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In Brief

Art, home tour related to Ball family Weds.

The Center for Culver History will host an art opening for artistic creations of summer resident Sammie Starkey, of the Ball family, Wednesday, July 11. The works tell the story of five generations of Ball family history, beginning with the family behind the Ball Corporation in Muncie (makers of the iconic Ball jars and namesake of Ball State University). This will be the final summer at Lake Maxinkuckee for the family, who will provide refreshments at the opening, from 4 to 6 p.m. At 8 p.m, the family will open up their 1900-era home for a post-show moonlight toast and tour. The home is located at 1746 East Shore Drive.

Book signing July 13

Author and Culver native Russell Leonard will be on hand to sign copies of his novel, "My Summer as a Cub," at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive, Friday, July 13. The author, a retired Indianapolis Star editor, is the son of the late Dr. Ralph Olds Leonard, a longtime orthodontist at Culver Military Academy.

Water conservation requested by town

Due to the lack of significant rainfall, residents are encouraged by the town of Culver to take steps to conserve water outside as well as inside their homes. Details, including suggestions on specific methods of conserving may be found online at townofculver.org. Those with questions or concerns please contact town hall at 574-842-3140.

Community meal at Grace July 15

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

Fire Dept. golf scramble Aug. 11

The Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept's Bill Snyder Memorial four-man golf scramble will take place Sat., Aug. 11, with tee-off at 2 p.m., at Mystic

Plenty of room for fun

Dad Brad Clousing (left) was a hit at Culver's town beach recently with a new water "toy," The Water Mat (thewatermat.com). a deceptively simple device which had several pint-sized swimmers joining Clousing's own children in the fun. Pictured, from left, are Elizabeth Unger, age 8, Kelsey Clausing, age 3, Braden Clausing (5), Sarah Unger (5), Maggie Clausing (standing, age 2), Brooke Ittersagen (5), and Chloe Salyer (5). Clausing says a friend of his pioneered the soft closed-cell polyethylene foam toy and he's testing it on Lake Maxinkuckee.

The Maxinkuckee sun sets on Ball family's legacy here

Well-known Indiana family's local roots over 60 years deep

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Since 1944, seeing "July" on the calendar meant the members of one branch of the Ball family of Indianapolis (think Ball canning jars and Ball State University) are gathered near Aubeenubbee Creek at the historic house once home to the Halcyon Boat House. This July is no exception, but there's a bittersweet tinge to the breeze blowing off Lake Maxinkuckee here at 1746, as this is likely the family's last July here.

That's certainly not the result of familial indifference. Samantha Starkey, age 20 and the granddaughter of William H. Ball Jr., has created an exquisite collection of artwork chronicling the family's past, inspired in part by her great, great grandmother's diary

and including the beloved lake house. Her aunt, Judith and Ann Eckerson, wrote "East Shore Summers: A Lake Maxinkuckee Memoir," recalling their generations cherished memories here, in 2001.

Samantha's art, in fact, is being exhibited this summer at the Center for Culver History, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's museum and research center located at the Culver Public Library, an exhibit which launched with a gala opening Weds. evening from 4 to 6 p.m. followed between 8 and 9 p.m. by a sunset toast at the Ball cottage.

From boat house to Ball house

But to begin at the beginning, 1746 East Shore Drive appears to have been one

of the several boat houses operating on the lake, in this case the Halcyon boat house or Halcyon club house. Janet Starkey, Samantha's mother, says it's assumed the house today at 1680 East Shore (now Dr. John Bernero's, but also well known as the W.O. Osborn and later, Tom Spiece cottages) was the actual home in earlier years, and the boat house was simply that: a boat house.

In later years, the boat house, refitted to be a home and dubbed "Aubeenubbee Lodge" in honor of the nearby creek (today's Curtis Ditch), was owned by J.T. Bartlett, and by the 1930s by Roy Shaneberger (the upstairs bookcase, in fact, is populated by the Shanebergers' original li-

Temperatures force cancellation of Moonlight Serenade, other events

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Excessive temperatures last weekend forced a rare cancellation of Culver Summer Schools' annual Moonlight Serenade -- or, to be more precise, the event was "postponed," according to Culver Upper Camp assistant director Emily Ryman, who announced the postponement on the Culver Citizen's Facebook page Saturday night.

"Due to the extreme heat conditions aboard the Ledbetter," she wrote, including "steel hull boat which has been baking in the 100 degree sun for the past four days...we have cancelled the Moonlight Serenade for this evening. We hope to re-schedule it for a later date."

The event had already been altered, earlier in the week, to a one-night schedule for Saturday (as opposed to respective sails Friday and Sunday on the east and west shores of the lake), with the R.H. Ledbetter boat planning to avoid the shallowest areas of the lake, where drought-affected water levels have sunk low enough to endanger the boat's ability to safely sail. In fact, rumors have abounded that the Ledbetter may have to be removed from the lake early this year due to those low levels, which last occurred during the drought of 1988.

Saturday night's Woodcraft Council Fire program was also canceled due to the heat, the second cancellation in a row for the event (the previous weekend's was called off due to the widespread power outage following Friday afternoon storms). The cancellation comes as unfortunate given the special roster of programs for the camp's 100th year this summer. This Saturday's

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Public hearing on golf carts on county roads Monday

By Lydia Beers
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — Marshall County commissioners will be seeking input from the public Monday, July 16 at 10 a.m., as they consider the issue of allowing golf carts access on county roads.

An ordinance to allow golf carts on certain county roads around lakes was passed on first reading in a June meeting, but commissioners later asked County Attorney Jim Clevenger to revise the ordinance to allow access on all county roads. During their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, county commissioners again discussed the proposed ordinance, and Clevenger advised of two possible issues that may come up with formal approval of the measure.

"I was advised by Mike Miley (of Gibson Insurance) that a golf cart on a public roadway is not typically covered by homeowner's insurance," said Clevenger.

The ordinance commissioners are considering requires golf carts to be insured, but does not require a registration with the county. Therefore, Clevenger expressed concern that there might not be a way to regulate whether or not the golf carts are covered by insurance.

"Without a registration process, it will be difficult to make sure that (the golf carts) are insured," said Clevenger. Golf cart owners may have to ask for specific coverage of their carts from their homeowner's insurance provider, said Clevenger, and commissioners would have to rely on the owners' word that they had done so.

Another concern, brought up to Clevenger by Sheriff Tom Chamberlin, is that golf cart owners would drive on county roads during the winter while snow is on the ground, causing a hazard for themselves and other motorists. These issues and any others will be discussed further at the public hearing July 16, in Room 203 of the Marshall County Building, 112 W. Jefferson St. in Plymouth.



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More downed power lines lead to fire

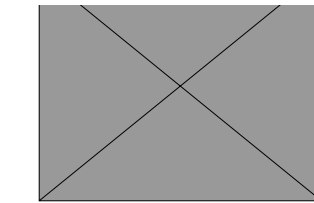
Even before the June 29 storm which rendered Culver without power, an accident three days earlier left a section of Culver powerless and left a section of grass even more scorched than the sun already had rendered it.

A semi truck driven by William Obryant III made a delivery Tuesday afternoon to Culver Elementary School, but according to Obryant, failed to clear a low-hanging fiber optic line owned by the school corporation, on its return from the delivery. While turning east off Slate Street onto college, the semi caught the wire, says town marshal Wayne Bean, and pulled an extensive amount of wire, and two utility poles, down. When the live wires struck the grassy strip along Academy Road between Slate and School Streets, sparks set the dry grass ablaze, though Culver's fire department soon had the flames doused. A third pole was also damaged, notes Bean.



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Academies staff, students, others praised for response to storm

“So much by so many.”

That’s how Culver Academies Facilities Director Jeff Kutch described the response by everyone from facilities employees to summer staff and campers in the aftermath of the June 29 “major storm event” which took down trees and knocked out power to Woodcraft Camp and the campus.

The storm was one of the most destructive and fast-moving bands of severe thunderstorms in North American history, according to national weather officials, resulting in 22 deaths in several states and millions without power in nine states and the District of Columbia.

Miraculously, there were no injuries and structural damage was minimal, though Kutch said the Culver campus “looked like a war zone” and was without electricity from 2 to 8 p.m. Everything was up and running in less than 48 hours.

But 20 minutes after the storm blew through “everywhere I looked people were doing what had to be done. From facilities to campers, they were picking up, sweeping up; taking ownership of their residence. That is what shined for me.

“There was a tremendous ‘whatever it takes’ mentality and the spirit required to get through this. I am so proud of all of them.” Kutch said.

Summer Camps Director Tony Mayfield also praised how everyone – the facilities crew, the janitorial and dining hall staffs, the camp staff, and the campers – worked together to make the best of the situation. Generators were used to maintain the basics and to make sure that both dining halls were functioning. “We wanted to make sure everyone had plenty of food and water,” Mayfield said.

The Academies’ janitorial staff worked all weekend to keep the restroom facilities, which operate on electricity, functioning and sanitized, Mayfield said. The facilities crew, along with staff and campers who volunteered, cleared the paved walkways through Woodcraft and stacked the debris where it could easily be removed.

Kutch also extended his appreciation to the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. Woodcraft is served by NIPSCO, he said, and the utility realized the significance of where some 600 children were located and made restoring power to Woodcraft a priority.



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Independence Day thanks

Barbara Burke (right) greets Pearl Harbor survivor Jim Dewitt of Culver following the showing of a video documentary on his, and 23 other survivors’ return to Pearl Harbor last December for the 70th anniversary of the bombing there. Dewitt was a guest of Culver’s Kiwanis Club in honor of the 4th of July holiday, last Thursday at the Culver Public Library.

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Hills golf course. The event will have a “Beer, Bands, and Brats” theme, with Marshall County-based band Greenfire starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, which includes food and live music. Beer is \$2 per cup and mixed drinks are available at course cost. Contact 574-952-2809 or any firefighter for more information.

Maxinkuckee Players’ summer schedule

Maxinkuckee Players summer of 2012 musical “Crazy for You” is a romantic comedy filled with Gershwin music. All six performances will be at the Culver Community High School auditorium starting with opening night July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Other opportunities to see this show include: July 29 at 4 p.m., Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 4 p.m.

Sponsorship in our program is available through the deadline July 13. For further information, please contact Lenore Jones at Lenore@ancofficeproducts.com.

Wesley Preschool senior class openings

The Wesley Preschool senior class, age 4 by Aug. 1, has openings for this fall. Classes meet Monday, Wed and Fri beginning after Labor Day. For more information, please call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852.

Tutors needed

Tutors are needed for A Better Chance 2 Learn, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, weekly beginning Aug. 27, at the Culver Public Library. Training will take place in Mentone Wednes days and Thursdays. Adult must be able to pass a short screening test, background check, and able to tutor. Call Tina Bailey for more information, at 574-505-1028.

Kids’ art classes next week

A one-week kids’ art camp will meets daily the week of July 16 through 20. Activities are targeted toward ages 5 to 10, but all are welcome. Explored will be the works of famous artists and students will create their own “works of art.” Register by July 11. Cost is \$20 per child. The class will meet in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Church Mon. and Tues., 10 a.m. to noon, and Wed. through Fri., 2 to 4 p.m. Please call 574-274-7097 or email parefamily@att.net for registration information.

Kiwanis raffle tickets available

Tickets are available for the Culver Kiwanis Club’s annual raffle to benefit local charities. Prizes include \$35,000 towards the choice of a vehicle from Oliver Ford Lincoln of Plymouth, or \$25,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 each or

three for \$50, and are available at Osborne’s Mini-Mart and Park N’ Shop in Culver, or from members of Culver Kiwanis Club. Drawing will be held July 21 after Lake Fest fireworks in Culver’s town park. Inquiries may be directed to culverkiwanis@gmail.com or 317-363-6681.

Kiwanis golf outing July 20

Culver Kiwanis Club’s annual golf tournament and outing will take place Friday, July 20, at Mystic Hills golf course in Culver. The shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$280 per foursome or \$70 per person. Event coordinators are seeking additional sponsors for the event,

Quilt show at Wesley July 20 wknd

A Quilt Show sponsored by Susanna Quilters, “Something Old, Something New,” will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street in Culver during Lake Fest weekend. The show will be open to the public Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, July 22, from noon to 4 p.m.

Lake Max canoe-kayak ‘poker run’

Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and the Lake Maxinkuckee Association -- in conjunction with Culver’s 2012 Lake Fest Committee -- will sponsor a Canoe, Kayak & SUP Poker Run on Lake Maxinkuckee Friday, July 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Participants pick up playing cards along routes and return to the launch area by 7:45. Those with the best poker hand will win first prize. Learn more at culverlakefest.com.

Corn roast, Firemen’s Fest July 28

A longtime annual tradition, the Culver Lions Club’s corn roast, held in the town park, will take place Saturday evening, July 28, starting at 4 p.m. Fresh-roasted corn on the cob, hamburgers, and more are part of the cost of the meal.

The annual Culver Firemen’s Festival is also part of the lineup. Taking place outside the fire station on Lake Shore Drive, the event includes games, play activities for children, and much more.

Spanish class for children

A Spanish class for children will take place Thursdays through Aug 2 at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Activities are aimed at children aged 5 to 10, but older children are welcome. Registration is \$20 for the first child, \$15 for additional sibling(s). No child turned away due to lack of money. Please call 574-274-7097 or email parefamily@att.net for registration information.



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Ruff hired at Farm Credit Mid-America

Rochester June 2012 – Jacob (Jake) Ruff has been named Financial Services Officer for Farm Credit in Rochester. Ruff will service loans and financially related services for an \$18 billion financial lending cooperative serving more than 92,500 farmer-producers, agribusinesses and rural residents throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. His territory includes the Fulton, Pulaski, Starke and Marshall County areas. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing from the University of Indianapolis.

Jake was raised on a grain farm near Winamac. Prior to joining Farm Credit he worked as a sales representative for Gilsinger’s John Deere in Winamac. Jake and his wife recently moved to Rochester and are looking forward to what the future holds for them in this community.

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America makes loans for farm and rural living purposes, including real estate, operating, equipment, and housing and related services such as leasing and crop insurance. To reach the Rochester sales office, call 1-800-508-9873 or visit the organization’s website at www.e-farmcredit.com.



Library news

‘Apron Lady’ on women’s history July 24

Esther Duncan – the Apron Lady – is coming to CUTPL Tuesday, July 24 at 2 p.m. Duncan will present a program with a unique take on women’s role in society throughout history.

Her apron project follows the progression of aprons from their earliest recorded use to the Women’s Movement of the mid 1960s. She provides a very entertaining and historical program, breathing new life into a garment that played a significant role in defining that unique character of farm women.

For more information, contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us

Fall is Artist of the Month for July

Culver-Union Township Public Library is welcoming Lynn Fall as its artist of the month for July. Fall works in soft pastels.

Fall is a Plymouth native who has many happy memories of summers on Lake Maxinkuckee with her Aunt Ellen and Uncle Jack Rosebaum. She has been painting with pastels for almost two years.

A member of Heartland Artists in Plymouth, Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, Mich., and the Northern Indiana Pastel Society, Fall is also a board member of Northern Indiana Artists, Inc. and also serves on the Elder Council of Moon Tree Studios and Gallery. She will be among the plein-air painters at the South Bend Museum of Art’s Garden Walk this year.

Her work has been displayed in numerous shows in northern Indiana and southern Michigan, including the South Bend Museum of Art, the South Bend Civic Theatre, MoonTree Gallery, Donaldson, IN, and others.

For more information, contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us

PC migration on tap at Thursday Tech Time

Thursday Tech Time at the library will take place July 19 at 6 p.m., and will focus on migrating to a new PC. Learn about various methods to efficiently transfer information between an old PC and a new PC.

Thursday Tech Time, held the third Thursday of the month, is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

‘Circus’ coming to county museum

PLYMOUTH — Starting Saturday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Marshall County Museum model train exhibit will feature a circus theme inspired by Disney’s Dumbo complete with circus train cars, special engines and locomotives, dazzling light shows, and a flying elephant. For kids who want a more “hands-on” experience, the play train set will have a big top circus tent and circus acts. The circus theme will only be available for viewing until the end of August.

The trains are available for viewing during regular hours, but only run Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum is located at 123 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. For questions please call 574-936-2306.

New computer classes debut this month

Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a session of completely new computer classes this month. Classes are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. Computer classes are free and open to the public.

Sessions for July and the first two weeks of August include: Video Editing Part I (July 16 and 20); Video Editing Part II (July 23 and 27); Resume Building (July 30 Aug. 3); Finances with Excel (Aug. 6 and 10).

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. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

Library briefs

*The library will dedicate the **Rita Lawson Science Fiction/Fantasy Collection** at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, in the in the upstairs lobby of the library. Lawson was a former Culver schoolteacher and avid science fiction and fantasy reader who shared her passion with countless students through the years. The library will also inaugurate a Science Fiction Book Club on the occasion. The public is welcome at the event.

*The library is preparing to clear out **lost and found** items. If you feel we may have your missing item, please check in at the computer lab before July 14, after which the items will be donated to the thrift store.

*A **card-making class** with Marge Keltner will take place Tuesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. The project for this class is a “slider” card; there is a \$5 fee and sign-up is required.



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Kiwanis
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results

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual bass tournament last month was a success, with John Hampel from Westville and Phil Strakowski of LaPorte taking first place with 10.4 pounds of bass, according to Kiwanian Jim Weirick. Rich and son Hunter Patton, of Plymouth, took second with 9.9 pounds of fish. Rick and Janice Hite, also of Plymouth, took third with 9.8 pounds of fish; and Jim Appensteel of Rochester and Bobby Nelson of Fulton took fourth with 9.7 pounds. Culver's own Jon Van Horn and Randy Burkett took "Big Bass" with a largemouth weighing 3.11 pounds.



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Tasty literature

Culver Elementary teacher Jean Ahlenius and her grandson, William Tate, pause at the book signing and release party for Culver author Jack Johnston’s new children’s book, “The Ice Cream Hotel” (theicecreamhotel.com, [facebook.com/theicecreamhotel](https://www.facebook.com/theicecreamhotel)). The event, at the Culver Coffee Company in June, offered free CCC ice cream to anyone purchasing a copy of the book, which Johnston was on hand to sign.

Special Woodcraft 100th events
continue

The U.S. Postal Service’s Culver office is recognizing the centennial celebration of the Culver Academies’ Woodcraft camp with a souvenir pictorial postmark Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 at the registration site at Culver Academies, where a temporary retail station will be set up. A special pictorial postmark will be provided each day when you present an addressed or unaddressed envelope, postal card, or other item with sufficient First Class Mail postage.

Other events include the **centennial pageant** on the Academies football field July 20 at 9:15 p.m.; the Summer Schools Garrison Parade Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m.; a special exhibit of Indian art at The Crisp Visual Arts Center (Sundays in July from 1 to 5 p.m.); and **Sat. night Council Fires** including: **(July 14)** "Pilgrimage to Lake Maxinkuckee" (the three principal tribes in the Culver area); and **(July 28)** "The Little White Beaver Saga." Council Fires start at 9 p.m. A special exhibit on the famous founders of the camp, and its history, is on display this summer at the **Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop**, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver.



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If these walls could talk: 109 N. Main St.

109 N. Main Street, the subject of this week's "virtual" (and historical) journey through downtown Culver, doesn't actually exist. Not any more, at least.

Generations of past Culverites wouldn't recognize the southwest corner of Main and Washington Streets as it appears today, which is to say -- as discussed in our last "Walls" installment -- the annex to the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's 1915 Carnegie building at 107 N. Main.

As it happens, 109 N. Main hasn't existed for more than 50 years. 109 was the address of Culver's Methodist (or for much of its life, Methodist Episcopal) church, but circa 1956, the address at that site changed to 105 Washington. More on that later.

The downtown Methodist church was certainly one of Culver's grandest and most iconic buildings. It came into being after several years of local Methodists (being, along with Baptists, the predominant Christian group in Culver at the time) worshipping in the local schoolhouse, among other places.

After the purchase of the lot at Main and Washington for \$50, construction was completed on the wood frame church building there in 1868. Painted white exteriorly, the church was built, it was said, from poplar lumber sawn at the mill at the Maxinkuckee Village, on today's 18B Road, and then rafted across the lake to the town known then as Marmont.

The frame church served its congregation for 30 years, until at the cost of \$5,000 it was remodeled and enlarged, with a brick edifice added and the building rotated on its base, the main entrance facing Main Street at a slight angle. The expansion was to the east and west, and a base-

ment was added, as was a beautiful clock and bell tower. The clock is clearly visible in early photos, but by the mid-1930s (and likely earlier), it was absent from the building. It's striking that Culver appears to be poised, in 2012, to erect its first public "town clock" in the downtown area since the Methodist church's tower clock went away nearly 100 years ago!

As alluded to in our recent column on the library, the Methodist church apparently had no restroom facilities (not entirely shocking since it was dedicated in 1898), so for many years the library left its restroom unlocked for use by worshippers on Sunday mornings.

A blurb in the Culver Citizen in Nov., 1909 noted that the wooden sidewalk outside the church, even then referred to as a "relic of prehistoric times," had been replaced with a cement one.

It's interesting to note that the seating configuration ran lengthwise to the pulpit and altar, and an "amen corner" was thus fashioned in the west end of the sanctuary, according to early descriptions.

The church parsonage -- whose location we'll discuss in the next column -- sat across Washington Street to the north, where the BP gas station sits today.

An era ended in 1955 when the old church fell to the wrecking ball after nearly 100 years' occupancy, and the Wesley United Methodist Church opened at its present site at 511 N. School Street.

A year later, a new structure, also surrounded by brick, was opened, this time facing Washington Street (the aforementioned 105 W. Washington) and occupied by Culver's NIPSCO office. In the basement of the one-story structure, dentist Dr. John Oldham opened a practice in the spring of 1958, practicing there for around the next 12 years.

By 1983, the State Exchange Insurance Company was occupying the building, though soon the bank made the transition to the Norcen Bank (and insurance company). In 1999, Bremen's Miller Insurance acquired Norcen, giving birth to today's Miller-Norcen Insurance company. Two years later, that business moved across the street to its present location at 116 N. Main Street, paving the way for demolition of its previous home, in order to make room for the Culver Public Library's great expansion.

So today, if you're attending a meeting in the library's large, lower-level room or spending time in its computer lab, you're occupying space where a thousand hymns were once sung and a thousand energy-related or insurance transactions took place (though not likely at the same time!).

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Culver Comm. High School graduate John Zehner, has been involved in several start-up projects in Culver in recent years, including

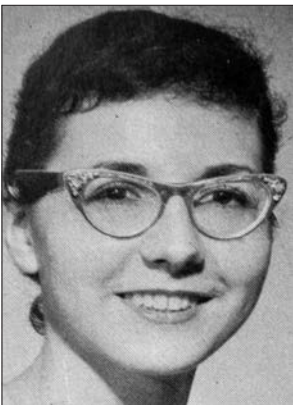


LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, John Zehner. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

several readers earned themselves coveted free parking spots in downtown Culver by correctly identifying him. They include Jill Neidlinger, Anna Neher, Jim Keller Jr., Kay Tusing, Tim McCarthy, Lisa Guyse, Carin Clifton, and Ginny Munroe.

This week's Mystery Citizen should be recognizable to generations of Culverites for a great and impactful tenure at a particular institution in the community.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



Sports briefs

Banfich named Academic All-American



PRINCETON, N.J. — Plymouth native and CGA alum Alex Banfich has been named to the Capital One Academic All-America Division I Cross Country and Track & Field Team for Princeton College, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Banfich is a third-team selection to the Academic All-America team, and is the first from the program to earn the honor since Megan Brandeland was named third-team in 2009. A four-time All-America, Banfich earned Princeton’s von Kienbusch Award for the school’s most outstanding senior female student-athlete. She placed fifth at the 2011 NCAA Cross Country Championship, the highest finish by a Tiger at the NAAs in program history. A captain of both squads, Banfich has earned two All-America honors in cross country and two in track. During her career she competed in six NCAA Championships and was a first-team All-Ivy League selection four times, while also winning the individual title at the 2010 Ivy League cross country championship. Banfich has helped to guide Princeton to six Ivy League team titles including a triple crown in 2010-11. Banfich graduated from Princeton in May with a degree in history.



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Elliott wins at Junior Tour

Culver’s Trent Elliott carries his bag during tour play at a Marshall County Junior Tour event at Round Barn. Elliott won the boys 16-18 flight with a 75 at the meet.

Weaser garners prestigious CGA award



CULVER — Rural Plymouth resident Monica Weaser was named the recipient of one of Culver Girls Academy’s most prestigious awards at the Culver Academies’ Commencement Convocation. The daughter of Guy and Laura Weaser, of Plymouth, Monica was awarded the Mary Frances England Humanitarian Award. One of the top three awards presented annually to a graduating senior girl, the England Humanitarian Award goes to the girl who, by her acts, has revealed an exemplary concern for others. England was the founding director of Culver Academy for Girls and the dean of the girls school from 1971-1984. Weaser’s selection is best supported by her Senior Leadership Practicum, which requires each senior to develop a project that responds to a social need. Monica created and implemented a food waste-recycling program in the dining hall in which students, faculty, and staff deposit their uneaten food so that it can be composted on campus. In addition, she served as secretary for BEAM, a county-wide organization associated with the local United Way, and was president of Green Life, the Academies’ environmental organization. As a member of the Community Service Council, Monica also worked closely with the Culver community and students of both Culver high schools to organize and advertise local service activities such as Shop with a Cop, Adopt a Family, and the Special Olympics, among others. Monica also volunteered in Culver’s Academic Skills Center as a peer tutor/coach, for the Culver-hosted Special Olympics, and for the annual student-organized, student-run Relay For Life of Culver. Academically, Monica was inducted to the highly selective Cum Laude honorary society, an academic honor society for seniors, and she received seven Gold A’s and one Silver A during her four years. A Gold A represents a semester gradepoint average of 3.7 or better on a 4.0 scale with no grade below a B-plus. A Silver A is awarded to a student who earns between a 3.4 and 3.7 GPA with no grade below a B. Athletically, Monica rowed for four years, was co-captain of CGA crew as a senior and the recipient of the 1st Lt. Andrew Stern Scholarship and Rowing Award. The award is presented annually to the senior on Culver’s crew team who best exemplifies the traits of dedication, honesty, joyfulness, respect, and integrity exhibited by Stern, a 1998 Culver Military graduate. Stern, a Marine first lieutenant, was killed in action in Iraq in September 2004. Monica also played soccer and basketball. Monica will be attending Loyola Maramount University, where she has signed a letter of intent to row collegiately. Additionally, Monica served as CGA Council Chair and Dining Hall Chair during her senior year and was a member of the Stamp Club, the student newspaper, and No Labels, a student organization that promotes diversity.



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Culver Pathfinders visit carousel

Culver's Pathfinders home for developmentally challenged adults paid a visit to Logansport's historic 1890s carousel recently, heading to France Park afterwards for a picnic. Pictured in the TOP PHOTO is Nancy Davis displaying tokens won for grabbing the most brass rings on the ride. BELOW, Theresa Lowry and Frances Radics enjoy the ride, particularly significant for Lowry, who -- being wheel chair dependent -- as her very first carousel ride ever.

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Lake Max Challenge brings new faces, words of praise to Culver

Organizers release results, summary of first annual event and date for next year's

The first annual Lake Max Challenge on Saturday, June 30 was a huge success, according to organizers Ed and Becky Furry of Culver's Sail22. Stand-up paddleboard (SUP) racers from throughout the Midwest, Hawaii and Canada were in attendance for the only World Paddle Association (WPA) sanctioned race in Indiana, which was also part of the Midwest SUP Series. The event -- which had been previewed on WNIT PBS television earlier in the week -- kicked off with Friday evening's SUP demo at the Culver Beach Lodge with over 50 people experiencing paddling and trying out different boards thanks to the Culver Marina and Boardworks Surf. An open house at Sail22 Headquarters provided racers and the public a chance to gather and enjoy several types of microbrews provided by Papa's restaurant and light snacks.

Local musician Chad VanHerk provided entertainment at the open house strumming tunes on his guitar throughout the evening.

Saturday morning, boards on top of cars were spotted coming from all directions to the Culver Beach Lodge. Shaina Lampton of the Bottom Line Training Co provided an early morning yoga session on the beach for our racers and the Culver Community. Registration more than doubled from the preregistrants with word spreading among the SUP community that the Lake Max Challenge was not to be missed. Fresh fruit from the Original Rootbeer Stand and the Lakehouse Grill was available prior to racing,

with free coffee available at the Culver Coffee Company to race participants.

Unfortunately, all of Culver was without power due to a massive summer storm that swept through the area Friday afternoon, causing major damage to many trees. Racers took this in stride and joked this would add to the "challenge."

Kelly Young and her team of workers at the Culver beach worked extremely hard to make sure the beach area was free of debris in the racing area so that the Lake Max Challenge could take place, say the Furrys.

The men's recreational race category was the first group to take to the course, with Maurice Anthon, winning the race, followed by Chad VanHerk (Culver, IN) in second, Tim Truman (Indianapolis, IN) in third, Steve Schaub (Culver, IN) in fourth and Bill Becker (Culver, IN) in fifth.

A separate ladies division recreational race start had Susan Mikesell (Noblesville, IN) winning the ladies recreation category, followed by Leslie Maclin

(Evanston, IL) taking second place and Susan Stanley (Orland Park, IL) in third.

The Elite division, which included world ranked professional racer, Slater Trout (Maui, HI), was impressive to watch. Starts for the 12'6" and 14' categories were requested and led to some great racing.

Slater Trout won the 12'6" Elite division, followed by Tony Paul (Spring Lake, MI) and Matt Reaume (Belle River, ON). Winning the 14' Elite Division was Matt Johnson (Holland, MI), with Rob Plankenhorn in second

and Ken Lambrecht (Wauaukee, WI) in third.

Trout had high praise for the event and Culver in general on his website, slatertrout.com, following the event.

"We were amazed to find not only a beautiful spring fed lake but also the coolest little town, Culver, settled right along the lakeshore," Trout wrote in a July 9 posting. "After finding our bed and breakfast we headed to the lake for a swim and found lots of people from town had the same idea. Everyone there enjoys the lake wether its for sailing, waterskiing, swimming and yes now stand up paddling."

Of the town-wode power outage during the race, Trout wrote, "...No one in Culver complained, everyone just dealt with it, got in the lake to cool down and waited for power. Even Gina at Inn by the Lake where we stayed rallied the next morning and made bacon and eggs on her gas stove, served up instant coffee and muffins and sent me off to race with a good breakfast.

"Everyone in Culver was awesome and as we loaded up to head to Chicago we were figuring out how to come back next year and spend some time before the race hanging out at the lake for a few extra days."

One of the highlights of the day was the Kid's Races where fifteen children ranging in age from 5 to 14 years old participated in multiple heats. Furthest traveled was Stephanie Richey of Grayslake, IL.

Tim Truman of Boardworks Surf provided demo boards for the Kid's Races and to many of the race entrants to allow maximum participation. The perpetual Lake Max Challenge trophy, created by racer and local artist John Bickel, was presented to each classes' winner along with generous prizes from sponsors.

After the racing was completed, Slater Trout held an optional clinic for racers where he shared his knowledge of paddle techniques, buoy turning and beach starts with participants. It's always great to learn from one of the best and he was happy to share with the group.

The Maxinkuckee Yacht Club and the Culver Marina provided on course support of the racing.

Interested readers should mark their calendars for next year, June 29, 2013, for the next Lake Max Challenge. Slater Trout is planning to return and bring some of his biggest competitors, say the Furrys, who plan to keep the Lake Max Challenge FaceBook page up to date all year long (www.facebook.com/LakeMaxChallenge). Email info@lakemaxchallenge.com with questions.

Culver couple has 'great experience' at U.K. sail

Ed and Becky Furry, the Culver-based couple behind the Lake Max Challenge paddleboarding race last weekend in Culver, continue to have not only a national, but international impact in the sailing world.

That fact was reiterated recently when the couple, who own and operate sailing company Sail22, made the trek to Dartmouth, United Kingdom for the J/80 Worlds sailing competition (www.j80worlds2012.com), where they raced a Danish boat owned by Will Crump and Thomas Klok.

Over 75 boats from 10 countries competed in the event. For the Furrys, the race was especially enjoyable as it was a rare opportunity for them to sail together.

"I have never seen her smile so much while freezing her

butt off," Ed quips. "And she doesn't like cold weather"

The couple teamed up last fall on a different J/80 named Church Key, from Annapolis, Maryland, to win the J/80 East Coasts, says Ed. During that race, they beat the team they're now racing with.

"It's nice when our efforts on the water open up new doors," Ed says.

The cold, rainy weather wasn't entirely unexpected for Britian, of course, and Ed notes there was less wind than racers had hoped for, for most of the regatta. The final day "it all came back with 33 knots and big seas, which cancelled racing.

"This was bad for the racing and results side, but good because we were able to spend some time checking out the

area," he adds.

Overall, Furry calls J/80 Worlds "a great experience."

"Other than some bad luck and very fast teams from Spain and France we felt we were right where we needed to be with a new team. And the fact that I was able to race with my wife that made it even better."

Ed and Becky Furry blog about their Sail22 adventures -- and document them photographically -- at Sail22.com, as well as on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Sail22Racing.

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Dick Zimmerman, will still focus on the Indians of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Temperatures pushed well over 100 last week, particularly on Thursday and Friday, when special cooling stations were set up through 11 p.m. at Culver's beach lodge and town hall. Many outdoor activities, including at Culver's summer camps, were canceled or moved indoors through the end of the week.

Culver's fire department still hopes to reschedule the 4th of July fireworks show which was put on hold due to a county-wide ban in wake of dry, fire-conducive conditions. Especially in light of the Woodcraft centennial, it's hoped the display can yet take place this summer.

The heat wave seems to have caused no major problems in Culver, said town marshal Wayne Bean, who expressed his thanks to the citizens of Culver for working with the police department following the June 29 storm and power outage here. Police, along with town crews, were on the streets immediately after the storm, assisting in cleanup of fallen trees and limbs.

Culverites were given a respite at the start of this week, as temperatures in the 70s and 80s seemed almost arctic after the veritable oven endured by the community of late.It's not yet been announced whether rains experienced in recent days may bring about an end to burning and fire-works bans put in place by Marshall County officials earlier this summer.

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Culver pre-k'ers get free eye exams

Five-year-old David Hite (right), son of Jessica Hite, was one of the pre-kindergarten students taking advantage of free eye exams offered by Dr. Mark Coutts (left) at Family Vision Clinic in Culver. The eye exam "kindergarten roundup," in its second year, is conducted in conjunction with Culver Comm. Schools nurse Kathie Hermanson, who shares news of the exams with parents of the youngsters headed to kindergarten in the fall, says Diane Shaffer of the clinic.

Any pre-kindergarten student with proper paperwork showing their school status is able to receive the exam at no cost, regardless of whether or not they have insurance.

Student eye exams are nothing new, however, to Coutts. He's been devoting one morning each year, near the start of the school year, to visiting the school to give eye exams to a number of students who need them, since 1985.

"Mark wanted to give back to the community," says Shaffer of the kindergarten roundup program.

Family Vision Clinic is located at 202 N. Main Street in Culver and can be reached by phone at 574-842-3372. The clinic's website is familyvisionclinic-culver.com.

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Family from page 1

brary, complete with family signatures in many volumes).

William ("Bill") H. Ball Jr. notes that his parents purchased the cottage at 1746 in 1944, the year he graduated from Culver Military Academy.

Ball's grandfather, William C. Ball, Sr., was one of the famous five Ball brothers who moved their canning jar manufacturing operation from Buffalo, New York, to Muncie, Indiana, in the 1880s. Prior to his retirement in 1947, William C. had been of the Ball Brothers Company (now Ball Corporation), also serving with the CIA in Washington and later (in 1953) as personal representative of President Dwight Eisenhower in commemoration ceremonies for the Cecil Rhodes Central Africa Centenary. He retired from Ball in 1955, and he and his wife Agnes would later relocate to Indianapolis, operating several car dealerships, chairing the board of the Haag Drug Company there. Along the way, of course, William C. and his four brothers also purchased a struggling, private college in Muncie and gifted it to the state of Indiana in 1918, continuing in the ensuing years to help steer it to success as Ball State University.

William H. Jr. says his family, which also included sister Lucina, had previously rented on the lake each summer during his tenure at CMA.

"They loved the place," he recalls, "and starting looking for a spot in 1942...they finally found this place."

Of the five original Ball brothers, Bill's branch is the only one to find his summer home on Lake Maxinkuckee. The others flew to Leland, Michigan each summer.

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Summer fun on the lake

Childhood summers at the cottage for Lucina Ball Eckerson's daughters Judy and Ann, were lovingly described (by Judy and illustrated by Ann) in "East Shore Summers," where Judy -- today of Indianapolis -- describes nicknaming William H. Sr., "Pompom" and his wife Agnes, "Mimi."

William H. Ball Sr. died in 1980 and Agnes in 1985.

In addition to joyous childhood days of boating and turtle-hunting, tree climbing and water skiing, in the book Judy recalls her "Uncle Bill" (William H. Jr.) owning a popular Indianapolis supper club in the 1960s and occasionally bringing celebrities to the lake cottage, such as jazz singer Buddy Greco and his then-fiancé Dani, who later married David Jansen, star of the TV show "The Fugitive" (grandmother Mimi promptly assigned the unmarried couple separate rooms, on separate floors).

Judy also describes Bill Ball as something of a local celebrity on water-skis, staging impromptu shows on the lake and impressing with his skills at the ski jump; he, in fact, traversed the lake on skis with Ann or Judy on his shoulders.



PHOTOS/BALL FAMILY AND *JUDI BURNS
ABOVE: Aubbeenaubbee Lodge near the turn of the 20th century in its days as Halcyon Villa.
LEFT: William H. ("Bill") Ball Jr., in a familiar pose atop water skis on Lake Maxinkuckee. In this photo, he's in his 70s and going strong.

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"Built like a castle"

Wm. H. Ball Sr. ("Pompom") built an additional guest cottage in 1955, between the main house and East Shore Drive. Bill recalls a "big flood" in 1995 which did major damage to that cottage, which sat in a low spot on the property. It was demolished and a new structure -- complete with the central air conditioning Aubbeenaubbee Lodge lacks -- was built in 2000. Since the Maxinkuckee golf course built a holding pond, Bill notes, Aubbeenaubbee Creek-based flooding has become a thing of the past.

Bill added a screened-in porch to the main cottage in the late 1980s, and the upstairs bathroom was re-done and new windows replaced the originals.

Despite the lack of air conditioning in the main cottage, Bill notes, "This place is built like a castle! With the stone foundation, it stays really cool in there."

He adds that watching the sun set over the west shore of the lake was an especially beloved event at the cottage, and "one of the features of the day."

Saying goodbye, in word and image

It's not certain this will be the Ball family's last summer at the cottage, but it seems likely. As has been the case for a number of families on the lake whose presence here goes back five decades and more, the radical jump in property taxes is bringing an end to a great many Maxinkuckee traditions.

Beginning in the early 2000s, says Bill, the property taxes at 1746 doubled; the next year they tripled. Between 2000 and this year, they've gone from \$1,300 per year to over \$20,000, an all-too common story on the lake, especially the east shore.

"It's expensive to keep up," he acknowledges. "We've lost a lot of people (on the lake) because of that."

It was Bill's wish to pass the property down to his children, which took place in 2009, but the writing has increasingly been on the wall. There's been talk of meeting elsewhere or seeking out a house on a less expensive lake somewhere. Meantime, a "for sale" sign has sprouted up outside Aubbeenaubbee Lodge.

A series of fortunate events has led to an opportunity to celebrate the Ball family's Maxinkuckee legacy with the community at large.

Janet Starkey says she received a call a few years ago from Marizetta Kenney, then of the Center for Culver History, looking for information on the history of the family here. The request came at an opportune time.

Starkey's daughter Samantha had been seeking a concentration for an AP high school art class requiring 12 pieces around a particular theme. Three weeks before the project was due, recalls Samantha with a smile, she was in the family attic and unearthed a folder full of aged Ball Corporation documents as well as her great, great grandmother's diary, sketches included.

Samantha's project, then, begins with the generation of the five Ball brothers and moves forward to today. Employing pen and ink over rice paper, acrylic paint and tissue paper collage overlays (then tea-stained), the artwork is based on old family photographs. The last piece in the series depicts the family's life at the lake.

He would even ski at Cypress Gardens in Florida with the famed Dick Pope, utilizing his Maxinkuckee-gained skiing chops.

Bill brought four of his own children to the lake each summer -- twin girls, Janet and Julie, and two boys, John and William H. III, or "Chip" (both of whom live today on the west coast). The cottage has seen three weddings during the Ball family's tenure here, Bill points out, the last being seven years ago. "The weddings were big," says Bill, "and a few years ago we had a big jazz party with 150 people. My friend, a jazz singer from Chicago Frank D'rone came up...it was a great party."

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He would even ski at Cypress Gardens in Florida with the famed Dick Pope, utilizing his Maxinkuckee-gained skiing chops.

Bill brought four of his own children to the lake each summer -- twin girls, Janet and Julie, and two boys, John and William H. III, or "Chip" (both of whom live today on the west coast). The cottage has seen three weddings during the Ball family's tenure here, Bill points out, the last being seven years ago. "The weddings were big," says Bill, "and a few years ago we had a big jazz party with 150 people. My friend, a jazz singer from Chicago Frank D'rone came up...it was a great party."

Bill was also, says daughter Janet, "master of fireworks" each year.

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"So that's what I associate with our inheritance on that side of the Ball family, is this piece of property," Samantha notes. "I feel it all led down to this house."

The artworks and their accompanying story, says Janet, seemed a perfect centerpiece for an exhibit on the Ball family at Lake Maxinkuckee, so she called the museum and arranged the exhibit with current director Rachel Meade.

Uniting a family

"My sister Julie and I grew up here," says Janet. "We would always take off the month of July and stay up here with our mom and dad. Through the years, myself and my three siblings...and their children have come up here every summer."

"But the coolest thing for myself and us four siblings," she adds, "is that we had all our children up here, from babies on up. All the cousins are more like siblings and they're all very close because of the space and the time. It has created a close-knit family."

Bill concurs that the time family members have spent here each year has been "so important."

"The hardest thing, when it's gone, will be to not have that space," Janet notes. "It's a place where nothing changes."

"I call it a Zen time warp," adds her husband Richard. "There's no time here!"

Tyler Starkey, the oldest of Bill's grandchildren and a recent college graduate, calls it "my favorite place ever. I look forward to coming here every summer."

Rather than working this summer, in fact, he says he chose to spend his last summer on the lake. That summer, he explains, is definitely bitter-sweet.

"There are so many memories of having all the cousins, around same age, here. We've been really close."

William H. "Chip" Ball III wrote of the place in 1989, "No other place exudes the magic tranquility, nostalgic charm and romantic beauty that allows the mind to dream, the spirit to soar and the heart to love."

Judith Eckerson's "East Shore Summers" book concludes with her poignant description of standing in the open doorway of the cottage facing the lake, today, picturing grandfather "Pompom" waving from the end of the pier, years ago.

"The haunting echo of his jovial voice drifts shoreward on the wind, enticing me to join him on board the (boat) The Duchess for a