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In Brief

St. Patrick's Day meal at VFW

The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve a St. Patrick's Day special of corned beef and cabbage with parsley red potatoes, salad, and dessert for \$9 Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League will hold sign-ups at the Culver Union Twp. Library on the following dates and times: Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 5 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 23, noon to 3 p.m.

Walking Club info mtg April 1

Those interested in getting more exercise, losing weight, and feeling better are encouraged to take part in the Culver Park and Recreation Department's 1 Million Steps to Success Walking Club. An informational meeting will take place in the beach lodge April 1 at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Rent a sale space at the park

Spaces are available for rent at the Culver town park to sell items during the town wide garage sale, April 26 and 27. The price is \$10 per space, per day. Applications may be picked up at the Culver town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to Kelly at 574-842-3510.

Mexican Dominoes at the park

The Culver beach lodge will host Mexican Dominoes, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Community Lenten services

The Culver Community Council of Churches invites all to join for a community-wide, ecumenical Lenten prayer service at 4 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ (March 17). Those with questions, contact Jean Rakich at 574-842-2725.

Schoonover is artist of the month

Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes Jim Schoonover as artist of the month for February. Currently featured is a mix of his artwork, including watercolor, oil, enamel, pen and ink, and cartoons. For

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Last days of winter?

ABOVE: An unusually late winter storm -- the most significant one of the entire season to date -- hit Culver last Tuesday and Wednesday, though you wouldn't know it to look around by the start of this week, when rising temperatures and rains on Sunday cleared away most of the snow from the area. Last Wednesday, however, saw enough of the white stuff to close Culver Community Schools, and the family of Culver Elementary teacher Jean Ahlenius (including son John and daughter Isabelle) took advantage of it to build "the world's biggest snowman" (or one of them, anyway - AT LEFT). Tony Straw of Culver snapped a photo of a "snow frog" build by his Jack Russell terrier, "Moose" (with a little human help - AT RIGHT). And this happy snowman (CENTER) turned up in the yard of the parsonage at Wesley United Methodist Church, on College Ave.

Easterday Construction - 'solo' for 60 years

In nearly 90 years' total existence, company has helped build major structures of Culver, beyond

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By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Sixty years ago this month, Culver's longest lived construction company -- and one which not only built some of the most prominent structures in this and surrounding communities, but had been connected to prestigious and notable buildings around the country -- officially came into its own.

The Easterday Construction Company on Slate Street had already existed for some 30 years under the auspices of the James I. Barnes Construction Company, which was started by former Logansport mayor James Barnes in 1924.

Barnes Construction and Culver

The Barnes company, besides erecting many of the most prominent buildings in Logansport, was also responsible for the bulk of the Culver Military Academy buildings of the era, including the administration building, mess hall, Legion Memorial building, recreation building, natatorium, riding hall and stable, barracks buildings, the Naval building, power plant, and service building.

Additionally, the Barnes company would establish offices in Ohio, Santa Monica and Redwood City, California, and Seattle, Washington, from which a host of prestigious

buildings for universities, hospitals, and even a 1959 addition to Disneyland in California and built the four-level interchange in downtown Los Angeles, an icon of southern California car culture.

The Barnes connection to Culver began with James I Barnes' father, John E. Barnes, who purchased an annex building to the old Arlington Hotel on Long Point circa 1895 as housing while he worked on construction of the first brick building on the Culver Academy campus, Main Barracks, in 1895.

Barnes continued to maintain the home at today's 704 West Shore Drive, and his son James I. inherited the land at John's death in 1914.

James I Barnes died in 1956 and the summer home became was inherited by the seven Barnes daughters: Lucille Drompp, Emily Studebaker, Doris Hills, Marjorie Sparling, Clara Medland, Betty Muehlhausen, and Virginia Kniesley, all of whom had grown up at this summer home the lake. The families of all seven have owned proper-

ty on the lake through the years and youngest daughter, Virginia Barnes Kniesley and her family own 704 today. Other descendants own land on both the west and east shores, making the Barnes name one of the oldest surviving on the lake today.

Easterday beginnings

The Barnes-Easterday connection in Culver began with school teacher Russell Easterday, who worked for James I. Barnes during summers, in addition to a family farm he shared with wife Wanda and six children. Easterday would advance to the foreman position and his work overseeing major projects at the Academy eventually led to his being tapped to head the Culver division of the Barnes company, which he dubbed the Russell L. Easterday Construction & Supply Company. Initially the company's offices were on the second floor of the State Exchange Bank Building in downtown Culver, with materials and equipment stored at the family farm at the edge of town on Slate Street, current location of the business (in fact, the original "pony barn" there is still used for storage on



Russell Easterday in the 1930s.

Besides the Academy buildings and a wide array of Culver homes, the Culver Elementary gymnasium, formerly the Union Township Community Building was built by Easterday Construction and dedicated in 1929; Easterday would also handle the major addition to the building of 1952, which forms the core of today's CES building today. Also constructed under Easterday was the K of P building at 110 N. Main Street, a staple of the downtown business district, among other major buildings here.

well.

During the World War II years, the Easterday company was involved in a massive effort to move housing from Ypsilanti, Mich., to the newly-created town of Kingsford Heights, Indiana, whose primary purpose was to serve as housing for workers at the large Kingsbury Ordinance Plant complex nearby, an important part of the war effort.

An Easterday crew ran ahead of moving houses to lift up electric lines and to make sure clearances on bridges were adequate (many of the houses are still in use).

Melba Easterday recalls working with sister-in-law Margaret (later Lowry) at the Kingsford Heights project while their husbands served in the military. Melba recalls Easterday constructing five buildings at the ordinance plant as well, during a time when the company had over 100 workers on its payroll!

Building Culver and beyond

"Margaret and I were the only girls in (the Easterday company), but across the street were two girls who worked for the government...it was an interesting place to work."

Easterday Construction would be chosen to return to Kingsford Heights to construct its sewage treatment plant in the early 1980s.

She recalls husband Edward sent home from the war with rheumatic fever and eventually returning to construction work then in Culver, though for a long time his health forced him to work half-day shifts.

Melba Easterday remembers

Melba recalls her husband's work at Easterday starting when he was a young lad, carrying water for the workers (brother Everett, a year older, swept floors). The men began tripping young Edward to make him lose his water, an unpleasant prank he didn't report for fear of losing the

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Kids fun fair for Logan Center March 15



Culver Elementary third grader Savannah Hissong sports a Logan Center Nose-On Derby and Clown Nose

The Culver Youth Community Organization will sponsor a fundraiser for the Logan Center of South Bend this Friday, March 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The festivities will be held at the Culver Elementary School's gymnasium and will include music, face painting, carnival games, a bounce house, and concessions. The Logan Center Great Nose-On Dance and Fun Fair will be open to all Culver Elementary School students. One adult chaperone will be required for all students in attendance.

Cost to attend the event is only \$2, which will also get you a free Nose-On derby, clown nose, or bracelet. Concessions will be sold for an extra cost. Those interested in learning more about the fund raiser, please contact CYCO advisor Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103.

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Haynes accepts Priest-in-Charge call to St. Thomas

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth has called the Rev. Thomas E. Haynes to serve as their Interim Priest-in-Charge for two years. Fr. Tom has been teaching math at the Culver Academies and has served in various capacities with Spiritual Life and Instructional Technology in the 13 years he has been there. He is currently the Priest-in-Charge at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Culver. Fr. Tom will leave those positions in June.

St. Thomas has a weekly service in Spanish, and Fr. Tom will be going to the Honduras for the month of July to take part in an immersion language program there. He will also be working with a small local church in the Honduras to gain some fluency with ecclesiastical vocabulary and the order of worship in Spanish. He is excited by the work ahead, and his first services at St. Thomas will be August 4.

The Haynes family will continue to live in South Bend. His wife, the Rev. Susan B. Haynes, will continue to serve as Rector of St. Paul's in Mishawaka.

Fr. Tom has been an active member of the Culver community and lived in town from 2000 to 2008. He has worked with the Culver Community Council of Churches, and he has taken part in community and ecumenical services. Last year he took part in a Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis Day with Fr. Thadeus Balinda (St.



Fr. Tom Haynes

Mary of the Lake Roman Catholic Church in Culver). He has preached in the Lenten services at Culver's Grace United Church of Christ and Wesley United Methodist and has been conducting a service at Miller's in Culver on a six week rotation with other pastors.

Asked about the plans for a new priest at St. Elizabeth's, Fr. Tom said, "You would have to ask the vestry and Bishop Little. There are priests in the diocese who might be willing to consider a call to St. Elizabeth's. I think in the short term, they plan to have Fr. John Houghton preach and celebrate in July. That gives them some time before Fr. John returns to The Hill School in Pottstown, PA where he is the Chaplain."

Fr. Tom is planning a strong finish to his time at the Academies and St. Elizabeth's. He has an especially good group of students this year and is certain he will miss the classroom after 32 years of teaching. He has a lot of respect for the small, strong faith community at St. Elizabeth's and knows they will thrive.

Fr. Tom observes that as Christians "We labor in the fields of the Lord. Sometimes we are called to new ones."

He will keep the Academies, St. Elizabeth's, and the Culver community in his prayers.

Library news

Songbird Rehabilitation Program at CUTPL

Pat Knight, bird rehabilitator and president of Songbirds of Northern Indiana Inc., will be at the Culver-Union Township Public Library to explain the value of songbirds and rehabilitation. The program will be held Thursday, March 28 at 1 p.m. in the large meeting room.

Pat will detail the many benefits of songbirds. Most people are unaware of the ways songbirds help people avoid asthma and allergies, protect our food crops, boost our economy, and protect our commercial lumber forests. And who would know better than Pat which birds eat what bugs?

This is a program for all age groups to enjoy. Bring your kids and grandkids, who will be on spring break. For more information, please contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Computer upgrading at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time on March 21 at 6 p.m. will focus on upgrading your computer. Discover how the different parts of a computer affect performance. Learn how to determine whether or not upgrades or repairs are cost-effective.

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

Sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

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

Culver to host "Michiana's Rising Star" event

WNIT Public Television has announced the Culver Academies Eppley auditorium will host one of the five regional competitions of "Michiana's Rising Star," a search for the brightest and best talent in the entire Michiana region.

The Culver contest will be held on Saturday, June 15, and includes entrants from Marshall, Starke, Fulton, LaPorte, Porter and Pulaski counties in Indiana. The five top performers from each region will then compete at the WNIT studio each evening from Sunday, July 28 through Friday, August 2, to determine the grand prize winner and "Michiana's Rising Star."

Said WNIT's Vice President for Production Angel Hernandez, "It's easy to apply. Just send WNIT a tape or disc of your act. Applications are being accepted until March 31, 2013. This is going to be an exciting and fun event!"

The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to appear on WNIT programs. Other awards will be given to each of the top contestants. Judging will be conducted by area arts professionals, media personnel, professional performers and local celebrities. In addition, the public will be invited to call in to vote for their favorites.

Added WNIT's Vice President for Development and Marketing Steve Funk, "This is a tremendous opportunity for singers, musicians, actors, and other performing artists to showcase their talent. We invite performing artists from throughout our 22-county broadcast area to submit entries. Michiana's got talent and we want to see it!"

For detailed instructions on how to enter, visit the contest web site at wnit.org or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

WNIT Public Television is a not-for-profit corporation celebrating over 39 years of broadcasting in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

Obituaries

Michael Patrick Walsh

April 16, 1962-March 6, 2013

CULVER — Michael Walsh, 50, of Culver, the beloved son of Jo Ann and James Walsh, died at 12:30 a.m., March 6, 2013 of a heart attack while driving home on State Road 110 from work in South Bend. Always conscious of others, though stricken, he pulled off the snowy road to avoid a car accident, dialed 911, but died before the quick responding sheriff's deputies and ambulance crew reached him. Mike was a mile from home.

Mike was born April 16, 1962 in Dayton, Ohio, and with his family lived in Kansas City, Mo., South Bend, and Culver. He is survived by his parents; brother, Jim (Carol) and nieces, Anna and Rita; sister, Kate and nephew, Lou; sister, Sue (Michael) Fitzgerald and nephews, Mike, Dave, and Pat, niece, Molly (Troy Ferguson), and nephew, Max; and brother, Dan (Katie), nephew, Brian and nieces, Ann and Laura.

Mike was a Missouri High School All State Football player for Rockhurst High School, Kansas City, Mo. He

received a football scholarship to play football at the University of Notre Dame under coach Dan Devine. Mike earned a B.A. degree in Accounting from Notre Dame, a B.A. in History from Indiana University South Bend, a Master's degree in Federal Tax from the University of Missouri Kansas City, and a Juris Doctor degree from Notre Dame law.

Mike was employed by H&R Block, Mishawaka, and Quality Inn, in Roseland.

Visitation with the family was from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013 at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. Mass of Christian Burial followed at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial followed at The Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery, in Kewanna. Prayers for the repose of Mike's soul with God in Heaven will be appreciated. The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements. Letters of condolence may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

Dennis (Denny) Wells Timmons

March 1, 1935-Feb. 13, 2013

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Dennis (Denny) Wells Timmons passed away Wednesday, Feb. 13 at his Riverside, Calif home. Denny was born March 1, 1935, the son of Frank C and Helen Wells Timmons and grandson of Dell (C. E.) and Nora Wells, all former Culver residents.

Denny returned to Culver many times in recent years to visit with family, friends and members of Culver's High School class of 1953 of which he was a member until moving to Riverside during his junior high year. He also resided in Newport Beach, Calif. for several years before returning to Riverside.

Denny was a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a mechanical engineering degree.

He was an avid sailor and accomplished pilot.

Survivors include his wife Holly (Mylne) Timmons; two daughters, Heidi (Timmons) Johnson and Jill (Timmons) Johnson; two sons, Kevin Timmons and Steve Timmons; two brothers, Jack Timmons and Tom Timmons; and seven grandchildren.

A celebratory reception will be held at a later date and interment will be private.

Violet "Maxine" Bailey

July 29, 1922 - February 23, 2013

Violet "Maxine" Bailey, age 90, of Lakeside, MI passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Maxine was born July 29, 1922 in Culver, Indiana to William H and Mary A Crossgrove. She graduated from Culver High School in 1940. She married Robert Hall Bailey on October 10, 1942.

She is survived by her sons, Randall (Frances), Knox, IN; Douglas (Rita), Kalamazoo, ; daughters Sharon (Lloyd) Miller, Kingsford Heights, IN; Lesley (Truman) Stepp, Portage, MI; Patricia (Dan) Combs, Three Oaks, MI; Christine (Mark) Veneglasen, Lakeside, MI; Janice (Rich) Brychta, New Buffalo and Tucson, AZ; Marcia (Peter) Rhode, New Buffalo; Melody Bailey, Tucson, AZ;

Gloria Bailey, Lakeside, MI; Bobbi Freedman, Tucson, AZ; Terri (Keith) Carlson, New Buffalo, MI; 30 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren, sisters Iris Hyland, Culver, IN; Gloria Goble, Plymouth, IN; Colleen (Harold) Hampshire, Auburn, IN and brother William (Deirdre) Crossgrove, Ocoola, IN.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Husband, Robert and children Kent, Brian, Tina and Michael and grandsons Gary Bailey and Rick Nelson.

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at noon at Swan Lake Memorial Garden, Michigan City, Ind.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for Culver history preservation

Your recent mention of "culverahs.com" as a new internet site has had me glued to my computer for hours, reliving my youth and learning of incidents missed as in 1948 I moved onto a journalism career elsewhere.

Your efforts to develop the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver with internet connections has put Culver at the top of Indiana's web sites.

An article by Emerson Houck about the 1944 CHS team kept me up till 4 a. m. That team missed being one of the four State Finalists by a one-point loss to LaPorte in the Hammond Semifinals. With 10 seconds remaining Don McKee had a sure layup but elected to pass to Roger Thews in the free throw circle and Thews missed from about 10 feet. I remember McKee, when asked why he didn't take the easy shot, said, "Shucks, I wanted someone else to be the hero."

The week before McKee's tipin with half a minute remaining beat South Bend Adams in the Regional. In 1947 as a student at Indiana University I remember watching Thews, who had a scholarship courtesy of coach Branch McCracken, practice against the Hurryin' Hoosiers. In

those days freshmen couldn't play until their sophomore year. While scrolling a link of the Vedette, the cadet's weekly newspaper of which in 1944 I had been sports editor.

I wanted to see if I could find a 1938 story on a boxer named Jimmy Doolittle whose father each week flew in to see the bouts. The father was General Jimmy Doolittle who led the first bombing raid on Tokyo in World War 2. In one of the issues I saw side-by-side stories about the football team and the polo team. One of the polo players was Tim Holt, the same Tim Holt who became one of Hollywood's biggest cowboy stars. One of the football players was Hal Roach, son of the producer of the Laurel and Hardy, and the Our Gang comedies.

I'm sure the AHS intent of creating all the sites on the internet was to preserve the past and present for the future. In my case not only is it educational but interesting--- and so fun. Thanks.

Russ Leonard
Indianapolis.

Memories of 103 S. Ohio

The house was spacious and had wood floors and several small stained glass windows in the front of the house. I recall finding old postcards in the attic that dated back to the 1920's and later and I was so excited to see and learn a bit of history from those cards. I couldn't tell you now what was on them, but I was fascinated as a child with them. I also recall many a time walking to Mr. T's and buying candy and if memory serves me right, milkshakes too. Well, I have surly rattled on enough.

Thank you for the trip down memory lane. Great article!

Freida Conn
Via email

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.

Thursday, March 14: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, bread fruit cup, milk.

Friday, March 15: Vegetable lasagna, salad and tomatoes, French dressing, carrots, garlic bread, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

Monday, March 18: Beef stew, green beans, bread, fruit

cup, milk.

Tuesday, March 19: Italian beef and Italian sausage, hoagie bun, seasoned potato cubes, mixed greens, tomato/onion/vinegar, cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, March 13: Onion sage chicken breast, peas, cauliflower, rye bread, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, March 20: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, March 21: Potato corn chowder, cheese, sandwich, applesauce, crackers, sugar free Jello, milk.

Chamber members praise Ruhnow's years of assistance

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The most significant winter storm of the season swirling outside and the guest of honor unable to attend didn't curtail the several members of Culver's Chamber of Commerce hunkered down in Cafe Max on Main Street to celebrate the contributions of just-retired Chamber secretary Bobetta "Bobbi" Ruhnow, and "talk shop" a bit in the process.

The Chamber meeting had originally been slated as a surprise toast to Ruhnow, who spent nearly 15 years as secretary and has just been replaced by Brandy Pohl in the position. On hand was a massive basket with gift cards and other items from local businesses, which will be given to Ruhnow.

Chamber president Tony Sellers discussed some of Culver-born and raised Ruhnow's contributions to the community overall, noting her grandfather Milton Ewald was one of the first presidents of the Culver Chamber, which launched in 1925.

Ruhnow has two children, four step-children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren; she married Bud Ruhnow, who passed away last year, in 1994.

She has served on the Culver Plan Commission, Culver Board of Zoning Appeals, is a lifetime member of the Finney-Shilling VFW Auxiliary, spent 12 years as clerk treasurer of the Town of Culver, and has been a correspondent for the Culver Citizen and Plymouth Pilot newspapers.

Susie Mahler, owner of Cafe Max, read part of a statement from former Chamber president John Thompson, who was unable to attend, noting "One of my best memories was of Bobbie...she had a strong work ethic, and encyclopedic memory, and a great sense of humor."

Chamber member Ralph Winters said Ruhnow is "one of the classiest people I know. We disagreed on things and it never hurt our friendship."

Noting Ruhnow is a "staunch Democrat," Winters said she "had compassion and a real grasp of what was happening, of what brought us to today."

Mahler echoed comments as to Ruhnow's sense of humor, adding, "you could disagree and walls didn't go up. And she has an incredible memory. She was awesome, and Brandy will do great too."

Sellers said Ruhnow is a "wealth of information."

Added Pohl, "When Bobbie trained me, I was surprised and impressed with how much she knows about technology. Her husband had worked with computers."

Also praised by attendees were Ruhnow's many newspaper articles over the years.

In other discussion, it was noted a community-wide calendar has been set up via the Culver Citizen, and will be shared with Chamber members in hopes of finalizing its structure and methodology.

Carol Saft of the Culver museum committee followed up on a discussion from the last Chamber meeting of the possibility of a museum and visitor's center combination. She noted a luncheon has been scheduled for March 12, to which members of the Chamber, town council, and various others involved in business and municipal activities have been invited to sit at the table to discuss hopes, possibilities, and the like.

"I hope our town would see the benefit of a visitor's center and not just expect grants to take care of it," said Mahler. "We're fortunate to have the Academy and lake residents contributing, but I hope the town would step up to the plate."

Culver churches' Easter services

Several Culver area churches have released their Holy Week and Easter worship schedules. As of press time, the following information had been received.

Culver Bible Church: Good Friday service, 7 p.m. Easter sunrise, 7:30 a.m. by the gazebo. Breakfast, 8 a.m. in the church basement (please R.S.V.P 574-842-3056). Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church: Sunrise service, 7 a.m. (breakfast to follow). Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service, 10 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church: Palm Sunday (March 24), Sunday of the Passion with procession with palms, 8:30 a.m. Maundy (Holy) Thursday (March 28), Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar, 4:30 p.m. Good Friday, 4:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (followed by Easter breakfast).

Seamus O'Tuba on St. Patrick

By Jim Walsh

It's a cold day in Culver when meself, a Leprechaun, isn't playing my Tuba, but March 17 is a day folks of high intellect and non-tuba playing leprechauns claim Irishness.

And don't some of our sort overdo it! Like most Leprechauns, meself reads as much as do each of C u l - s t u - w a s ver's elementary meself hang - i n g



around Irish island way back when to encourage the Irish to take up writing books. Patrick did, about 450 A.D. Meself even inspired four monks to write the Annals of the Four Masters in 1616 A.D. Just between meself

and students who want to be leprechauns, meself isn't stating I wrote the books of Patrick and the Four Masters, but would they have gotten it written down if meself wasn't whispering it into their ears?

What about Himself, Patrick, whose day March 17 is? At birth, Himself wasn't named Patrick. It was Suceth. Suceth wasn't born in Ireland, but in west Britannia, now Wales, about 390 A.D., born in the town of Bonnavem Taburniae, the township of Ventre.

Suceth's Mama was Concessa, a lovely woman. Dad was Calpornius who served on the town council.

At age 16, Suceth was captured by Scoti (Irish) pirates and taken to Ulidia, the north of Ireland. He was sold as a slave. He worked six years for four families under Chief-tan Miliuss.

Suceth herded cows, sheep and pigs in what we now call County Down.

Suceth escaped, traveling on foot 200 miles to find a ship. Three days at sea, he landed in Gaul (now Brittany, France).

Suceth was ordained a priest in 431 A.D., renamed Patrick, and Himself made a Bishop for Ireland because he knew the language and customs.

Patrick first landed in 432 A.D. in Ulidia, at Brene (near Saul, Strangford Lough).

Patrick's first follower was Dichu, a man whose barn at Saul became the first church.

Patrick ran into trouble when he pitched a tent and lit a Paschal candle for Easter without asking meself about fire. It was an Irish tradition that no fire, on May 1, the first day of Beltaine, was to be lit except for the lighting of two bonfires at Tara, the seat of High King Loeghaire.

Patrick was then called to answer before the High King's Druids (priests) and Chief Poet.

Arguments followed on Easter Sunday, May 1. Points of Druid and Christian doctrines were debated (with meself, Seamus O'Tuba, all the while whispering into Himself's ear).

Patrick, without meself claiming any credit, silenced the Druids and Chief Poet.

From then on, even the Ardi (High King) wasn't a match for Himself.

And Seamus O'Tuba meself took up playing the tuba!

Jim Walsh, descendant of first-generation Irish immigrants, lives near Lake Maxinkuckee with his wife, Joanne.

A devotee of all things Irish, he has written dozens of stories of Seamus and other Union Township leprechauns for his grandchildren and anyone who will listen.

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quarter he was paid for his services; eventually Everett reported it and Russell threatened to fire the crew if it happened again, says Melba. The crew during many of Edward's years worked ten hour days, she recalls.

She also remembers being unable to make herself watch as her husband climbed a series of ladders to place the top piece on the spire of Wesley United Methodist Church, which -- along with its parsonage -- Easterday Construction built in the 1950s.

"He said it would take too long to put up the scaffold," she recalls with a laugh.

Among the homes the company built in town were Melba's own and the former Mikesell house on North School Street, both notable for their use of Bedford limestone.

Edward, who had retired from the company at age 62, died in 2000, after 59 years of marriage to Melba.

Easterday goes solo

An ageing James I. Barnes told Russell Easterday to name his price to purchase the Easterday branch of the company. Shortly after making an offer, Russell suffered a heart attack, and company bookkeepers began inquiries into various financial details. Barnes visited Russell's son Everett in 1953, asking why the company hadn't been purchased yet, and upon learning the hold-up was in his own offices, Barnes made a call and informed his staff to accept whatever Russell Easterday had offered, sealing the deal.

The Russell L Easterday Construction & Supply Company was organized as a partnership between Russell and his wife, Wanda (the name was shortened to the Easterday Construction Company after Russell's death in 1976).

James I. Barnes Construction Company was a union contractor. This continued over to Russell's ownership. In the war years and after, the South Bend unions did not want to provide men to Culver, so, even though the company had done a lot of things such as training masons who the union's then assigned elsewhere, it only made sense for the company to stop being a union company. This let them hire and train many of their own people. Several family members were union members, but dropped out when the company dropped union affiliation.

The present office building was constructed in the 1950s, according to Kevin Berger, though he says the back side of the place is "a hodgepodge" with sections likely converted from old farm buildings. In fact, a caretaker had once lived for a time in what is today the tool room of the building.

A great deal of the work sub-contracted by Easterday today was once handled in-house, and for decades, Easterday kept a variety of construction supplies on-hand, not only for its own use but for sale to the public as well, during those years when transportation to pick up lumber or other building supplies would have been more difficult.

One building is still referred to as "the kiln," since Easterday used to dry its own lumber there, notes Berger.

The Larry Berger years

Easterday Construction

was handled for the next several decades by Russell's sons Everett, Jack, and Edward, along with Russell's grandson Robert Berger and eventually Robert's son Larry Berger. Robert Berger would eventually start Berger Construction in Plymouth, which operated for some years, though Russell Easterday's grandson Larry Berger (Kevin's father) stayed with the Easterday business.

For his part, Larry Berger began working for the family business during summers prior to college. After studying electrical engineering in college, he went to work for Delco in Anderson, Ind. prior to joining the ROTC. Everett would eventually approach Larry to see if he would work for the company.

"It's funny because I took electrical engineering in college so I didn't have to come back," recalls Larry with a chuckle. "But I did try it and I stuck with it; that was about 1963."

Larry started his tenure as an estimator, his first major project being the then-new Culver Community High School, just a few blocks north of company headquarters.

Larry began handling most of the estimating and business as Everett's health deteriorated; by the mid to late 1970s, Larry took over as sole shareholder.

During this period, he recalls Easterday handling projects ranging from Washington Elementary School in Plymouth (besides major school projects in Emma and Shipshewana, Ind), to several projects at the Culver sewage plant, as well as the sewer plant in Kewanee. The first of a number of assisted living facilities for the company began with a project in Logansport. Other Logansport projects including a large addition to a housing development and an extensive remodel of the public library there.

Easterday Construction was involved in all of the First National Bank of Monterey's buildings, including the first one in its home town as well as the Winamac and Culver branches, and a remodel of an office building in North Judson to become a bank branch there.

Indiana Tool in Plymouth was a major project which led to a relationship with the Neidig family there, which would also lead to Easterday handling two or three additions to the Grace Baptist Church on Michigan Street. Easterday designed and built Grace's elementary school as well.

"That was a fun project" Larry recalls. "We did a lot of work for them. It was very fulfilling to be able to be involved in those. They would call me if there was a light bulb burned out in the church, and I would go replace it myself!"

Other work included the Academies' ice arena and original girls' dorm, the Plymouth Coca-Cola plant, and others.

Larry Berger says one project he's "really been proud of" is the former Edgewater restaurant building on Lake Shore Drive in Culver (today's Lakehouse Grille) in 1999.

"That was an interesting one because you had to keep the kitchen open the whole time," he explains. "I think we shut them down for a week." *Continued next week...*



ABOVE: Two views of the construction of the Culver Post Office by Easterday Construction during the days when it was still a subsidiary of James I. Barnes Construction, in 1935. The top view faces north.

BELOW: Construction of the Edgewater Grille in 1999.



Name that Culver 'citizen'



Last week's Mystery Citizen was recognized by only one reader, Tonya Sage, though that may be due in part to the so-so quality of the newspaper photo your editor used (and

yes, it was from a wedding announcement in the *Citizen!*). The subject, Joan Henricks, was also less visible in Culver at the time this photo was taken than she's been in more recent years. More visible is her husband, "Dusty" Henricks, who's highly visible in several local organizations and endeavors. Both live on the east shore and are also regular faces at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver as well.

Catching up on older



business, we received a correct guess from Guy Ott as to the identity of our previous Mystery Citizen, Kathy (Clyne) Berindei. Both Guy and Tonya are lucky recipients of free parking in downtown Culver for their efforts.

This week's Mystery Citizen is the son of a long-time local businessperson and himself is a well-recognized local businessperson here in Culver.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com.

LEFT: Last com or call week's Mystery the editor Citizen, Joan at 574-Henricks, 216-0075.

then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

Eagles make hockey history again with 2 titles

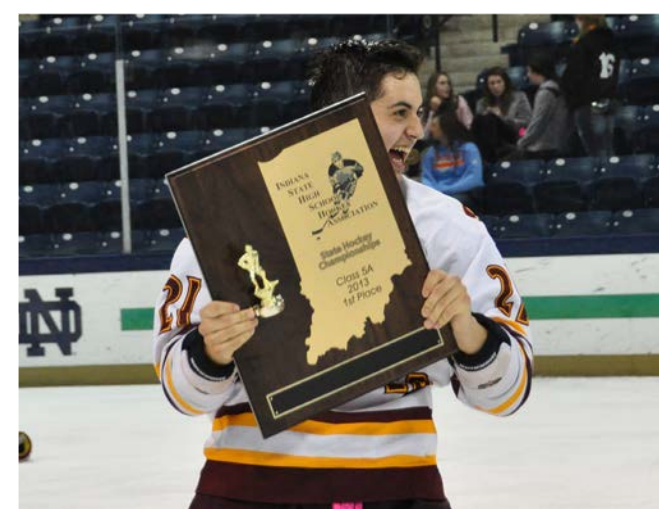


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Phil Kreuser celebrates Varsity A's 5-2 state championship victory over South Bend St. Joseph on Saturday night. Kreuser, from Knox, was one of the captains on this year's team. Varsity has won three straight Class 5-A titles in a row.

By Jan Garrison
Culver Military Academy walked away from the state hockey tournament with championships in the Class 5-A and Class 3-A divisions Saturday. CMA Varsity A won the Class 5-A title with a 5-2 victory over South Bend St. Joseph and Varsity B took the Class 3-A crown with a 4-1 win over Fort Wayne Carroll.

With the state tournament being played at Notre Dame's Compton Family Ice Arena, the Class 5-A game carried a true playoff atmosphere as the Indians brought close to 500 fans and the Eagles brought 49 students on a fan bus to lead the parents, area alumni, and faculty and staff in cheering. St. Joe led after the first

period, 1-0, as goalie Jack Slifer '14 kept the game close even though the Indians outshot CMA 11-2 in the period. Slifer also stopped a penalty shot by Jason Rink.

The Eagles grabbed the lead in the second period, 3-1, behind goals by Jim Callan '13, Phil Kreuser '13, and Matt Moody '14. CMA then added goals by Pete Faulkner '14 and Callan, while Slifer gave up a second goal late in the period for the 5-2 final score.

This was the third straight Class 5-A title for Varsity A. Varsity B picked up its first title at Class 3-A with a 4-1 win over Carroll. Ben Bustria scored two goals, and Andrew Bryan and Peyton Frantti. Bryan started the scoring in the first peri-

od. Carroll tied the score in the second period, but the Eagles blew the game open with three scores in the third period. Frantti started the scoring and Bustria scored the final two goals.

Klaus Cooper was in goal for the Eagles, stopping 23 of 24 shots.

It was the first time CMA teams have picked up two state tournament titles.

Class 5-A
CMA Varsity A 5, St. Joseph 2
First Period
St. Joe - Dillon Bond (Jake Miller, Mario Manta) 10:34.
Second Period
CMA - Jimmy Callan (Matt Moody, Nick Curtin) pp, 1:24; CMA - Phil Kreuser (Corey Taylor) pp, 4:12; CMA - Moody (Curtin, Charley Salk) 14:23.
Third Period
CMA - Pete Faulkner (Matt Neufeldt) 5:43; St. Joe - Will Beach (Jason Rink) 13:45; CMA - Callan (Caleb Jadrich) en, 0:29.
Shots on goal: CMA 23, St. Joe 17. Saves: CMA 15 (Jack Slifer), St. Joe 18 (Jick Wawrykow). Power play: CMA 2-3, St. Joe 0-5. Penalty minutes: CMA 5-10, St. Joe 3-6. Records: CMA 32-8-2, St. Joe 33-10-1.

Class 3-A
CMA Varsity B 4, F.W. Carroll 1
First Period
CMA - Andrew Bryan (Dante Badalich) 3:14.
Second Period
Carroll - Logan Gottschalk, sh, 13:10.
Third Period
CMA - Payton Frantti (Alec Posner) 2:27; CMA - Ben Bustria (Posner, Frantti) 4:37; CMA - Bustria (Frantti) 10:14.
Shots on goal: CMA 17, Carroll 24. Saves: CMA 23 (Cooper Klaus), Carroll (Natt Janiszewski) 13. Penalty minutes: CMA 5-10, Carroll 6-23.

CGA's Cvitkovic singled out for 2 more postseason honors



FILE PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

CGA's Andrijana Cvitkovic goes up for two during a sectional game at New Prairie last month.

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy's Anrijana Cvitkovic has received two more honors following the conclusion of her senior basketball season with the Lady Eagles.

Cvitkovic, an athletic 6-2 import from Kraljevica, Croatia, has been named to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association/ Subway Senior All-State first team and was invited to participate in the Hoosier Basketball Magazine Top 60 Workout, the two organizations announced Wednesday.

A University of Dayton recruit ranked the 13th best forward prospect in the nation by ESPN Hoopgurlz, Cvitkovic was already named to the Hoosier Basketball Magazine Top 100 earlier this year. She surpassed the 1,000-point mark last season with 324 points, bringing her career total to 1,240.

As a sophomore in 2010-11, Cvitkovic helped CGA break a 14-year sectional championship drought with a team-leading 323 points but was unable to get the Eagles back to the sectional title game as they were eliminated by Mishawaka Marian in the semifinals of the tournament each of the past two seasons, including the team's heartbreaking 48-47 loss Feb. 8.

"What do you say about Andrijana? Clearly an Indiana All-Star candidate if not an Indiana All-Star player, and it would be a travesty if she's not," said CGA head coach Gary Christlieb following his team's sectional eliminator. "She's going to go down as probably at this point one of the two best players in the CGA basketball program along with (Indiana Miss Basketball 1990) Patricia Babcock. You don't get kids that come along like that very often, and when you do it's just a pleasure to coach kids with that kind of ability."

Along with Cvitkovic, Plymouth's Amber Redinger, NorthWood's Savannah Bley and North Judson's Jordann Frasure were given Honorable Mention on the IBCA's Senior List.

Several local players also received 2013 Underclass All-State nominations led by NorthWood junior Morgan Olson, who was the lone area player named to the first team. Plymouth sophomore Hunter Stevens was joined by a trio of Oregon-Davis juniors as Ashley Campbell, Jesse Avarone and Alicia McIntosh were each selected for All-State Honorable Mention.

The 32nd annual Top 60 Senior Workout will be hosted by Hoosier Basketball Magazine in conjunction with the IHSAA and the IBCA on Sunday on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis.

Twenty-eight of the Top 60 girls, primarily from northern and southern Indiana, will participate in the first session from 1 to 3 p.m. EST. The remaining 32 girls, primarily from central Indiana, will compete during the second session scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m. Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$7.

Eagles edge Blues

Nicholas McNabb notched 14 saves in goal, and Culver Military's U16 boys hockey team held off the visiting St. Louis Blues for a 3-2 victory over the weekend.

Max Hood gave CMA the initial lead with the only goal of the first period, but the Blues scored in the second period to leave the two teams knotted at 2-2 going into the final frame.

Dominic Garcia and Karch Bachman, who assisted on the Eagles' first goal of the night, each scored in the third to give the home team a 3-1 advantage, and CMA held on for the win.

• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 3, ST. LOUIS BLUES (U16) 2 at Culver
First Period
CMA - Max Hood (Karch Bachman, Dominic Garcia) 8:25.
Second Period
St. Louis - Jacob Henderson (Matt Tkachuk) 2:42.
Third Period
CMA - Garcia (Roy Radke, Bachman) pp, 0:43
CMA - Bachman (Radke, Ryan Patrick) 5:01
St. Louis - Luken Kunin (Vince Scoguamiglio) 6:11.
Shots on goal: St. Louis 16, CMA 18. Saves: Joe Staely (SL) 15, Nicholas McNabb (CMA) 14. Penalty minutes: St. Louis 17, CMA 14.
CMA falls to St. Louis
Culver Military outshot St. Louis 29-26, but the Eagles netted just one goal in a 7-1 loss to the visiting St. Louis AAA Blues over the weekend.
CMA's lone goal was scored by

Brock Frazer.
• ST. LOUIS AAA BLUES 7, CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 1 at Culver
First Period
St. Louis - Case Berger (Alec Pellegrino) 0:18.
Second Period
St. Louis - Jeff Makowski (Brady Crabtree) 5:22;
St. Louis - Kirk Gilleland (Alex Jasiek, Thomas Stahlhuth) 6:32
CMA - Brock Frazer, 8:36, sh
St. Louis - Grant Frederic (Pellegrino, Eric Ruesch) 10:54.
Third Period
St. Louis - Stahlhuth (Crabtree) 1:14, pp
St. Louis - Stahlhuth (Mike Sieckhaus) 2:31, pp
St. Louis - Brendan Wilson (Pellegrino) 3:39.
Shots on goal: St. Louis 26, CMA 29. Saves: Cameron Gornet (SL) 28, Eric Vierkant (CMA) 19. Penalty minutes: St. Louis 10, CMA 15.



Zdravec signs to play for Southwest Baptist

Waynesville (MO) Tigers goalkeeper Lajos Zdravec signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer for Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. February 27. Present for the signing were his mother, Beverly (formerly of Culver), father Lajos, sister Sierra, coaches Mike Armstrong and Mike Gow and Waynesville Athletic Director Josh Scott. Lajos is the grandson of Barbara Quivey of Culver.

Lajos said, "this is something I've been wanting ever since my freshman year. I am really looking for to the new adventure".

"We're extremely proud of him," Armstrong said. "We knew he'd go somewhere, but it's going to be a little difficult for us. Lajos has been my goalie for the last three years."

According to Chris Dinwiddie, SBU's men's soccer coach, "Lajos has a bright futures at SBU. He has all the physical tools and instincts to be a quality goalkeeper. He has also shown he has the mental qualities of focus and ability to make quick decisions. Lajos also has the drive to improve and eagerly soaks up coaching. On top of all that he excels in the classroom. He is a great addition the men's soccer team and to the SBU community."

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SAT, ACT prep at Culver Comm. HS

S.A.T. and A.C.T. preparation classes at Culver Community High School will begin in April. Beginning Tuesday, April 2, teacher Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 a.m.

Beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, teacher Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m.

The S.A.T. test will be offered May 4 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 5 (late registration is April 19)

The A.C.T. test will be offered June 8 at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 3.

Registration packets are available in Guidance and are also being passed out to Juniors this week.

(Alternate S.A.T. test date is June 1 at Culver Academies).

Young Authors Conference registration deadline March 15

The registration deadline is approaching for this year's Young Authors' Conference which will be held at Bremen Elementary/Middle School on April 19, 2013. Guest author Michelle Houts will be speaking at the conference. Her first book Beef Princess of Practical County is set in northern Indiana and is about a young girl who enters her calves in the local county fair. Along with the guest author, the Bremen conference will feature a live animal exhibit presented by Bremen's Future Farmers of America and county fair booths and games. The registration deadline is March 15 and reservations may be made by contacting your child's teacher or by emailing lnykiel@bps.k12.in.us orcmckenzie@bps.k12.in.us

Young Authors' Conference co-chairs Cyndy McKenzie and Lori Nykiel examine the featured book for this year's conference. McKenzie is a Literacy Coach and Nykiel is the librarian for the Bremen Schools.

'My Big Campus' enhances learning at CCHS

By Dana Wireman
Correspondent

In order to assist teaching methods and increase classroom involvement, Culver Community Schools has welcomed another educational program into the learning environment.

"My Big Campus (MBC) is an online class work and collaboration tool for students to do homework, quizzes, and tests," said Daniel Medesi, head of the technological department. "Teachers are also able to collaborate in the system with any other school using MBC."

The system's format is set up similar to a Facebook page, which makes the learning tool visually appealing to students and easier to navigate.

History teacher Gina Hierlmeier said, "My Big Campus is an easy way for students to access materials from multiple classes. It gives teachers easier access to instructional materials in one spot, and it allows teachers to connect to other teachers who are using My Big Campus all over."

So far, MBC is the most compatible system with the iPads. There is even a MBC app students may download. Because of this compatibility, teachers have been able to

incorporate MBC into their classrooms with ease.

English teacher Luke Biernacki explains, "I use MBC in a variety of ways in my classroom. Currently, I use it mainly for my English classes, but I plan to incorporate it more into my speech classes as well. For my English classes, I post announcements and have students complete assignments, quizzes, and tests. I have also hosted one discussion board and shown videos."

Some teachers predict educational advancement and student participation at CCHS because of MBC.

Christina Wright, English teacher, added, "Embracing variety and adjusting to changes around us are important qualities for teachers and students alike. I can easily see My Big Campus becoming an everyday item at CCHS in our academic quest for growth and excellence together."

Many teachers at Culver seem to be enjoying My Big Campus in their classrooms. Said Medesi, "As time goes on we're hoping that more things integrate with the iPad easier so that classes can run smooth with technology, and we hope that the students also feel that it's a great tool for the classroom."

CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for January.

Kindergarten: Austin Hinsey (teacher: Amy Bonine), Jalynn Hopkins (Heather Overmyer), Owen Manikowski (Stephanie Smith), Mason West (Jean Urbin), Adamariz Rojas Mendoza (Janna VanDePutte), Matthew Baker (Kris Arvelo).

First grade: Carter Clingler (Andrea Berndt), Luke Risner (Kelly Dickerhoff), Mackenzie Bandel (April Jefferies), Ocean Salary (Becky Risner), Talia Valdez (Kelly Young).

Second grade: Rylee Clingler (Jean Ahlenius), Alisa Hinds (Tina Bailey), Luci Overmyer (Cindy Master), Gabby Hopkins (Lisa Moise), Devin Burkett (Kim Morrison), Lilly Bradley (Terri Zechiel), Rylee Clingler (Carol Jackson), Rylee Clingler (Ms. Kinney).

Third grade: Emily Heim (Valerie Cultice), Austin Dilts (Jill DeSalle), Brady Moise (Rachel Rife), Mackenzie Banks (Carrie Tharp).

Fourth grade: Madison Shedrow (Alicia Cotner), Jessica Peitsch (Mrs. Miller), Shane Stevens (Chris Renneker), Lillian Prosky (Leslie Shepard), John Lesniewski (Julie Cowan), Tyley Coday (Mrs. Thompson), Shaloon Alvarez (Suzanne Hollis).

Fifth grade: Brittany Young (Pam Craft), Alexandra Temme (Gayle Kinzie), Haley Howard (Raeanne Stevens), Zane Kisela (Steve Young).

Sixth grade: Chloe Lambert (Bryan Albright), Abigail Gregory (Adam Huber), Hunter Ringer (Todd Shafer), Abigail Gregory (Missy Trent), Bryce Whitmer (Joyce Lyman), Kennedy Ash (Suzanne Hollis), Shelby Fritch (Mike Elliott).

Scholarships for current students available now

Current college students may be eligible for scholarships through the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Applications will be available March 15 for the Gary M. Schnapf Memorial 4-H Scholarship, the K. Stuart Gast Scholarship, and the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship. Students must apply online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's webpage at www.pulaskionline.org. Deadline for applications is April 12, 2013.

Applicants for the Gary M. Schnapf Memorial 4-H Scholarship must be: Fulton County residents who are second semester college freshmen and 10-year Fulton County Dairy 4-H members. The scholarship may also be awarded to 10-year 4-H members.

Applicants for the K. Stuart Gast Scholarship must be: current or original Pulaski County residents; graduates from high school as Pulaski County residents; at least second semester freshmen; currently attending the Herron School of Art and Design in Indianapolis, Butler University's Jordan College of Music, or the School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Applicants for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship must be: Culver Community High School graduates who are at least second semester freshmen and plan to enroll full-time in their sophomore year or above in a technical program such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Mathematics, Science, Nursing, Agriculture or a technical certificate program. Students must be enrolled in an accredited Indiana institution of higher education.

For more information on these or any other PCCF scholarships, please call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, Scholarship Coordinator at kskrause@embarqmail.com.



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Presenting the IHSFA sectional trophy to Head of Schools John Buxton are (from left to right) senior captains Mary McKinnis, Melissa Ma, Todd Newton, and Alex Ding.

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Academies speech team wins 1st sectional in school history

The Culver Academies speech team won the first sectional championship in school history on Saturday, March 2. The team qualified 34 of 40 entries for the Indiana High School Forensic Association's state tournament, including five sectional champions and seven runners-up.

The sectional was conducted at McCutcheon High School, Lafayette, with the top six qualifiers moving on to the state tournament. The 34 Culver qualifiers is also a school record. The state tournament will be conducted at Fishers High School, near Indianapolis, on Saturday, March 23.

Sectional champions are: Aerisa Ahn and Melissa Ma, Original Performance; A.C. Betekhtin, Prose Interpretation; Alex Ding, Discussion; Erin Luck and Gabby Wells, Scripted Duo; and Tyler Sorg, Broadcast.

Runners-up include Abel Barrera Duran, Discussion; David Brown, U.S. Extemporaneous; Emily Hernandez, declamation; Todd Newton, humor; Hallie Rauch, International Extemporaneous; Caitlin Schwartz, Broadcast; and Katrina Willis, Prose Interpretation

Marshall earns academic honor



Claire Marshall, the daughter of Chet and Kate Marshall of Culver, has earned a Silver A at the Culver Academies. The award is the second highest academic honor for one semester.

To be eligible for a Silver A a student must attain a two-term cumulative GPA of at least 3.4, no grade lower than a B, and be citizenship eligible.

Claire is a senior at the Academy where she is active in Student Leadership, a member of the Fine Arts Honor Society and very involved in the Theater program where she has performed in many productions. She is also a member of the speech team, which just won sectionals (the first time in Academies history) and is heading to State.

Marshall will be attending Valparaiso University in the Fall.

Orientation for Culver Comm. students March 20

The guidance department of Culver Community Schools is planning a high school orientation meeting for all 8th grade students and their parents Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Important registration information will be provided concerning your child's high school career. All parents and their 8th graders are encouraged to attend.

Discussion topics will include high school scheduling, diploma tracks, and graduation requirements.

Parents interested in filling out 21st Century Scholarship applications should come to the HS cafeteria between 6 and 6:30. The applications are filled out online. You will need the following information to submit your application: Social Security numbers for parent and student and annual income information.

Parents and students will both benefit from this presentation. Please enter through the main entrance in the Culver Community Middle School.

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Scouts' Pinewood has new track

Culver's Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby earlier this month, but this time the Scout-made cars raced on a brand-new, higher tech track. Donated by an area business, the track (pictured in the photo at LEFT) boasts push-button start and digital finish tracking, eliminating the longstanding challenges of human judging. Participants, pictured at RIGHT, included (front row, from left): Sam Luttrell, Hayden Parker, Carson Cormican, Derek McKee. Middle row: Dylan McKee, Alex Pare, Max Pask, Connor Craig, Joey Pizur, Owen Falk. Back row: Ethan Lima, Mason Cormican, Morgan Keller, Austin Reed, CJ Cormican, Coltin Wynn, Nolan Shaffer, Zach Busse

Race results:

Tiger Den: 1st Derek McKee; 2nd Carson Cormican; 3rd Hayden Parker. Wolf Den: 1st Connor Craig, 2nd Alex Pare, 3rd Logan Coiner. Bear Den: 1st Dylan McKee, 2nd Mason Cormican, 3rd Sam Luttrell. Webelos 1: 1st Ethan Lima, 2nd Morgan Keller, 3rd Austin Reed. Webelos 2: 1st CJ Cormican, 2nd Zach Busse, 3rd Coltin Wynn. Open class: 1st Wyatt Coiner, 2nd (TIE) Richard Luttrell & Estella McEndafer. Overall Pack Grand Champion: 1st Ethan Lima, 2nd Morgan Keller, 3rd Dylan McKee.



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more information, contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

'One Book, One Town' March 16

During the month of March, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One Town," a county-wide program whose 2013 selection is "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. Additionally, the author, William Kamkwamba, will be speaking at Notre Dame on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The talk will be at the McKenna Center across from the Morris Inn. For more information, please contact Laura

Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us .

Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, March 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.

Easter egg hunt March 23

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, March 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, for ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

Siren tests March 27

Indiana's 2013 Severe Weather Preparedness Week will take place March 24 through 30, according to Clyde Avery,

Marshall County Emergency Management Agency director. A state-wide siren test will be conducted Wednesday, March 27 (weather permitting), with one test between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and the second test between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The backup drill day will be Thursday, March 28.

Community meal at St. Mary's April 1

The March community meal at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church on College Ave. will be held Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. rather than its usual date of the 30th. March 30th falls on Holy Saturday this year, so the church will observe the holy day that evening. The April community meal will be held Tuesday, April 30 as usual.

Endangered Heritage exhibit at museum

The Center for Culver History will host "Endangered Heritage," a traveling exhibit of the Indiana Historical Society which seeks to educate local communities and funders about the need for good collections stewardship and gives examples of the dangers to objects in collections and information about the collections care needs of Indiana's organizations. The Center for Culver History will be displaying some of its own early historic records and photographs with the exhibit. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 6, and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the museum at culverhistory@gmail.com.

Warner Williams exhibit at museum

Ongoing at The Center for Culver History is a display of the art of Culver Academies 20-year artist-in-residence and Culver resident Werner Williams. The museum's open hours (Tuesday- Friday: 12 to 6 and Saturday, 10 to 2). The museum is located on the ground floor of the Culver Library (574-842-2941).

New Culver history notecards available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is offering a new series of eight historic note cards, available at the Center for Culver History, the AHS museum, and at various establishments around town. At the museum, members always receive a 10 percent discount on mer-

chandise.

VFW bingo returns

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is happy to announce Saturday bingo has resumed Saturdays at 7 p.m. There is a \$500 jackpot, and cards are \$1 each or six for \$5. Hot Ball costs an additional \$1. The kitchen opens 5:30. Come enjoy our fresh made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

New museum director sought

The Center for Culver History has an opening for a new museum director in Culver, a part time position (20 hours per week) paying \$10 per hour. See www.culverahs.com for detailed job description.

Please send a cover letter indicating interest and abilities, resumé, names of three references to P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511.

Troop inaugural exhibit at museum

Ongoing at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, is an exhibit on the 100th anniversary of the first appearance of the famed Black Horse Troop in its first Presidential Inaugural in 1913. Memorabilia, photos, and interactive videos are part of the exhibit. Visit culver.org/museum or call 574-842-8842 for hours and info.

Volunteer for the READ Project

Read Everyday And Discover, known as READ, is a project to help kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students at Menominee Elementary School with reading skills. This volunteer project matches interested adults with children who need a reading partner. Consider volunteering to read with a child for as little as a half-hour a week. READ times are kindergarten (Mondays from 11:50 a.m. to 2 p.m.); 1st grade (Fridays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.); 2nd grade (Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to noon). The school will provide free background checks for those interested. To volunteer, call Nikki at 574 952 2227, Kim at 574 216 6397, or Barbara at 574 842 2173. This is a Marshall County Leadership project.

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