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In Brief

Garage sale spaces available

The Culver Park and Recreation Department will be renting spaces in the parking lot for the Town Wide Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29. Applications may be obtained at the Culver Town Hall or by contacting Kelly Young at 574.842.3510.

Wine Fair Sept. 15

Pre-sale tickets are now available for the first annual Culver Wine Fair, hosted by the Culver Chamber of Commerce Saturday, September 15, beachside at the Culver Cove Resort, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Attendees may sample many of Indiana's finest wineries while relaxing to live music by Chad Van Herk and Kent Arnsbarger, and indulging in tasty appetizers. Pre-sale tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/event/4145721966 and \$20 on the day of the event. Don't forget to journey to many of Culver's unique boutiques and dining and visit the Wine Fair Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CulverWineFair.

Friends book sale Sept. 28-29

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29, in the lower level of the library. The sale is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk in the library.

Funds sought for clock

Donations are being sought for an outdoor clock to be placed -- in conjunction with this fall's downtown revitalization effort -- in downtown Culver at the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. The clock manufactured by Tuscomb Iron Works of Alabama. Checks may be made out to the Town of Culver, and sent to Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

Ensemble music classes starting in Sept.

Beginning in September, Culver Orff-Schulwerk Ensemble music classes for children ages 4 and up will take place Wed. afternoons and Sat. mornings, in the St. Mary of the Lake Church basement. Classes will be taught by Beth Paré, who

Movies, music, and the 'Gift of Warmth'

The 5th annual L'Max Film Festival was unhampered by the wet weekend, with a record turnout to Friday night's short film competition at Eppley Auditorium, where (TOP LEFT PHOTO)* Pastor K.C. Dehning presented the top prize to Purdue student filmmaker Katie Lennox (left) for "Two Drops." Entertaining the crowd during the evening's dinner was Kathy Overmyer *(UPPER CENTER PHOTO), who also performed Saturday night. LOWER LEFT: Enjoying a few moments of sunlight and the picnic dinner at the Sat. night festivities were members of the Snavelly family (from left), dad Isaac, Allie, Cody, Kyle, mom Nikki, and Kelly. LOWER LEFT CENTER: Serving attendees at the park were, from left, Ellen Freese, Lois Broeker, Katy Lewellan, and Lois Curtis. LOWER RIGHT CENTER: Quintin Flagg was one of several Sat. night entertainers. LOWER RIGHT: Trevor Gustke, age 4, awaits his balloon sword as crafted by "Rootin' Tootin' Rootie" the clown (given an assist by Ruth Dilts of Culver). SEE STORY BELOW

Culver EMS director resigns, council considers conflicts of interest

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver EMS director Chuck Dilts handed the town council a letter of resignation last Tuesday, and discussion ensued as to some specifics of the leadership stepping into his stead.

After updating the council at its August 28 meeting on the status of several new members of the department, who recently completed final exams with good scores, Dilts said his departure as head of the service -- a post he's held for several varying years -- is "hard for me."

"For personal reasons, I have to step down as your EMS director," Dilts said, adding he spoke to the EMS' volunteer executive board and that Bob Cooper Jr., previously vice director, will take his place.

"I still will be part of the EMS," Dilts continued. "I will be available for questions and that kind of thing. I will just be a volunteer member; I won't be out on any runs."

Council member Ginny Munroe thanked him for his service, which totals 19 years as a member.

Council member Lynn Overmyer asked if Cooper's

taking on the director's role is a conflict of interest, since she said Cooper's girlfriend is a paid, full-time member of the EMS.

Dilts noted the volunteer executive board reviews all personnel issues and finances, and town attorney Jim Clevenger responded to Overmyer that state statutes concerning conflict of interest cover marriage, not live-in relationships.

Council president Sally Ricciardi said she assumed any potential conflict of interest would be reviewed by the five-member EMS board, though Overmyer noted its members include Cooper's father, who Clevenger said should recuse himself from votes concerning his son.

"I always do," responded Bob Cooper Sr., from the audience.

Dilts also noted all claims go to the town clerk, and that the EMS director is limited to \$500 to spend; Munroe also noted salaries must be approved by town council, which Clevenger concurred is another level of protection. Dilts added Cooper is director on an interim basis, and the position will be up for vote later this year.

"In a small town," said

council member Ed Pinder, "you'll always have a problem with any of the different boards. There's always somebody from (Cooper's) family on one of these boards."

"I don't personally have a problem," Overmyer said. "I just don't want to be caught in the middle of nepotism accusations."

Ricciardi, in response to a question from town manager Dave Schoeff, explained for at least the past 30 years, the council has accepted the recommendation of volunteer departments such as fire and EMS as to changes in officers or board members of those departments. She noted the EMS' by-laws state that the department's vice director automatically takes over if the director resigns or leaves town.

Schoeff added any personnel issues should always be taken to a closed executive session, rather than a public meeting.

Academies sewer rate

In other discussion, Schoeff told the council he, Munroe, and council member Bill Githens have had several meetings with

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Film fest, Monterey Days undaunted by rain

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Mother nature may have put a dent in some area festivals this Labor Day weekend, but overall the show went on for both the Lake Maxinkuckee Film and Monterey Days Festivals. Attendance was up, in fact, for Friday night's sponsor dinner and screenings of seven short films produced by Indiana college students, hosted at Eppley Auditorium on Culver Academies' campus, to the tune of 140 attendees, according to John Zeglis of the committee.

As in the past, the festival's sub-title, "Gift of Warmth," evoked its format: sponsors' funds -- and donated cold-weather wraps and money for Saturday evening's proceedings in the town park -- went to assist the families of children in the Culver Community School district with heating bills and staying warm outdoors this winter.

Five of the films screened Friday night emanated from Purdue University's film school, with one coming from Notre Dame. Audiences were allowed to vote for their top three favorite films, and cash awards presented the winners. At number one was "Two Drops" by Katie Lennox, a video editor for the Hall of Music Productions at Purdue University who has also created veterinary educational videos and promotional material for non-profit groups in Indiana.

The comedic "King of the Pack" by Marty Flavin and Megan Kozak won second place; both Chicago natives are film majors at Notre Dame. In third place was South Bend native Sean Purvines' "From Here to There."

While rain dominated the skies much of Saturday, things cleared up just prior to both the Monterey Days' popular parade and the start of the film festival's town park proceedings, which included food served by members of the Culver Lions, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver; live music provided by Kathy Overmyer, Sentimental Journeys, and Quintin Flagg, and the screening -- on a two-story screen in the park -- of the award-winning musical "My Fair Lady."

The film festival's steering committee, chaired by Connie Overmyer, included Bill Birk, Pat Birk, Lois Broeker, Pastor K.C. Dehning, Dick Dugger, Ellen Freese, Dusty

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Fitterling home a total loss in Aug. 29 fire



By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor
Culver and Plymouth fire departments responded to a house fire at 18036 16th Road in Culver Weds. afternoon which left little for homeowner Mike Fitterling to reclaim.

Culver trucks left shortly after noon in response to a 911 call. According to a neighbor, a motor home

situated in a carport several feet from the back of the house had ignited, and flames quickly spread to the house's wood shingles and made their way up the structure. The Plymouth department arrived shortly to assist, bringing a tanker to relieve Culver's depleted water supply.

Firemen, who battled the blaze well into mid-afternoon, were able to retrieve a few photographs and other items from what was

otherwise a total loss. And while no human life was lost, Fitterling says his dog of six to eight years perished in the blaze.

Fitterling says he'd driven to Bass Lake with a friend for coffee that morning, and the two commented on the black smoke visible on the horizon on their way back to Culver. As they drew nearer to the property, the realization hit that Fitterling's own home had fallen victim to the flames.

Fitterling himself built the two-story home in 1969, he says, and had resided there ever since.



The home of Mike Fitterling in Culver is a mass of charred remains (ABOVE), following a fire last Weds. which began via a motor home in an adjacent carport (ABOVE LEFT). Culver and Plymouth fire departments assisted.

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

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Hands-on 1800s farming experience Sept. 15

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver will present a hands-on day experience of farm life in the 1800s Saturday, September 15, by way of a visit to Child's 1850 Farm (www.childsfarm.net), located at 14118 Peach Road between 14 and 14B Road. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., attendees will experience life on a mid-nineteenth cen-

tury farm, participating in farm chores, weaving of a rug (which will later be displayed in the AHS' museum in downtown Culver), horse-drawn hayrides, entertainment, and preparation of the sit down mid-day meal.

Limited spaces are available for this historic experience, so order or pick up tickets. Adult members of the

AHS are \$20, and members' children under 12 are \$10. All non-members cost will be \$30 for an adult ticket and \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the museum which is open Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or email history-ofculver@gmail.com



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Monterey Days

LEFT: Heather Baker-Hulmes, Monterey-Tippecanoe Twp. Fire Department, rides in the Monterey Days parade Saturday night. Next week's Citizen will feature more photos and detailed coverage of the festival.



The program had 11 campers complete ground school and one soloed. The campers fly out of the Starke County Airport in Knox, Ind.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS

Academies flight simulators take off

Culver Academies' summer aviation program received a major boost this year with the addition, earlier this summer, of two flight simulators in the Naval Building.

Culver ghost stories sought

Culver-area readers with tales of local hauntings or otherwise spooky Culver experiences are encouraged to share them with the Culver Citizen, for publication in upcoming editions of the paper leading up to Halloween. Those with stories to share may contact the editor at culvercitizen@gmail.com, 574-216-0075, or via Facebook message at [facebook.com/culvercitizen](https://www.facebook.com/culvercitizen). Submissions are needed by mid-October.

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Culver Academies' facilities director Jeff Kutch, who Schoeff said plans to approach the Academies' board in October to update its members on discussions concerning the school's sewer rate.

Munroe said the Academies is "looking into things," noting the council committee has asked them to "think outside the box."

She said it's been seven or eight years since a rate study had been conducted, and discussion has included whether such a study would produce better data.

"We didn't have the best data last year when we were looking at this," she added, "so we all sat down and studied it."

When Overmyer suggested all council members should be apprised of what has been proposed, Munroe said a work session on the matter could be held.

Ricciardi noted the council asked Munroe, Githens, and Schoeff to meet with Kutch, and that all discussion to date has been preliminary. Munroe emphasized at this point discussions have focused on sharing data, which Overmyer responded she'd like to see.

Schoeff said a rate study could be conducted for just under \$10,000 each for water or sewer. Munroe said such a study would be beneficial since a cost for operating the sewer plant annually, for example, isn't readily available.

The council was also updated by a Troyer Group representative on completion of this year's Safe Routes to School, INDOT grant-funded sidewalk replacement project, which added 513 lineal feet of sidewalk and 62 additional ADA-accessible ramps at intersections.

Ricciardi noted she wasn't pleased with the work done at her property, where she said four feet of her stone wall was removed, as well as the sprinkler system.

In all, \$250,000 was made available for the project, which replaced walkways on School, Ohio, and Main Streets.

No official construction date has been set for work on Culver's downtown revitalization project, according to Schoeff. The INDOT-funded project has been planned for a mid-September start date. Schoeff added he hopes to meet with downtown merchants prior to construction to field questions and discussion.

Schoeff also presented the council with a five-year capital projects list which he described as a "working document" based on recently-discussed projects as well as items from previous plans he found in past documents. The much-discussed, new comprehensive plan for Culver was top on the list, which also

included repaving of a handful of streets, digging a new well for the town, improvements to various points in Culver's water distribution system, and parking lot improvements at the municipal-owned lot at Ohio and Madison Streets.

The council scheduled a public work session for the following Tuesday to discuss both that list and the future of the town hall building, which is in increasing need of repair.

Culver building inspector Russ Mason said he and Marshall County plan director Ralph Booker will pursue a plan to clean up those parcels in the Culver area whose land resides in both county and town zoning areas, by formally designating them one area or another, now that the council has approved an ordinance amending Culver's zoning.

The ordinance, discussed in a public hearing at the previous council meeting, establishes a new agricultural zoning option in Culver, which relieves some property owners' concerns that they could lose the ability to properly operate agri-based land should their property become part of town zoning. The ordinance also regulates installation of lock boxes on new commercial buildings, and waste and debris removal within the two-mile district surrounding Culver.

Also approved by council was \$18,900, to be divided between affected departments, for a new GPS system which would coordinate existing data on Culver's infrastructure and allow town workers to pinpoint locations of buried pipes and the like, to the centimeter. Utilities manager Bob Porter noted the existing system is a decade old and is incapable of such precise location.

During the citizen input portion of the meeting, Ralph Winters of the Culver Redevelopment Committee said he'd been recently researching the CRC's responsibilities and has grown concerned about what he called an "entitlement mentality where we don't want to scratch our noses unless we get a grant for it."

The CRC, he said, is "sitting on a pot of money" amounting to some \$600,000 which should be spent on community projects.

He asked for guidance from the council on town projects in need of funding.

"I feel strongly it is town's money and we have a responsibility to see it's spent on projects you maybe just don't have the money to do," he added.

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Engagement

Pusateri - Robinson



Patricia Lynn Pusateri of Gary and Kurt Alan Robinson of Argos announce their engagement to be married Sept. 9, 2012 in Culver.

The future bride is the daughter of Edward P. Pusateri of Gary. She is a 2002 graduate of Calumet High School, and also graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in 2006. She is employed by Head Start.

The future groom is the son of Gary Robinson and Mercedes Velo, and Robert and Dianne Osborn. He graduated from Argos High School in 2003 and attended Indiana University Bloomington. He is employed by Dyer Construction.

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., Sept. 6: Beef stroganoff, peas, cauliflower, whole grain bread and margarine, pineapple, milk.

Fri., Sept. 7: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, wheat bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

Mon., Sept. 10: BBQ chicken, broccoli, succotash, honey wheat bread/margarine, fruited jello, cupcakes, milk.

Tues., Sept. 11: Ham and beans, cornbread and margarine, spinach salad and raspberry vingrtte, cobbler, milk.

Weds., Sept. 12: Chopped steak and gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, rye bread and margarine, dessert, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 13: Pulled pork, yellow kaiser bun, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, pears, milk.

Fri., Sept. 14: Taco salad: meat lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, corn chips, ranch dressing, black bean and corn salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Keep up with Culver news online at culvercitizen.com and facebook.com/culvercitizen

Christian rap artist KB in concert Sept. 14 at Academies



CULVER – KB, one of the hottest new names in Christian rap, will be performing in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Eppley Auditorium on the Culver Academies campus.

“Back to School Kickoff with KB” is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door, which open at 7 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Academies’ Spiritual Life department. KB’s debut album Weight & Glory was released last month and sky-rocketed overnight to the No. 2 hip-hop album on all of iTunes.

The concert “is sure to excite back-to-school students, rap fans, Christians, and folks who just love a great show,” said Will DuVal, the Academies’ Protestant youth minister.

Library news

New computer classes for September

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

Sessions for September include: Video Editing Part I (Sept. 10 and 14); Video Editing Part II (Sept. 17 and 21); Finances with Excel (Sept. 24 and 28).

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

Help heroes keep in touch at Culver Library

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library and Jennifer Merle-Hamscher, an independent Stampin’ Up! demonstrator, are hosting an event Saturday, Sept. 15., from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Operation Write Home (OWH).

Death notice

Moriarty

Jack L. Moriarty
Aug. 25, 2012

ARGOS — Jack L. Moriarty, 46, of Argos died Aug. 25, 2012.

He is survived by sons, Brandon, Timothy, Isaiah; daughter, Crystal; brothers, Marty (Sherri) Brock, Galen "Nate" (Sarah) Moriarty; sister, Launa (Judd) Fields; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Plymouth Church of Jesus Christ where service followed at 2 p.m. Burial is at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Letters of condolence may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

OWH, a non-for-profit 501(C) (3) organization, sends blank hand-made greeting cards to members of the armed forces who are stationed outside of the United States. This service is provided free of charge to the soldiers. They, in turn, are able to mail the hand-crafted (birthday, anniversary, holiday, etc.) cards to their friends and loved ones. Since 2007, more than 1.5 million hand-made cards have been deployed through this charity.

This event will include an opportunity to make cards on-site, with the guidance of a creative coach (materials will be provided as part of this charitable endeavor), as well as a drop-off location for handmade cards that have already been crafted. Also offered is a convenient station for writing a letter or sending a card to a soldier who might not otherwise receive any mail.

All area residents are welcomed to join in this family-oriented cause. For more information, feel free to contact Jennifer Merle-Hamscher as whispersinink@yahoo.com, through her blog at <http://whispersinink.blogspot.com> or by telephone 574-806-4642; or the library, at 574-842-2941.

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possesses a degree in music education and is certified Level I in Orff-Schulwerk. Contact Paré at 574-274-7097 or parefamily@att.net.

Town wide yard sale The Town of Culver is sponsoring a fall town wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@townofculver.org or at 842-3140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, September 25. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, September 27 at Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn’s Mini-Mart.

Maxinkuckee IOOF breakfast Sept. 29

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will host a pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy all you can eat breakfast Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 a.m. to noon. The event will take place at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. The Rebekah Country Store will also be available.

Town-wide cleanup Oct. 13

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a town-wide cleanup day Saturday, October 13. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

Old Dr. Durr and Culver's earlier name



Its still the lake water

By John Wm. Houghton

I wrote in my last column about Marshal Marmont, our town's namesake for several decades back in the nineteenth century. The natural follow-up question is why in

the world a village in pioneer Indiana would be named for the first of Napoleon's marshals to defect.

The first place to look for answers to questions like this is always Daniel McDonald's 1908 book, "A Twentieth Century History of Marshall County." McDonald was often a witness to the history he reports: he came to the county as a child pioneer in 1836, and grew up to serve as a newspaper editor in Plymouth and state politician. He was the prime mover behind the statue of Menominee on Peach Road south of Twin Lakes.

McDonald's comment on the name Marmont is brief: "The name of Union Town was changed to Marmont when a resurvey was made in 1851. Dr. G. A. Durr was a resident of Union Town at that time. He was of French descent and succeeded in having the name changed to Marmont in honor of a French general of that name." There seems to be no reason to doubt that Dr. Durr was the man responsible, but the descent and the date are wrong.

Dr. Gustavus Adolphus Durr (who was known back home, I suspect, as Gustav Adolf Dürr) doesn't himself have a biographical sketch in McDonald's history. There is a sketch, though, for his son Charles C. Durr, D.D.S., who had a practice in Plymouth and was also for a time the

official dentist for Culver Military Academy. Young Dr. Durr, McDonald says, was born in what would eventually be Monterey on "September 24, 1852, a son of Dr. Gustavus A. and Eliza (Lopp) Durr. The father was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, but the mother was born in this country, in Indiana. Coming to America, Dr. G. A. Durr located at Monterey and moved to Lake Maxinkuckee in 1856, and he remained in practice there until his death at the age of sixty-one years. His wife was forty-four when called from this life, and in their family were two children who grew to mature years." This information is supported by other sources. An 1856 "Post Office Directory, or Businessman's Guide to the Post Offices in the United States" lists Gustavus Adolphus Durr as Postmaster of Monterey as of July, 1856, while the 1860 census of our own fair city duly lists Adolphus Durr, physician, aged 40, born in Germany, Eliza Durr, housewife, aged 36, born in Indiana and Columbus Durr, aged 8.

The difficulty, of course, is that this well-confirmed information in McDonald's biography of young Dr. Durr contradicts what McDonald says about the naming of Marmont: Gustavus Adolphus Durr seems definitely to be not French but German, from the city and state of Baden in southwestern Germany ("Dürr" is a German surname). And if the Durrs didn't move to Uniontown until sometime in the last half of 1856, the Doctor wouldn't have been on hand in 1851 to suggest a new name.

There certainly was a new survey of Uniontown in 1851, performed on April 25 by J. B. N. Klinger; it added 15 lots to Bayless L. Dickson's original plat, expanding the town by adding a block north of what

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Digging for journalistic dirt in Culver



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

At the outset, let me offer condolences to Mike Fitterling and family, at the total loss of his home to fire last week (see page 1). I know, as Mike told me the day

of the fire, that he'll "bounce back," but in the meantime, most of us can't imagine what it's like to lose everything in a very short time, and he's in the thoughts and prayers of many.

Second, I apologize to readers for last week's printing problem -- a font substitution issue, to be exact -- which led to such (unreadably) small typeface on our photo captions. We heard from several readers concerned this will be a permanent state of affairs, which it won't. If you'd like to receive a digital (PDF) copy of the paper with *readable* fonts under the photos, please shoot me an email at culvercitizen@gmail.com and I'll be happy to send you one.

It's been an interesting week in local issues, in this case stemming from one covered in our lead story (page 1) this week, concerning discussion at Culver's latest town council meeting as to whether the automatic promotion of the EMS' vice director, Bob Cooper Jr., represents a conflict of interest since his girlfriend is a full-time, paid EMT with the service.

I'm not at all familiar enough with the behind-the-scenes details of the controversy to comment on the matter itself at this point, but it's obvious there are some strong feelings on both sides.

In online coverage of the meeting at another area media outlet, an anonymous commenter posted that the *Citizen* would *never* have run coverage of the matter, which struck me as interesting.

First of all, it's obviously untrue, and anyone who follows municipal matters and the *Citizen* both, knows if it takes place in a council meeting, and *especially* if it's controversial, it will be covered in this paper. In five years as editor, I've never missed a council meeting and have never "suppressed" any aspect of public meeting coverage (be it council or the other meetings we don't always have covered, such as school, park, or library board, BZA, plan commission, and the like).

But the comment raises an interesting question as to how small town papers -- and I mean small, like Culver, in which you're certain to run into the people you write about, in the park or grocery store! -- should handle local controversies.

The nice thing for me has always been that I'm beholden to cover the news as it happens in public meetings -- so there's really no debating, regardless of my personal feelings on a given issue: it will be covered. I go out of my way to make sure both "sides" are represented at least as well as they were in a given meeting, at least in my opinion. Sometimes I've wished I could do otherwise. I certainly have strong opinions at times on some issues, and frankly on an emotional level, I'd love to only represent the side I agree with. But I feel deeply I can't do that, and do my best to put myself in the shoes of each person, and so represent their viewpoint.

I can't speak for our anonymous commenter on the EMS matter, but I've concluded that what many people want this paper to do on any given issue, is give full voice to their perspective on why their enemy (or enemies) are in need to public scorn. And you know, sometimes they're right.

I myself have been aware of the conduct of some individuals whose behind closed doors conduct would scandalize them, if made public, and I'd love to do it.

But fair journalism means giving voice to *both* parties on an issue, and if that happens, it may turn out the "villain" here isn't as villainous as the angry party believes -- or at least

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Surprisingly few readers last week's Mystery Citizen. Barbara Neidlinger. That may be partly due to the fact that she actually graduated high school in Argos, though she's been a Culverite since 1967, working at Park N' Shop for a few years and then what is today known as Easterday and Umbaugh for 25 years. It was also her birthday last week, so many happy returns of the day



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Barbara Neidlinger. RIGHT: Barbara Neidlinger. This week's Mystery Citizen

Neidlinger and Barbara Neidlinger (her daughter, not her!).

This week's Mystery Citizen has dedicated a few decades-plus to her chosen vocation, which has touched many lives, first in an institution very close to Culver and presently in the town of Culver itself.

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




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Cavs make it happen at Triton

By Dee Grenert
Staff writer

BOURBON — After a pair of season-opening losses, Culver Community's football team needed to make something good happen Friday at Triton.

Between Bradley Beaver, Tucker Schultz, Preston Hansel, Collin Stevens, and a strong supporting cast, the Cavs broke out the good stuff.

Culver put points on the board in each of its first five possessions of the game and withstood a second-half Triton charge en route to a 37-19 Northern State Conference victory.

"We needed something good to happen, and fortunately we got it early," Culver head coach Andy Thomas said. "That gave the guys some confidence. It's been a rough couple of weeks. We needed to make something happen rather than wait for something to happen. I was proud of the way our guys got off the bus and came out and played with emotion and were more aggressive."

Beaver, a two-way performer, capped off the game's 16-play, 72-yard opening drive with a 2-yard touchdown run around the left side. He also snagged a key fourth-quarter interception in Culver territory with a little more than 8 minutes left in a 31-19 game. Schultz sprinted 65 yards

on the very next play to put the Cavs in control 37-19 with 7:55 left in the game. Schultz finished with 123 rushing yards in 14 tries.

"That was good," Thomas said of the interception. "(Beaver) was close a couple of times. He made a play and made it so the game wasn't in doubt."

Meanwhile, sophomore Preston Hansel returned a kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown with 37.5 seconds left before halftime to put the Cavs up 31-7.

"We work awfully hard on special teams, and our special teams have played well this year," Thomas said. "Our guys put bodies on bodies, got Preston to mid-field and he broke some tackles and made a great individ-



ual effort after that."

Also for the Cavs, senior quarterback Collin Stevens scored on a 2-yard first-quarter option keeper, booted a 33-yard field goal, delivered a 31-yard touchdown pass to 6-foot-6 senior Micah Budzinski, and tacked on four extra points. Stevens finished an efficient passing night 9 of 14 for 149 yards.

"We had a great week of practice," Thomas said. "Wednesday and Thursday were like old times, and that certainly made the difference tonight."

Culver hosts New Prairie next Saturday, while Triton welcomes Bremen.

• CULVER 37,
TRITON 19
At Bourbon

Lady Cavs suffer NSC loss to Triton

By James Costello
Sports Editor

BOURBON — After Culver evened its Northern State Conference match with Triton at a game apiece Thursday, Lady Trojans volleyball coach Samantha Keel gave her players some sound advice: Put the ball where they're not.

The simple but effective strategy proved successful, and Triton rattled off wins in the third and fourth games to put the visitors away 25-14, 22-25, 25-19, 25-16 for an NSC win at The Trojan Trench.

"Between (games) two and three it was more

of we have to figure out where they're not; it's a placement thing for us," said Keel. "Culver's a very fundamental team so they play a basic defense, which means you've really got to aim for deep corners and you've got to go straight middle. It's more of a strategic play when you play a basic, fundamental team.

We really talked about putting things in the deep corners or right against the net in front of the 10-foot line. We had to basically put the ball right where they're not."

Culver struggled with early deficits as the Lady Cavaliers fell behind 5-0

and 4-0 in the final two games, and while they recovered from those slow starts, the visitors were never quite able to swing the momentum in their favor.

"Right before that fourth game started I told the girls we can't let a team get up four or five points because once they do it's hard for us to get back in the game," said Culver coach Amanda Minix. "Our big thing right now is serve receive, and just like I told them in the locker room after the match, we've got to utilize our big hitters. We've got some girls that can get up
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Sports briefs

Football

CMA tops Panthers 27-20

Culver Military Academy lost nearly 100 yards to the North-Wood Panthers still won 27-20 after three big plays by the Eagles, with Joel Tinney and Haynes Barnes leading the way.

In JV play, CMA fell 60-8 to the Panthers.

Girls soccer

Culver beats Rochester

Kayla Shaffer scored three goals, and Culver Community beat visiting Rochester 5-3 Thursday. Denisha Brown and Shakkira Harris also scored for the Lady Cavaliers.

• CULVER 5, ROCHESTER 3
At Culver

Boys tennis

CMA tops Tigers

Culver Military Academy beat host Warsaw 4-1 on the road Aug. 29. Quinlan Smith, Sam Concannon and Eric Maudhuit earned the Eagles the sweep in singles play, and Alec Proeh and Austin Proeh won their 1 doubles match-up in two 6-2 sets.

• CULVER MILITARY 4, WARSAW 1
At Warsaw

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and hit the ball, and we're doing too much just rolling it over, tipping it over. We've got to utilize what we have to be able to hit. But before, we have to start with a pass on a serve receive or on a hit from them, they've got to pass the ball up to the setter."

Culver was paced by junior Samantha Howard's all-around match of seven kills, three aces, five assists, two blocks and 10 digs. First year sophomore Donna Zehner finished with seven kills and three blocks, meanwhile.

"Donna is actually a firstyear player, so she's still learning a lot of things. But I told her in the locker room 'You're a big girl.' She can get up and hit the ball. They're not going to stop her from a hit. She's still learning quite a bit; we're still on her every day," said Minix. "Of course Samantha, she's an all-around player. She played a lot during the summer and that really has helped her see what the other



PILOT PHOTO/ JAMES COSTELLO
Culver's Samantha Howard bumps the ball over the net while team-mate Alecia Rerrick looks on during Thursday's match.

email address is readily available in this paper, as is my phone number!), it may merit something more...I can't say.

It's rare that I'm faced with an issue where an actual ethical or legal offense is at hand, *and* digging for dirt by way of this newspaper is the *only* way to bring that fact to light. It's almost always something on its way to a public forum (such as a council meeting) anyway, or it turns out to be more complex, nuanced, and "gray area" than some folks want it to be.

Lastly, part of the value of forums like town council meetings. Anyone who thinks Culver's council has formed a secret pact to protect so-and-so, doesn't know how divergent the members' views are. Many issues can and should be brought to the attention of the whole council, where they'll be subject to public scrutiny.

If not, and the local press can shed light on a genuinely dark situation, I'd like to think the *Citizen* will be there to do so.

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not in the eyes of those of us on the "outside" of a given situation. Additionally, there may well be legalities which prevent some matters from being discussed with the media, particularly where employment is concerned.

Further, the media going after your enemy with a hatchet, and exposing them for the scoundrel or incompetent boob that they are, may work both ways: it means you could be on the receiving end of that hatchet when someone suggests you've messed up, sometime down the road!

Am I advocating shying away from investigating legitimate concerns and claims? Not at all. But I've found that an entity like this newspaper must proceed with caution when presuming to dole out justice to the guilty. There'd better really be some guilt! Once something's in print, a retraction next issue may do little to set the record straight where damage has been done.

And again, this is not a direct response to the EMS controversy itself. If I become aware of something beyond what was brought out in the council meeting (and my

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Henricks, Mick Henley, Katy Lewellan, Lynn Overyer, Mike Overmyer, Gary Shaffer, Patty Stallings, Paula Sturman, Susan Thews, and John Zeglis.

Monterey Days kicked off Friday evening with the Miss and Mister Monterey pageant, continuing through Monday's longstanding Monterey American Legion Collins

Tasch Post #399 ox roast, bingo, and duck race. The grand marshals of Saturday's parade were 50, 60, and 70 year active member Monterey firemen Karl Master Sr., Jim Zehner, and Don Keller.

More coverage of Monterey Days will appear in next week's Citizen.

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is now Lake Shore Drive (Scott Street on the plat) and three lots on the marshy east side of Plymouth between Washington and Jefferson. The new plat also changed the name of Lake Street to Cass Street, and created the current Lake Street half a block east of Plymouth. On the 6th of May, 1852, Bayless's brother-in-law, Thomas K. Houghton (not to be confused with their first cousin, my twice-great grandfather Thomas) appeared before M. W. Smith, a Justice of the Peace, to state that the 1851 resurvey had been "done by his order and directed for the purpose of locating a town by that name and as therein specified by the surveyor thereof. That said survey and plat is intended to supply the place of the survey made by H. B. Pershing, that being inaccurate."

For some reason, this resurvey, and the accompanying statement, weren't officially recorded until June 9, 1857. On page 126 of his history, McDonald transcribes the date of the sworn statement as also being 1857, but I drove up to Plymouth the other day to check for myself, and the number in the official Plat Book appears to me to be clearly 1852. Ironically, for something meant to correct errors, Klinger's survey contained a whopper, as he stated that Uniontown was in the South East corner of Section 16, which, if true, would put most of the town in the lake; in March of 1890, Klinger filed an affidavit to say that the town was actually in the South West corner. In that affidavit, Klinger naturally refers to his original 1851 survey, and mentions Thomas K. Houghton as "then owner and

proprietor of the town of Uniontown." This contradicts another of McDonald's statements, that Thomas K. became owner of the town in 1857: but it certainly fits with the 1852 date of Thomas's sworn statement.

All of this is the sort of detail that can quickly become confusing, but the bottom line is that it confirms what we concluded from Dr. Durr's biography: he wasn't around in 1851 to influence the name of the town, and the records indicate that the new survey was made specifically for the purpose of creating a town called "Uniontown," and not Marmont. When the resurvey was finally recorded in 1857, no one mentioned anything about a change of name, and it is clearly labeled "Uniontown" in the Plat Book. In the 1860 Federal census, the Post Office is still listed as "Uniontown" on one page, but "Marmont" on others (along with several references to the "Yellow River" P.O., which may or may not have been the same thing). My own guess is that the publication of Marshal Marmont's memoirs in 1857 may have had something to do with the eventual change, though that might require allowing time for a copy of the 8 volume collection to reach the wilds of Indiana.

So whenever Dr. Durr suggested the new name, it wasn't 1851, and it wasn't because he was French. Curiously, though, it may be because he was German. At the time of the French revolution, Germany was strange loose confederation of princes, bishops, dukes and whatnot under the overall name of the Holy Roman Empire of the

them know what's going on."

Culver slipped to 5-4 on the year with the conference slate-opening loss at Triton. The Cavs are hoping they can recover some conference ground next week at home.

"Our conference is not an easy conference. New Prairie is going to be tough, they've got a new coach this year. Knox, they played a lot together this summer," said Minix. "So our conference is a tough conference. We have to be able to get wins on the teams that we know that we can probably beat. This isn't what we wanted to come out of here with. We've got Bremen next Thursday at home, so hopefully that's going to be our first conference game at home, so hopefully... we can get a win there. We have to get wins during the conference that we know we can get."

• TRITON 3,
CULVER COMMUNITY 1
(25-14, 22-25, 25-19, 25-16)
At Bourbon

German People. The Dürr homeland of Baden was ruled by a Margrave, who at first resisted the French. In 1805-06, however, the Margrave became a member of Napoleon's new "Confederation of the Rhine," gaining some new territory and a jump up the nobility ladder to Grand Duke of Baden. When he died in 1811, his grandson succeeded to the throne—a grandson who was married to Napoleon's adopted daughter. This new Grand Duke continued to support Napoleon until the Emperor's disastrous loss at Leipzig in 1813 and (at least according to Wikipedia) French policies and politics remained popular in the Grand Duchy for many years thereafter.

It's believable, then, that a son of Baden might admire Marmont as the last survivor of Napoleon's marshals, and not criticize the old soldier too much for having deserted his patron the Emperor in 1814, since the Grand Duke had, after all, abandoned his father-in-law the Emperor the year before.

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A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He is the author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.



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