Mystic Hills part of new statewide golf trail

Honors Lake Max resident and golf legend Pete Dye

Culver's Mystic Hills golf course has been included in a new, high-profile initiative from the state of Indiana which is likely to increase the popular course's visibility even more than already exists.



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Touting more Pete Dye-designed golf courses than any other state in the U.S., Indiana has officially launched the Pete Dye Golf Trail, a collection of seven unique courses designed by legendary architect and Indiana resident Pete Dye, who owns a summer home on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Hand selected by Dye out of more than 20 within the state of Indiana, the seven courses represent a diverse snapshot of design elements, topography, and difficulty.

"I am honored the state of Indiana has created this trail," said Dye, "a legacy project showcasing my design portfolio. The rich soil and rolling topography are two key reasons I have designed and built so many courses within the state. This

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crete and steel," he said. "In Indiana I don't think we have enough space that makes any sense, that doesn't have a house within a mile. You can't put 18 (turbines) within a mile and a half of Culver without being close to a house. This will be a disaster, and how will we get them out of the ground? It's stupid."

Board member Tammy Shaffer said, "I haven't heard a positive yet (about the project), between this board and the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council. I was there when the gentleman (from Next Era) presented simulations."

Stallings suggested local boards taking a position against the project could have an impact on county officials, who will make the final determination regarding allowing the project to take place.

The board voted against placement of the turbines on the basis of their aesthetic impact on the park.

In other discussion, park superintendent Kelly Young, noting many people ignore signs posted in the park and swim non-swimming piers placed there, described addi-

tional fencing planned to be added on both sides of the swimming beach. She said the fishing pier located just west of the beach will have sides added to make it less inviting for boaters to drive up and drop off or pick up passengers, or to leave boats tied up. The pier's new configuration will be in an "L" shape, she added.

Young said she presented the upcoming park budget to both Culver's town council and Union Township's advisory board, who she said "really liked" project ideas such as adding a restroom to the west pavilion area of the park. Union Township, in order to trim its own budget, will allocate to the park \$12,000 instead of the projected \$16,000, said Young.

Young noted the park's 2011 round of swimming lessons totaled 47 students in three sessions, and said the Lake Fest games provided by the park were well attended as well.

An Eagle Scout project is expected to be completed in September, Young said, which will honor a Potawatomi chief whose village sat on the shores of Lake Maxinkuck-

ee. It was noted funding is needed to complete payment for the plaque to be placed on the recently-landscaped boulder at the west end of the Indian Trails (see article this issue).

Beginning the week of August 15, the beach lodge will begin closing at 5 p.m., Young explained; staff is dwindling at the winding down of summer, she said.

Board member Leon Bennett reported he's researching a floating pier to replace the current, aforementioned fishing pier, though removal of a floating pier could be a challenge, from an equipment standpoint, each winter.

Stallings complimented Young on the five-year master plan drafted for the park, which she said "was a big help to a board member."

She also urged Young to continue to look into purchase of Quickbooks accounting software and an interfaced point-of-sale cash register for efficient and thorough management of park monies. Young said she's been discussing the matter with town clerk Casey Howard and plans to wait until the new budget year to move forward with the possible purchase.

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new trail gives both novice and seasoned golfers a chance to play some of my most intriguing courses, including the Brickyard Crossing, with four holes inside the Indianapolis 500 track, and French Lick, voted America's best new course for 2009."

"We are extremely honored to have Pete Dye select us as part of the trail," said Mystic Hills' Dave Pugh, a PGA professional. "He had more than 20 courses to choose from in the state of Indiana, and he chose Mystic Hills as one to represent his trail. We hope to see a large increase in our rounds played so we can continue to maintain the course at the high standards our patrons have become accustomed to. We are excited to welcome many new golfers to our area."

Among numerous accolades during his more than 50 years of golf design, Pete Dye has received the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award and is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Before entering the field as a golf course designer, Dye was twice runner-up at the Indiana State Amateur Championship, which he won in 1958. His score at the 1957 U.S. Open was better than Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

Alice Dye, a native Hoosier, has numerous accomplish-



Pete and Alice Dye

PHOTO PROVIDED

ments including winning nine Indiana State Championships, two U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Golf Championships, the 1968 North & South Championship at Pinehurst, as well as two Canadian Senior Golf Women's Championships.

Stemming from an idea by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, and spearheaded by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development and the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association, the "Pete Dye Golf Trail" gives visitors and residents alike a unique opportunity to play legendary golf courses at an affordable price.

"We're so proud to call Pete, and his wife, Alice, residents," said Governor Daniels. "This trail is a treasure that will take visitors on an incredible golf journey throughout the state of Indiana and showcase some of Pete's most prominent works."

In addition to Mystic Hills (www.mystichills.com), other courses on the Trail include Kampen Course at the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex (Lafayette), Plum Creek (Carmel), The Fort (Indianapolis), Brickyard Crossing (Indianapolis), The Pete Dye Course at French Lick, Maple Creek Golf & Country Club (Indianapolis).

For more information of the Pete Dye Golf Trail, visit www.petedyegolftrail.com.

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Come Alive Outside, he said, seeks to create local outdoor spaces to attract play and exploration, which he said might interpret differently to different people.

Taking in the goings-on at the Chicago conference, said Sellers, "I was thinking about our community...the school is in charge of maintaining the athletic facilities; budgets make it hard to keep places nice for kids. What can we do from a community standpoint so kids can enjoy these things?"

"Some of (Sellers') own employees build (attractive outdoor spaces for customers), but they don't have the money to have this at their own homes. Maybe a reward

is a portable waterfall to take home to sit by their garage."

Sellers' goal at this point, he said, is "to get all of you excited about all this, like we were in Chicago...everybody's talking about (problems of childhood obesity), like Mrs. Obama, but what will be done with it?"

Come Alive Outside, he added, "is a verb."

"We want to entice people to come outside into their back yards; we want kids getting dirty. Do you remember your parents yelling that it was time to come inside? They said (in Chicago), 'How many of you guys have ever said that to your kids?' I don't know if I ever have. Usually I say, 'Get out of the house!'"

Sellers noted Culver has "an awesome park" and that building a big playground isn't necessary. Instead, schools might install butterfly gardens or slides could be built into the side of a natural hill in some public space.

Any forward movement in the endeavor, Sellers suggested, "isn't about just one organization." Culver's

Boys & Girls Club, Kiwanis, Lions, and other groups may have an interest in feeding into development of more outdoor play space, which could utilize already existent space rather than "building something into the air and blocking the view of the lake." Students and the community at large could help facilitate such a space, he added.

Chamber member Dick Brantingham suggested Come Alive Outside could naturally interface with some movements already afoot in Culver such as its tree commission and Second Century committee, which three years ago updated Culver's ten-year plan.

"We've accomplished 60 to 70 percent of what's affordable (in the charette, or ten-year plan)," said Brantingham. "This would be a great opportunity to carry this thing through, and to have the kids as a focus."

He also added Culver Kiwanis Club recently added a father-child category to its annual bass fishing tournament, which could also connect to Sellers' ideas.

Sellers also discussed his landscaping business, which he said started in 1998.

A union laborer laid off for the winter at the time, Sellers said he accepted an offer to take over mowing some lawns, which led to his purchasing his own equipment (he still has three of those four initial customers to this day).

"Today we do a little bit of everything," he explained. "We mow and handle everything from full (lawn) maintenance to installation of sprinkler systems and patios; we installed our first pool two years ago. It's hard to find qualified help in this area with fuel prices what they are. That keeps us limited in size, which I think is a good thing."

His landscaping business is "very involved in the community," added Sellers.

"We maintain the Little League (baseball) diamonds -- we mow and fertilize them. I got Rainbird to donate a sprinkler system to water the fields. We take care of the town of Culver signs (at each entrance to town) at our expense."

Sellers Landscaping employs between 17 and 20 people, though the number drops to four or five in the winter, he said.

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Funds sought for monument to local Indian chief

Historical groups and a local Eagle Scout candidate are hoping the community will step up to honor a local Potawatomi Indian chief who left his mark not only on the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area, but in the state of Kansas as well.

Descendents of Chief Nas-waw-kee, whose village occupied land on the east shore of the lake, will be honored at the annual Trail of Courage festival Sept. 17-18. During correspondence with Michale Edwards of the Nas-waw-kee family, the idea of a historical marker for Chief Nas-waw-kee was conceived. Shirley Willard of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association, a branch of the Fulton County Historical Society, began an effort to place a monument in the chief's honor in the Culver area. The town park was chosen as a location of public visibility, and a boulder placed at the start of the "Indian trails" between the park and Culver Academies' campus. Willard



CITIZEN PHOTO:JEFF KENNEY

This rock, in Culver's town park, awaits a monument plaque to local chief Nas-waw-kee.

has assisted with erecting historical markers on the Trail of Death for many years. See www.potawatomi-tda.org. Over 80 historical markers have been erected with donations at no expense to taxpayers.

Wording on the plaque is expected to be as follows: "Prominent chief and speaker Nas-waw-kee (or Nees-waugh-gee) signed several treaties with the U.S. government. In 1836, he ceded his two sections of land just east of Lake Maxinkuckee and agreed to go west within two years. Spelling the chief's name as Nas-waw-kay, the artist George Winter sketched him at the Lake Kee-wau-nay (now Lake Bruce) treaty council of July, 1837, where he gave a heart-rending speech on why the Indians did not want to leave. In August, Nas-waw-kee called the white people together at his village and gave a tearful farewell address, shaking everyone's hand. His band joined Chief Kee-wau-nay to be conducted by George Proffit to Kansas.

"The 47 Potawatomi journeyed from August 23 to October 23 without loss of life (unlike the 1838 Trail of Death, on which 42 died of 859 Potawatomi on the trip). At Nas-waw-kee's urging, Father Christian Hoecken established St. Mary's Mission at Sugar Creek, Kansas, where the Potawatomi lived, 1838-1849: a historical marker there remembers the chief as Nesfwawke. The Mackety family, from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, are Nas-waw-kee's known descendants. Erected 2011."

Bryan McKinney, a senior at Winamac Community High School and member of Boy Scout Troop 229 there (several Culver families are also members of the Troop) took an interest in obtaining permission to place the monument in the park, located and had placed the stone in an approved spot, landscaped around it, and helped arrange for and will assist with the mounting of the plaque honoring the chief.

"I didn't want an easy project to earn the rank of Eagle," says McKinney. "I was also excited about it because it was a historical monument that could be there for the next 100 years. When I had just bridged over from Cub Scouts and joined the Boy Scout troop six years ago, I remembered another Eagle project where the Scout placed a Civil War monument at the Courthouse Square in Winamac, and I was always impressed with that project. So a historical monument honoring the Native Americans that lived in this area over 170 years ago seemed a very worthwhile

Obituary

Lewis Kingsley Moore June 24, 1924-July 30, 2011



SPRINGDALE, Ark. -- Lewis Kingsley Moore, 87, formerly of Culver passed away Saturday July 30, 2011 in Springdale, Ark. Kingsley was born June 24, 1924 in Glen Cove, N.Y. He was one of three children born to Lewis (Thelma) Moore. After being discharged as a Naval Reserve Veteran during WWII he married Eleanor (Hawes) who preceded him in death in 2003. He later married Frances Brock who survives.

Kingsley retired from the Culver Military Academy after working 40 years as an instructor and chairman. He was a graduate of Tufts and Boston University. He loved to travel and was a big CMA hockey and Notre Dame football fan.

Kingsley is survived by his wife, Frances Brock of Fayetteville, Ark.; daughters, Barbara (Brian) Linhart of Culver, Bonnie (Stephen) Chandler of Columbus, Ohio; brother, John "Jack" Moore of Rutland, Vt.; grandchildren, Elizabeth Shepherd, Scott Linhart, Brian Linhart Jr., Cathleen Chandler; great-grandchildren, Josh, Devyn, Jarrod, Braeden. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Eleanor; and brother, Herbert.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to the Culver Educational Foundation through CMA in Kingsley's honor. The Finney-Shilling VFW Post #6919 of Culver will be conducting Military Rites. Burial will be at the Culver Masonic Cemetery. The Odom Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Condolences may be sent via our obituary page, www.odomfuneralhome.com.

project."

Computer classes at Culver library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will begin a new session of its free computer classes in July. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours.

Classes for upcoming sessions include **Computers for Beginners Part I** (August 22 and 26), **Computers for Beginners Part II** (August 29 and September 2), **Internet for Beginners** (September 5 and 9), **Email for Beginners** (September 12 and 16).

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. After our four introductory classes, we will offer training on Microsoft Office 2010. These classes are held in cooperation with People's University through Marshall County Council on Aging. See their website for more information: www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org/Peoples_University.htm. For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

In conjunction with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, donations are being sought to offset the \$750 cost of the plaque itself, the last step in the monument process. Because the plaque needs to be ordered by Aug. 22 in order to be done in time, donations need to be sent as soon as possible. Donations can be sent to the Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn., Fulton Co. Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. The FCHS is a 501-C3, non-profit organization.

Death notice

Troy Douglas Ratliff Aug. 2, 2011

CULVER -- Troy Douglas Ratliff, 58, of Culver died Aug. 2, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Ratliff of Culver; mother, Della Mae Ratliff of Dayton, Ohio; sons, Troy Michael (Beth) Ratliff of Biloxi, Miss., Aaron (Debbie) McCraw of Wheaton, Ill.; daughters, Heather Ratliff of Washington D.C., Carissa (Dennis Reagle) McCraw of Peru; brother, John Ratliff of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Service is Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. at the Culver Union Township EMS Building.

The family requests no flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Odom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

REAL Services dinner party Sept. 14

MARSHALL COUNTY -- REAL Services is getting ready to kick off its annual dinner party events. For those 60 and over, a meal and entertainment are available for \$4 per ticket.

The Marshall County Dinner will be Wednesday, Sept. 14 at The Matchett Square Bourbon Senior Center. All tickets must be purchased by Sept. 2 through one of the following REAL Services Nutrition Sites: Argos -- B&R Community Bldg.; Bourbon -- Bourbon Senior Center; Bremen -- Senior Citizen Center at the Pines; Culver -- Culver Beach Lodge; LaPaz -- Garden Court Apts.; and Plymouth -- Garden Court West Apts.

The doors will open at 4 p.m., with dinner beginning at 5 p.m. and entertainment at 6 p.m. Hold on to your ticket, as it will be necessary to enter. Lost tickets will not be honored.

The menu will be as follows: dinner -- stuffed pork loin, maple glazed and roasted sweet potatoes, bacon sauteed brussels sprouts, and crusty wheat roll; dessert -- hot apple turnovers with caramel sauce; drinks -- coffee, decaf, iced tea, and water.

Entertainment will be provided by Gordy and Friends doing a variety show. Please remember this event is open only to those 60 and over, or the spouse of someone 60 or over and our active volunteers.

For more information, contact Margaret Lawrence at 574-284-7144.

REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thurs., Aug. 11: Quiche, coffee cake, cubed breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.

Fri., Aug. 12: Chicken and gnocchi entrée, garlic bread, carrot slaw, hot cinnamon apples, dessert, and milk.

Mon., Aug. 15: BBQ Chicken Breast, broccoli salad, corn, honey wheat bread and margarine, pudding, milk, and milk.

Tues., Aug. 16: Chopped Steak & Gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, deli rye bread and margarine, apple juice, and milk.

Weds., Aug. 17: Vegetable Lasagna, salad and Italian dressing, bread stick, peas, fruit salad, and milk.

Thurs., Aug. 18: Pepper Steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, potato dinner roll, cobbler, and milk.

Fri., Aug. 19: Macaroni & Cheese, ham, peas, au-liflower, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.



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If these walls could talk: 115 South Main

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

We continue our series of semi-regular journeys through Culver's past as we look at the lives of historic buildings in the Culver area. For now, we're strolling up Main Street's west side in downtown Culver, making our way north.

This week, we're stopping in at 115 South Main Street, the southern portion of Susie Mahler's Cafe Max (since 2000, anyway), and the main entrance to the restaurant.

Of course, as with many businesses in Culver's downtown, where the addition or removal of a wall or door made one storefront into two, or two into one, it wasn't always so.

The 1906 Sanborn fire map lists the site as a harness shop, though on 1914's map it's vacant. Documentation for placement of Culver's historic (downtown) commercial district on the National Register of Historic Places notes that the current structure at 115 S. Main "was built circa 1920" and "replaced a one-story, wood frame, commercial building."

For years, the building housed plumbing businesses. There are some conflicting dates as to what happened when, but A.M. Roberts ran his plumbing shop there in the 1920s, prior to Emil Siepman's purchase of the business. A 1938 Culver Citizen article on Siepman suggests he bought the business in 1926. Siepman, a German immigrant, had moved to Culver in 1919 and opened a sheet metal shop, which he closed in 1926, moving next into the plumbing business and taking over from Roberts. However, the July 13, 1932 Citizen notes that Siepman bought the business from Roberts then, which seems the most likely scenario.

Another 1938 article notes Clifford Waite was associated with Roberts' plumbing business. Waite wore a number of hats in Culver between the 1920s and 1940s. Besides building or helping build several of the houses on Liberty Street during the 'teens, Waite -- who moved to Culver in 1914 -- had started a garage business "in the old livery stable" and in 1921 "moved across the street" into the old Medbourn building. After his association with Roberts, Waite opened his own sheet metal shop, spent 1927 in Phoenix, Arizona, and opened his own plumbing and heating shop in Culver "upon his return."

In a photo likely from the 1940s in the Antiquarian and Historical Society collection, Waite can be seen in front of the building with a shiny, new toilet proudly exhibited in the big picture window on the south side of the building! Oddly, more recent occupants have opted for a different look for their businesses.

Pinning down the exact dates the building changed hands in the 1940s and '50s proved impossible, at least so far. The 1952 Culver telephone directory already listed the Culver City Tavern as occupying 115 South Main which, as reported in our last installment of this series, put two downtown taverns right next to each other. The eternally

popular Corner Tavern -- which outlasted Culver City Tavern by at least thirty years -- occupied the building on the northwest corner of Main and Madison Streets, and the Culver City Tavern the next door north.

As also reported in our last installment, a November 19, 1958 notice in the Culver Citizen reported that "the license of the Culver City Tavern is suspended temporarily because of the state Alcoholic Beverages Act because of sales to minors and other illegal acts. The tavern has changed hands a few times in recent years."

Just exactly when the Culver City Tavern bid us farewell, and what occupied the building directly prior to Al Sytsma's opening his business there in April, 1965, as reported in the Culver Citizen of April 22, will undoubtedly surface once this column has gone to print.

Most of us remember the lengthy run of Sytsma's shop as Al's TV and Appliances, though in 1965, it was still Al's Radio and TV -- a sign of the times.

"The newly-decorated shop," noted the Citizen, "offers Emerson radios, televisions, tape recorders, record players, hi-fi sets, and Easy washers and dryers." The business was run by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sytsma, he being a graduate of DeVry Technical Institute of Chicago. The couple's sons Richard (age 10) and Ronald and Donald, twins aged 7, help out, the article added. One could give Al a call in those days at Viking 2-2982.

Of course, Al's continued in that location for more than three decades more, and young Richard followed, in a way, in his father's footsteps by later opening Culver Communications and offering services in -- well, communications, ranging from telephone and radio, to digital and internet, among others. For a time, Al's officially operated out of the Culver Communications building on West Jefferson, but most Culverites remember it at 115 South Main.

As we'll discuss next time, Cafe Max would open its doors 20 years after Al's in the next building north, 113

South Main, in 1985. Owner Susie Mahler reported to the Citizen in 2009 that she'd been trying to buy 115 for some ten years, until in 2000, she began renting the storefront at 115 South Main as part of Cafe Max's expansion. This was following efforts to expand upstairs, which she said never met with much success. Instead, diners seemed to prefer to wait in line with their complimentary coffee, and soak up the atmosphere of the Cafe, than trundle upstairs and eat.

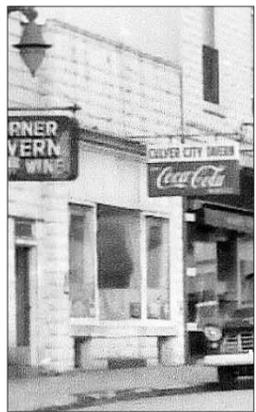
Thus, the Cafe Max annex filled an important role in Mahler's business.

"It was such a better dining experience," she said of moving south into 115. "Even though we usually didn't fill the south side."

In the ensuing years, the southern room of the restaurant has added chandeliers and sconces and a buffet for select occasions, besides the fireplace added in the last two years. It honors its historic heritage as does all of Cafe Max, with plenty of Culver memorabilia adorning the walls. The windows, however, remain steadfastly plumbing-free.



PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
Clifford Waite outside his plumbing shop at 115 S. Main in the 1940s. Some of his offerings are displayed in the windows



PHOTO/AHS OF CULVER
The Culver City Tavern by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sytsma, sometime after 1956.



PHOTO/CITIZEN ARCHIVES
The Al Sytsma family outside Al's Radio and TV at 115 S. Main during sidewalk days in 1968.

Name that Culver 'citizen'



A number of readers recognized last week's Mystery Citizen -- so many, in fact, that your editor was scrambling to keep them from giving away his name on the *Culver Citizen's* Facebook page! He was Trent Bennett, who returned to Culver last year and quickly became a community servant via so many service clubs, committees, and volunteer projects, it would be a challenge to name them all. He comes by it honestly, though, as it's run in his family by way of his father and others.

Among those who recognized his photo: Ruth Zechiel, Theresa Burns, Becky Banfield, Donna Oquendo, Joe Currens, Jorja Musial, Tim Wagoner, Shelly Schrimsher, and Donna Green. Something tells me other readers will call or email with his name by next week's paper as well.

Our Mystery Citizen this week has been a part of Culver for several decades, and is most associated with his work for one local institution and its far-reaching impact.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

RIGHT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Trent Bennett, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.



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Local Woodcrafters part of "Top Notch" bumper crop

Several local students in Culver Academies' Woodcraft Camp have contributed impressive creations in the camp's Arts and Crafts program, according to program director Bob Nowalk. This year's Top Notch program -- which students have to qualify for inclusion in -- boasts "an unusually high number of local students," says Nowalk, who adds Top Notch projects have to be "fairly substantial."

"I never cease to be amazed at the amount of creativity that the kids bring to the classes," Nowalk explains. "What's nice about Arts and Crafts, is it gives the kids an opportunity to do something that -- as one kid told me, 'I've dreamed about doing this since last year.'"

This year marks the largest the largest group of Top Notch students Nowalk can recall, at 72. Around 200 students of the 600 total in the Woodcraft program for students aged 9 to 14, pass through Arts and Crafts daily, Nowalk says. Other projects include mosaic tile, mark making, and large and small sculpture. An exhibition of student works was held for parents prior to the end of camp last week.

Says Brianna Cooper, who chose to sculpt "Peanuts" character Woodstock, "I had to get creative and think how to form his face and the way his body formed, with the little hair and big feet, was a challenge."

"I think this year for Top Notch, a lot of kids have really put the effort into it," says student Anne Nowalk. Margaret McKinnis agrees this year's offerings are "really creative," and Cooper confirms there are "a lot more (entries) this year."

Pictured (front row, left to right) are Abigail Surrissi, Clare Nowalk; back row, Caitlyn Cowell, Breanna Cooper, Anna Tompos, Margaret McKinnis, Anne Nowalk. Other local Top Notch students not pictured include Meagan Yeager, Hunter Kephart, and Kameron Ray (son of local pharmacist Ken Ray).



Culver Military product Suter to enter Hockey Hall of Fame



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Gary Suter, a 1982 graduate of Culver Military Academy, will be enshrined as a member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2011.

He will be joined by Chicago Blackhawks teammate Chris Chelios, Mike Emrick, Ed Snider, and Keith Tkachuk, it was announced Monday by USA Hockey. The five-member class will be formally installed into the Hall in Chicago this fall, with a date to be announced in the near future.

"It's an extraordinary class," said Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey. "The varied contributions to the landscape of hockey in our country is truly amazing and, collectively, this class has positively impacted every level of hockey."

Coming to Culver as a sophomore, Suter played on three Indiana state championship teams and was the team Most Valuable Player his senior year. Culver Prep Hockey

Coach Al Clark said Suter is certainly deserving of the honor. "He had a very high hockey I.Q.," Clark said. "Gary understood the game very well. He was extremely determined. He wanted to be the best in any drill and any game situation. He always wanted to be first."

"He was also very skillful. He had the ability to control a game," Clark added. "He had that rare ability to make the game proceed at his pace."

Clark was Suter's teacher off the ice as well, teaching him in math and geometry class. "I think he would credit Culver for being the place where he learned to work hard in other areas besides on the ice. He did not want to do anything less than his best -- and he did very well," said Clark.

"He was the type of person who wanted to make the most of his abilities, there is no question about that."

Suter's 17-year NHL career included 844 points (203-641) in 1,145 games played after being drafted by the Calgary Flames in the ninth round (180th overall) of the 1984 NHL Entry Draft. Suter made an immediate impact with the Flames, tallying 68 points (18-50) en route to winning the Calder Trophy in 1986, which marked the first time an American-born player was named the NHL's top rookie.

A staple on the Calgary blue line for 10 seasons, Suter set a career-high in assists (70) and points (91) in the 1987-88 season and helped the Flames to the franchise's only Stanley Cup a year later. Suter spent five seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks (1993-98) and four years with the San Jose Sharks (1998-02) before retiring.

Suter was a finalist for the Bill Masterson Memorial Trophy twice during his NHL career. The honor is given to the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication to hockey.

On the international stage, Suter earned a silver medal with the U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. He also helped the United States capture the first-ever World Cup of Hockey crown in 1996. He was named a co-Most Valuable Player of Team USA twice.

In all, the Madison, Wis., native represented the United States in eight international events. Suter, who played college hockey at the University of Wisconsin (1983-85), ranks fourth in NHL history in career points by an American defenseman.

Suter is also the uncle of Ryan Suter, who played for Culver in 2000-2001 before joining the United States National Team Development Program. The younger Suter is the first Culver player to be selected in the first round of the NHL draft.

There are currently three former CMA players in the NHL: Ryan Suter and Blake Geoffrion with the Nashville Predators and John-Michael Liles with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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East shore distory by bike draws many

LEFT: Some 50 cyclists from several Northern Indiana communities pedaled along East Shore Drive in Culver late last month as part of a collaboration between Culver's Bike Barn and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, for an historic tour of the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Julie Hollowell, at right, discusses her grandfather's childhood friendship with music legend Cole Porter, part of which centered around the family cottage, where riders dismounted to hear her speak. Jeff Kenney (second from right), of the AHS, led the tour, which stopped at several homes and locations, including the "House of a Thousand Candles," setting of the best-selling novel of the same name, where Craighton Hippenhammer, third from right, discussed the history of the house and the novel. Among several other stops were the Gibson, Trone, and Bramfeld cottages.

History of Culver's ice houses Aug. 27



PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
Workers at the Medbourn ice house in Culver in the 1930s.

The strange but fascinating history of the area "frozen water trade" will be told in word and pictures when the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver presents a program on the history of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's ice houses. The program, presented by Jeff Kenney of the Society, will take place Saturday, August 27, at 10 a.m. at the depot-train station adjacent to Culver's town park on Lake Shore Drive.

Between 1880 and 1937, workers in Culver harvested millions of tons per year of ice from several locations on Lake Maxinkuckee, employing hundreds and supplying

ice throughout the year to communities across Indiana and beyond. In those days before electricity, ice was stored year-round in local ice houses and delivered daily to homes, as the program will explore through an audio-visual presentation.

The program is free and open to the public.

Arrest report

On Sunday, July 31 around 12 p.m. County Police Detective Sergeant Neal Wallace was patrolling Lake Maxinkuckee when he observed Charlotte Clark 52, of Winnetka, Illinois being ejected from her Sea Doo personal watercraft. Clark appeared to need help as she was having difficulty trying to board the watercraft. Wallace was providing assistance when he noticed Clark appeared to be intoxicated.

After further investigation Clark was transported to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department where she failed a breathalyzer test and was then arrested for operating a motorboat while intoxicated. Her \$1000 cash bond which was paid on August 1 at 5:40 p.m. and she is scheduled to appearance in Marshall County Superior Court #2 on August 9 at 8:30 am.

Culver-raised Geiselman impacts nation, world via detection techniques

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver High School graduate (class of 1967) Edward Geiselman has been making waves nationally due to his innovations in the study of truth-telling, something he's developed through his years as a psychology professor at UCLA, where he's taught for nearly 33 years.

Geiselman has taught investigative interviewing techniques to members of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the Marines, the Los Angeles police and sheriff's departments, and several international agencies.

Geiselman and UCLA colleagues examined around 60 studies on discerning deception -- in addition to their own research -- to identify red flags for spotting deception in individuals. Geiselman and colleagues' recommendations on conducting training programs for deception spotting were published in the April issue of the American Journal of Forensic Psychiatry.

The work is particularly relevant in this era post-Osama bin Laden era of heightened terrorism concerns, besides the daily needs of those in domestic police work.

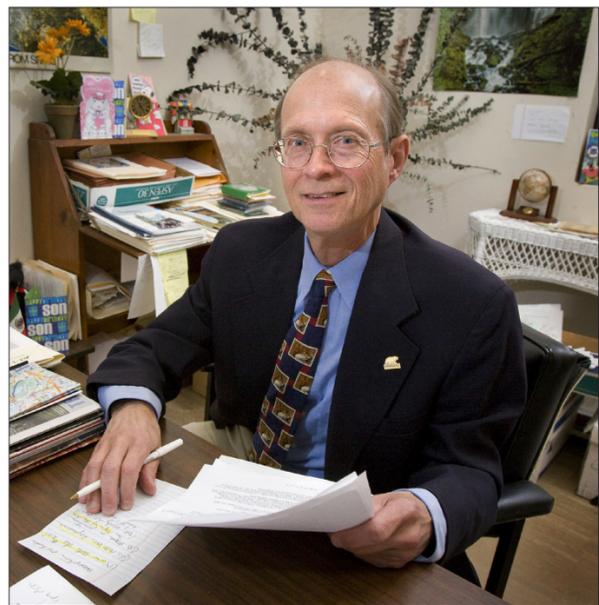
In a story published on UCLA's website, Geiselman discussed "red flags" which may alert authorities in an airport, for example, of reasons for suspicion, methods tested on hundreds of UCLA students and thousands of other individuals.

"People can learn to perform better at detecting deception," said Geiselman in the article. "However, police departments usually do not provide more than a day of training for their detectives, if that, and the available research shows that you can't improve much in just a day.

"Without training, many people think they can detect deception, but their perceptions are unrelated to their actual ability. Quick, inadequate training sessions lead people to over-analyze and to do worse than if they go with their gut reactions."

Geiselman's work has taken him to Hong Kong to aid in investigative interviewing to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and similar techniques he developed prior to the second Iraq war may have saved many lives, he was told. Work with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been helpful in interview potentially molested children and he's aided various police departments nationally in murder cases gone cold.

He's at work on a training program he hopes can stand in for years of experience in detecting deception. Over the following year, he'll be working with underserved police departments through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Rural Policing Institute, something he says will be a good fit since he's from Culver, described in the ar-



R. Edward Geiselman

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ticle as "a small town that has fewer residents than UCLA has psychology majors."

Geiselman -- who plans to retire in Culver -- says he loved his educational experience at Culver High School.

"A couple teachers took an interest in me and channeled my life in a very positive way," he recalls. "I graduated Purdue and then Ohio University before moving on to UCLA."

Many present Culverites may know Geiselman's parents, Ralph and Francis, even if they haven't seen Edward himself in a few years.

"My parents are living saints," he says, "as many Culverites know very well. My father and mother put me through college, working very hard (him at Bendix and her at CMA). At 90, they are fully functional at their home, still driving, shopping, feeding the birds, and much more. They go to church every Sunday."

To read the complete UCLA article on Geiselman's findings, including specific behavior clues he's pinpointed in deception, visit www.newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/how-to-tell-when-someone-s-lying-202644.aspx.

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husband Sean, a local attorney, returned to make Culver their home. She is the proud mother of Abigail Surrisi, an 8th grade student in the Culver schools.

Over the years, Surrisi has been involved in various local businesses and civic organizations. She is a past president of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Culver Tri Kappa and a former member of the Culver Plan Commission.

"Culver is an unique community that I'm so glad to be a part of," she said. "I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Culver in the role of Clerk-Treasurer."

Surrisi will be on the ballot at the upcoming Culver Republican Party town convention, to be held Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library in downtown Culver.

In related news, William W. (Bill) Githens, Jr. announced Monday his filing for the office of Culver town council at large, having withdrawn from the town clerk race in order to support Surrisi's candidacy.

Githens currently serves as Republican Precinct Chairman of Union Township1 and on the Union Township Advisory Board as President of the Finance Committee. Prior to his involvement in civic affairs and local government, he was a banking executive for over 30 years. He is a graduate of Culver Military Academy, and Texas Christian University.

Also filing for the clerk position as a Republican was Culver resident Karen Heim.

An active volunteer in Culver for more than 15 years, Heim is the mother of two daughters, Kate and Emily. Heim has been married to her husband, Steve, for 18 years.

Heim's community service work has included being a classroom volunteer and a substitute teacher at Culver Elementary School, and she is a past-president of the Culver chapter of the Tri Kappa Sorority. Heim currently serves as the chairman of the Tour de Max bicycle tour sponsored by Tri Kappa, which brings nearly 200 bicyclists into Culver each spring and raises more than \$4,000 each year for local charities and scholarships.

"I've always enjoyed serving the people of Culver through my volunteer efforts," Heim said, "and I'm looking forward to continuing to serve them with integrity and professionalism as clerk-treasurer."

In addition to her local service activities, Heim recently completed a term as a member of the Regional Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, which sponsors blood drives throughout north central Indiana.

An avid runner and bicyclist, Heim has run four marathons, two of which were combined with fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Professionally, Heim is currently employed as the office manager at Plymouth Wesleyan Church in Plymouth. Prior to that position, Heim was a freelance book editor and an admissions counselor for The Culver Academies, where she was responsible for student recruitment in Michigan and Indiana, as well as Central and South America. A 1993 graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, Heim earned bachelor's degrees in mass communications and Spanish.

A town Republican convention will be held to determine the final Republican candidate for clerk on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Local Republicans are invited to attend and cast their (secret) ballot for the candidate of their choice.

Current town clerk Casey Howard will be running for re-election for Culver Clerk-Treasurer, on the Democratic ticket. She has been the current clerk-treasurer for the last six years. Howard, who says she "would love the opportunity to serve the citizens of Culver for another four years," and notes her experience in the role brings vast accounting knowledge and professionalism to the workplace, is the wife of a local businessman as well as a mother of three boys. She has been active with the Culver Elementary PTO, Cub Scouts and Tri Kappa. She currently is a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

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area communities. These include: North Judson, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 14, 4 p.m.; Culver, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 21, 4 p.m. All shows will take place at local time. For questions or group tickets, contact Becky Liechty, 574-941-2343.

Academies history bike tour Aug. 20

On Saturday, August 20, starting at 9:30 a.m., a tour of the historic sites of Culver Academies' campus will begin at the Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive. The event is free and open to the public. Riders will need to bring their own bicycles, and use of helmets is strongly encouraged. All riders ride at their own risk. Contact the Bike Barn at 574-842-3606 or email don@bikebarnculver.com. The Bike Barn's website is www.bikebarnculver.com.

Cub Scout Roundup Aug. 31

Cub Scout Pack 290 of Culver will hold its Roundup for the 2011-2012 Scouting year at St. Mary of the Lake church on August 31 at 6 p.m. All boys entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome to join. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. For more information, contact Michelle Coiner at coiner@embarqmail.com or 574-542-2676.

Aubel textiles at CCC

Textiles created by Dr. Judi Aubel will be on display through September 15 at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Aubel is part of the Grandmother Project, a global organization working especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to improve the lives of women and children. The work displayed is for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Grandmother Project. More information about the Project is available online at grandmotherproject.org.

Culver Schools soon back in session

Student first full day of school for Culver Community Schools Corporation is Tuesday, Aug. 16. A back-to-school open house will be held at Culver Elementary School Monday, Aug. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. Orientation for seventh and eighth-grade students will be Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the middle school gymnasium. Orientation for grades 9-12 will be Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the high school auditorium at 8 a.m. Elementary school will be released Fridays at 2:30 p.m., middle school/high school at 2:45 p.m. This information can also be found on the school corporation's website, www.culver.k12.in.us.

CBGC seeks new staff members

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will be hiring part-time staff for the 2011-2012 school year. For information on how to apply, contact Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier by phone at 574-250-0103 or via email at cmonnier@bgcpoco.org. Employment applications can be printed from our website at www.bgcculver.org.

Culver Pipes and Drums invites public

Culver Pipes and Drums practices every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the train depot across from Edgewater Grill. The public is invited to come watch, or come for free lessons. Bagpipes are available for interested students to use. In the winter practices will move to the Naval building at Culver Academies. Contact Mike Maddox, band manager, at 574-298-6950

Culver museum seeks volunteers

The Center for Culver History in downtown Culver is looking for volunteers to welcome visitors to the museum. Volunteers may work as little as two hours a month (more if you want). "This is your history!" Those interested, please call Chris at 574-780-6598.

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. CUTEMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well and in the area at different times of the year. Contact the office at 574-842-2773, cutems@culcom.net.

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.

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 to view timely details. This part of the project should be complete by the end of this summer. If you have ques-

tions, 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 anytime.

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).

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. 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.

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