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In Brief

VFW Men's Auxiliary chicken dinner

Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a smoked, half-chicken dinner Saturday, April 14 from 1 p.m. until sold out, at the VFW Post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Cost is only \$7 per dinner and proceeds will benefit the group's Culver Community High School Scholarship Fund.

Max Move Saturday

The second annual Max Move will be held April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. The goal for all participants to move around Maxinkuckee at their own pace. A chase car will return anyone to the starting line if needed and refreshments and bathrooms are available. The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus. Please arrive around 8:45 to register for this free event. Those with questions, please call Dana Neer at 574-842-8080.

Community meal at Grace Sunday

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, April 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.

'Wesley's Got Talent' Sunday

Wesley United Methodist Church invites the community to the second annual "Wesley's Got Talent" show, Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The event is free, although there will be a freewill offering to support the ministries of the church.

Open house ceremony at Culver Garden Court

An open house ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 17 at the new senior housing community, Culver Garden Court, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. The property is located at 801 S. Main St., Culver. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a grant of \$1.3 million to develop this 13-unit residence for the elderly under the Section 202 Supportive Housing Program.

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The way we were

ABOVE: Pinder's restaurant as so many remember it. The exterior photo shows the eatery in the 1970s. ABOVE, LEFT: Ed Pinder (right) greets the camera as wife Lora (left) checks the contents of the over. ABOVE, RIGHT: The very first Pinder's menu, in 1973, featuring the lettering and family crest so associated with the business throughout its existence here.

Ten years after closing, Pinder's still one of Culver's most beloved eateries

Part 1 of 2

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It may be hard for many Culverites to believe, but it's been 10 years (or will be, this fall) since Ed and Lora Pinder and family closed the doors for the last time on one of the most beloved local eateries in most residents' memories. Ed told the Citizen at the time it had "even older men my age" crying. "There were lots of tears," he said.

And no wonder. While everyone surely had a favorite dish at Pinder's Restaurant (at the confluence of Ohio, Main, and Davis Streets, home of the Marmont Grille today), its most endearing quality emanated from the family itself, whose mixture of small-town friendliness, humor, and genuine care for others made Pinder's the proverbial place where everybody really did know your name -- or seemed to. . While the term "family restaurant" is a stylistic designation, it applied at Pinder's on multiple levels: the family operated it, and the entire community, by extension, seemed part of the family.

Ed and Lora Pinder met in high school in nearby Fulton, Indiana. They began dating towards the end of their junior year and were married in January, 1955. Ed taught math and physics in Kewanna for seven years, after attending Purdue and graduating from Manchester College.

While teaching, he received a National Science Foundation grant to work on his Master's degree at Middle Tennessee University.

When Culver Military Academy assistant math department head Al Donnelly suffered a heart attack in the middle of the term, Ed -- who had taught advanced algebra already at Culver's summer school for a few years -- was called and asked to join the CMA faculty, which he did for the next five years.

"They treated me well," he recalls. "The kids were great."

He didn't enjoy barracks inspection and missed the camaraderie with parents he'd experienced in public education, so Ed spent his last eight teaching years at Culver Community High School, winding up that part of his career in 1977.

Lora well remembers the fateful day the seed of taking on a restaurant was planted for the family.

"Ed was umpiring a ball game," she recalls of a 1972 conversation, "and Wally Speery, who ran a restaurant (at the future site of Pinder's) said, 'Ed, you should buy a restaurant.' Wally wanted to go fishing in Texas! His wife did all the work in the restaurant, and she didn't want to sell. He talked to us a number of times. Our kids were getting the age -- Lizz, Ju-

lie, and Cheryl -- where it would be kind of nice to have a summer job."

Any thoughts of restaurant ownership were put on hold when the Pinders' daughters' friend Johnny Dewitt called and said daughters Julie and Cheryl had been hit by a car.

"They were both covered with sheets," remembers Ed. "Lora said, 'Please God, don't let them be dead.'"

Both parents today laugh at the memory of Julie's first words, once the sheet was moved aside: "Is my face okay?"

After some extensive surgery and recovery, both girls -- and their faces -- were indeed okay, and the family began to turn its attention to the possibility of running an eatery, in earnest.

In the future Pinder's building, Sperry's had started as a bait shop, notes Ed Pinder Jr., which also served sandwiches.

"They had a window," he adds, "and no seating. Margeurite Sperry made sandwiches and people liked them, so they expanded into the kitchen. Sperry's was the name of the restaurant. They had had it for nine years when we bought it (in 1973). Sperrys built that building, and they owned that property. They also expanded into the kitchen and had that little dining room, which they put on after five

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Culver's Titanic connection -- 100 years later



August Wennerstrom

Of the approximately 700 survivors of the April 12, 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic ship, only one would eventually settle in Indiana, and August Wennerström made Culver his home -- a home he loved so much he named one of his children Culver. Further, evidence of the Titanic connection to Culver still exists in the form of three maple trees planted in memory of the children of the widower of one soul lost in the sinking.

This month, the world observes the 100th anniversary of a disaster which continues to fascinate the population at large, by way of the re-release (in 3D) of the megahit 1997 movie about the event, besides a slew of projects -- film, video, print, and public.

Culver's connection began in 1912, when August Edward Andersson, a young Swedish socialist journalist and publisher, received an offer of a newspaper job in far-off Chicago. Traveling under the pseudonym "Wennerström," he met several other Swedes who were emigrating or returning to the US including Alma Pålsson and her four children, who were on their way to Chicago to rejoin their husband and father, Nils.

As the Titanic began to sink, some lifeboats were deliberately launched partly empty so that they could row

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Truck pulled from Lake Max

BELOW: Culver Dive Team members Brandon Cooper, Bob Cooper Jr and Jerry Siler (in the water, BELOW RIGHT), along with county officers and a DNR officer, were on the scene after Cara Lewellen lost control of this truck at the public landing on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee Wednesday afternoon. Lewellen escaped from the truck, which she was backing into the lake, unharmed. Wagner's Towing is pulling the truck out of the water in these photos by Trent Bennett. Additional thanks to Gary Shaffer for assistance in this story.



Recitals on the 51-bell carillon will be presented at 4 p.m., Saturday afternoons, on the following dates: April 28; May 19; June 23 and 30; July 7, 14, 21, and 28; September 1; and October 6. These recitals also are open to the general public.

lie made most of the dressings."

Ed and Lora's future daughter-in-law Peggy was 14 when she started working at Pinder's, which at the time was just four years into its existence. Future husband Eddie (Ed Jr.) had started there at age 10, the first year. While the two knew each other from school, Eddie says they "really got to know each other while working at the restaurant. We dated six months before we got married, but we worked together four years before we were married!"

"We even worked on our wedding day," laughs Peggy, who also worked the day before the couple's children were born, something Lora did the day before giving birth to daughter Lizz.

"We had to get married on Sundays," says Julie, "because we had to work around the restaurant schedule! The guys we married had to be pretty good sports."

"The kids all grew up working," says Ed, adding those "kids" grew up -- in the restaurant -- to have their own children, who played there after closing.

"Our whole life was there," says Julie. "Showers, family get-togethers."

In fact, laughs Julie, even today, "Whenever I have an anxiety dream, it's always a restaurant dream!"

By the time Pinder's closed, Ed and Lora had four grandchildren working for them, in addition to nieces and nephews. Both Eddie and Peggy's son and Julie's son complained when the restaurant closed too soon for them to work there as well.

Next week: Remembering the "extended" Pinder's family of customers, unusual memories, and the restaurant's final days.

ström quickly became Superintendent of Building and Grounds at the Academy, a position he held until 1941.

Wennerström frequently spoke at the Academy and in town about his experience on Titanic, but that was not the only area of his civic involvement. A 1933 article in the CMA Vedette reports that he gave 1000 two year old Norwegian Spruce seedlings to local schoolchildren, at his own expense, as a way of beautifying the town.

Culver developed a second link to the Titanic in 1946 when Nils Pålsson (by then Anglicized to Paulson) finally remarried and retired to Culver, presumably because he had been in touch with Wennerström. He and his wife Christina lived at 605 William Street, but he owned a garden plot on Thorn Road, next to the home of Allen and Rosemary Weaver, where he planted four maple seedlings, apparently in memory of the four children he had lost decades before (the trees still stand and are easily visible at roadside).

The Weavers' son Dan was between five and eight years old when a teary-eyed, older man with whom he was already familiar through frequent visits with Allen, came to the Weavers' house on Thorn Road in Culver.

"He cried as he was planting them," recalls Weaver. "It was just sad."

Dan Weaver says he knew Nils Paulson had lost his wife and children to the wreck of a ship called the Titanic, "but I didn't realize the connection and the importance of the history of the event. I just knew he had lost his family.

August Wennerström died on November 22, 1950, Nils Paulson, on September 21, 1964: both are buried in the Culver Masonic Cemetery. Alma Pålsson's body, recovered from the north Atlantic, was buried in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on May 8, 1912. Her children were never found.

Editor's note: This article was adapted from "A Night to Remember: Culver's Titanic survivor," by Rev. John Wm. Houghton, originally published in the April 21, 2010 Culver Citizen, as well as an Oct. 29, 2009 Culver Citizen article by editor Jeff Kenney.

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Keitzer scholarship applications accepted

CULVER — Applications for scholarships to be awarded from the Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Trust are available at the First National Bank, Monterey, and Culver Community High School, according to Claiborn M. Wamsley, president of the bank.

Graduates of Culver Community High School who have lived within a 5-mile radius of Monterey for at least one year while in high school are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

One scholarship is to be awarded to a person who is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church of Monterey and who is a full-time resident student studying for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. One or more scholarships will be awarded to students who are graduates of Culver Community High School who are full-time students at a college or university.

Charles and Lenore Keitzer were long-time residents of the Monterey community and Mr. Keitzer served as president of First National Bank for many years.

Deadline for filing applications at the First National Bank, Monterey and Culver Community High School is May 1 by 3 p.m. for both renewals and new applicants.

REAL Meals menu

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

Thurs., April 12: Pork fritter, bun and mayo, diced red potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

Fri. April 13: Spaghetti, tossed salad, western dressing, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, milk.

Mon. April 16: Salmon burger, multigrain bun and tartar sauce, sweet potatoes, harvest beets, dessert, milk.

Tues. April 17: Parmesan chicken, lima beans, hawaiian roll, dessert crisp, milk.

Wed., April 18: Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, brussel sprouts, bread and margarine, fruit, milk.

Thurs., April 19: Sloppy Joe, bun, au gratin potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, milk.

Fri. April 20: Jambalaya with rice, applesauce, carrots, biscuit and margarine, salad and ranch dressing, milk.

EASTON, Md. — Robert Emmett McKinstry, 89, died March 19.

He was born Oct. 12, 1922 in Chicago, Ill., where he spent his childhood years growing up in the suburb of Hinsdale, Ill. Mr. McKinstry attended and graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1941. It was there that he met his wife, Helen Jane, who was the daughter of the director of admissions, John W. Henderson. He attended Cornell University to study industrial engineering, but was interrupted by the call to WWII. He joined the army as a lieutenant and later joined the Army Air Corps. There, he became a fighter pilot instructor for U.S. pilots and also Chinese officer pilots.

Following the war, he and his bride lived on and worked the family farm in Elburn, Ill. with their children. A short time later the family moved back to Hinsdale when he began a long career with United Airlines where he was able to pursue his love of flying. He flew many different planes over his career, from DC-3 cargo planes to the modern jets. He retired in 1982 as the senior pilot flying the jumbo 747 jet. His favorite plane to fly, however, was the sleek 727, which he referred to as a flying sports car. After retirement, Mr. McKinstry continued to fly for Whalen Industries out of Easton, Md. Mr. McKinstry was instrumental in the development of The Easton Airport as a major

Obituary

Robert Emmett McKinstry

Oct. 12, 1922-March 19, 2012

hub for corporate planes. During his career with United, he and his wife moved to Annapolis, Md. in 1965, where they were members of the Annapolis Yacht Club. In 1972 they relocated to Easton, Md., on the Eastern Shore, where they pursued a life and love affair with the area.

The McKinstrys were members of the Tred Avon Yacht Club, Talbot County Country Club and The Sailing Club of the Chesapeake. They spent many days and weeks cruising the Chesapeake Bay and points beyond with close friends. Bob McKinstry will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by four children, Michael W. McKinstry of Colorado Springs, Colo., Anne M. Dunnington-Siergiej of Ambler, Pa., Mary M. Marriner of Marietta, Ga., and Robert E. McKinstry Jr. of Palm Bay, Fla; his sister, Mary M. Turk of Pasadena, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one stepgrandchild; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the Culver Academy Chapel. A private burial will be held in Culver. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate contributions to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of local arrangements.

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

REAL Meals looking forward to new faces

By Jeanette Geiselman
REAL Meals assistant site director

Culver is very fortunate to have a nutrition site in town for the 60 years and older group. The Golden Agers meet on the upper floor of the Culver Beach Lodge (handicapped accessible) five days a week at noon for lunch provided for them by the REAL Services kitchen in South Bend. \ You are welcome to come early and stay late to visit, or maybe even get a card game going. The only stipulation is a phone call the day before by 11 a.m. to the site director, Ruth Walker, at 574-842-8878, so the meal can be ordered by 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal is a suggested donation of \$3.50, which includes the main course, bread/rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, and milk. The menu is printed weekly in the Culver Citizen and the free Senior Life paper for the month.

Programs are furnished by Millers Merry Manor, with blood pressure and sugar on the first Wednesday of every month, Jeff Kenney’s movies on Culver history on the second Wednesday, and Miller’s Bingo the third Wednesday.

As this is election year, we are hoping to have those running for an office to give us a call, no matter the political office you are seeking, or party you are with, and we will try to schedule a day, give notice to the newspaper editor for publication and try to have a nice audience for you.

There are different organizations and churches that volunteer to serve on Wednesdays of each week, and if your organization, or church, would like to be included, please give the site director a call.

Along with the interesting programs we try to provide, Santa Claus visits us every year. We do have a lot of fun and always happy to meet and greet new people. So, give the Golden Agers and the food a try and “come on down.” Looking forward to some new faces.

Olson will asisst with vision May 2

Daniel Olson, M.A., Blind Rehabilitation Specialist will speak at REAL Meals Wed., May 2. Olson aids people’s vision with free magnifying glasses.

Ballyhoo take two

Well, continuing a bit with the "Ballyhoo" theme (if you didn't catch last week's column, that's a reference to Bill Mitchell's 1980s Citizen column, "Bill's Ballyhoo"), what follows is a smattering of thoughts and tidbits on a smattering of subjects, though hopefully all of some relevance to Culver news.

I must admit, I'm a bit more out of the loop on local news than I'd like, since our son Becket was born last Weds. morning at the Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. Yes, that brings our total to five children, which is as we like it...and yes, we know what causes this sort of thing. I have to, by the way, give a "thumbs up" to the nursing staff at Woodlawn, as well as our doctor, Debra Sanders, who practices out of Argos. The "small-town" hospital feel really is something Beth and I value (our previous children were born at the former St. Joseph's hospital in downtown Mishawaka, which has now been absorbed into the "mega-hospital" up the road -- we don't like "mega," which is why we live in Culver), and Woodlawn had it.

This also gives me an excuse to do something our other children have begged for: feature them in the paper, photographically. This has actually been a repeated debate within the household, which goes something like this:

Child A (usually 8-year old Peter or 6-year old Esme'): "When can we get our picture in the paper? We were at that Easter egg hunt (or fill in the event here) while you were taking photos. Why not put our photo in?"

Me: "Guys, we've talked about this before. Daddy is the editor of the paper, and I constantly put my own kids' pictures in, people would assume I was doing it because they're my kids and I'm the editor (which would probably be true). We need to give other kids a turn."

Child B: "Other kids? But you've never given us a turn since you've been editor!"

Me: "You've had your pictures in when you were in groups, like that time all the Wesley Preschool students were in their Halloween costumes, or at the Nativity pageant at church."

Child A: "But that's different! You could hardly even see our faces."

And on it goes. I've hinted that perhaps I'd put them in

Where in the world is The Culver Citizen?



No one identified the locale of last week's "Where in the World" photo of Judy Patton (left), who was in Tokyo, Japan, with son Evan (and reportedly had a great time) and of course with everyone's good friend, a copy of The Culver Citizen!

Below is yet another shot of the paper (even if it's too small to really identify in this photo), taken at an iconic location somewhere in the state, country, or world. This one has a twist: its sender has offered two free, all-day passes to the rides inside the Mall of America, to the first person who correctly identifies the location *and* is interested in the passes and can use them. Pretty generous, yes? Guesses (or your own photo(s) of the Citizen around the state, country, or world) may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

morning of Connie Van Horn, who had been ailing for some months. Those who knew Connie will agree, I think, that she was such an irrepressible soul, it's nearly impossible to believe she could be gone, and I can still hear her voice -- often as not, calling me with some tip or bit of information prefaced with, "Now if you print this, I'll kill you!"

There was a lot she told me (and much more she didn't, I'm sure) that didn't see print, but which could have come together easily for a lengthy story on her contributions to Culver and the surrounding area. I recall tales of possible physical danger she risked in her efforts to help shut down the Four County Land-fill south of Culver...and Culver stories of everything from the blizzard of 1978, to harrowing police adventures of husband Ron, to business memories with Ron as well, and many more. I haven't seen as much of her since my time employed at the Culver Public Library, but while I was there, she contributed a great deal, from genealogy data gathering and historical file sorting (with Chris Landskron), to launching the library's weekly genealogy group, which is ongoing, to collecting books for overseas troops. And she did what she did with great wit and humor all around.

I know she served on many boards and committees in town over the years, and she was a behind-the-scenes reformer throughout, armed with information and communication, quietly (or at least privately) affecting change in the community. She was no doubt aided in this by holding court at Cafe Max for coffee each morning when she was well enough. I always figured if I really wanted the news of Culver, it could be gleaned over there about 8 a.m. And sitting near her table wouldn't hurt!

A day or so before she passed away, her Facebook status was updated (by daughter Jenny) that she was doing better and looking forward to going home. I like to think she really did go home Sunday morning, and while it certainly makes for a heartbreaking Easter for her family, maybe it's appropriate that Easter could be Connie's own resurrection day.

She was absolutely one of a kind and can never be replaced, and our condolences go out to her family.

If these walls could talk: 103 S. Main

For too long now, space has prevented a new installment in our series of imaginary "walks" through the historic buildings of Culver, with focus in the past year on the buildings of the business district of Culver's downtown, on Main Street.

We're still working our way northwards up the west side of Main (yes, it's been a slow walk!), where this week we stop in at 103 South Main Street, presently the home of Skyline Builders. 'Twasn't always so, of course. Most Culverites will associate the building with Bob Cultice, still -- to my knowledge -- its owner and the longest occupant of more recent years.

Rewinding, however, records show John Osborn opened his Marmont Exchange Bank at the site in 1892, paying his depositors and shutting the doors in 1898, after which the Exchange Bank opened there, under the management of M.C. McCormick, who ran it until 1901. Schyler Shilling took over the business that year, operating until 1907 (physician E.E. Parker ran his medical practice upstairs for an uncertain length of time, and was so at least during 1905). There would begin -- if it were time yet -- one of the more fascinating chapters in Culver's business history, that of the State Exchange Bank, and the transition of that bank from Shilling to his son-in-law, W.O. Osborn. But all of that took place a few steps and across the street

expressed care, concern, and then congratulations, around town.

On a far more somber note, I know many in Culver are saddened at the death Easter



At last achieving their fame and fortune in the pages of The Culver Citizen are (from left) Esme, Peter, and Felicity Kenney, greeting new baby brother Becket.

Speaking of Easter, another has come and gone (the day, at least, if not the season), and Culver was no doubt more quiet than usual as families gathered together to observe the day, and of course, Culver's churches marked Holy Week and Easter as they have in years past, each in their own respective way.

Culver Comm. High School has had some growth with regards to its outdoor athletic facilities of late. Ongoing is work on the wholly volunteer-built soccer fields on land adjacent to the administration building, east of School Street. The dugouts at the baseball field have been rapidly replaced, this time with above-ground cinder block structures. I have good memories of getting out of the cold, winter wind by ducking inside one of those while delivering newspapers one afternoon -- and of my joining my sister in quietly dropping gravel onto the helmets of the players of the opposing team during a Saturday morning CCHS game, through the gap in the old dugout.

A different set of teams is gearing up for the fourth annual Relay for Life April 20 at 7 pm. at Culver Academies multi-purpose building (inside and outside both). So far, according to the website, 54 teams have signed up and raised nearly \$16,000, though I'm sure the \$100,000-plus goal will be met by Saturday morning the 21st.

Hard to believe it's just over a week away.

And as always check out our "Briefs" on page 1 for plenty of other important upcoming events.

Speaking of staying updated, I'm amazed to say the Culver Citizen's Face-

book "friends" list has now reached nearly 1,250, which is a real milestone. If you're reading this, you're one of those who buy the Citizen, whether through subscriptions or "off the rack," as we say, and we appreciate you doing so. We all want news of Culver, and of course somehow we have to pay the bills. There have been a few really good efforts to "cover" Culver online, but one challenge everyone faces is that, without revenue, who can afford to take the time to cover the news of the community? Obviously that's where purchasing a subscription, buying a paper, or advertising (heck, frequenting our advertisers' businesses and mentioning that you saw their ad in the Citizen, for that matter) make a difference. Subscriptions are just \$23 per year anywhere in Indiana, or \$30 anywhere in the U.S. outside of Indiana, which you have to admit, is pretty cheap. So if you know of any online-only readers, encourage them to consider subscribing (culvercitizen.com and then click "subscribe")...it's that funding which gives us the ability to dedicate time and resources to covering the Culver community -- something pretty tough to do in anyone's "spare time" only.

north, and we'll get there in due time.

Sanborn fire maps list the building as housing a barber and vendor as of 1914, and it's interesting to note the documentation on Culver's downtown entry into the National Register of Historic places lists the present building as being built circa 1920.

Fire maps simply list the site as "Vendor" from 1924-1937, but fairly early on it was Cecil R. Smith's shoe repair shop. The 1937 Culver Citizen notes David H. Smith, earlier a mason and Culver's first rural mail carrier, retired to start a harness and shoe repair shop here on Sept. 22, 1912 (his first day's receipts totaled \$5, he told the Citizen).

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen stumped most readers, though Marizetta Kenney and Betty Reinholt correctly identified David Bigley, best known, of course, through his longtime role in Bigley's Orchard, where generations of Culverites (and many others) enjoyed many a jug of cider, donut, or of course apples.

This week's Mystery Citizen is well-known to many from Culver and the surrounding area for his work in a particular institution here



in town.

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ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

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Culver Community reloads for 2012 baseball season

By James Costello
Sports Editor

The past is past. Following Culver Community’s first sectional championship in 25 years last season, that’s the message head coach Mike Elliott and his staff are sending to the Cavaliers this year. With just four starters back in pitcher and utility player Collin Stevens, second baseman/ pitcher Sam Hisson, short stop/ pitcher Kyle Vlach and center fielder Nick Pritz, Elliott is hoping his largely inexperienced team can find an identity of its own in 2012 rather than resting on the laurels of last season’s historic finish. “We haven’t been talking about last year at all. We’re

focusing on this year and trying to get better,” said Elliott. “We had some success last year. Those kids put the time in. It’s these kids’ time now to step up, and if they step up we can still be a really good baseball team. The early part of the season is going to go a long way to build some confidence in the kids.” Joining the aforementioned foursome this season are a trio of seniors in third baseman Nick Zehner, left fielder Randy Cline and first baseman George Alvarado. A deep class of five sophomores adds to the lineup in center fielder Nick Pritz, right fielder Chris Zehner and infielders Cody Hanson and Shawn Russell. So far so good on the defensive side, says Elliott, but

with so little returning varsity experience, hitting is a question mark for the defending Class 2A Sectional 34 champs. “We’re not looking at it as a down year, it’s just we have had some kids that haven’t started in the past,” said the Culver boss. “We still have some high expectations. It can be a good year if we can kind of shore up some defensive positions, and obviously you’ve got to put the bat on the ball. That’s one of the things we’re working on right now is our hitting and keeping the kids focused and understanding their responsibility. We’ve got to be able to do some more hitting and running and get the bunts down when we need them.”

Sports briefs

Boys track

Pilgrims, Eagles compete at CMA Relays
Plymouth placed third with 92 points, and host Culver Military finished fourth with 65 points as LaPorte won the five-team Culver Military Academy Relays with 121 points Saturday. For Culver Military, Leopoldo Burguete finished second in the 1500 with a 4:18.10 behind LaPorte’s Mitch Hubner, who broke a 23-year record by eight seconds with a blistering 3:59.7 time. Austin Sheldon finished second in the pole vault and third in the high jump, Steve Choi was second in the 100 dash, and the Eagles took second in the 6400 relay and 800 sprint medley relay.
• CULVER MILITARY RELAYS
At Culver
Team scores: LAPORTE 121, MARION 99.50, LOGANSPO 98.50, PLYMOUTH 92, CULVER MILITARY 65
At Culver

Cavaliers trump Lancers

Culver swept the top two spots in both hurdles races, the long jump and the high jump to beat visiting LaVille 75-55 in a match-up of Northern State Conference teams at Culver Wednesday. Micah Budzinski and Matt Hurford went one-two in the 110 hurdles, while Hurford and Bradley Beaver finished one-two in the 300 hurdles. Budzinski won both the 110 hurdles and the 400, while Hurford won the 300 hurdles and the shot put and combined with Bradley Beaver, John Ahlenius and Preston Hansel to win Culver the 1600 relay race. Ahlenius also ran on Culver’s winning 3200 relay squad with Preston Hansel, Lodge Burgess and Ian Randolph, and he was the lone placer in the pole vault with an 11-foot clearance.

LaVille was led by sprinter Jake Freeman, who earned top finishes in the 100 and 200 and ran a leg on LaVille’s winning 400 relay team with teammates Levi Lucas, Michael Mialrik and Jamie Martinez, while Eric Shaffer won the 800 and 3200 for the Lancers.
• CULVER 75, LaVILLE 55
At Culver

Girls track

Lady Pilgrims win CGA Relays
Plymouth won the Culver Girls Academy Relays with an impressive score of 126, and host CGA finished third with 90 points Saturday. The Lady Pilgrims won four different events en route to the team victory. CGA won the 400, 6400 relay and 400 shuttle hurdles.

Patricia Ramirez, Emily Rich, Laura Ma and Tunrayo Adenuga combined for a 53.01 time in the 400; Sarah Jamieson, Kennedy Thompson, Katie Gower and Olivia Martinez clocked a 24:06.20 in the 6400, and Martinez, Jasmine Solola, Sofi Gonzalez and Amber Cowell broke the tape in the shuttle hurdles in 1:13.90. Solola won the triple jump with a 29’6”, and Leah Heckaman was first in both the shot and discus for CGA with respective distances of 36’3 1/4” and 122’6”. Martinez was second in the 1500 with a 5:17.7 finish. The Lady Eagles were second in the 800 sprint medley and third in the 800 relay.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY RELAYS
At Culver

Culver beats LaVille

Sprints and field events helped make the difference as Culver Community handed Northern State Conference foe a 67-44 loss at home Wednesday. The Lady Cavaliers went one-two in both throwing events and the high jump as well as the 100 and 200 en route to the win. Kayla Shaffer earned two wins in the 200 and 400, while Donna Zehner won both the shot and the discus, and Tatum Schultz won the high jump and 300 hurdles for the Cavs. Schultz and Shaffer combined with teammates Denisha Brown and Trista Littleton to win the 400 relay. LaVille was led by Chelsea Shaffer’s wins in the 1600 and 3200 and Danielle Romano’s two wins in the long jump and 100 hurdles.
• CULVER 67, LaVILLE 44
At Culver

Baseball

CMA drops opener at Cove
Culver Military opened its season with a 5-3 loss to Whiteland at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend Friday. Whiteland broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in the third and fourth innings en route to the win. Brian Espiritu took the loss on the mound. CMA recorded just four hits at the game.
• WHITELAND 5, CULVER MILITARY 3
At Coveleski Stadium

Culver slips to 0-2 with loss to Caston

Culver’s pitching staff surrendered 16 hits, and the Cavaliers slid to an 0-2 start with a 14-5 loss to visiting Caston Thursday. The Comets pounded out seven extra base hits in the win, including three doubles by Caleb Baldwin and a dou-

ble and homer from Stijn de Koninck. Kyle Vlach took the loss on the mound pitching through four innings for his first decision of the year for Culver.
• CASTON 14, CULVER 5
At Culver

Judson rallies past Culver
Caston Sanchez went 3 for 3 with two doubles and two RBI, and North Judson responded to a six-run top of the sixth by visiting Culver Community with nine runs in the bottom of the inning as the Bluejays handed the Cavs a 13-10 loss at Judson Wednesday. Mike McCallum also doubled for the Jays, who out-hit Culver 10-6 to help offset six errors in the win.
• NORTH JUDSON 13, CULVER 10
At North Judson

Culver falls to LaCrosse 8-6

LaCrosse responded to a four-run fourth by Culver with three runs in the top of the fifth, and LaCrosse held off the host Cavaliers 8-6 Saturday. Jordan Sanders doubled for the Cavs, who slid to an 0-3 start to the year.
• LaCROSSE 8, CULVER 6
At Culver



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Boys golf

Culver takes 3rd at Triton Invite
LaVille placed second with a 363 score behind New Prairie’s 347, while Culver was third with a 370, John Glenn was seventh with a 395, and Triton’s JV turned in a 418 team score to round out the complete scores at the 12-team Triton Invitational Saturday at Rozella-Ford. Culver was led by respective scores of 85 and 86 from Trent Elliott and Zach Duplay, while Luke Dunfee carded a 96 and Joe Krsek shot a 103.
• TRITON INVITATIONAL
At Rozella-Ford (Par 70)

CMA 3rd at LaVille Frosh- See Sports page 7



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Briefs from page 1

Culver Garden Court officially opened Feb. 27. This is the 12th community in the Garden Court portfolio and is a great asset to the town of Culver by providing affordable housing to those residents who are 62 years of age or older.

Volunteers needed

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, 574-842-2773, cutems@culcom.net, or at 200 E Washington St., Culver, In 46511.

Correction: preschool registration

Open registration for Wesley Preschool will be held Saturday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. , rather than 9 to 11 a.m. as previously reported. Registration will take place in the Wesley Methodist Church Preschool room, 511 School St. (enter on south side, across from Elementary soccer field). Seniors are to be age 4 by Aug. 1 and juniors are to be 3 by Aug. 1. Registration requires a \$40 supply fee at time of registration. Please call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with any questions.

Weekly Culver history classes

A weekly Culver history class sponsored by the Center for Culver History museum will take place through April in the small meeting room of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, located across the hall from the museum, and will begin each week at 4 p.m. Call the Life Enrichment Center in Plymouth at 866-936-9904 to register. You do not need to attend all four sessions to participate. Classes are free and open to the public.

State-wide exhibit to include Culver maps

From April 18 to May 22, the Center for Culver History will host “Indiana through the Mapmakers Eye,” which examines ways people have used maps through the years and features local and state-wide maps.

‘Grand Liberty Tour’ equine performance April 21-22

National trainer/performer and recent Cavalia star Sylvia Zerbini will bring her Arabian horses and “Grand Liberty Tour” to Culver Academies’ Vaughn Equestrian Center for performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22. General admission tickets are priced at \$10 and are available through the Eppley Auditorium Box Office at 574-842-7058.

Kindergarten round-up April 26

CULVER — Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2012-13 school year. Kindergarten roundup will be held Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2012. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, or please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 to make other arrangements.

CES 6th graders’“Twelfth Night” April 27

The 19th annual 6th grade Shakespeare play will be held

Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium. This year’s play is “Twelfth Night,” a comedy dealing with playing tricks over the Christmas holidays. A free-will donation will be collected and added to the “Soup for the Soul” funds to aid numerous charities, people, and programs.

Student art show April 28 wkd

Culver’s Tri Kappa is pleased to announce its 10th annual student art show Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 29 from noon to 3 p.m., at the Culver Cove Marmont Room.

Students from the Culver Community High School, Middle School, and the Culver Academies may submit entries. Judged categories include drawing, painting, photography, print making, three dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite artist and entry in the People’s Choice category. There is no charge for this event.

IOOF breakfast April 28

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will host an all you can eat pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., April 28 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of Pine and 18B Road, Culver. Adults are \$6, children \$4. Come out and eat breakfast before going to town-wide garage sales.

Friends book sale April 27 and 28

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Used books are always appreciated and can be dropped off at the circulation desk of the library.

Sidewalk program

Applications for the 2012 Sidewalk Program will be available at town hall. Completed application for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received.

Clean-up reminder

The Street Department will be picking up yard waste on a weekly basis. Please place leaves in the terrace not in the street and keep the leaves separate from the sticks and brush.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested in participating and would like to have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@townofculver.org or at 842-8140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, April 24. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, April 28 at town hall, Culver Express and Osborn’s Mini-Mart.

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 and Friday mornings at 10; each lasts two hours. 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, which include: Microsoft PowerPoint (March 30); Microsoft Publisher (April 6), Computers for Beginners Part II (April 16 and 20), Internet for Beginners (April 23 and 27), Email for Beginners (April 30, May 4).

For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.

‘Town hall’ meeting for museum’s future May 12

The Antiquarian and Historical Society (AHS) will host a “town hall” type event at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12 to bring Culver-wide residents together to save its heritage as preserved and shared at the Center for Culver History museum, which will be evicted from the Culver Public Library next year.

The purpose of the meeting will be discuss the museum relevant to the community’s needs and to allow the community to become involved in the preservation of its own unique history. The meeting will be moderated by Jeff Harris, Director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society. The meeting is open to the public and anyone with a vested interested in preserving the history of the area is strongly encouraged to attend and make his or her voice heard. The AHS requests that clubs and organizations send at least one representative to the meeting.

Poplar Grove rummage sale Memorial Day wkd.

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church will hold its annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, Memorial Day weekend, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. As in the past, items will be available both inside and outside, so rain will not cancel the sale. This is shaping up to be another large sale with furniture, antiques, tools, electronics, kitchen/household, clothing of all sizes, lawn and garden, collectibles, and much more.

If anyone in the community would like to donate to the sale instead of throwing something of value into the dumpsters at the town-wide clean up, please call Susan Shaffer at 574-952-2688 for pick-up of those donations.

CBGC auction will ‘Build Brighter Futures’

Organizers of the Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) annual fundraising event encourage everyone to “save the date” for the “Building Brighter Futures” event to be held Friday, June 15 at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be followed by a buffet dinner and entertainment provided by the magical transformation act, “Quick Change.” The silent auction will culminate with a premium live auction featuring spectacular items available to the highest bidder. Admission to the event is \$65 per person or \$125 per couple and is by reservation only.

CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The local club maintains a membership of over 240 children and will directly benefit from the proceeds earned at this year’s event.

Lake Max Challenge paddleboard event June 30

Culver will host Indiana’s first-ever World Paddle Board Association sanctioned Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) race Saturday, June 30 via the the Lake Max Challenge. The Lake Max Challenge will start at the beach lodge at Culver’s town park, 819 E. Lake Shore Drive. Parking and launching will be off the east end of the town beach. Learn more or register at lakemaxchallenge.com and facebook.com/lakemaxchallenge. Or contact 574.889.0022.



Culver Kiwanis Corner

A monthly feature, underwritten by Culver’s Kiwanis Club, highlighting the talents and perspectives of Culver Community High School students and their school experiences and news. The Kiwanis Club is a global service organization dedicated to helping youth. Culver’s club meets at noon weekly at the Culver Public Library. To join or learn more, contact president Russ Mason at 574-842-2656.



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From left to right, CCHS students Ian Randolph, Sam Hlssong and Brandon Ditmire.

By Courtney Littleton
Culver. Comm. High School
Like most seniors Ian Randolph, Sam Hissong, Kevin Hogan, and mid-year graduate Brandon Ditmire have been preparing for graduation in June.

However, their path has required a lot more running, jumping, and drills than the rest of the senior class. Throughout their senior year, these boys have been dedicating their time to physical training to prepare

themselves for the Marines after high school. Without further contemplation, these boys have their hearts set on serving America. Ditmire said, "I want to make the most out of my life, and be apart of brotherhood. The Marines gives me that exactly."

With the decision to join, the boys embraced Physical Training (P.T.) every Wednesday and Saturday in Warsaw, which is helping them prepare mentally and physically for boot

camp. Although they are all from the same school, each boy was sent to P.T. at different times, but all of them endured the rigorous physical activity which included a circuit training of core workouts, pull-ups, crunches, and many more exercises. Boot camp is thirteen weeks long and consists of three phases, so P.T is necessary in order to make it through. When asked how he felt about boot camp, Randolph said, "It will challenge us, that's for sure." But for these boys, the difficulties don't matter. They joined for many reasons, but Hissong summed it all up when he said the reason for joining was, "to protect and serve." Making this big decision required each of them to consider the pros and cons

of joining the military. For instance, a big drawback is that they will all be away from home for a long time, but they have worked it out. "It's going to be different, but it will be nice to see a different part of the world," said Randolph. Also, the G.I. Bill plays an exciting role in joining the military. The Bill helps pay for education or home-buying loans after service. In this case, each of them plans to take advantage of the bill and use it to pursue their college education. Even though it means being away from their family and friends, all three of these boys are looking forward to supporting our country and joining the ranks with “The Few and the Proud.”

Sports from page 5

Soph meet
Culver Academies was third with a 356 score, Plymouth’s II team was fourth just five strokes back of CMA, Plymouth’s I team placed sixth with a 389 score, John Glenn was 10th with a 425, and LaVille turned in only one complete individual score at the Lancers’ annual Frosh-Soph Invitational at Indiana National Saturday. Ben Sharff shot an 86 for CMA, while Logan Joseph turned in an 89, Matt Moody shot a 90, and Michael Heidkamp carded a 91 for the consistent Eagles. • LaVILLE FROSH-SOPH INVITATIONAL At Indiana National Golf Club (par 72)

Walls from page 4



Steve McDaniel took this photo of 103 S. Main in 1983.

"He was joined in the business by his son, Cecil, August 1, 1922," continued the Citizen. "With the passing of Old Dobbin the harness business was discontinued in 1926." David Smith was a busy man around Culver, elected town marshal eight consecutive terms, two terms on the school board, 11 years township trustee, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, and "filled every office except that of pastor in the Grace Reformed church, of which he is now trustee." Cecil Smith continued the shoe repair shop up his death, after which E.M "Bud" Espich bought it, in May, 1958. He and his wife Mary operated it up to September, 1966. The Culver Citizen newspaper was sold to the Independent-News Co., Inc., of Walkerton in November, 1967, after which it moved briefly to 103 South Main (one of its many, many homes over the years, many of them in the

downtown area). Undoubtedly more detail will emerge as to the years following, at the building, but among its other occupants was Cultice Texaco Storage, all prior to Bob Cultice opening his insurance company -- having transitioned from his longtime post with State Exchange Insurance -- at the site in the early 1980s. He held court there for more than two decades, until retiring in 2006. The building was briefly vacant prior to another local insurance agent, Larry Brockey, moved in, in July, 2008. He stayed there until 2010 when he moved across town next to his wife's Culver Coffee Company, after which 103 was empty for a while before Rochester-based Skyline Builders moved in, in Sept., 2010. Catching up on some old business, I was reminded recently that when we visited 106 South Main, across the street, some months back, it was not mentioned that Allen and Toni Tettenborn ran the Olde Towne Restaurant there (that is, the restaurant was mentioned, but not the Tettenborns) and continue to own the building, part of which houses Gail's Shop (and part of which many will remember as the now-defunct Chinese restaurant). So there you have it. Next time (next week, if space allows), we'll stroll north to today's Heritage Park and take a look at -- well, its heritage!

Culver Public Library news

Jayne Jacobson is April Artist of the Month

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library is pleased to welcome Jayne Jacobson as the Artist of the Month. Jacobson is displaying a unique mixture of her copper enamels, photographs and water colors for the month of April. Come down to Culver Public Library to view her lovely work!

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail cgood@culver.lib.in.us. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

Hooked on Books for April

Hooked on Books, Culver-Union Township Library’s premier book club, will meet Wednesday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss "More Than Human" by Theodore Sturgeon. The book is about a "...group of remarkable social outcast that band together for survival and discover their combined powers render them superhuman." (Amazon.com). You won’t want to miss out as Hooked on Books reads this inhuman science fiction novel. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail pwolf@culver.lib.in.us.

Civil War Piano Selections by Jarrod Drake

Culver-Union Township Public Library and “One Book, One Town” present CUTPL’s own Jarrod Drake playing “Civil War Selections” on the piano, Wednesday, April 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the upstairs main lobby. Drake will play selections from the Civil War Era. Visit the library’s website for a list of other One Book, One Town programs

throughout the month of April.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail cgood@culver.lib.in.us.



Artwork by Jayne Jacobson

eBook and Overdrive Workshop at Culver Library

An eBook workshop will be held at Culver-Union Township Public Library Thursday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the purple meeting room. Bring your own device or attend to learn about using the OverDrive service for eBooks and audiobooks.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

"Stampin’ Up" card making class for Mother’s Day

Culver-Union Township Public Library is "Stampin’ Up" again April 18 at 10 a.m. Made will be a two-part “Mothers Day Gift Set” consisting of a flower arrangement with vase and your choice of “Pick a Pin” A fee of \$7 will be charged and pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Culver Library or e-mail cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

Civil War Presentation by Margaret Carter

On Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m., CUTPL’s own Margaret Carter will preset an interactive presentation on the Civil War also in conjunction with the “One Book, One Town” program. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

Shred for Food events

"Shred for Food" events will be held Saturday, April 28 at the K-Mart parking lot in Plymouth from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the Rochester Plaza at the corner of 18 and SR 25 in Rochester from 2 to 4 p.m.

Clean out your office and home by bringing your unwanted paperwork and have it shredded for \$1 per box, or a free will donation. All money collected will be donated to Marshall, Starke and Fulton County food pantries. The event is sponsored by North Central Indiana Assn. of Realtors for Marshall, Starke and Fulton Counties.

Governor appoints town attorney Clevenger Chairman of Ethics Commission



Veteran Plymouth-based attorney James N. Clevenger, attorney for the town of Culver, has been appointed chairman of the Indiana State Ethics Commission by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Clevenger, a partner in the law firm of Wyland, Humphrey, Wagner & Clevenger, LLP, was appointed to the commission in 2004 by then-Gov. Joe Kernan, a Democrat, and was reappointed by Daniels, a Republican, in 2008.

The State Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over all current and former state officers, current and former state employees and appointees, and persons who have or had a business relationship with any state agency.

The commission’s function is “to make sure state government and its employees are honest, fair, and beyond reproach,” Clevenger said.

He has also been the Marshall County attorney since 1997 and serves as attorney to the Argos School District, Koontz Lake Regional Sewer District, and Pretty Lake Conservancy District.

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