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In Brief

Lake Fest offers weekend of fun

Culver's 29th annual Lake Fest will take place this weekend, beginning Friday evening and running to Sunday afternoon. A canoe-kayak 'poker run' will join the wide variety of past offerings such as Friday night's "Gong Show" and Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, Saturday's parade, games, run, bike ride, and Sunday's car show and burnout contest. For a complete schedule visit www.culverlakefest.com.

Fireworks likely postponed

The Lake Fest committee has announced, with regrets, that unless a substantial amount of rain falls by Saturday, the Culver Lake Fest fireworks may be postponed to a later date due to the drought. The decision is a precautionary one made by the Culver fire chief and department, according to Jean E. Overmyer of the festival committee, who notes that a rain date will be scheduled based on the weather conditions. "It will still be a great Lake Fest!" she adds.

Sunfish Regatta, now at beach lodge, takes place Sunday

The annual Sunfish Regatta on Lake Maxinkuckee is changing venues this year, from the Zeglis cottage to the Culver beach lodge, officially incorporated for the first time into Culver's Lake Fest. Registration is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 22 with races, hot dogs, awards, and the traditional candy toss to follow immediately.

As in the past, there will be five separate registration groups: Youth, Woodcraft, Laser, Ladies, and Seniors. All are welcome with no registration fee. Any questions prior to the date of the Sunfish Regatta may also be directed to Gene Benedict II at ebenedic@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis golf outing Friday

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.

'Pilgrimage to Lake Maxinkuckee'

As part of the a roster of specially chosen Council Fire programs in honor of Culver's Woodcraft Camp's 100th anniversary, Sat. night saw the stories of three Potawatomi Indian chiefs on Lake Maxinkuckee dramatized by Woodcraft Indian Lore students and staff. At right, staffer Stefan Wynn plays a 20th century narrator reading and imagining the tale from Daniel McDonald's history of Marshall County, while staffer Drew Knigg portrays Chief Nas-waw-kay of the east shore (standing at left). Not pictured were John Gerard as Chief Menominee, Brian Lane as Chief Aubbeenaubee, and Zach Duplay of Culver as the ghost of Chief Pau-koo-shuck. Due to various weather-related issues, this was the first council fire of the season. Friday evening will see the centennial pageant, starting at 9 p.m.

'Evil Czech' brings first micro-brewery to Culver



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Shawn Erikson, general manager at Culver's Evil Czech brewery, discusses the brewing process at the restaurant, starting here with the massive boiler in which it all begins.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Not only is the Evil Czech Brewery aimed at anything but a literal interpretation of its unusual name, once customers get a look at the elaborate micro-brewing operation just installed at the former Marmont Grille at Main and Davis Streets, they're likely to agree the brewery is facilitating something momentous in Culver.

"The biggest (change) is the five-barrel system brewery with four fermenters to do beer production," says general manager Shawn Erikson, promoted to the position from the mega-successful Corndance Tavern in Mishawaka, also under the ownership of Evil Czech owners George and Tammy Pesek (their Corndance Cafe in Culver, of course, continues to be "old reliable" for the couple, says Erikson).

He explains Evil Czech plans distribution of its original brews to "a lot of different places" in the near future -- all draft, that is, with no immediate plans for a bottling line.

"We have a pretty small facility," he points out.

But an impressive operation has been packed into that small facility.

The former outdoor dining space at the Marmont is home to the various components of the brewing operation, from a dry storage room filled with bags of

hops awaiting transport to the massive boiling tank and eventually to fermenters, with various processes before and during leading to the various original brews the brewery will offer.

The result will be an unusual -- but fitting, in

Culver's case -- asset for a small town: a microbrewery whose work can be observed, step by step, by customers through a large window behind the bar and sampled by locals and visitors alike, year-round.

"Every good brewery has a good brew house where people can eat and sample the brews," says Erikson. "This is a very small town and microbreweries are a trend picking up. I believe this will be great for winter business and for destination business. You get diners who want to try multiple beers. It's been really our goal to turn around what we had here, as far as being a whole new, different restaurant."

Evil Czech will offer six mainstay brews, says Erikson: an American Pale Ale

called Lucky Dog; an oatmeal milk stout dubbed 7 a.m.; Blonde Czech, a blonde ale; a Belgium or Abbey Dubble called John the One Eyed; Golem, an extra-special bitter ("One of our favorites," Erikson says); and a champ wheat brewed with Egyptian chamomile and local honey ("That's been a huge one," he adds. "It's so unique.")

The brewery will offer at least two rotating taps in addition with a couple of experimentals for "just testing on the market."

There are plans to offer in-house brewed root beer and cream

soda.

The Peseks hit upon the idea after taking a home brewing course, initially planning to produce wine here but opting in favor of beer due to the limitations of ideal wine grapes in Indiana.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

The Evil Czech Brewery, at 530 S. Ohio Street.

At the class, the couple connected with Alec Sanderson, who has become the official brewmaster at Evil Czech; customers will watch him busily overseeing the micro brewing operations through that picture window behind the bar.

The brewery had its start six to eight months ago, says Erikson, who adds the curious name of the opera-

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'Rocketman' brings jet packs to Lake Max this wknd



Ben Smith, of West Shore Dr., takes to the skies on the device he'll bring to Culver this weekend for public rides.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A longtime Lake Maxinkuckee resident is bringing something of a technological magic carpet ride to Culver this weekend.

Ben Smith (the IV, actually -- his grandfather first bought a house on the west shore over 50 years ago) is the owner of Florida-based Rocketman, which facilitates science fiction-worthy rides on a Jetlev jet pack as much as 30 feet above a given body of water. The device was invented by Raymond Lee, who was recently bought out by Echo Unlimited. Smith, who actually works out of Chicago, decided to become an

operator and about four months ago, Rocketman was born. Smith days he's bringing the device to Lake Maxinkuckee to give local residents a chance to try it, a rare opportunity this far north, though he expects the devices to take off and become common fixtures wherever water sports take place.

Smith will host 40 rides through this weekend, every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting Friday, all launching from his house at 1099 West Shore Drive. Those interested will need to book a ride ahead through Rocketman's office at 1-855-206- See Rocketman page 7

Council discusses park board responsibilities, wine fest in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council made plans at its July 10 meeting to address the Culver park board at its monthly meeting two days following, to request the park board approve its bill payments before sending them onto the council.

The decision came after a lengthy discussion initiated by park board member Patty Stallings, in the audience. She said residents attend park board meetings and "bring problems and discussions forward to the park board," but, said Stallings, she's frustrated by the lack of consistency in monthly, scheduled park board meetings actually taking place.

The park board has six members, she noted, including one each appointed by the school board, township board, and public library, and three by the town council.

"Our last meeting was May 9," said Stallings. "We were informed the day before (the June meeting) that we wouldn't have a quorum."

Stallings said she left a phone message for park board president Leroy Bean -- who she noted has been having health problems -- but received no response. She asked vice president Tammy Shaffer to attempt a make-up meeting, but Stallings said Shaffer was unable to arrange a meeting of the four members needed to make a quorum.

"This (summer) is a time when the park board should be busy solving problems, listening to complaints, paying bills, and hiring subcontractors," Stallings continued. "We've been in the paper because one of our sub-contract-

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Theft at boat shop, other Academies buildings

CULVER — Marshall County police were notified of a theft at Culver Military Academy around 7:30 a.m. Monday. An unknown suspect entered the Academy boat shop and removed several DeWalt brand tools, a car jumper pack, Wagoner Power Sprayer, and various hand tools in black tool bags. Several other Academies buildings in the area of Sycamore Road and 17th Road had been broken into between Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 7 a.m. Several items had been taken, including numerous Echo and Stihl power tools used by the groundskeeping employees. The buildings were forced open and items inside at least one building were found damaged. Police believe that a vehicle was used in this crime. Anyone with information on the incident should contact Ptl. Nicholas Laffoon at 574-936-3187.

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tion is a "kind of fun play" on George Pesek's reputation to be exacting when wearing the chef's hat.

"George obviously has a lot of background as a chef," explains Erikson. "He was at Rivas, Tuscany, Ditka's. The best way I can describe it is he's almost like a Gordon Ramsey personality; you don't mess with his line when he's on it, but outside of that he's gentle and nice. He's been dubbed 'the evil Czech' because of that, so that was the name of the brewery.

"It's not in a way that he's evil at all!"

One bit of news which may come as a surprise to many customers is that the brewery can sell beer for carry-out, in spite of "blue laws" preventing such sales of alcohol in Indiana, one of the few states left in the U.S. with such regulations.

"Since we're a brewery in Indiana... if you come in with a growler (half-gallon glass or ceramic jug), you can bring it in on Sunday and have it filled," Erikson explains.

The Evil Czech is Culver's first microbrewery proper, though rumor has it many decades ago, Culver offered an early form of beer production at one local facility.

The transition from the old Marmont Grille was a "big overhaul for us, a complete remodel inside and outside. We ripped out all the old Marmont symbols, the carpet -- the only thing that stayed is our bison theme. The bison horns are our tappers, so we kept that. We have new paint, new floors, a new kitchen, new everything."

The Evil Czech also has a line of apparel to be sold at the pub, developed particularly to identify the business while representatives are at beer festivals around the state.

There's also a completely new menu, directed towards the beer brewed there.

"We do a classic beer pub menu," Erikson says. "Fried food goes well with the crisp beer. We have baked pretzels. We use a lot of our beer in our sauces and every sauce is made in-house; it's unique. We have chicken wings, which goes wonderful with beer; fresh chips and fish, our house-made potato chips."

While Marmont's various pizza offerings have been dropped, the crust and dough will be very similar, according to Erikson. But there's a twist: spent grains from the brewing operation are employed in the dough to give it a unique flavor. Specific pizza offerings have been changed to be directed towards the various beers as well, he adds. Pizza will be carry-out only.

Somewhere down the road, Erikson notes, the restaurant may incorporate some acoustic music, planning to "change it up" from the Marmont's offerings of the past.

"We want...more of a true brew pub feel, something a little different from what anyone else in the area is offering," he notes.

The Evil Czech Brewery is open Wednesday through Sunday, 5 p.m. to last call. The brewery can be followed on Facebook ([facebook.com/marmont.evilczechbrewery](https://www.facebook.com/marmont.evilczechbrewery)) and will have a website up and running in short order. It can be reached by phone at 574-842-2663.

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Obituaries

Alice June Rogers

June 24, 1918 – July 11, 2012



CULVER — Alice June Rogers, 93, of Culver passed away July 11, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Alice was born June 24, 1918 to Elijah and Minnie (Starnes) Lewis in Westboro, Mo. She grew up in Iowa where she graduated high school in Coin, Iowa. She worked in a munitions factory as an inspector during the War years. It was there she met her future husband. May 29, 1946 she was

married to Robert Rogers in Kansas City, Mo. and they

relocated back to Indiana. He preceded her in death May 4, 1980.

Alice was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. She loved gardening and dearly loved her family, doting on her grand and great-grandchildren.

Alice is survived by her daughter Donna (Jim) Weirick of Culver; sister Loretta (Max) Hemmert of Astoria, Ore. Grandchildren John (Brooke) Large Jr. of Culver, Jennifer (Adam) Vant Woud of Warsaw. Great-grandchildren Lauren Large, Alicia Large, and Isabella Vant Woud. Alice was preceded in death by her husband Robert Rogers, parents Elijah (Minnie

Starnes) Lewis, two brothers, five sisters.

A time to gather and share memories with the family was held Saturday, July 14, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a service following at 12 p.m. Rev. Ron Lewellen officiated. Burial at Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be given or made to Marshall County Hospice. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

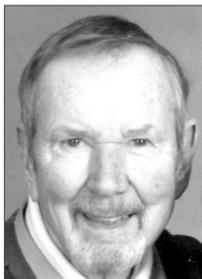
Alan G. Clyne

April 22, 1931-June 28, 2012

INDIANAPOLIS — Alan G. Clyne, 81, of Indianapolis died Thursday, June 28, 2012 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

April 22, 1931 he was born to Joseph and Margaret Minneman Clyne

in St. Louis, Mo. He was a graduate of Purdue University School of Electrical Engineering and was vice president and treasurer of Phi Kappa Fraternity. He worked for Eli Lilly for 33 years retiring as manager of engineering, and was a registered professional engineer in Indiana. Alan served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was member of Nativity Catholic Church where he served as president of parish council, chairman of the finance committee, lector and usher. He was president of Franklin Township Jaycees and a member of Knights of



Columbus, and Sertoma. At Culver he was a member of Maxinkuckee Country Club, and Lake Association where he served on board of directors.

Survivors include his wife Donita R. Clyne, children: Steve Clyne (Lori), Debbie Sweetman (Mark), Penny Pittman and Joe Clyne; brothers: Joe Clyne (Sue), Phil Clyne (Nancy); sisters, Jane Roth, Kathy Berrendei; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; son: Jim Clyne, and sister: Sue Switzer.

Mass of Christian burial was conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Nativity Catholic Church with Rev. Patrick Doyle

officiating. Interment followed in Washington Park East Cemetery. Friends visited at Wilson St.Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Stirling-Gerber Chapel at 5950 E. Thompson Road Monday from 5 until 8 p.m. where memorial contributions may be made to Traumatic Brain Association or to the American Cancer Society. Visit www.Wilson-StPierre.com to leave an online message or for more information.

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Arabian Fables (I)

How the Arabs soften up world opinion with fanciful myths.

Josef Goebbels, the infamous propaganda minister of the Nazis, had it right. Just tell people big lies often enough and they will believe them. The Arabs have learned that lesson well. They have swayed world opinion by endlessly repeating myths and lies that have no basis in fact.

What are the facts?

The "Palestinians." That is the fundamental myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until about 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There was the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army (at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin holding plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews); there was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra (all Jews, of course; there was *The Palestine Post*, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they are no distinct nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond. There is no more difference between the "Palestinians" and the other Arabs of those countries than there is between, say, the citizens of Minnesota and of Wisconsin.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth.

The "West Bank." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in possession of the territories of Judea and Samaria and part of the city of Jerusalem. The

Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that they occupied, destroyed all Jewish institutions and houses of worship, used Jewish cemetery headstones to build military latrines, and renamed as "West Bank" what had been Judea and Samaria since time immemorial.

The attempt, quite successful, was to persuade an uninformed world that these territories were ancestral parts of the Jordanian Arab Kingdom (itself a very recent creation of British power diplomacy, even after the total rout of the Arabs in the 1957 Six-Day War, in which the Jordanians were driven out of Judea/Samaria and of Jerusalem, they and the world continued to call this territory the "West Bank", a geographical concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

The concept of the "West Bank" is a myth.

The "Occupied Territories."

After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the same cabal of Arabs that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria (now renamed "West Bank"), which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 39 years of the Gaza strip, which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country, and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants?

The concept of "occupied territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria and Gaza is a myth created by Arab propagandists.

Unable so far to destroy Israel on the battlefield — though they are feverishly preparing for their next assault — the Arabs are now trying to overcome and destroy Israel by their acknowledged "policy of stages". That policy is to get as much land as possible carved out of Israel "by peaceful and diplomatic" means, so as to make Israel indefensible and softened up for the final assault. The web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What a shame that the world has accepted most of it!

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Park board tackles computers, bill payment, more in lengthy, heated meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Park board and public alike were doubtless weary at the end of a three-hour, often contentious regular meeting of the board last Thursday, during which the long-debated issue of purchasing a computerized point-of-sale (POS) system for the department's money handling was one of the most heated issues.

Park superintendent Kelly Young asked the board for direction on the matter, noting she'd spoken with town clerk Karen Heim, who said Young's current, non-computerized methods of documentation and accounting are "thorough and meticulous." Young said the town does not use a POS system but Greentree software instead, and the two would be incompatible if the switch was made.

Board member Patty Stallings pressed for the POS system for "accountability."

"Questions have come up with regards to (fund-raising for) Vandalia Park in 2009," she said. "The public was never satisfied with the information. (A POS) works for all small businesses; it can certainly work for us."

Stallings added that "every home has computers and they're communicating with each other," noting Young could communicate with pier slip renters at the park, and that the entire system would be less than \$2,000. Stallings

also suggested a computer could be used to keep better track of inventory, citing a recent situation in which an out-of-town company installing piers charged over \$3,000 above their original quote, due to the need to provide installation parts for the pier.

Board member Tammy Shaffer concurred, emphasizing the park deals in hundreds of thousands of dollars, as well as concerns about training someone when Young retires, which she said could be considerably easier with computer documentation. She also noted computer documentation would "protect everyone as well."

Board member Ed Behnke, opposing the move, said as a programmer he would charge \$20,000 to write software to keep inventory. Audience member Ginny Munroe, also a member of Culver's town council, responded that database systems for inventory are common and inexpensive, and in response to park board president Leroy Bean's query as to what would happen to computer data if the beach lodge had a fire, noted computer data can be backed up offsite.

Munroe added she feels the same about Young as she does town utilities supervisor Bob Porter.

"If Bob were hit by a truck and we're not documenting what we're doing and working on -- my thing is documentation. If (Young) got hit by a truck, we would be screwed. It's much easier to do on a computer system."

Audience and council member Ed Pinder said he opposed buying a computer system, commenting the parks department is "doing fine" with the State Board of Accounts.

"If you have nothing to hide and want to document your business," said Shaffer, "it's a no-brainer, folks. I don't see what the big fear is."

In the end, Bean, Behnke, and board member Peg Schuldt voting in favor of continuing without a computer, overriding Stallings' and Shaffer's votes against the motion.

Pavillion restroom debated

Also lively was discussion of a proposal from last year to replace the portable restroom in the west end of the park with a public restroom installed inside the 1880s railroad pavilion nearby, which sparked considerable debate in past meetings.

Young said she researched freestanding restroom kits which would utilize a pit system rather than town sewer as proposed for the pavilion. She said the kits would cost between \$19,000 and \$35,000 plus installation, per kit. She expressed concern over the green space in the park such restrooms would take up, adding conversion of the pavilion would utilize existing space and be closer to the boat

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Toasting a family, its legacy, and the lake

A number of visitors stopped by the opening of an art exhibit by Samantha Starkey chronicling the history and legacy of the illustrious Ball family -- of whom she is a member -- including the cottage they've occupied each summer on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee since the 1940s.

As reported in last week's Citizen, the cottage is for sale, so the family made event into something of a community farewell, concluding it with a sunset toast at the cottage itself, on the shore of the lake.

Pictured in the TOP PHOTO* is a gathering of Ball family members, some of whom traveled some distance to attend the opening, at the Center for Culver History in the Culver Public Library's lower level. From left, Shelly Ball, Janet Ball Starkey, Zeke Markovich, Julie Ball, Christopher Ball, Annie Starkey, Claire Murphy, Sammie Starkey, Judy Eckerson, David Starkey, Ann Eckerson, Lucina Moxley, Rich Starkey, Wm H. Ball Jr. (Bill), Tyler Ball, Mary Ball, Wm H. Ball III (Chip), Quay Ball, Andrew Mesic, Jenna Ball Mesic, Tyler Ball, Hannah Markovich.

The exhibit is ongoing through July and into early August, and is open to the public. Of special significance was the attendance of Lucina (Ball) Moxley, who at 92 made the journey from Indianapolis, and is pictured in the PHOTO AT LOWER RIGHT, greeted by neighbor Julie Hollowell, of the Hendricks-Hollowell cottage.

In the PHOTO AT LOWER LEFT, a steady stream of guests touring the cottage and grounds, and enjoying refreshments, paused at the behest of family patriarch William H. (Bill) Ball Jr., as the sun neared obscurity by the treeline in the west, to toast the family and the lake and to offer appreciation to God.

Culver students on IUSB dean's lists

SOUTH BEND — Rebecca Campbell of Culver was named to the Indiana University South Bend spring 2012 general studies dean's list, and Theresa Daugharty of Culver and Misty Williams of Monterey were named to IUSB's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list. Aurora Lindvall of Culver was also named to IUSB's School of Education dean's list for the spring semester.

Culver students earn Purdue honors

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN The following Culver area students have earned academic honors at Purdue University for the spring 2012 semester: Courtney Carstens, Kylie Hermanson, Stuart Thomas, Benjamin Nowalk, Marc Brown, Justin Master.

To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

VFW still open Sat. nights without bingo, smoking banned at Post

Culver's VFW Post 6919 has announced that, although its popular bingo offering has been canceled until further notice on Saturday nights, the kitchen is still serving its open menu at that time. Some menu items include fish, shrimp, chicken, burgers, tenderloins, salads, fries, and freshly made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

The Post also recently had to vote in response to Indiana's smoking ban law, which allowed private clubs to be exempt from the ban. In what the Post's Facebook page called a "very close vote," the decision was made to ban smoking within the Post building, though it is permitted at least eight feet from the entrances.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

It's no surprise that a number of readers knew the identity of last week's Mystery Citizen, Sandra (Fitterling) Keyser. She spent several decades as an elementary school teacher in Culver and so impacted generations of young people, who have fond memories of her.

Correctly identifying her (and so earning those coveted free parking spots in downtown -- or uptown! -- Culver) were: Anna Neher, Kay Tusing, Cynthia Bonine Goss, Judi Burns, Jeanette Geiselman, Jim and Barb Jones, Carin Clifton, and Linda Kose Hall.



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Sandra Keyser RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also impacted many lives over the course of decades, and continues to, even today.

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



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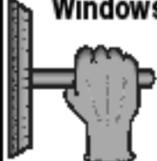




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Help sought to trade 'wheels for heels'

A staff member of Culver Summer Schools and Camps has launched an effort to assist Burr Oak resident, former Culver Comm. High School student, and Summer Camps instructor Stephen Randolph (ABOVE) substitute a set of wheels for his hard-worked heels.

Randolph, who has been battling spinal cancer and is unable to use his legs, recently lost his moped -- which he used to get to Culver from Burr Oak -- to theft. Fellow Summer Camps staff member Lou Stejskal, a photographer for the program, hopes to raise enough funds to replace the moped, or ideally go one better.

"I'm trying to help him buy a used car with an adaptive driving mechanism that needs to be purchased and specially installed," Stejskal says, "so he can also get around in the rainy and cold months."

The goal is \$4,000, out of which \$834 has been raised as of this writing. Stejskal hopes to improve that number, and has set up an easy-to-use, online means of donating at www.gofundme.com/wheelsforheels.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Concerned Property Owners donate to 4H

The Concerned Property Owners of Marshall County made a donation of \$1,500 to the Marshall County 4H Council's education fund, as the county fair gets underway. CPOMC's mission parallels that of the 4H pledge (Head, Heart, Hands, Health), according to a press release from the CPOMC, in that the property owners group "advocates a healthy environment for farming families and their animals and the communities in which they live."

Pictured, from left, are CPOMC representatives Rob Ringer, Barbara Shaffer, and son Nolan Shaffer; Ken Blackford, president of the 4H council; Amy Jones, 4H youth development educator with the Purdue Extension office of Marshall County; and Tyler Boganwright, also of the extension office.



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Flagpole dedication honors Birk

A dedication was held July 15 for the flag pole installed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver in memory of Art Birk. At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service, the congregation went outside and Pastor K.C. Dehning conducted the dedication, according to Don Freese of Trinity. The flag was raised with the congregation and the Birk family present. Pictured, from left, are Pastor Dehning, Bill, Pat, and Ruth Birk and Trinity member Don Langenberg at the flag pole.

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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., July 19: Chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, wheat roll, Mandarin oranges, cookie, milk.

Fri., July 20: Swedish meatballs, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, wheat bread and margarine, tropical fruit, milk.

Mon., July 21: Chicken patty, bun and mayo, potato salad, pickled beets, applesauce, milk.

Tues., July 22: Cheeseburger, wheat bun, baked beans, Brussels sprouts, tropical fruit, milk.

Weds., July 23: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, Mandarin oranges, cobbler, milk.

Thurs., July 24: Beef stroganoff, peas, cauliflower, whole grain bread and margarine, pineapple, milk.

Fri., July 25: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, wheat bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

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\$99 each, a significant reduction from the \$250 usually charged for a 30-minute ride.

"I'm not really looking to make money off it," he says. "I just want to give people here a chance to try it."

A team from Florida will be setting up for the rides, including a "throttle man," who will speak to riders wirelessly through the Rocketman helmet, and a "wing man," who will ride near the jet pack and insure the rider's safety, though after 700 flights so far, Smith notes there have been no injuries.

That's partly due to the nature of the device, which he says is "basically a jet ski. It sucks water through the bottom of a pod; it shoots through a 30-foot hose and goes through a Y-splitter. The power is the thrust; there's thousands of gallons of water going through the hose."

However, the water jet is safe enough that a person's hands could go under the spray when the machine is operating; it operates at around 70 PSI (Pounds per Square Inch), whereas a common garden hose operates at 40.

The fuel and engine powering the pack floats on the wa-

ter below. A rider may soar as high as 30 feet, but even in the worst case scenario, will drop 30 feet into water, so "you're not going to hurt yourself."

Initially, Rocketman's team will control riders' thrust remotely, until the rider is accustomed to operating the jet pack.

"If you're in danger, we can lower you down into the water and fix whatever problems occur," Smith adds.

Riders must be 18 years old or more, though otherwise age doesn't matter.

Smith is clearly looking forward to showcasing the device in Culver, a place near and dear to his heart.

"I went through eight years of Culver Summer School," he notes, "and I'm a life-long Culver guy. I usually take off all of July and spend it here, so we're very familiar with Culver and the landscape, and we love it here."

More information is available on Rocketman online at riderocketman.com,

Library news

Poirot book, movie at group

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library will focus on "Evil Under the Sun" Wed., August 1 at noon in the library's large meeting room. The book, by Agatha Christie, centers on the colorful 1920s guests at the Jolly Roger vacation resort and try to solve the murder before the great Hercule Poirot.

The film stars Peter Ustinov as Poirot. Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

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dock and play area. She added improvements are needed to the deteriorating pavilion soon, regardless of the restroom issue.

Young pressed the board for a decision on the restroom, saying she didn't want to "waste a lot of people's time if we're not interested."

Bean suggested the work would be cheaper if renovation were combined with restroom installation at the pavilion.

Behnke said he favored the portable restrooms "because they go away," with Young responded that they also can tip over in storms.

Stallings suggested work to repair the pavilion, minus the restroom installation, go forward. She expressed opposition to the pavilion restroom, which she said would be too expensive and would leave the final result open to "constant vandalism and misuse."

Stallings added it's already difficult for park staff to properly monitor restrooms in the beach lodge where they work -- which is closed most of the year outside of summer -- so monitoring restrooms on the opposite end of the park

Fantasy author Marks at library July 23

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to announce author C. S. Marks will visit the library Monday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m. to talk about her new book, "Elfhunter."

Marks lives in west central Indiana and is a gifted musician, horsewoman, author, and college professor. "Elfhunter" is a work of high fantasy fiction on the quest of an unlikely pair of heroines, Wood-elves of the Dominglas Forest.

Her talk is sponsored by the Friends of the Culver Library and is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 574-842-2941 or visit our webpage www.culver.lib.in.us.

would be an even greater task. In past meetings, Stallings and several in the audience have expressed concerns over preservation of the historic pavilion if water and sewer are added and the space is more available for vandalism.

The board approved tabling any activity on the matter until Young returns with costs on repairing the pavilion with and without added restrooms.

Bill payment controversy resolved

In a separate discussion, the board voted that its own members should review and sign claims individually on their own time, in the event of a canceled board meeting, rather than allowing the town council to approve payment of bills the park board has never seen.

The decision came after lengthy discussion initiated by Stallings, who raised concerns that the park board sometimes goes months without meeting, a particular problem during busy summer months, she said, adding it's illegal for the town council to approve claims without prior decision on them from the park board.

Stallings also suggested that scheduled park board meetings be held rather than canceled when members telephone Bean to say they aren't coming, as in the past.

Behnke noted the park board is only required to meet four times a year.

"I guess they could fire the entire board," he said. "That's a cool idea, but they can't pay us less."

"A lot of our business is planning," he added, "so a majority of our work is in the winter."

He noted Stallings is gone part of the winter each year.

Pier thefts and vandalism

Young also discussed some vandalism at the park June 29, when a few teenagers stole fire extinguishers from boats parked at rented pier slips, spraying some of them in the gazebo area. She said one of the perpetrators wrote a letter of apology and offered to volunteer time at the park.

Stallings suggested if the park owned a computer, Young could have emailed pier renters, pointing out renters unaware their extinguishers were stolen could be ticketed if stopped on the water without them.

Bean said pier slip renters should realize "if they park a boat 400 miles from home and nobody's watching it, it's subject to thievery."

"We have some responsibility," responded Stallings.

Birth - McFarland



Kerry and Elizabeth McFarland of Walkerton announce the birth of a daughter born June 13, 2012 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Eliana Olivia McFarland weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a sibling Kaylee McFarland.

Maternal grandparents are Ramona Freet and Virgil Freet. Paternal grandparents are James Allen and Raeann McFarland. Paternal great-grandparents are Easter Miller of Plymouth, and Leona McFarland of Culver.

Updates on park business

Young read the park financial report, noting the ending balance in the park fund as of June 30 was \$199,545.19.

She said the summer season "started out with a bang," explaining 2,448 people paid to use the beach over Memorial Day weekend. During the month of June, 9,220 paid visitors attended (2,433 using beach passes and 6,787 paying per person). She said the numbers were comparable with last year's.

Young commended the park staff for a "great job" cleaning up after the June 29 wind storm, in which she said the park was "very fortunate" to sustain relatively little damage. The board gave Young permission to look into purchase of a generator to keep the beach lodge's heating and air conditioning running, particularly in light of its use as an emergency cooling center during the recent heat wave.

Also discussed was the recent bout of swimmer's itch affecting beachgoers. Young said she posted information obtained from the state DNR at beach lodge entrances, adding she's not aware of state requirements in dealing with the problem, which causes mosquito-bite like rashes on swimmers.

Approved was Young's investigating the possibility of making the park a nonsmoking area. She said some patrons assumed the July 1 Indiana smoking ban applied to the entire park, whereas it actually requires only that smoking not take place closer than eight feet from a building entrance.

In response to a concern Stallings said was brought to her by a group of young people, Young explained the reasoning behind requiring payment of beach entrance fees for playing sand volleyball in the park, when use of the rest of the park is free. She said policing and managing the flow of people to the volleyball court but not into the water to swim had become very difficult in the past, so the decision was made to begin charging.

Throughout the meeting, audience members making comments or asking questions were repeatedly told not to speak until the citizen's input portion of the meeting, which concluded with audience member Jean Rakich thanking board members for their service but adding, "I wish you would work better with one another and would hope maybe you can do that. We feel the animosity and you feel it from us, and that's not the way Culver should be acting."

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tors did substantial damage to public and private buildings; we need to talk about liability."

She explained the park board "has a lot of money" due to rental of pier slots at the park, which cost \$700 for four months' use for Union Township residents, \$1,000 for those outside the township, and \$400 for kayak or wave runner parking, all of which adds up to around \$50,000 revenue per year.

Stallings suggested council could speak to each park board member, asking if they're committed to staying on the board and requesting they resign if not. She said she plans to make the same appeal to the other boards that appoint park board members, though she noted two park board positions are "weakened" because the library and school board appointees are required to be active members of those respective boards as well, adding to their workload.

Council members discussed the fact that bills requiring park board payment are sent on by park superintendent Kelly Young, approved by town council, and then paid. Only after payment does the park board see and approves them.

Town clerk Karen Heim said the State Board of Accounts requires bills be approved by the park board first, but Young told her a previous clerk "moved things around so they're approved twice."

"They're approved after they're paid," said council member Lynn Overmyer. "I brought that up to the park board last year. I can't honestly approve something the park board hasn't seen yet."

Council member Ginny Munroe said a standing meeting such as the town council or park board is typically held without prior consultation as to whether a quorum will be met; once the meeting is scheduled, then determination can be made as to whether there's a quorum.

Audience member Grant Munroe added infrequent park board meetings during summer are "very unfair" because some of those who care about the park aren't in the area during the winter.

Council member Bill Githens noted he's received complaints about various park-related issues which can't be addressed if the board doesn't meet. Munroe added the park board's accounting system should be computerized, given the amount of money flowing in and out during the summer. She also pointed out park board members can be removed due to repeated absenteeism.

Audience member Tom Kearns said "a number of people," including himself, have been trying to get onto the park board. He distributed a letter of interest to council members.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger suggested the council should chat with park board appointees, and affirmed the flow of approval and payment should be different than it currently is, "by law."

It was agreed council president Sally Ricciardi would address park board members at the July 12 meeting, concerning payment and absenteeism.

Wine Fest Sept. 15

In other discussion, council approved a request by Greg Fassett of Culver's Chamber of Commerce that a wine festival take place in downtown Culver on Saturday, Sept. 15, likely on Jefferson Street between Ohio and Main Streets, with the possibility of the boat trailer parking area of the Culver Cove, two blocks east.

Fassett said similar events, even in small communities,

can draw between 1,000 and 10,000 people. He emphasized the event is "a lot different than many events with alcohol you see -- you won't see people sitting there getting drunk."

Up to ten wineries from Indiana will offer their wares for wine tasting, he said, and vehicles have been secured from the Marshall County Visitors Bureau for shuttle transport to and from the event.

There will be a charge for admission at the event, Fassett noted, and funds raised will go towards local scholarships and non-profit organizations. The Chamber opted to drop the golf component of its annual "Nine and Wine" event in order to facilitate the festival, he explained, adding there will be entertainment at the event.

Maps of the area and its dining options will be distributed, he said, and local merchants will be encouraged to offer cheese and crackers at their businesses to complement the event and drive traffic to their establishments.

Council members agreed they would ensure downtown revitalization construction will be held off until after that weekend.

In response to a query from town marshal Wayne Bean, Fassett said each winery has its own permits and a "natural barrier" will be set up to fence off the space from minors. Specially etched wine glasses will be distributed to paying attendees, and wineries will only pour into those glasses, he added.

Audience member Jean Rakich asked if the council could table the matter until more people have a chance to weigh in.

"You have alcohol and all those school people. I don't like idea of the Academy students (being here) and bringing in all the alcohol, and I don't know that I want to open our town up to a thousand people."

Council member Munroe noted local merchants "need this (increase in activity) in the autumn and winter. It's not really a drunken fest."

Fassett said attendees will likely have "a glass of wine or two during the whole day," adding bottles purchased at the event are not to be uncorked at the site, but must be taken home closed.

"It's not going to be an event that will be detrimental to the community in any form."

Water conservation

Town manager David Schoeff discussed the town's recent request -- in light of the ongoing drought afflicting the county and much of the state -- that Culver residents work to reduce water usage, something he stressed is currently "just voluntary."

Culver's water plant has been running 22 to 23 hours per day as opposed to a typical rate of 16 hours per day.

"We're having a hard time keeping up," he explained. "If this usage continues, it will put a burden on us. We

don't want to get into a position where we're forcing you not to sprinkle."

Schoeff also said some residents have come to the town hall complaining about their water bills, one of which -- when he and town clerk Karen Heim looked at it -- normally tracked 1,900 gallons of usage in a given month, whereas the most recent bill showed a usage of 13,000 gallons.

"If you go from watering twice a week to five times a week, they're going to double! So we're just asking folks to be mindful and think about it. Your usage is up to you."

He also discussed small water leaks adding up to large usage over the course of a month.

Schoeff also noted Culver set up two cooling stations -- one at the beach lodge and one at town hall -- during the hottest days of the recent heat wave.

Firemen's memorial, other discussion

During the citizen's input portion of the meeting, Kevin Berger of Culver's plan commission discussed a proposed firemen's memorial on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street. Noting the town presently has nothing in its ordinances to deal with the structure, Berger said he hoped the town could treat it as a municipal sign.

A fieldstone circle with limestone accents, the memorial would be set back around five feet from the sidewalk in the green space between the fire department parking lot and Lake Shore Drive sidewalk. Memorial markers to firemen could be placed there, rather than the nearby fire station, where memorials to two past chiefs already exist and there's little room to add more, Berger added.

In other discussion, Overmyer praised the efforts of town employees in cleanup of trees and debris from the June 29 storm which left a path of destruction in Culver in its wake.

In council actions, the council approved \$4,995 for asphalt patching, up to \$2,775 for testing of its large meters, and Schoeff's further investigation of purchase of a generator to run the town hall, in case of a storm event comparable to June 29.

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Culver HS, Elementary ISTEP scores high, middle school 'disappointing' in overall successful year

By Carol Anders
Correspondent

CULVER — Scores from standardized testing of Indiana's students are being called "record breaking" following an announcement from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Tony Bennett, who said this is the third successive year of all-time highs on literally every portion of the ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress Plus) tests.

Bennett credits Indiana teachers with much of the gains. He said, "Thanks to efforts of Indiana's teachers, we're successfully educating a new generation of leaders and innovators who will build a more prosperous future for our state."

According to the IDOE (Indiana Department of Education), overall 71 percent of Hoosier students passed both the English Language Arts (LA) and Math portions of the during the 2011-12 school year. The totals show a gain of 1 percent over the previous school year and an 8 percent

increase since the 2008-09 school year.

As the state switched from testing in the fall to testing in the spring, students were given the test in the fall of 2008-09 school year and then again in the spring of the same school year.

Perhaps even more noteworthy is the fact the 80 percent of students demonstrated proficiency on at least one of the four subjects tested. Those passing the math portion reached 81 percent, up nine percent from the 2008-09 school year.

Culver Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt said they had mixed results.

"We are exceptionally pleased with the scores at our elementary, grades 3-6," he said. "We had the largest percentage of gain in Marshall County and the first time that both the English Language Arts and Math scores were both up."

In LA, Culver had 83 percent passing and math at 88 percent passing. The scores reflected an increase from last

year of 5.04 percent in LA, 7.39 percent in math, and 8.82 percent in the combined LA and Math scores.

Schuldt said, "We had a tremendous focus on addressing the common core (standards). It shows our support for teachers and kids."

However, the ISTEP scores for the middle school-grades 7-8- were not as good. The Language Arts score was at 63 percent and math, 73.3 percent. Schuldt said the combined scores of 54 percent were disappointing: "In a small school, even a few scores from a few students can fluctuate the total."

He said the schools have already held preliminary meeting where they reviewed their successes and looked for changes to put in place.

Other Marshall County Schools results are as follows. Plymouth School Corporation's Language Arts score was at 83.3 percent, reflecting an increase of 2.1 percent. Overall math scores were at 84.9 percent, down 2.3 percent and the

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Quilt show at Wesley this 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.

Woodcraft centennial celebration this wknd

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.

The **centennial pageant** on the Academies football field will take place this Friday, July 20 at 9:15 p.m.; the Summer Schools Garrison Parade will be 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.). 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.

Lawson dedication Saturday

The Culver Public Library will dedicate the Rita Lawson Science Fiction/Fantasy Collection at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, in the in the upstairs lobby. The library will also inaugurate a Science Fiction Book Club on the occasion. The public is welcome at the event. The late Rita Lawson was a retired school teacher and member of the library's board of trustees.

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.

'Apron Lady' July 24

Esther Duncan, the "Apron Lady," is coming to Culver Public Library Tues., July 24 at 2 p.m. Duncan will present a program with a unique take on women's role in society throughout history. For more information, contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

Sidewalk days July 27, 28

Culver's annual sidewalk days will take place Friday,

July 27 and Saturday, July 28, in downtown Culver. As in years past, South Main Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets will be shut down and participating businesses will offer sale and special items for browsing shoppers during regular business hours.

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, with shucking starting at 2 p.m. and serving from 4:30 to 7:30. 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.

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@ancoofficeproducts.com.

New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver Public Library host computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., (each lasts two hours). Computer classes are free and open to the public. Sessions include: Video Editing Part I (July 20); Video Editing Part II (July 23 and 27); Resume Building (July 30 Aug. 3); Finances with Excel (Aug. 6 and 10).

Friends book sale Aug. 3, 4

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the lower level of the library. Book donations are always welcome and may be dropped off at the circulation desk at the library.

Park ice cream social Aug. 4

The Culver town park will hold its annual ice cream social Saturday, Aug. 4 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with musician Jimmy Banks performing live. All are welcome to the event.

Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 11

The Lake Max Triathlon will take place Sat., Aug. 11, starting at 8 a.m. and will include a quarter-mile swim in Lake Maxinkuckee, 12-mile bike ride around the lake, and three mile run near the lake. A variety of individual, team, and age-based categories are offered. For more information, or to register, visit lakemaxtriathlon.blogspot.com

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 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.

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

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

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 Wednesdays 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.

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.

Wednesday night play group

Parents with young children are invited to join the fun Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. for fun and games at St. Mary of the Lake Church's weekly play group. No registration is required. Families will meet in the church basement and will likely head to the park following.

Safe Routes sidewalk work underway

Residents are advised that construction has started on Culver's INDOT "Safe Routes to School" project, with completion planned for July 31. Work will be on School, Ohio, Main, and Davis Streets. Streets and/or sidewalks may be temporarily inaccessible during this time. Questions may be directed to Culver's town hall at 574-842-3140.

CCSC summer food program

Culver Community Schools' Summer Food Service Program for Children provides free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities regardless of age who participate in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or breakfast for \$1.50. Call Carin Clifton at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113 with questions and for location details.

Farmer's Market is open

Culver's Farmer's Market has opened, at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets near downtown Culver. Every Saturday, vendors will be selling items from 9 a.m. to noon.

MCJFL seeks donations

The Marshall County Junior Football League's Culver branch is looking to the community to help purchase jerseys, buy awards, and secure game officials. This year's goal is \$7,500. Gold sponsorships are \$300, silver \$275, and bronze \$150. Sponsors' names will be featured on jerseys and the team banner at games. Make checks payable to MCJFL-Culver and please send by Aug. 1 to Stephanie Schaller, 4060 S. State Road 23, Knox, IN, 46534.

Remembrance bricks

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is accepting orders for Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks at Heritage Park, corner of Main and Jefferson Streets in Culver. Individuals may also order the bricks for their homes. All brick donations to the Society are tax deductible. Bricks may be

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Miss Max contestants

Pictured are contestants in this Friday evening's Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, scheduled for 6 p.m. at the west pavilion in the town park, part of the kickoff of this year's Lake Fest.

Seen here are are: (UPPER LEFT) Princess Max (from left to right) Breana Hamilton, Tyra King, Chloe Salyer, Madlin Hamilton, and Rylie Prosser.

(UPPER RIGHT) Little Miss (left to right) Kaylee Hamilton, Haley Wieringa, Sophia Heath, Natalie Stevens, Ashley Burkett, Paige Lancaster, Savannah Hissong.

(LOWER LEFT) Junior Miss MacKenna Cavender, Victoria Shank, Alicia Large, Maddy Diaz, Rainbow Hines, Jordan Schrimsher.

(LOWER RIGHT) Miss Max Janele VanDePutte, Jaclyn Rocco, Donna Zehner, Clare Hartman, and Molly Sage.



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combined total was at 76.7 percent, a decrease of 1.4 percent.

Triton Elementary, grades 3-6 testing had 81.4 percent passing in LA, 87.1 percent passing math, and 77.4 percent passing combined.

Argos Elementary grades 3-6 testing had 78.8 percent in LA passing, 79.8 percent in math passing, and 70 percent in the combined scores.

Bremen grades 3-8- had 85.6 percent in LA, 88.8 percent in math, and 80.6 percent combined.

North Liberty Elementary in the John Glenn Corporation had 82.3 percent passing in LA, 84.3 percent passing math and 75.6 percent in both. Walkerton Elementary had 77.5 percent in LA, 89.1 percent in math, and 73.7 in combined scores. Urey Middle School showed 75.6 percent in LA, 80.1 percent in math and 69.2 percent in combined scores.

More than 329,000 students (approximately 66 percent of those taking the tests) took all multiple choice portions of the test online. IDOE has been

working with school corporations and other schools over the last several years to build test-taking capacity. According to the IDOE, in the spring of 2012, just

over 1,500 students took the text on computers.

According to the IDOE, the goal of ISTEP+ is to measure how wells students perform, including compre-

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Peru Court fire

No one was injured in a Friday evening fire at the Hadley home at 604 Peru Court in Culver, where outdoor grilling appears to have been the cause of the primarily exterior blaze. Firefighters responded in full force to the fire siren to the house, from which some residents as far away as the Culver beach said they saw flames shooting into the air.

The fire appeared to have started on the south side of the house and spread from there, said Culver police officer Chad Becker, assisting on the scene. He added the homeowner noted he's grilled many times in the same locale, leading to speculation that the lengthy drought afflicting the area may have contributed to the fire starting.

One bystander had high praise for the speed with which volunteer firemen began to arrive at the station, which he said was within one minute of the siren, which went off between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Within three minutes, he added, the first truck was racing to the scene.



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Fire station facelift

Culver's fire station, on Lake Shore Drive, has been undergoing numerous improvements in recent weeks, thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours from volunteer firefighters. Some changes, like repainting of the large sign on the building, are visible outside, but inside the firemen have painted the ceiling in the older portion of the building and perhaps most significantly, installed metal wall covering there, bringing it up to speed with the newer building portion to the north. The work is planned to be completed in time for the annual Firemen's Festival July 28, which adds to a busy summer for the department: its annual golf scramble is Aug. 11, and a historical program sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society, on the fires of Culver, will take place there later in August.

Pictured in the TOP PHOTO (front row, left to right), are Bryce Lindvall, Pete Peterson, Dave McKee, Mark Rogers, Jim Grover, Tim McCarthy, Terry Wakefield. Back row, Brian McIntyre, Dave Cooper. Department members noted that virtually all members helped in the work, rather than only those pictured here.

