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In Brief

Relay for Life Friday
 Culver's annual Relay for Life will kick off at 7 p.m., this Friday, April 19, in the multipurpose building on the Culver Academies campus. This year's student-run event has already attracted 53 teams and 305 participants. Registration for teams and individuals is available online (relayforlife.org, search for Culver, Ind.). The 2013 goal is \$110,000.

School make-up day Friday
 Culver Community Schools' snow make-up day will take place Friday, April 19, to replace the school day missed March 6 due to inclement weather conditions.

VFW Men's Aux. dinners to benefit local youth

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a Friday dinner April 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver. Available will be half-slab barbecue ribs for \$10, full slab for \$19, and ribeye steaks for \$13 each. All meals include salad bar, baked potato and green beans, and doors are open to the public. All profits from dinner specials served that night will be donated to the Culver Little League. The Auxiliary will also host a smoked half-chicken dinner with baked beans and chips included, for \$8 Saturday, May 11, from noon until sold out, at the Post. The public is welcome. Profits from this event will be used for the CCHS Scholarship Fund.

BPA students seek support

Culver Community High School students will carry on a remarkable tradition of excellence when they head to Business Professionals of America Nationals in Orlando, Florida, later this spring. The total cost of the students' trip is \$4,720, and the BPA is seeking generous community members to assist in reducing students' out-of-pocket costs. Checks should be payable to "CCHS" with a notation of "BPA NLC trip." The BPA must start paying bills before the conference, so time is of the essence.

Hydrant flushing, town yard sales,

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Playing at the 'Playhouse' Ready for summer

ABOVE, LEFT: Brandy Pohl, director of the new Max's Playhouse daycare on State Road 10 in Culver, is seen at the facility, the second of only two licensed childcare centers in all of Marshall County, with daughter Addison (7) and son Tyler (3). Husband Brian is not pictured. SEE STORY BELOW.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Installation crews braved rain and chilly temperatures late last week in preparing the long-planned VFW fishing pier at the town park, which replaced the years-old pier just west of the town beach. The new pier, which combines both fixed and floating technologies, is handicapped accessible and is still awaiting a handful of final tweaks before being open for business.

New daycare is family affair

CCHS grad launches one of only licensed childcare centers in county, hopes to match flavor of Culver community

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Culver is poised to be home to the second licensed daycare in all of Marshall County, and daycare director Brandy Pohl hopes the facility -- dubbed Max's Playhouse in honor of nearby Lake Maxinkuckee -- will fill a number of local needs.

The new daycare, at 18561 State Road 10, is undergoing finishing touches in preparation for a Saturday, April 27 open house (from 9 a.m. to noon), preceding a probable May 13 opening day. Pohl encourages everyone to come meet the staff (two full-time and two part-time members in addition to Pohl herself), enjoy some light snacks, and tour Culver's newest business venture.

Max's Playhouse (www.maxsplayhouse.net or facebook.com/maxsplayhouse) will include two separate rooms: one for infants and toddlers (aged 6 weeks to 36 months), which can accommodate up to eight children; and one for 3 to 6 year olds, which may include up to 20 children. The new outdoor play area is larger than the daycare building itself, notes Pohl, at about 2,500 square feet of natural playscape (the concrete visible there as of this writing will be replaced by green sod by opening day, she points out).

Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the daycare will provide hot lunches served daily via the Culver Academies dining hall as vendor. And those hours will include summertime, something Pohl sees as important.

"While we value the Academy and many employees need childcare only during the school year, there's also a lot of people who need a center open all year around," she explains. "We saw people scurrying find someone to take their kids in the summer. You should be consistent as a childcare center."

She says Max's Playhouse will welcome "drop-in care" during the months of Culver's seasonal crowd, should parents need to run errands or need "an adult day on the lake or whatever."

Drop-in care, according to Pohl, is part-time care not requiring a weekly, pre-arranged schedule, similar to the Culver Boys & Girls Club's summertime approach for older children. Initial paperwork, including immunization records, will be required at the outset, but afterwards, any open spaces should be ready for registered drop-ins of preschool age.

The daycare will be transporting youngsters to Wesley Preschool (which Pohl says "has a great preschool program") daily, and the center will also accept CCDF (Childcare and Development Fund) vouchers, with relevant specifics spelled out on the Max's Playhouse website (which is also the best vehicle to contact the daycare with questions, she adds).

A licensed childcare center

To qualify as a licensed childcare facility, Pohl says head teachers must have a child development associate's degree or early childhood development degree, or be in such a program within a year. She notes one full-timer at Max's has done a 100-hour internship at Good Shepard Montessori school in South Bend.

The Montessori educational model will inform the approach at Max's Playhouse, though it will not be a formally "Montessori" daycare.

"I liked the idea of a Montessori-inspired curriculum," she explains, "and you pretty much have to drive to South Bend to find that around here. My daughter went to a Montessori school for about a year, and I really was impressed with that way of learning and how responsible the children were. It's child-based learning; they try to instill self-discipline in kids. You also use all the senses in your learning. Most preschools are teacher-based, whereas with Montessori you introduce a certain type of work and the child will decide when they want to work and begin to master a certain subject, and they also help other children learn...it's a really different, old school way of teaching."

Pohl also toured five daycares in South Bend and eight in Columbus, Ohio, in preparation for Max's Playhouse.

"I put a lot of care into what the rooms would look like and who I wanted to hire," she notes.

Pohl started the process of licensing in February, 2012. "A lot more goes into it than most people know," she explains. "People think it's just babysitting, but it's really a small school. You have to have a food and nutrition program, you have to pass a health and safety program, and you have to have physical sign-off from the department of health. You have to be ADA compliant, fire marshal inspected -- it's about 11 approvals."

Pohl says there's a "vast difference" in licensing versus other of the three total types of formal daycares operating in Marshall County: ministry, or church-based; home centers; and licensed childcare centers, which are the most stringent.

"It makes sense," she says, to have a formally licensed center in Culver.

"We're a small town, yes, but Culver has the biggest employer in Marshall County (Culver Academies). There are so many people coming into Culver each day. If you can offer something different in childcare, maybe that will bring children here rather than another community, so our community can benefit from that."

Genesis

Pohl, who recently took over the post of Culver Chamber of Commerce secretary long held by Chamber veteran Bobbie Ruhnnow, is no newcomer to Culver. A 2000 graduate of Culver Community High

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Should town help fund promotion of Culver, tourism?

Council talks best use of municipal dollars

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Discussion of promotion of Culver tourism and activities -- and sources of their funding -- took center stage among members of Culver's town council during a work session last week which preceded the regularly scheduled meeting the same evening.

Council member Ginny Munroe had previously requested the topic be placed on the agenda, and at the April 9 work session she discussed the level of support the town as a municipality should give to merchant-planned events and local businesses in general.

Munroe noted some local merchants have launched discussion of a possible fall festival in October in Culver.

"Should we have a brochure or something sort of like a brochure but with a calendar of events in Culver?" she asked. "We don't have our own director of economic development, which could be a full-time job in any larger town. The Redevelopment Commission can't really pay for that type of thing. Is there a budget for marketing Culver?"

Such endeavors would not only benefit local merchants, continued Munroe, but the community at large. She noted the town has devoted \$10,000 annually towards the community resources building in Plymouth. She also noted Marshall County Tourism, which promotes Plymouth businesses via its First Fridays program, among others, has a budget of more than \$100,000.

"Our (Culver) Chamber has a budget of (around) \$3,000," she said. "If we could come up with a chunk of money just to market Culver, we could utilize that through the year."

She suggested local entities wishing to create events

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Community workshop will kick off Culver Comprehensive Plan April 22

A community workshop will be held Monday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. seeking input from community members for Culver's Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will take place at the Culver Park Beach Lodge, 819 E. Lakeshore Dr.

The workshop is the first of several face-to-face community outreach events scheduled throughout the planning process. The purpose of this first workshop is to allow residents and businesses of Culver to voice what they value most about the community and the issues they would like to see addressed.

The workshop will begin with a review of the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan and the planning process, and conclude with a workshop to secure local views on problems, issues and potentials within the community.

What is a Comprehensive Plan? The Town of Culver's Comprehensive Plan will serve as the official guide for land use, physical improvement and development. The Comprehensive Plan will provide a foundation for decision-making based on community consensus, community vision, existing conditions and future potentials. The Plan is intended to serve as a "road map" for 10 to 15 years into the future by guiding policy decisions and helping the community achieve its long-term objectives.

The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Culver will address a variety of topics and will likely include community-wide plans for land use and development, annexation and growth areas, transportation and mobility, open space and environmental features, community facilities, and infrastructure.



Briefs from page 1 clean-up this month

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants Monday, April 22 through Friday, May 3. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color; however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested in participating and would like to have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@townofculver.org or at 842-3140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, April 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, April 25 at Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Town Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, May 11. 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.

LMEC Lax Max study delayed 'til May

The core sampling project sponsored by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council scheduled for the week of April 22 will be delayed into May pending arrival of a critical, specialized part for use by the U.S. Geological Survey in the project. A public informational session on the project has also been delayed to mid to late May, or possibly later, according to Kathy Clark of the LMEC. Every effort will be made to include students and teachers in the rescheduled project, says Clark, who will provide info once new dates have been determined.

Natural health, fertility for women, couples Tuesday

An introduction to the ecologically sound, non-hormonal Creighton Model FertilityCare System will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Culver beach lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive in Culver. The public is welcome and refreshments will be provided for this free event. This all-natural and scientific system telegraphs abnormalities in a woman's health. Presenting will be Suzy Younger, FertilityCare Practitioner and Manager of Saint Joseph FertilityCare Center. For more information, please contact youngesu@sjrhc.com or 574-335-6474.

Culver Comm. kindergarten round-up

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, who will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. If a parent cannot come on April 25, they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017.

Car wash April 27

The Cavalcade of Culver Community High School will be hosting a car wash for donations Saturday, April 27 to help raise funds for publishing the 2012-13 yearbook, at the Park n Shop parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Student Art Show April 27 wknd

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 11th annual Student Art Show Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April

28 at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print, and three-dimensional, best of show and people's choice.

Dancevision April 27-28

Culver Academies' Dancevision will offer its spring performances over Parents Weekend: Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. Both are in Eppley Auditorium and free to the public. Five honors candidates present their projects during these two performances.

Friends book sale April 25-27

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold their first book sale of the year starting Thursday, April 25 with evening hours from 4 to 7 p.m., a new feature this year. On Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Later in the year, book sales will be held June, September and a bag sale in October. Anyone wishing to donate books can bring them to the circulation desk at the Culver Library during library hours.

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.

Community meal at St. Mary's April 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Tuesday, August 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Basic EMT class starts April 30

Culver-Union Township EMS will offer a Basic EMT class beginning Tuesday, April 30 through the end of July. Classes will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 10 p.m. and every other weekend (days and times to be determined). Cost is \$700 and includes books. If you are interested, please contact Culver-Union Township EMS at 574.842.2773.

New Technology Assistance sessions

Culver-Union Township Public Library is ready to offer assistance with all things technology-related in April. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet, digital camera – or any other electronic device! Six sessions will be scheduled on Monday evenings and Friday mornings. Sessions take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and include April 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, and 26. These sessions are free and open to the public.

Gallery closed in April

The Crisp Gallery in Culver Academies' visual arts building will be closed through the month of April as the gallery is prepared for two exhibits starting April 24, when the Charles Duff, Faculty Emeritus Memorial Exhibition will open through June 4. More information on that and the second show is forthcoming.

Last PTO mtg May 14

The Culver Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold its last meeting of the year Tuesday, May

14, at 6 p.m. in the Elementary school library, for those interested in attending.

Electronic charging stations at CUTPL

This April, Culver-Union Township Public Library introduces a new library feature, provided free-of-charge to patrons. Two stations for charging cell phones, tablets, and other devices will be installed, one in the computer lab and another on the main floor in the adult study area. Each charging station provides: four standard electrical outlets, One charging port for Apple devices with 30-pin connector, one for Apple devices with the new Lightning connector and two Micro USB connections that are capable charging most other devices.

St. Mary's daycare apps for fall 2013

St. Mary of the Lake Childcare Ministry (daycare) is now accepting applications for fall, 2013. Call 574-842-3488 for more information or to register. New informational brochures are also available on the program.

Chairs sought for Chairs for Charity

Doing your spring cleaning? Want to get rid of that old chair in the basement? Culver Tri Kappa members are seeking chairs that can be decorated for their Chairs for Charity event that will be held this summer. Those with a chair to donate for this worthy cause, please contact Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

Funds sought for after-school food program

More funds are needed to attain the \$1,000 goal of a Leadership Marshall County group's efforts to fund an after-school youth food provided for students at the Culver Public Library. To donate, send checks made out to Culver Public Library (with "youth food program" in the memo line) to Culver Public Library, 107 N Main St., 46511, with attention to Ali Gaskill. Project originators are also available to answer questions about the program. Contact them at 217-493-5695 (Sam Bramfeld) or 574-216-6227 (Jerry Kisela).

Texas Hold `Em second Sundays

The Culver VFW Post, 108 East Washington Street, hosts a Texas Hold `Em tournament the second Sunday of each month, sponsored by the Men's Auxiliary. An average of 50 players takes part, and the Auxiliary provides chili or hot dogs and sloppy Joes. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at 1 p.m. Funds go to various community charities.

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 merchandise.

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, Saturday, June 15. The five top performers will compete at the WNIT studio each evening from July 28 through, August 2, to determine the grand prize winner and "Michiana's Rising Star." The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to appear on WNIT programs. Visit the contest web site at wnit.org or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

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Obituaries

Alice May Hartman

May 8, 1934-April 7, 2013



PLYMOUTH — Alice May Hartman, 78, of Plymouth died April 7, 2013 at 7:50 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver following a short illness.

She was born May 8, 1934 in Culver to Ronald C. and Claribel K. (Scott) Quivey. She lived her whole life in Marshall County.

On June 20, 1959 at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Culver she married Darwin Hartman.

Alice was a graduate of Culver High School with the class of 1952. After graduating from Culver High School where she was a member of the band and Youth for Christ, Alice attended Wheaton College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1957 with the highest honors in education. She taught at Culver Elementary for two years and primarily English at Lincoln Junior High in Plymouth for 24 years before retiring after 26 years in 1993. She earned her master's degree from Indiana University South Bend.

She attended the Union Church of the Brethren and served as piano player and Sunday school teacher.

In addition to spending time with her family, Alice enjoyed gardening, sewing, and reading.

She is survived by her husband — Darwin Hartman of Plymouth; children — Kathryn Middaugh of Plymouth; David Hartman and wife Rebecca of Plymouth; Nancy Suseland and husband Robert of Plymouth; Jim Hartman of Plymouth; grandchildren — Matthew Middaugh; Julie Shupryt and husband Jason; Elizabeth and Rachel Hartman of Plymouth; Robert and Andrew Suseland of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister — Kathryn Quivey.

Friends visited with the family Friday, April 12, 2013 from 3 — 7 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos; and one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday April 13, 2013 at the funeral home, officiated by Rev. Sam Han of the Union Church of the Brethren, Plymouth.

Burial is at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery at Poplar Grove, S.R. 10, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Union Church of the Brethren, 10483 S.R. 17, Plymouth.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: www.earlgrossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Kerry A. Pinder

Dec. 18, 1968-April 7, 2013



CULVER — Kerry A. Pinder, 44, of Culver joined his beloved sister, Deanna and cousin, Liz, with the Lord on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Born Dec. 18, 1968 in Chicago, he was the son of Jerry and Beverly (Hood) Pinder. On Dec. 21, 1996, he married Stephanie D. Hinds. She survives.

Kerry was a 1987 Plymouth High School graduate. He attended Northwestern Technical College in Lima, Ohio from 1987 to 1988 and was also a 2001 graduate of Ivy Tech School of Nursing.

He worked at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth for more than 10 years. He formerly worked at Walker Muffler in Culver and also formerly worked as an EMT in Culver.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Plymouth. Kerry enjoyed collecting watches. He loved traveling, vacationing and spending time with family.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie D. Pinder of Culver, son, Brendon M. Pinder of Culver, parents, Jerry and Beverly Pinder of Plymouth, brother, Darren Pinder (Vanessa) of Knox, grandmother, Fay Pinder of Culver, mother-in-law, Carol Nusz (Glenn) of Silver Lake, sister-in-law, Melissa Katschke (Brian) of Rochester, brothers-in-law, Nolan Gates (Sara) of Camp Lejeune, N.C., Nathan Gates of Walkerton and Doug Heidenreich (Teresa) of Washington and grandmother-in-law, Carolyn J. Dolby and the late Rev. Richard Dolby of Warsaw. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sister, Deanna Hale in 2011, cousin, Liz Slocum, uncle, Robert W. Pinder, paternal grandfather, Harold Pinder and maternal grandmother, Doris Hood.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna with Pastor William D. Velarde officiating.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2013 at the funeral home and also one hour before the time of service Saturday.

Burial will be at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Sign the Guest Book or leave an online condolence for the Pinder family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com

Marian Mahler

Jan 19, 1937 — April 3, 2013

ORA — Marian M. Mahler, 76, of Ora passed away April 3, 2013 at home in the company of her husband.

Marian was born to Lester and Ruth (Gray) Manis on Jan. 19, 1937 in Hammond. Marian was very creative and enjoyed a variety of arts and crafts. She also enjoyed reading and gardening. Marian was a retired U.S. Postmaster as well as a long-time volunteer at the Starke County Humane Society. She loved her family and the LORD.

Marian is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kenneth H. Mahler. She is also survived by her daughters Patricia (Mahler) Fournier of Chesterton, Kimberly (Mahler) Dotson of Carmel; son Brent Mahler of Michigan City; sisters Vesta (Manis) Reeder of Ora, and Ardith (Manis) Shaffer of LaPorte; and her eight grandchildren Monique, Jacquelyn, Steven, Melissa, Eric, Kevin, Spencer, and Julia. She was preceded in death by her parents Lester and Ruth Manis, brothers Lester (Bud) Manis and John Manis; and sister Ruth A. Manis.

A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Culver on April 20, 2013 at 1 p.m. The family invites you to stay for a meal and time of fellowship at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Starke County Humane Society.

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

Correction

In last week's (April 11) edition of the Culver Citizen, the page 1 story, "Top 10 CCHS students honor most influential teachers" failed to include mention of senior Marena Fleury, who is among the top ten graduating seniors but was not present at the banquet. The Citizen regrets the error.

CBGC auction set for June 14

The Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) has announced its annual fundraising event, "Building Brighter Futures" to be held Friday, June 14 at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The evening includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, the annual silent auction, and entertainment provided by Mission IMPROVable, a comedy improv act that has performed alongside members of Saturday Night Live, Mad TV, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. The silent auction will culminate with a premium live auction featuring spectacular items available to the highest bidder.

Admission to the event is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. To reserve your admission, contact Leslie Shepard at shepard@culver.k12.in.us or contact a CBGC board member. You can also write to Attention Auction, CBGC, PO Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 44.8 million boys and girls in over 4,000 clubs nationally. Our local club maintains a membership of over 240 children and will directly benefit from the proceeds earned at this year's event. So, mark June 15 on your calendar for an evening reserved for "Building Brighter Futures."

Library news

'Educating Rita' at book-film club

The Culver-Union Twp Public Library's book and film group will meet Wed., May 1 at noon in the library's large meeting room, located downstairs at the library.

The play is "Educating Rita" by Willy Russell is a classic story of a student and her teacher told with wit and humor.

The film stars Michael Caine and Julie Walters who surely earned their Best Actor and Best Actress awards for this outstanding film. She is an unhappy hair dresser who wants self-improvement by seeking education, in spite of the objections from her husband and others. Her tutor is as bored with his life as she is and solves his problems with drink. As serious as the story may sound, there are many amusing lines and situations to be enjoyed.

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

The library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Mobile apps at Thursday Tech Time

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time, April 18 at 6 p.m., will focus on apps for mobile devices. Learn about the most popular apps for smartphones and tablets. The program will cover Android Smartphone.

Android Tablet, iPad, iPhone.

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

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On, Monday, April 22, at 1p.m., the library will host "Understanding Credit Reports & Preventing Fraud & Scams." Guest speaker, Chad Van Herk, Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President of First Farmers Bank & Trust in Culver, will explain credit reports, as well as how to protect oneself from credit fraud and scams.

This free program is open to the public, and will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the library.

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

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Culver volunteers receive literacy award

ARGOS — At the Marshall County Reading Council spring banquet recently, one of two annual Celebrate Literacy awards went to volunteers Teri and David Lee of Culver for their contributions toward reading and writing at Culver Elementary School.

The second Celebrate Literacy award was presented to the Plymouth Kiwanis for their long-time financial support for the annual Young Authors' Conference.

Guest speaker at the banquet was Melanie Park, Indiana Teacher of the Year.

Officers were elected including president Shelley Johnson, president-elect Jennifer Knebel, vice president Jean Ahlenius, secretary Carol Jackson, treasurer Cyndy McKenzie, building rep coordinator Jill Finley, newsletter Jenny Mevis, and Books for Babies coordinator Natasha Blackford.

ABOVE: Culver Elementary teacher Andrea Berndt, right, presents the Celebrate Literacy award to Culver volunteers Teri and David Lee.

Keitzer scholarships available to local students

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

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

for the scholarship.

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

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or other activities could apply for funds through town manager Dave Schoeff and/or town clerk Karen Heim.

It was also discussed that county tourism funds are derived from the hotel-motel tax county-wide, and Culver likely generates a significant amount of tourism and hotel use in the county. It was also noted that the town annually denotes \$10,000 to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation.

"Here we are funding things out of town and I don't see how that's really benefiting us a whole lot," added Munroe. "We'll never bring any traffic from outside without marketing that does it. Maybe if we won't invest in a director of economics, we can invest in our merchants."

Munroe said one of the challenges facing Culver's Chamber is the small size of Culver as a community.

"Even with 50 percent of businesses paying fees (to the Chamber), it doesn't add up to much," she said.

Audience member Russ Mason noted the town could possibly opt out of its hotel tax going to the county tourism board, something Overmyer suggested looking into.

"I think next year we should budget for our merchants," said Munroe. "It makes me feel bad because it's hard to be in business in this town (because it's) a seasonal town. it gets tougher and tougher. At least we're coming up with ideas for winter and fall, but to promote them costs a lot

of money."

Munroe also described the possible fall festival currently in discussion stage among several local entities. A variety of events for all ages would be included in the week-end-long festival. Clark, noting the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, of which she is executive director, might be interested in participating, wondered why more communication hadn't occurred around the planning.

"They need to let the Chamber know what's going on," she said.

Council president Sally Ricciardi said the festival "sounds like a great idea -- it just needs some coordination."

Also discussed was the possibility of combining a proposed visitor's center and museum with future space for Culver's town hall and other municipal entities, in light of the deteriorating condition of the present town hall. It was noted renovation of the current building has been priced at around \$1.3 million. Schoeff pointed out grant funding may be easier to obtain through refurbishment of some existing structure than building a new one.

It was noted a representative of the museum committee is expected to discuss the matter in more details at a work session in the near future.

Also discussed were specifics of preparing the town for

Open auditions for 'Joseph' Saturday

Open auditions will be held Saturday, April 20 for the Maxinkuckee Players' summer production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," at the Culver Comm. High School Auditorium from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. If you are interested in auditioning, you will be asked to sing a song of your choice, but not necessarily from the musical. A pianist and CD player will be available for you to sing along or you may sing A Capella.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," based on the biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, is a lighthearted musical with leading roles for men and women, and a children's choir will be featured. Show dates are July 26, July 28, July 31 and Aug. 2 through 4.

For more information, call Becky Liechty at 574-941-2343.

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

Deadline for filing applications at the First National Bank, Monterey and Culver Community High School is May 1, 2013, by 3:00 p.m. for both renewals and new applicants.

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School, she later earned her Communications degree from Purdue, where she met husband Brian. The two resided in Columbus, Ohio, for six years, though they'd been married in Culver.

"I always wanted to move back," she says. "I just didn't know how it would work out with our jobs."

Brandy gradually realized a calling to work in the field of education, fostered in part perhaps working under Janice Nelson at the Leiters Ford branch of the Fulton County Public Library, where Brandy led story times, crafts, and did other child-centered work.

She took teaching courses at Ohio State, beginning long-term subbing work at virtually all grade levels in the public schools nearby. Before her degree was finished, she was asked to be administrator of the public school system's brand-new daycare and preschool program. Between that and caring for her young daughter and son, Pohl says, "I have experience in public schools, daycare centers, and at home."

Unlike some who work in education, she says her background in communications was such that she "didn't mind the marriage" of working with children and the amount of state paperwork required behind the scenes.

"I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit about me," she says, "but this (Max's Playhouse) is the first business we went and put forth and owned."

A shift in employment for her husband, a commercial airline pilot, to Chicago's Midway airport, meant the Pohl family could return to the Culver area, where Brandy has been substitute teaching in the local school system.

impending implementation of federal health care changes, or "Obamacare."

"Employer penalties are based on whether you're a small or large employer," Schoeff remarked. "It's not a matter of if you'll be fined (for some form of non-compliance), but when."

"We may find out it is cheaper in the long run to farm out our EMT service so we don't get penalized," said council member Bill Githens. "I've been trying to preach this for several months now."

Schoeff said the same scenario facing the EMS service and related insurance costs could be true for the fire department, though he cautioned that level of discussion is still down the road.

Mason suggested the possibility of the Culver-Union Twp. fire department becoming an entity independent of the town, which would allow the town to hire the department as a contractor.

Other discussion centered on use of the fire department's now-retired grass truck, which will be sold via sealed bids through public notice in local media and possibly on Ebay as well.

Please see page 9 for coverage of the regular town council meeting which followed the work session.

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, April 18: Italian chicken breast, lima beans, tomato-gobbledygook, oranges, bread and margarine.

Friday, April 19: Tomato soup, tuna salad, bread slice, macaroni salad, fruit cup and cookie.

Monday, April 22:

Cheeseburger, broccoli, festive corn, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, April 23: Polynesian chicken, rice, oriental veggies, roll, dessert fluff.

Wednesday, April 24: Meatloaf, baby bakers, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches.

Thursday, April 25: Hot chicken salad, broccoli salad, hot applesauce, pudding, roll.

Friday, April 26: Penne casserole with sausage, baby carrots, peas, fruit.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen was no mystery to a number of readers, including Ed Pinder Jr., Cindy Riester, Julie Bess, Judy Thews Tipton, Kay Tusing, Susan Everage Rice,

L o r a Pinder, Gretchen Miller, Anna Neher, Cynthia



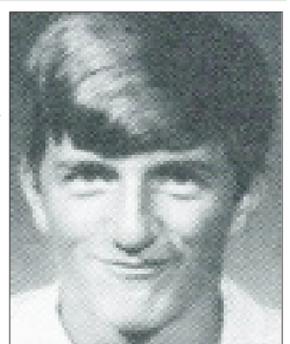
LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Susan Thews, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

Bonine Goss, and Gretchen Miller. She's Susan (Campbell) Thews, who not only continues to be a familiar face in Culver by way of her work at Culver Academies and in local organizations (such as Tri Kappa and LIFT), but is well remembered for the legacy of her family, who operated the Culver Marina for decades.

Once again, correct guessers may choose between free parking in downtown Culver or a free beach pass for the remainder of April, for swimming at the town beach (to cool off after all these hot days of late).

This week's Mystery Citizen is a local grad who continues to be a familiar face here, but perhaps even moreso beyond Culver.

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



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Cavs fall to Rochester, 6-1

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — After pounding out 10 hits with three homers in its first win of the season Saturday, Culver Community's baseball team couldn't quite wake up its bats last Monday.

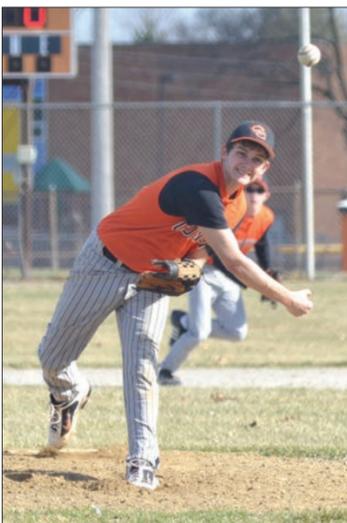
The Cavaliers recorded just three hits as the Rochester pitching staff combined for 10 strikeouts, and the home team fell 6-1 to the Zebras in Culver.

"We've had games with 16, 11 and 11 strikeouts, and that's just way too many, especially at this level," said Culver head baseball coach Mike Elliott. "We'll continue working on the hitting part of it, and on the mental approach to their plate appearances and try to get some things changed around."

While the Cavs struggled to produce at the plate, Culver's pitching staff kept them in it early Monday.

Starting Culver pitcher Kyle Vlach scattered four hits for one run — an unearned score by Rochester's Andrew Feldman on a sacrifice fly from Levi Brown after an infield error and a SAC bunt from pitcher Taylor Medina that knotted the score at 1-1 in the top of the fourth — but reliever Collin Stevens got into trouble early following Vlach in the sixth.

Stevens was welcomed on the mound with two straight infield errors and a perfect bunt by Cyrus Holland that stuck to the third baseline and loaded the bases with none out. Medina popped out in foul territory to Stevens, but a wild pitch scored Peyton Showley for the go-ahead, and after Everett Krueger's diving catch on the left field line of a long Brown fly, he couldn't get back to his feet in time to stop Feldman from adding an insurance run to



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Kyle Vlach throws a pitch during a home game with Rochester last week.

widen the Zebras' advantage to 3-1.

Culver went down in order in the bottom of the inning, and Rochester scratched out three more runs in the seventh.

Jacob Howdeshell opened the inning with a lead-off single, which was followed by a booted ball at short, and Tanner Hampton's sacrifice bunt moved both up to set the table for Showley, whose hard-hit grounder through the gap at short scored two Howdeshell and Carter Screeton. Showley advanced to second on the late throw home, and Holland drove him in for the final run with a two-out fly into shallow left to bring the margin to its final.

Rochester finished with eight hits in the game but all six of the Zebras runs were of the unearned variety as Culver committed five costly errors in the contest. It's the mark of an overwhelmingly inexperienced team with few players returning from last season, says Elliott, and he hopes his young players aren't taking it too hard.

"Our pitchers have really done a pretty good job. I know our earned run average is not above 3. They come out, they throw strikes, they get ahead. Most of our problems are some mental lapses and the physical errors," he said.

"Tonight we had two or three kids playing out of position. At this point when you have four freshmen and a couple kids that haven't played baseball, they've got to be on the field somewhere, and you start getting them used to a position and then they've got to come in and play a different position, and the ball comes off the bat at different angles. We're just getting the kids some valuable experi-

ence, and we've talked to the kids that these early games keep working hard, and you have to have a short memory in this game or it could be a long one."

Some inexperience cost Culver a chance at the lead in the bottom of the fifth as sophomore designated hitter Austin Brissette reached base and moved to third on consecutive infield errors by the Zebras, but was thrown out going home on a relay from third following a Nick Pritz fly to left field for the inning's third out, leaving the score tied at 1-1.

Another baserunning error gave Culver its final out of the night as freshman Derek Keller was thrown out at home plate after a Vlach grounder to third was bobbled at first base to keep the Cavs alive. Keller hesitated with two outs and was gunned down on a heads-up throw from Medina, who took over at first for Rochester in the sixth after starting on the mound for the visitors.

"When you're tied 1-1 and a ball hit to really deep left and the guy bobbles it and you send the guy home, you like to think he's going to make it," said Elliott. "It was one of those situations where the kid's never played baseball, and he let up a little bit before third and it was a bang-bang play at the plate. We talk to them all the time, two outs and any kind of hit you're moving hard. Similar thing in the last play of the game; the gentleman that was filling in at the plate was a sophomore, and you have a drop at first base and the guy sees it and takes off, you've got to understand when you're down five runs you've just got to take it one base at a time. But again, he's a freshman so hopefully he will learn from it."

In two bright spots for Culver, Vlach allowed only four hits for one run in five innings pitched and reached base three times with a double in the third, and Krueger notched seven put-outs in left field, including his diving catch in the sixth.

Culver slips to 1-4 on the season.

• ROCHESTER 6,
CULVER COMMUNITY 1
At Culver

Sports briefs

Baseball

CMA shells Morgan: Culver Military plated six runs in the third and fourth innings, and the Eagles handed host Morgan Township a 9-3 defeat last Tuesday.

Kyle Bartelman, Colin Dean, Trent Kolden and Colin Raver all doubled for CMA, which out-hit the home team 9-3. Dean also finished with three RBI and Raver drove in two runs as the Eagles opened at 2-0.

• CULVER MILITARY 9, MORGAN TOWNSHIP 3
At Morgan Township

Softball

CGA falls 15-3 at Washington: Culver Girls Academy scratched out three runs in the fourth and fifth innings, but it wasn't enough to give the team any new life in a five-inning, 15-3 loss at South Bend Washington Monday.

Samantha Seibel doubled for CGA, one of four hits by the Lady Eagles in the loss. Washington tapped out 10 hits and plated 12 runs in the third and fourth frames to put the game out of reach.

• WASHINGTON 15, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3 (5 inn.)
At South Bend

Boys track

Cavs go 1-1 at 3-way: Bremen's boys track team topped a three-way field with 100 points on the Lions' home track last Tuesday, while Culver Community split with 41 points ahead of Tippecanoe Valley's 26.

The Cavs scored many of their points in the hurdles and field events. Matt Hurford won both the 110-meter hurdles — where he and teammate Micah Budzinski finished one-two — and the shot put. He finished second in the intermediate hurdles behind Bremen's Evan Wilson. Bradley Beaver won the high jump, and John Ahlenius won the pole vault.

• BREMEN 100, CULVER 41, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 26
At Bremen

Girls track

Culver 2nd at triangular: Bremen's girls track and field team won its three-way meet with Culver and Tippecanoe Valley at home last Tuesday, topping the triangular with 78.3 points. Culver put up 47.3 points to trump Tippy Valley 47.3-41.3, meanwhile. Denisha Brown won the long jump and finished second in both the 100 and 200 for Culver, while Mickella Hardy won the shot put, Donna Zehner won the discus, and Tatum Schultz was second in the high jump and both hurdles events.

• BREMEN 78.3,
CULVER 47.3, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 41.3
At Bremen

Boys golf

CMA's Connelly low medalist at Twin Lakes Invite: John Connelly carded an 80 to earn low-medalist honors, but Culver Military finished two strokes behind Lebanon for the team championship at the Twin Lakes Invitational Saturday. Ben Sharff shot 83, Davis Payne shot 84, and Zach Allyn carded an 85 behind Connelly for the Eagles as they put up a team score of 332.

• TWIN LAKES INVITATIONAL
At Tippecanoe Valley Course

CMA opens dual season with 2 wins:

Culver Military Academy's boys golf team braved the sloppy conditions as the Eagles opened their dual meet season with wins over both Tippecanoe Valley and Rochester at Mystic Hills in Culver Thursday. John Connelly fired a 1-under 34 to lead CMA, followed by Davis Payne's 39 and Zach Allyn's 40. Ben Sharff rounded out the team score with a 41 as the Eagles posted a 154 to top Tippy Valley's 173 and Rochester's 188.

• CULVER MILITARY 154,
TIPPECANOE
VALLEY 173, ROCHESTER 188
at Mystic Hills Golf Course (par 35)

CMA 2nd at Rochester JV Tourney: Culver Military's JV team placed

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Council hears of busy summer at town park, other items

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

Culver's town council last week followed up a lively work session (*see page 1 this edition*) by knocking out some business items during a brief, April 9 meeting.

Culver park superintendent Kelly Young told the council the new handicapped accessible fishing pier should be installed by the end of that week. She also distributed a schedule of summer events organized by park activities director Donna McKee, including an extensive list of concerts in the park, a fishing clinic, children's animal safari event, movies in the park, as well as the usual swimming lessons offered at the town beach (a schedule of these events will appear in an upcoming edition of The Culver Citizen).

She also said 25 to 30 people are taking part in the "One Million Steps to Success" walking group organized by McKee, and a babysitting club is planned for May, to help instruct potential babysitters for the summer, including activities and first aid training. A bicycle safety class will take place in June.

"Donna's doing a very nice job trying to get as much done as we can," said Young. "We're trying to partner with (the Culver Boys and Girls Club) for summer activities."

Approved by council was \$4,076 to repair a sludge pump at the town's wastewater treatment plant, as requested by utilities manager Bob Porter, \$3,076 for inspection on 18 submersible pumps at wastewater lift stations, and \$2,480.87 to repair bearings on Culver's street sweeper.

Town clerk Karen Heim said a public hearing is scheduled for May 14 prior to the town doing an additional appropriation for \$100,000 from its Rainy Day Fund, the town's

matching portion of grant-funded storm water work on the west side of Culver. During the same hearing, \$11,328 will be moved from the General Fund to right a clerical error going back some years which left the town's tree commission unfunded. The council approved and established Heim as the staff point of contact for the storm water project.

Also approved were funds from the storm water budget for \$12,150 and \$17,010 for Commonwealth Engineers towards the project, as well as \$3,000 towards grant writing; the above will be reimbursed via the storm water grant, it was noted.

Permission was also granted Heim to move forward with filing liens on three properties to collect monies owed the town, at over \$1,000 each property. She added deputy clerk

Julie Cowell has been "doing a really good job getting delinquents caught up (in paying their bills)."

Githens commended both Heim and Cowell for their work on the matter.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger said a property on the west side of State Road 17 south of Culver has been identified as being in violation of safety standards and needs to be cleaned up or demolished. If the landowner is unable to pay for said action, Clevenger noted the town may have to pay for the work but could put a lien on the property in an effort to recoup costs. The council voted to proceed with court action, with building inspector Russ Mason -- in the audience -- suggesting more cleanup of local blighted properties needs to take place going forward.

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second two strokes behind Northridge with a 396, while Plymouth was third with a 400 team score at the Rochester JV Tournament at Round Barn Saturday. Glenn's 416 was good enough for sixth, just a stroke ahead of Bremen's 417, while Culver Military's 2 team carded a 443 for 11th place.

• ROCHESTER JV TOURNAMENT

At Round Barn (par 72)

Boys lacrosse

CMA varsity earns 1st win: Brenden Brewer scored five goals, and Culver Military's varsity lacrosse team earned its first win of the year, 17-6 over visiting Bloomington Sunday. The win followed a 13-6 loss to Brebeuf, also at home. Brewer also tallied four assists Colin Courtney and Nick McNab each scored three goals, and Zach Main scored twice with five assists in the win over Bloomington. Brewer and McNab each put up two goals to lead CMA in the loss to Brebeuf, which saw a valiant 10 saves by Alan Simonini.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 17, BLOOMINGTON 6

at Culver

• BREBEUF 13, CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 6

at Culver

Eagles prep wins again: Culver Military's prep lacrosse team claimed a 17-9 win over Brother Rice over the weekend to move to 7-1 on the season. Once again, the Eagles simply had too many weapons and too much firepower for their opponents as Pierre Byrne scored four goals, and Riley Thompson, McKenzie Dawson and Joel Tinney each scored three. Dean Ferries also finished with two goals, while Zach Currier scored a goal and tallied seven assists. Thompson finished with two assists, and Byrne had one as well. Michael Calvello notched four saves for CMA's prep team.