

Prime rib dinner, live music at VFW Friday

The Culver VFW Post 6919, 108 E. Washington St., will host a prime rib dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 31. Following the dinner, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., a live band, Union Station, will play upstairs at the Post. The public is welcome.

Acoustically Speaking live in the park Friday

Acoustically Speaking, with Culver's own Mitch Barnes, launches the summer concert series at Culver's town park on Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m., in the town park. The performance is free and part of a summer-long roster of live music presented weekends at the park. The band's Facebook page may be found at www.facebook.com/acousticallyspeakingrocks. The next performance in the park is Steve Foresman, Sat., June 8, at 7 p.m.

Great Purse Extravaganza returns

The "Great Purse Extravaganza" to raise funds for "Hello Gorgeous" in Culver returns this summer, with the purse sale event to take place at the Culver depot during this year's Lake Fest, July 20, 2 to 5 p.m.

"Hello Gorgeous," sponsored by Michelle's Headquarters in Culver, creates a special day of hair and spa treatments and a welcome party for women battling cancer. Everyone is encouraged to donate used purses to be re-sold during the event. These may be dropped off at Michelle's, Culver Coffee Co., or Fisher & Co., in Culver before June 31. Call 574-842-2662 with questions.

CBGC auction reservation deadline Saturday

The deadline is approaching to reserve a seat for the Culver Boys & Girls Club's 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. Admission must be reserved by June 1; to do so, contact Leslie Shepard at shepard@culver.k12.in.us or a CBGC board member. You can also write to Attention Auction, CBGC, PO Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

Little League bake sales

Culver Little League will hold bake sales Sat., June 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Park N Shop and Osborn's Mini-Mart in Culver. The community is encouraged to come out and support Culver's local youth baseball and softball programs.

LMEC hosts free fishing classes June 1, 2

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will hold free family fishing classes on June 1 and 2 to correspond with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Free Fishing Weekend, during which no fishing licenses are required on any public lake in the state. Class size

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Unprecedented study of Lake Max commences

Students from Culver and several other Marshall County schools had a chance to observe -- by boat -- the start of a landmark study of Lake Maxinkuckee which will not only tell a more detailed story of its past than was previously known, but will direct the future work of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, which sponsored a similar -- though less comprehensive -- study which was published in 1984.

The current, two-year study launched the week of May 6, under the majority sponsorship of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council -- with support from Marshall County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Culver Educational Foundation and the Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr. Fund -- and was conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

The USGS sent a team of experts who understand the best way to gather lakebed samples for analysis and extract the samples in exactly the right place, while using exactly the right equipment. LMEC representatives were present on the USGS vessel for much of the sampling and got a first-hand view of the USGS' professionalism.

The May 7 sampling day was launched with a presentation by Kyle Juracek of the USGS in front of several students and teachers, at the depot - train station at the town park (a similar program took place for the general public the night before). He discussed some specifics of materials the study will look for, and described some patterns scientists can use to date layers of sediments, such as lead content from leaded gasoline, which came to prominence in the 1920s and was banned in the 1970s.

He also explained the basis for choosing the five sampling sites the USGS selected on the lake: one near the town park, one near Culver Academies, one in the deepest area of the lake off Long Point, as well as the east and south shore areas.

After several days of core sampling that week, samples are now safely back in Kansas, where the lead researcher is headquartered, some samples will be dried and some left wet during analysis. The scientists will begin the work of reading the history of Maxinkuckee's water column for at least these last two hundred years.

It is believed that the last 200 years will detail the greatest changes, and allow LMEC to understand what threats may have to be addressed. The changes in the watershed have impacted the water column and most of those changes have occurred within these last 150 years.

Issues the Council hopes to better understand, according to LMEC chair Allen Chesser, relate to what might happen to phosphate deposits if the water temperature warms and holds less oxygen and more algal growth; whether, in the earlier history of the lake, there was an event that caused water quality to decline, and then recover; and whether the LMEC's efforts to reduce sediment flow into the lake over the last 32 years been effective.

Laboratories across the United States will be using chemistry on the dried samples, and microscopes on the wet ones. From See Lake page 2

Culver Lions roar at 70th anniversary gala

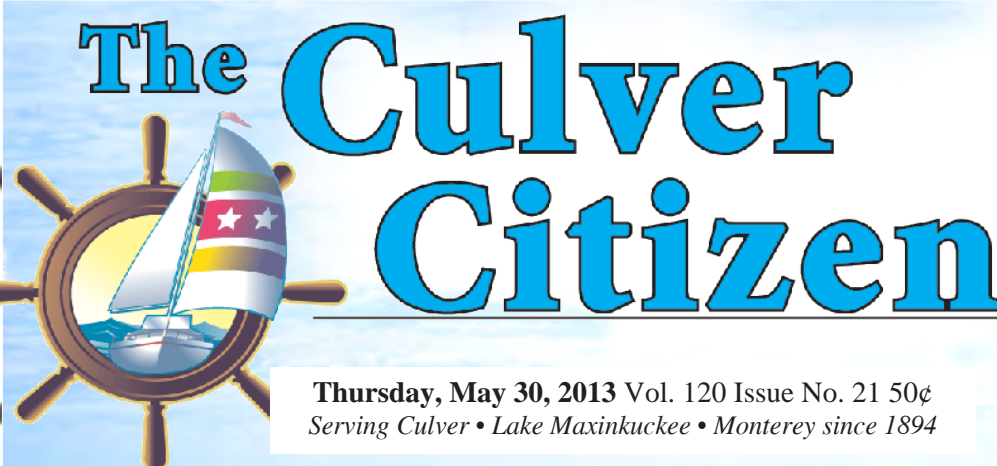
By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver Lions Club reached the milestone of a full seven decades of service to the community last week, and members -- joined by a number of guests -- celebrated in style with a gala banquet at the Lions' home in the train station - depot in the town park.

A packed house at the May 22 event included guest Lions from Fort Wayne, Lakeville, Pierceton, Argos, Milford, Monterey, and Grass Creek, all of whom were welcomed by Culver Lions president Don Freese.

It was also noted that longtime local Lion Pat Birk was granted the Lions President's Award at the club's Indiana State Banquet earlier this month. The award was given by Lions International President Wayne Madden, who also appeared in a brief video clip near the start of the meeting, wishing the Culver club a happy 70th birthday.

Birk thanked fellow member Jim Bonine for first inviting her husband, the late Art Birk, to join the club in the 1980s. If he hadn't, she added, "Our life would have been different



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ABOVE: Several Marshall County high school students joined members of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, the media, and the U.S. Geological Survey for the launch of an unprecedented study of Lake Maxinkuckee earlier this month. In the TOP PHOTO, Kyle Juracek of the USGS (center right) explains to students the next phase of the project just before the USGS boat takes off for a sampling site off the west shore of the lake.

LOWER PHOTO: Members of the USGS and the media with LMEC chair Allen Chesser aboard the USGS boat as a core sampling collection container is prepared to be lowered to the lake bed to collect sediment.

in many, many ways."

During the meeting it was also noted that the Culver Lions will join the Monterey and Winamac Lions during the annual Monterey Days parade in that town on August 31.

The main speaker for the evening was Alan Earl, president of the Argos Lions Club, which sponsored Culver's club back in 1943. Earl, after pointing out the Argos club celebrated its 75th anniversary last year, thanked those in attendance in Culver who had been Lions district governors in the past.

Earl explained he grew

up in Atwood, Indiana, where his grandfather had been a charter member of that Lions Club (a fellow charter member is still alive today, at age 107, he added). He said he was "hoodwinked" to join the club in 1994 when a friend of his grandfather's paid Earl's membership.

"If anybody tells you there's not much involved in it, run!" joked Earl. "There's a lot of time involved, but you only get out of it what you put into it."

Earl noted he was the youngest club member in Atwood, with the next

youngest aged 52, a growing problem in Lions Clubs in many communities. In a five-year period, he said, Atwood's membership dropped from 57 into the 20s.

In 2005, Earl and his wife moved to Argos and found only six Lions in attendance at their first meeting. That year, the club as a whole had 28 members total (only eight active).

"When I became president," he said, "I wanted us to be more than a club that sold fruit in the fall and funnel cakes at the fair; we needed to do something

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CCHS recognized by US News & World Report

Culver Community High School was recognized last week by U.S. News & World Report in its evaluation of more than 21,000 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Schools were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals based on state proficiency standards and how well they prepare students for college.

CCHS was one of 105 Indiana schools receiving recognition, and was singled out for a bronze award.

Bronze awards, according to information at the US News & World Report site at www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools, are bestowed upon schools "that performed better than expected on state accountability assessments" and "performed better than the state average for their least advantaged students."

"I am extremely proud of the award that U.S. News & World Report has bestowed upon our high school," said CCHS principal Albert Hanselman in an email announcing the news. "Congratulations to our students and teachers for a job well done."

The report also noted CCHS has 287 students total, 54 percent of whom are male and 46 percent female. The school's minority population is 11 percent, and 60 percent of its students are considered disadvantaged. CCHS has 22 teachers.



PHOTO PROVIDED/GARY SHAFFER

Remembering the fallen

Monday made for a cold and dreary Memorial Day at the Culver Masonic cemetery, weather which reflected the occasion, the rain on attendees' faces eerily reminiscent of tears shed for fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines from wars and conflicts in our country's past and present. Culver's VFW Post 6919 led the ceremony. Culver Academies also observed the day with its traditional ceremony in the Memorial Chapel, with Col. Kelly Jordan, Commandant of Cadets, as featured speaker.



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41 leafy new residents of Culver

Forty-one new trees will beautify and shade the School Street entry-way into Culver, thanks to the efforts of Culver's tree commission and several volunteers. Pictured at TOP are Tony Sellers (standing) and Rob Moore of Sellers Services landscaping, which took charge of digging the holes and placing the trees on both sides of the street between Academy Road and State Road 10. According to Dick Brantingham of the tree commission, over 300 trees have been planted by the commission, a municipal sub-group of the town of Culver made up entirely of volunteers. The commission also facilitates visits by a professional arborist, who inspects the approximately 700 trees in town-owned right-of-ways. Brantingham adds that the commission is working with utilities manager Bob Porter to computerize the list of trees needing removal or trimming. Funding for the School Street project, says Tom Kearns of the commission, came from a grant from the Culver Re-development Commission around two years ago, with a focus on improving entrances to the town. As funds become available, the commission will consider plantings for the other entryways to Culver. The project also relates to last year's new sidewalk linking Millers Merry Manor nursing home to the sidewalk at the Culver High School ball field, including providing shade to the bleachers and the dugout. Kearns notes its hoped the Culver Comm. School board will approve a sidewalk between the current sidewalk and the concrete pad at the baseball field to help Miller's residents gain easier access, adding the school has been very supportive of the commission's past efforts. Brantingham adds that NIPSCO gave the town 18 trees last year to plant near schools, churches, and other public buildings, which helps cut down on electric and gas bills for those entities. Culver is officially designated as a "Tree City, USA."

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A roaring success

Culver's Lions Club celebrated its 70th anniversary in grand style last week ABOVE, LEFT: Culver Lions Club members recognized for their years of membership included, from left: Ned Davis, Ed Schultz, Dan Adams, Jim Bonine, Larry Welsh, Andy Venum, and Freida Cultice accepting for Bob Cultice. ABOVE, CENTER: Featured speaker for the evening was Argos Lions Club president Alan Earl. The Argos Lions sponsored Culver's club in 1943. ABOVE, RIGHT: Mike Overmyer, right, accepts the "Lion of the Year" award following an introduction by Lion Dan Adams.

more out in the community."

The Argos club's membership is now at 43, Earl said, adding, "The big thing is, ask people (to join). One guy in town is 74 years old and I asked him; he said nobody ever asked him!"

Argos' club also recently formed a Leo group for high school students there, with 41 teens attending the initial meeting.

Earl congratulated Culver's club, noting its name "always comes up as active" at district conventions.

"Keep up the good work," he added. "Let Lions live through you guys."

The Culver club also recognized its longest-term members, starting with Larry Welsh, who with 66 years' service, joined in 1947 (just four years after the club's inception) and continues to play an active role. On hand from Fort Wayne for the occasion was Ed Schultz, who joined in 1952, and continues to serve in his area Lions Club. Accepting the award for Bob Cultice, who joined in 1955, was his wife Frieda. Andrew Venum was recognized for his 54 years of membershio, having joined in 1959, along

with Jim Bonine, who joined in 1961. Also lauded was Dan Adams, who joined the club in 1975. Ned Davis also had more than 35 years of membership, though on hiatus for a time.

A new award was also introduced at the event, as introduced by Dan Adams. He noted the club's annual Citizen of the Year award does not nominate Lions members, so the club's board opted to create a Lion of the Year award to recognize members who have provided outstanding service to the club and community. Noting it was "a hard decision," Adams introduced recipient Mike Overmyer by pointing out those involved in Culver "will run into him -- he's involved in just about everything in this town as far as service."

Expressing thanks for the award, Overmyer said this award and the Jones Fellow bestowed upon him at last year's Lions anniversary meeting were "special because they came from club members."

A memorium was presented by Lion Jim Harper, recognizing the 38 men who chartered the club, and whose names are on the back wall of the depot.

"Not one is alive bodily today, but they're alive in the minds of current members of this club and members of the future," said Harper, adding, "We give thanks for those who came before us. It reminds us we are bridge builders, and we must be sure the one we build is as sturdy as the one built for us."

A vase of five flowers representing the club's values of loyalty, integrity, our flag and language, new ideas and hope, and service, was presented by Harper.

It was also announced the Lions' White Cane Day will be June 1, and that the club has been selected to be grand marshals in this year's Lake Fest parade. Also discussed was the club's annual raffle, which is being spearheaded by Leroy Bean. There are 111 prizes including a number of gift certificates and \$25 in cash in memory of the late Clara Hansen, who headed up the raffle for years. Tickets are \$1 each of six for \$5, said Bean, and the drawing will take place at the Lions' fall fest in October.

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their intense analysis, we will understand what materials and organisms existed in the earlier history of our lake.

Lake Maxinkuckee is a 15,000 year old kettle lake formed during the Wisconsin Glacier, surrounded by a 13.8 square mile watershed, says Chesser.

"Much is known about how lakes like ours were formed, but little is known about changes in water quality in these earlier periods. Early written history and the first studies of Lake Maxinkuckee indicate a pristine body of water, surrounded by old growth forests (consisting of climax species like maples, hickory and oaks). Since the first accounts and the early studies were done, two thirds of the woodlands have been removed and replaced by farmland,

pastures, roads and houses.

"It is also known that water quality declined and was near the eutrophic state in the late 1970s. In addition, warmer periods have been noted at least in this last decade, which will push water temperatures even higher. All of these factors contribute to risks in our lake that must be better understood."

Chesser says the LMEC "has made great progress in the last 32 years" with three constructed wetlands -- recognizing early the need to reduce nutrient loading -- monitoring turbidity, as well as maintaining the constructed wetlands. Community efforts to remove phosphorus from turf fertilizer programs are vital and sediment removal systems

in the Town of Culver further limit nutrient loading that travels with sediment, he adds.

However, Chesser says it's known that much of the phosphorus which entered the lake is still there. It is believed that the bulk of this material is attached to sediments which up to this point have not been studied. The presence of iron and oxygen in and near the bottom of the lake help stabilize the material that has been deposited in the sediments.

"Simply said, the nutrients stored in the sediments are less likely to be released back into the water column while the water is clear, cool and oxygenated."



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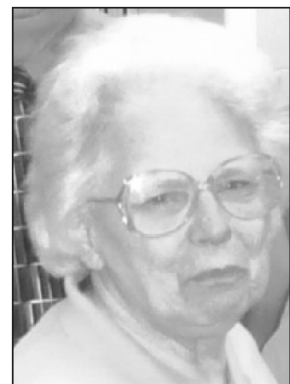
PLYMOUTH — An investigation into the death of Culver resident in the Marshall County Jail has been determined to be by natural causes.

Marshall County Prosecuting Attorney David R. Holmes announced last week that his office has completed its review of the April 7 death of Kerry Alan Pinder, 44, of Culver while incarcerated at the Marshall County Jail. The investigation was conducted by the Indiana State Police

and the Marshall County Coroner, with the cooperation of the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department.

The autopsy established death was cardiac related, and from natural causes. There was no evidence of trauma, injury or abnormality. A video of the jail cell confirmed Pinder died in his sleep. No further legal action is contemplated.

Birk awarded by Indiana Lions



Pat Birk

Longtime Culver Lion Patricia Birk received the Presidential Award for Leadership at the Indiana Lions Convention on May 4 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The award was presented by the International Lions President, Wayne Madden, at the Saturday night banquet attended by approximately 400 Lions from across the state of Indiana.

Birk is a past president of the Culver Lions Club and past

District Governor of District 25G, which encompasses about 51 Lion Clubs in the North Central region of Indiana. She was the third Lion from the Culver club to be the District Governor of 25G. The first was Earl Overmyer (1956-57) and the second Arthur Birk (2002-03).

During the May 8 regular Lions meeting, she was again recognized for the award.

She said, “This award belongs to every Culver Club Lion, for without them none of this would have been possible.”

“The Culver Club is very proud of Pat, her service, and her accomplishments,” said Culver Lions president Don Freese.

Culver Elementary 6th Graders conjure the bard in ‘Shakespeare 2.0’

By Rachel Meade

As soon as I step out of my car, I hear the unmistakable cries of 12 and 13-year-olds embracing their childlike glee, creativity, and goofiness. "WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!" The exuberant cries echo down the block, and as I approach, I recognize the source, the ever-enthusiastic Nora Kline, beaming and spreading her arms in a warm welcome. She is sporting facial hair, as well as a flamboyant pair of knee-length red and white striped breeches.

She is flanked by a pair of robed girls with teased up hair going every direction who caution me to "enter at my own risk." They lead me to my seat, wailing and flailing their arms all the while.

I am attending the one and only exclusive showing of the second annual Culver Community 6th grade Shakespeare play, which features selections from three of Shakespeare's most famous plays along with modern day interpretations written by the students. Although this is just the second year Shakespeare has been performed by 6th graders at Culver Community, the plays were performed for the 18 years prior at Monterey Elementary. Culver Community Math and Reading Teacher Todd Shafer brought the 6th grade Shakespeare play with him to Culver when the schools were consolidated in 2011. Originally, the Shakespeare play was the final project for Shafer's Reading Class in Monterey. The final six weeks of his class was spent reading Shakespeare, writing modern-day versions, and rehearsing. In Culver, this work is condensed into an after school club, and Shafer tells thanks the actors and parents for all their hard working learning lines on their free time and at home.

This year the club read and performed The Taming of the Shrew, Macbeth, and Romeo and Juliet. The play was composed of six acts, with two versions of each play: one with scenes from the original plays, as well as the updated 2.0 versions, written by the students. Given the lack of rehearsal time, it is understandable that there is a fair amount of forgetting of lines, but the overall energy of the performance more than makes up for it. The best moments occur when the students really let loose, viscerally engaging with the comedy, grit, and gruesomeness of Shakespeare's works. Macbeth opens with a cacophony of wailing, moaning, and chanting by the sixth grade actors, who wander zombie-like around the audience, wringing their hands and violently punching the air. Next come the witches, eerily chanting spells while marching in a circle, enthusiastically portrayed by Haley Pennington, Kennedy Ash, and Sarah Morrison.

Another highlight is the wonderful slapstick routine between Petruchio and Katharina in The Taming of the Shrew. Lily Gregorash's Katharina is pitch perfect throwing temper tantrums, kicking, screaming, and biting, in out of control pre-teen fashion. Nora Kline's beaming, confident Petruchio is the perfect foil to her rage and disgust.

Between acts, Shakespeare himself, confidently portrayed by Alyssa Kinyanjui, explains to a jaded 6th grade boy (Hunter Ringer), why his works are still relevant to 6th graders in 2013.

"Are there any bullies in the 6th grade?" Shakespeare inquires of the skeptical boy, who nods in hesitant agree-



ABOVE: “Macbeth”’s witches, as portrayed by (from left to right) Kennedy Ash, Sarah Morrison, and Haley Pennington, during the performance of “Shakespeare 2.0” at Culver Elementary School earlier this month.

ment.

"Well, Lady Macbeth is the biggest bully around," Shakespeare points out.

Shakespeare steps in a few more times throughout Macbeth to highlight Lady Macbeth's use of bullying tactics, such as shaming, and to highlight the fact that ultimately, even the bullies feels shame and regret after hurting others. During the frequent sword and fist fights throughout Macbeth, the kids are clearly in their element, hamming it up. Ally Jones and Kate Renneker, playing Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, accurately invoke the complicated emotions involved in the scenes: the pride, shame, and finally guilt.

Each act ends with an updated 2.0 version written by the students. This is often where the actors seem to really inhabit the spirit of their characters and have a ball. Prior to the final play, Romeo and Juliet, Shafer lets the audience know that the adaptations this year are entirely from the kids, with no input from him. "I want them to take ownership of their own work," he explains to me later.

In the kid's version of Macbeth, Lady Macbeth slips on a banana peel and the bullying ends.

During curtain calls, Shafer offers the young actors a personal congratulation: "Remember, now you can always say you performed Shakespeare," he tells them, and they gleam with pride. Shafer tells me that he believes the act of successfully undertaking a daunting task is one of the most important lessons to be learnt by performing Shakespeare in the sixth grade. "I tell them that whenever they come across something in life that seems too difficult, they need to think back to the time they performed Shakespeare," says Shafer. "I love seeing the look on the performers' faces as they walk off stage after they were able to do something they didn't think they could do." This year's crop of sixth grade Shakespeare Players look positively giddy as they file off the stage into the audience, gleaming with the well-earned pride of being accomplished Shakespearean readers, writers, and actors.



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Ali Gaskill, of the Culver Public Library's children's department, right, fills Culver Elementary 5th graders in on this year's Summer Reading program during a field trip last week as teacher Pam Craft, center, looks on.

Summer Reading programs, dates announced

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Summer Reading program, which begins June 3, will center around the theme, "Dig into Reading," and will include a roster of events, including:

Monday, June 3 at 3 p.m. **Cave Paintings:** participants paint ancient symbols or make up your own on a giant cave mural.

Monday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. **Ice eggs:** what treasures await you buried beneath the ice? Grab some tools and start digging.

Wed., June 12, 2 p.m. **Time capsules:** What memories should be kept forever? Make your own time capsule to take home and bury.

Wed., June 19, 3 p.m. **Pirate party:** Walk the plank, dig for buried treasure, make your own treasure map, and more!

Fri., June 21, 10:30 a.m. **Coffee ground fossils:** Make your own fossil to take home.

Mon., June 24, 3 p.m. **Fairy dust:** Make and take a beautiful, glowing, shimmery and sparkling jar of fairy dust!

Tues., July 2, 1 p.m. **Indiana Wild,** with live animals!

Wed., July 10, 3 p.m. **Dirt Day:** Worm races! Dirt cake! Mud milk! Dino dig! Plus tons of fun!

Fri., July 19, 10:30 a.m. **Moon sand:** Make and take your own moldable moon sand.

Mon., July 22, 3 p.m. **Terrariums:** Make your own garden in a jar.

Wed., July 31, 4 p.m. **Wire mummies:** Sculpt, form, and wrap your own mummy to take home.

Fri., Aug. 2: End of summer reading; last day to turn in forms and collect prizes.

Ongoing in the library's children's area will be **story times** -- including stories, songs, and crafts -- on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Free lunches will be served at the library Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. for any child under 18. Lunches are provided by the Culver Community School Corporation.

All programs are free and open to the public, and take place at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. 574-842-2941; www.culver.lib.in.us.

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, May 30: Italian chicken breast, lima beans, tomato gobbledy gook, fruit, bread and butter.

Friday, May 31: Tomato soup, tuna salad, macaroni salad, bread and margarine, fruit and cookie.

Monday, June 3: Cheeseburger, broccoli, festive corn, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, June 4: Polynesian chicken with pineapple and tomato over rice, oriental veggies, marshmallow fluff.

Wednesday, June 5: Meatloaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, bread and margarine.

Thursday, June 6: Hot chicken salad, broccoli salad, hot applesauce, dinner roll, pudding.

Friday, June 7: Penne casserole with sausage, baby carrots, peas, fresh fruit.

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Letters to the editor

Park, park board need responsible stewardship

Dear Editor,

As many have seen in the news recently, the Culver park board is once again receiving negative PR for its recent decision to purchase a floating pier (after several locals who make their living off of the lake advised them not to) and for its decision to not support local businesses (first denying a beer fest and more recently by snubbing those planning the fall festival). What many may fail to realize is that with the exception of a couple of board members, the park board members are not taking responsibility for those decisions. The other side of this issue some fail to realize is that the park board is not taking charge of management of the park and have left it up to the superintendent of the park. As long as the park board continues to operate this way, the negative PR won't go away and the tax payers of Culver will be the ones to once again pay the price for mismanagement of the park. I think it's time the citizens of Culver speak up. I hope that in speaking up myself, other community leaders (council members included) will also speak up and say, "Enough is enough." I believe a couple of members of our park board who have been trying to speak up and make changes would also appreciate the support from citizens who care about the park.

I write not just as a council member who serves this town and who has to make decisions about the park's budget, but as a tax-paying citizen whose contribution to the park budget deserves attention from those who are making decisions to make \$45,000 purchases on our behalf. I attended the last park board meeting because my husband wants to participate in the fall festival with his photo booth business. I listened as a group of business owners proposed (in a presentation given by Sue McInturff) that the park activity director oversee one of the activities to take place for the planned fall festival weekend. The activities suggested were a haunted house or pumpkin-decorating contest. Both of these were viewed as family activities and related to the fall theme, and they seemed like great activities for the park. Further, these were ideas citizens had hoped the merchants would incorporate into the weekend events. A discussion of this ensued and many on the park board seemed to like the idea of a haunted house. Patty Stallings and Rhonda Rheinolt both said they'd like the activity director to do these. The board members also learned that Mark Damore, owner of Lakehouse Grille, had offered all of his family's Halloween haunted house decorations (the Damores are well known for the huge Halloween parties they have hosted with a haunted house). Mr. Damore also offered the labor to set up a haunted house. The activity director is not required to be at the park board meetings, so out of fairness to her, she could not respond to the request, though she had been contacted about it before the park board meeting and had not responded other than to direct these merchants to present their idea in front of the park board. Aside from wondering why people would have to go make a formal presentation when there is personnel in place to direct park activities, I was appalled that after sending the merchants to the park board to present, the director wasn't even there to hear their presentation.

Some on the board suggested this haunted house would be too overwhelming an activity for the new activity director to take on (as noted, she wasn't there to address whether she could handle it). Merchants made it clear they weren't expecting it to be a 50-person-run activity and they suggested that the activity director had plenty of time to solicit help from volunteers or students of the high schools. When questioned about this, one member said that she didn't think it was fair to ask the activity director to put on an activity that large. Others disagreed with her. I asked about the salary of the activity director and why we couldn't expect her to direct activities in the fall as she was doing in the summer. Others had similar questions. The park board superintendent agreed to talk to the activity director and agreed they would do an activity and get back to the merchants on what it was to be. Without park board members' knowledge, she then wrote to the merchants in the following days to say they would do a 5k race, something that wasn't part of any discussion at the park board meeting. Though I'm all for a healthy activity, this is not what the citizens asked for, and I see it as a direct snub to those who asked for a haunted house or pumpkin-decorating activity. I also question the labor and planning needed for a race versus a haunted house. If a haunted house for which a business offered labor and decorations is too difficult, what can one expect from a 5k? Races of this nature are typically staffed heavily with volunteers. Finally, I think the kids in our community would have loved Halloween activities. I'm not so sure I envision 6, 7, and 8-year-old kids running a 5k! Perhaps a shorter pumpkin run or something of that type, but a 5k? Can we really take the superintendent and activity director seriously when they clearly snubbed those who were asking very specifically for an activity that would be related to their fall theme and they were very clear about the family-oriented activities that had been suggested? Clearly, it was a waste of time for these busy business owners to come present to the park board when the supervisor and activity director had no intention of listening.

I have since questioned what the purpose of the activity director position is there for if not to respond to requests from citizens who are interested in family-oriented activities at the park this coming fall (and not just during the summer). At the park board meeting, the president of the park board said that they were still trying to figure out how the activity director's job would work. I was appalled to think that we had approved a budget for this position when it hasn't even been thought out or defined. People at the board meeting had to ask how to get in touch with the new director, as that hasn't even been made public. I have since asked who hired the activity director and discovered that not one single board member interviewed the candidates for this job. I cannot as a council member support a budget for a position the board itself hasn't thought through and hasn't even bothered to interview a candidate for. I mean this in no way as an offense to the person who was hired,

as it wasn't her decision to treat the hiring process this way. To assess qualifications, the board members should have interviewed the candidates before agreeing to hire a person. That is a job of the board, not the superintendent who also reports to the board. I question if any of them saw the applications for this position. I question why we are paying for activity planning if members of the board believe it's too much to ask for an activity to be planned for the fall. I also question why the superintendent isn't doing that job during the fall and winter months when the park isn't open. It seems as if there would be plenty of time for her to do the planning during the offseason and if she's ultimately the one making the decisions for these activities (it appears she is), why put someone in a position as activity director? I've yet to receive answers to those questions. I question why busy people have to present to the board an activity idea if the director is not going to be there. Finally, I question why the superintendent and activity director snubbed the merchants? What good reason is there for forcing people to present ideas if you had no intention of honoring those ideas?

As some know, local merchants also approached the town council and park board about a beer fest. They approached council because we have an ordinance that says you cannot have alcohol in the park. Towns across the country have these ordinances and many of them still allow events like this. Our town council did approve of the ordinance violation, making the question of the alcohol a nonissue. Only council can approve of ordinance violations and we approved of this event because all evidence about it was positive and promoted increasing traffic to Culver and businesses. For those who don't follow these beer fests, it might surprise you to know that those attending aren't looking to get drunk. They are serious beer connoisseurs and have a great deal of expendable income. These aren't young frat boys we are talking about, and these events have proven to improve the economies of many towns in Indiana. As soon as our park board turned this down, Bass Lake jumped at the chance for it. Our council approved of this event, and yet, the park board once again told our merchants and tax-paying citizens they couldn't have it because of the alcohol factor, something that should not have been a factor in their decision because council had already made it a nonissue. In fact, they could think of no other reason to turn down the overwhelming evidence of support for such an event, so they used alcohol as their reason. I remind them that they have no control over ordinance and that alcohol became a nonissue the second the council approved of the event. I find it shameful that we have a Lakefest event at which numerous outside vendors make huge dollars off of Culver's park venue, but our own local merchants and vendors are snubbed when they want to use the same venue to bring traffic to town.

It was also made apparent to me that our local tax-paying citizens' input means nothing to this board when our local vendors who make their living off of this lake gave their input against using a floating pier. Many pointed out to this board that Lake Max's waves are too powerful to go with a 6-foot wide floating pier. Many pointed out that though it would be nice to have a pier that could be out all year, the ones specked out would not be appropriate. To no one's surprise, this board once again ignored the local vendors. A pier was purchased and it was done via a purchase order that didn't even include all of the specks the board required be part of the purchase. They had no contract in place to protect them for this purchase, yet, they had a 6-page contract put in place when a local vendor sold them some benches to be placed on the now defunct pier. His benches amounted to a few thousand dollars. When questioned at the park board meeting, members of the board seemed to assume that there was a contract. If they had a problem with not having a contract in place, it clearly wasn't mentioned ahead of signing off on the purchase order. Most of them seemed not to know anything about it when questioned. State statute for the park board is very clear about whose responsibility it is to fiscally manage the park. It is the board's responsibility, not the superintendent's.

When serving on a board, it's imperative that board members understand state statute. A few years ago, it became clear to all of us that park board members at the time did not understand statute. They tried to blame the subcommittee that raised money for the park for not setting aside the picket money that was raised as part of those efforts. At the board meeting at which this was discussed, I pointed out that state statute said that it did not matter who raised money for the park, the board members were the ones fiscally responsible for that money. I even read the statute to the board members. One board member tried to blame the previous town clerk for the mismanagement of the funds. Again, statute is very clear that it's the members of the board who are responsible. The reason I raise this issue again is because last year, it became evident to me that the park board had a major surplus of funds and would again end the year on a surplus. I'm talking about tens of thousands in surplus money, not peanuts. When the picket issue came to the board a couple of years ago, the money had already been spent and the park board voted to use the couple of thousand dollars left to reimburse anyone who wanted their money back. Picket donors were written letters; however, at the time, it was impossible for the park to pay back all picket donors because thousands had been raised via the picket project and they had only a couple thousand left in the fund after purchasing playground equipment. So, last year, when I noticed the major surplus, I told the park superintendent to propose to the board that they go back and readdress the picket issue and either purchase the outstanding pickets for those who hadn't been reimbursed, purchase something else, or reimburse those who never received a reimbursement. I have since learned that this wasn't even brought to the board.

Some have asked why I would bother with this controversial issue from yesteryear. See Letter page 10 I believe that those who raised

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Jim Weirick, was a Culver High School grad who came back to town, started his own business, and has been involved in various endeavors locally, most visibly with the Culver Kiwanis Club in recent years. Those who correctly identified him included Robbie Ringer, Carin Clifton, Marizetta Kenney, Steve Bair, Valerie Kemble, and Anna Neher. Of course, they win free parking in downtown Culver, as this week's Mystery space allows, in ad-



BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Jim Weirick, then or uptown and now. RIGHT: Culver, as This week's Mystery space allows, in ad-

dition to the widespread notoriety of their names mentioned on this page, risking their relative anonymity with the possibility of uncomfortable levels of fame. This week's Mystery Citizen has been a well-known presence at one local institution for a number of years. Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



CGA's Heckaman is dual regional champion

By TIM CREASON
Correspondent

WARSAW – Leah Heckaman wears a permanent smile on her face. But more importantly, she's got determination in her belly. "I didn't put everything together the way I wanted tonight, not everything clicked," said Heckaman, a double winner during last Tuesday's IHSAA girls track regional. "But I've got a week to work it out before state."

The Culver Academies junior – who attended LaVille Jr. High School and lists Plymouth as

her hometown – was a dominant force during the regional meet at Warsaw, and hopes to do it again at the girls state finals in Bloomington on June 1.

She won by over a foot in the shot put, reaching 40 feet, 10 ¾ inches to turn back DeKalb's Kara Eck (39-5 ¼). In the discus, where Heckaman threw 128-3, she won by almost eight feet.

But in each case, she didn't match her efforts from the Rochester sectional a week ago.

"I was hoping to hit 43 or 44 feet tonight (in the shot put), so that could have been better, but I'm happy with the way I threw,"

said Heckaman. "I'm really determined. We'll see what happens at state."

The top three finishers in each event advance to the state finals, along with any athlete who meets a tough performance standard set by the IHSAA.

Warsaw – despite the loss of several top-notch performers to injury this past week – still managed to claim a regional team title. The Tigers, who trailed throughout the meet, came from behind during the last event – the 4 x 400 relay – to edge Mishawaka, 69-66.

Plymouth tied for seventh in

the final standings, while Culver Academies was 13th. Culver Community was 20th.

Culver Community's Denisha Brown had a dandy race in the 100-meter dash, clocking 12.78 for second place. Only triple-winner Michelle Adeniyi of South Bend Clay edged ahead of her.

Bremen junior Jasmine Schafer didn't make the cut in the 100- or 200-meter dashes, but she certainly came close. Schafer clocked 12.99 in the 100 for sixth place, then made the 200-meter final and closed with a fifth in 26.77.



FILE PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO
CGA's Leah Heckaman competes in the shot put at sectionals. Heckaman won both the shot and discus at last week's regional.

Lady Eagles repeat at tennis regional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — At some point in last Wednesday's regional tennis final, a major momentum shift occurred.

Plymouth was leading defending champion Culver Girls Academy on three courts at the Lady Eagles' home at the Gable Tennis Complex, up a set on both doubles courts and at 2 singles. Even at 1 singles, where Allie Berger had dropped her first set to Natalia Lopez-Yanez 6-3, Berger was leading her CGA counterpart in the second set, and, for a moment, it seemed like the Lady Pilgrims might dethrone a Culver Girls Academy squad that has traditionally gotten the better of them and earn their program its first regional title since 2006.



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO

Rachel Simon watches her shot during No. 1 singles play at the CGAGirls Tennis Regional last Wednesday.

I really congratulated them on that aspect — their ability to not know how to quit. "We're just tickled to death at all our girls' ability to endure and find a way. Again, they just don't know what it means to quit."

In what has become the conventional outcome between the rivals in recent years, CGA won on all three singles courts and Plymouth claimed dominance in the two doubles matches.

Emily Blake and Ellen Smith split sets with Kendall Whitehurst and Maria Solis before clinching a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 win at 2 doubles, following up the Pilgrims' first win of the night at 1 doubles, where Andria Shook and Marissa German beat Pita Navarro and Regina Padilla in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3 to remain unbeaten at their position and advance in the state doubles tournament.

Shook and German advanced individually to the finals at the LaPorte Doubles Regional last season before falling to eventual state champions Abigail and Vanessa Madrigal of Highland.

While Shook's and German's advancement in the doubles tourney was a decent consolation prize, it wasn't the one the Pilgrims were hoping for at Gable Complex. And for a while, it seemed like Plymouth might finally get over the hump in the team's first trip to the regional finals since 2010 against a CGA squad that has struggled with intermittent injuries throughout the year.

But Alena Arkhipov made short work of Carly Berger 6-2, 6-0 at 3 singles to salt away the defending champions' first match point of the night, Lopez-Yanez responded from her

early deep deficit to Allie Berger in the second set at 1 singles for a straight-set win there, and Simon — who has played at the 1 position periodically for her team while Lopez-Yanez struggled with on and off injuries throughout the year — simply found another gear to top Mikayla German in three sets, making the outcome on the 2 doubles court academic and earning the Eagles the repeat title and the right to advance opposite archival Penn at the LaPorte Semistate Saturday, when CGA will look to avenge last year's semistate loss to the Kingsmen.

"It's a great win for a lot of reasons for us," said Kutch. "It's been a tough season struggling through injuries and that sort of thing, so it really feels good, but it feels good to go up against an opponent as good as Plymouth and those girls and the way they fought so hard. For our team to be victorious over such a competent opponent makes it that much more exciting."

"Frankly, all this on a different day who knows? But today we were triumphant and very appreciative of that."

• **CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY REGIONAL** at Culver Academies Championship
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, PLYMOUTH 2
Singles: 1. Natalia Lopez-Yanez (CGA) beat Allie Berger 6-3, 7-6(2); 2. Rachel Simon (CGA) beat Mikayla German 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; 3. Alena Arkhipov (CGA) beat Carly Berger 6-2, 6-0.
Doubles: 1. Andria Shook-Marissa German (P) beat Pita Navarro-Regina Padilla 6-4, 6-3; 2. Emily Blake-Ellen Smith (P) beat Kendall Whitehurst-Maria Solis 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Records: CGA 11-4, Plymouth 15-5.

Sports briefs

Baseball

Cavs advance at Culver

Culver Community and Triton earned a pair of narrow wins Monday night to advance to Tuesday's Class A Culver Sectional championship game.

Culver plated a run in the top of the first and made it stand up for seven innings in a 1-0 win over South Central, while Triton held off Westville in similar fashion, 3-2. Nick Pritz drove in Culver's only run in the opening semifinal, while Brendon Pinder had two hits for the Cavs. Kyle Vlach earned the pitching win.

• **CULVER COMMUNITY BASEBALL SECTIONAL**
At Culver
Game 1
CULVER COMMUNITY 1, SOUTH CENTRAL 0
Culver: 100 000 0 — 1 5 1
South Central: 000 000 0 — 0 4 2
WP: Kyle Vlach; LP: Adam Clindaniel
2B: Logan Lionberger

Girls lacrosse

CGA advances to state

Morgan Osborn recorded a Texas hat trick with four goals, and Culver Girls Academy advanced to the state semifinals with a 12-3 win over South Bend St. Joseph at the Girls Lacrosse Northern Regional Finals Wednesday in Culver.

Annie Morsches notched three goals and three assists, while Saralena Barry recorded two goals and three assists for CGA, which will play in the state tourney May 31 at Brebeuf.

• **CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 12, ST. JOSEPH 3**
Northern Regional Finals at Culver
CGA stats
Goals: Morgan Osborn 4, Annie Morsches 3, Saralena Barry 2, Hannah Flaten, Rory Byrne, Kelsi Carr.
Assists: Morsches 3, Barry 3, Olivia Rabbitt 2, Flaten, Byrne.
Saves: Clair Fay 5.

CGA swimmer Bittles signs with Valparaiso

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy senior Natalie Bittles has signed on to continue her academic and swimming careers at Valparaiso University.

While at Culver, Bittles swam the 100 backstroke, the backstroke leg of the 200 medley relay and was a member of the 200 freestyle relay team. She lettered in swimming all four years. She was also a member of the football cheerleading squad and lacrosse team. She is the 16th Culver Academies senior to sign a National Letter of Intent.

Church Directory

Your place to find local places of worship

✠CULVER AREA CHURCHES✠

Culver Bible Church
718 South Main Street
CulverBible.org
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Eve. service - 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Daniel Huhn
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Emmanuel United Methodist Church
401 S. Main St., Culver
842-2133
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Minister: Ron Lewellen
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Grace United Church of Christ
307 N. Plymouth St., Culver
574-842-2331
Church Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 Children and Adults
Handicapped accessible
Pastor: AnnMarie Kneebone
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Memorial Chapel
Culver Academies
Protestant Chapel - 10:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass - 9 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Johanna McCune Wagner, Chaplain
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Mt. Hope United Methodist Church
7022 W. 700N
www.mthopechurch.com
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.
574-542-9333
Pastor: Bob Metzger
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Sovereign Grace Baptist Church
110 N. Main St., Culver
842-3629
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mike Cissna
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St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
515 N. State St.
http://steculver.org
Eucharist - 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Thomas Haynes
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St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church
124 College Ave., Culver
www.culcom.net/~stmarys/
Sunday Masses - 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Tad Balinda
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Trinity Lutheran Church
430 Academy Rd.
www.trinityculver.org
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
Pastor: K.C. Dehning
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Wesley United Methodist Church
511 School St., Culver
842-2900
Memorial Day-Labor Day - 8:00 a.m. at Culver Depot
Labor Day-Memorial Day - 9:00
Sunday School
Worship - 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Handicapped Accessible
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Bible Trivia
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Corinth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 11, who was accused of "having a devil" because he did not drink? Mark, John the Baptist, Paul, Josiah
3. Eve's name appears in the book of Genesis how many times? 0, 2, 13, 21
4. In Exodus 15:21, who sang a patriotic song after the crossing of the Red Sea? Zipporah, Delilah, Miriam, Dinah
5. Of which Canaanite city did spies find the entrance? Ai, Sardis, Colossae, Bethel
6. From Acts 12:23, what ungodly ruler was struck down by an angel? Herod, Ehud, Jehu, Abner

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) John the Baptist; 3) 2; 4) Miriam; 5) Bethel; 6) Herod

Culver VFW and Auxiliaries officers installed

Following a pitch-in dinner May 8, the installation of officers for VFW Post 6919, Culver, and its Auxiliaries was held. Installing officers was Past Post Commander Joe Miller. Officers are: Post Commander Brian Linhart, Senior Vice Commander Frank Setola, Junior Vice Commander Harvey Podvin, Adjutant Herb Newman, Quartermaster Rich Kelso, Chaplain Charlie Nix, Surgeon M T Schmidt, three-year Trustee L B Montgomery, three-year House Committee Rich Kelso, and Service Officer Roger Wise.

Ladies Auxiliary officers were installed by Past State President Mary Lou Wise and are: President Margaret Dehne, Senior Vice President Maryann Warner, Junior Vice President Barbara Linhart, Secretary Wanda Von Ehr, Treasurer Sandra Kelso, Chaplain Pam Amick, Conductress Christine Niemiec, Guard Cathy Hoesel, Trustees are: three-year Phyllis Cox, two-year Donna Baker and oe-year Mary Lou Wise.

Installation of Mens Auxiliary officers was completed by Past Mens President Terry Wakefield. Officers are: President Rocky Bockman, Senior Vice President Terry Wakefield, Junior Vice President Ddave McKee, Secretary Ken Neff, Treasurer Terry Listenberger, Chaplain Glenn Whitmarsh, and three-year Trustee Bruce Smith.

The officers will actually assume their chairs in the Post and Auxiliaries following the installation of the State VFW Commander and Ladies Auxiliary President at the State Convention to be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Indianapolis, June 13 through 16.

Delegates of Post 6919 and the Ladies Auxiliary will attend the Convention where recognition awards will be presented to the Posts and Ladies Auxiliaries across the State of Indiana in the various programs of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.



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L E F T : Recently elected Culver VFW officers include, at left, Rocky Bachman, President M e n s Auxiliary, Margaret Dehne, President, Ladies Auxillary, and Brian Linhart, Commander VFW Pos 6 9 1 9

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is limited to 20 at a time, so call 574-842-3686 to register now. Classes will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the beach lodge on Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2.

CBGC summer program moves to middle school starting June 3

The Culver Boys & Girls Club summer program begins Monday, June 3. The Club will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This year’s program includes field trips to Amish Acres and the Water Park as well as weekly visits to the local beach and library. This summer, the program will be held at Culver Community Middle School. For more information on the program and fees, please visit www.bgcculver.org or call Jessye Gilley at 574-250-0103.

Tutoring starts first week of June

Tutoring sessions will commence at Wesley United Methodist Church on School Street in Culver during the first week of June. With a specialization in tutoring children with dyslexia, A Better Chance to Learn will offer sessions. For more information, email abetterchance-2learn@yahoo.com, or call 574-505-1028.

Culver A Capella group launching this month

For those who love to sing....just not in front of anyone, the Aubbeenaubbee A Cappella singing group is open to people 16 and over who want to sing, just for fun. Those interested are encouraged to have fun, improve their health (really!) and meet new friends while making beautiful music together. Beginning June 11, thr group will meet in the St. Mary of the Lake Church basement Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Paré at 574-274-7097 or parefamily@att.net.

Culver Farmer's Market open

The Culver Farmer’s Market has opened for the season each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). Interested produce and flower vendors are encouraged to call Barb at 574-842-2648.

Pilot Group managing editor to speak June 3

Lois Tomaszewski, Managing Editor of The Pilot News Group, will present “The Scoop on Community Journalism” at the Culver-Union Township Public Library Monday, June 3 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. The program is free and open to the public.

Book-film group discusses ‘King’s Speech’

CUTPL’s book/film group, A Novel Approach, will meet Wed., June 5 at noon in the library’s large meeting room located downstairs.

The book and film are “The King’s Speech,” copies of which 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.

New periodicals at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer library patrons access to 6 new periodical titles, including *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Equus* (The Horse Owner’s Resource), *Vogue*, *The Week* (The Best of the US and International Media), and *AARP: The Magazine*. CUTPL has a collection of over 100 different periodicals, which can all be checked out for periods of one week. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

CUTPL Adult Summer Reading program

Culver-Union Township Public Library’s Adult Summer Reading is open to adults of all ages, with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. Programs include “**Making Your Garden Grow**” with Master Gardener, Bob Yoder (**June 13, 1 to 3 p.m.**); a **book discussion** of “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald (**June 22, 1:30 p.m.**); screening of “**Everglades of the North**,” a documentary about the Grand Kankakee Marsh (**July 8, 6 p.m.**); a Q and A with one of the film producers (**July 15, 6 p.m.**); “**Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner’s Genealogy Workshop**” with genealogist Monty Peden (**July 23, 1 to 3 p.m.**). The program begins June 3 and will run through August 2.

Card making class June 5

The Friends of the Culver Library will sponsor a card making class Wednesday, June 5, from 10 a.m. until noon. The class will be taught by Marge Keltner and each person will make and take home three different cards. Sign up at the circulation desk at the library or call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941.

Zeller family basketball camp here June 5-7

A Zeller family sponsored overnight youth basketball camp open to anyone entering 4th through 9th grade will take place at Culver Academies June 5 through 7. The camp will give youngsters an opportunity to spend some time with NBA players, college and high school coaches, and other area and regional standouts and learn not only some basketball skills, but skills in the area of character development as well. Cost of the camp is \$400 for overnight attendees and \$300 for “commuters,” which includes a t-shirt, lodging, meals, and of course camp instruction. There is a sibling discount of \$350 and \$250, and there are a limited number of scholarships available for area students. Visit distinxion.org for more information or to register.

‘Carmichael Sings Carmichael’ June 8

Randy Carmichael, son of Hoosier music legend Hoagy Carmichael, will perform “Carmichael Sings Carmichael” Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus. The performance will be followed by wine and delicious appetizers with Randy Carmichael in attendance. A limited number of tickets are available at \$25 for Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver members and \$35 for non-members, and may be purchased at The Center for Culver History museum at the library. Or request tickets via historyofculver@gmail.com or regular mail at P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511. You may also call the museum at 574-842-2941 ext. 218 or Ginny Gibson 574-635-0635.

Friends book sales June 13-15

The Friends of the Culver Library will hold a book sale Thursday, June 13 from 4 until 7 p.m. and Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.. Book donations can be left at the Culver Library circulation desk during library hours.

Taste of Culver June 15

The 2013 Taste of Culver will be held Saturday, June 15 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Culver. A diversity of food offerings will include, pizza, polish sausage, mini burgers, chicken wings, sushi, cajun specialties, shaved ice, cookies, fresh fruit cups and hot dogs, from Culver’s unique restaurants, accompanied by live music. Those with questions may call Patty Stallings at 574-842-2118 (cell 219-765-0702) or email patty.k.stallings@gmail.com.

Fly fishing 101 June 15

Learn when and why fly fishing is the right tool for the task Saturday June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Attendees will gain an understanding of what weight fly rod and fly line to use for various fishing; leaders and tippet as well as fly line types (SF, DT, etc.), fly fishing safety and etiquette, and types of flies; learn basic casting techniques and the five casting principles that help you become more proficient in handling casting situations; basics in tying, knots, and bugs. Class is limited to 5 participants. Minimum age is 11 years of age. Total cost for each participant is \$10. Equipment will be supplied. Please contact Kelly

Young, park supt., at 574-842-3510 to register.

Jr. Football sign-ups

Sign-ups for the 2013 Junior Football season are June 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Community High School library. All enrollment will be online this yearwith only an email address required. If you do not have one, volunteers can help you create one when you enroll. If you choose to enroll online on your own, please still plan to attend one of these dates to be fitted for equipment and uniforms. All are encouraged to “like” Culver Junior Football on Facebook.

Duff exhibit part of Crisp Galleries offerings

The Culver Academies’ Crisp Art Center is hosting two exhibitions in its Wolf and Deer-Zink Galleries. Now on view is The Charles T. Duff Faculty Memorial Exhibition, which recognizes the career and artwork of one of Culver Academies’ beloved master instructors of fine arts, as well as a selection of paintings from the Culver Collection addressing the broad subject categories of People, Places, and a Few Things. Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

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 website at wnit.org or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

Vonnegut exhibit at museum starting June 18

The Center for Culver History will host the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library’s traveling exhibit as well as local history and memorabilia of the Vonnegut family on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The exhibit will run from June 18 through July 20th, and is free. The Center for Culver History is located in the lower level of the original Carnegie library in downtown Culver. Visit www.culver-ahs.com for more information.

Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity returns June 29

Culver Tri-Kappa’s bi-annual Chairs for Charity returns Saturday, June 29 at the Culver Cove resort on Jefferson Street. The evening begins with a reception, hors d’oeuvres, and silent auction. At 8 p.m. the live auction begins.

Chairs, donated by Tri-Kappa members and artists in the Culver community, are artistically altered to create artistic content in a variety of themes. Tri-Kappa is encouraging members of the community to find a chair and give it a new life for the event. The chairs will be displayed in various businesses around town for two weeks leading up to the event. Proceeds from the event go directly to area children’s education and other community needs. Please contact Kathy Rich bkrich@culcom.net or Dorothea Ragsdale, dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com.

Culver High School reunion June 29

The Culver High School (CHS) reunion will take place Saturday, June 29, at the cafeteria for the Culver Community Schools Middle School/High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Honored classes will include any ending with a “3” or “8,” though CHS alumni from all years are welcome, as are those who attended but did not graduate from Culver High School. Please forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs such as those mentioned above via CD) to: Thomas L. Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315, or e-mail tlcurtis@mediacombb.net or call 508-369-1506.Reunion ticket requests must be received before Saturday, June 22, and must forward a check which includes the amount of \$25 for each reunion ticket requested. These requests must also include the name, address, and CHS class year of the requesting alumna or alumnus, as well as the phone number and e-mail address of the requestor (if available).

Swimming lesson registration

The Culver park department will offer three sessions of swimming lessons this summer. Registration for children aged 3 and up will take place June 3 through 12 and the cost is \$25 per child. Session dates are as follows: session 1: June 17 through 26; session 2: July 1 through July 11; session 3: July 22 through July 31. Times will be determined at a later date.



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ABOVE: Prom King Matt Hurford and Queen Hannah Kline share their first dance after being crowned.

CCHS elects prom king, queen

By Dana Wireman
Culver Comm. High School seniors, juniors and their guests attended the 2013 Fire and Ice prom May 4. Hannah Kline and Matt Hurford were crowned prom Queen and King.

Juniors Tyre Simpson and Shakkira Harris took home the title of prom Prince and Princess. Nominees for prom queen included Erin Bau, Angel Okray, Alex Baker, Ali Overmyer, and Hannah Kline. King candidates were Matt Hurford, John Ahlenius, Collin Stevens, Micah Budzinski, Kyle Vlach, and Mitch Maes. Nominees for prom princess were Jaclyn Rocco, Shakkira Harris, Courtney Little-ton, Grace Lorenz, and Denisha Brown. Prom prince included Tyre Simpson, Jacoda Anderson, Justin Croy, Nick Pritz, Shawn Russell, and Chris Zehner. After prom was held at LifePlex in Plymouth and included a free photo-booth, swimming, and a hypnotist.

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money for the park believed that money would be used for the purposes for which it was raised and in the manner that the legal statutes of our state say you must treat funds raised in that way. I believe that the donors deserve their due justice. The park has had the perfect opportunity to make a highly unethical situation right. I cannot believe they would not take that opportunity, but some of the park board members aren’t aware of the details of it (new to the board) and some may not have realized their surplus money could be put to such use. Again, it’s not the super-

intendent who should make these decisions. It’s the park board members who get to make these decisions. And yet, it wasn’t brought to the park board as I requested.

I also bring up the picket issue because at the time it was discussed, citizens also asked the park board to make its accounting, revenue sources, and inventory computerized, something that take less than \$1,000 in software to do. The superintendent did not want to do this and only two park board member (to my recollection) voted for it. I again attended those meetings and pointed out that without an electronic record of these things, the public could not trust that the revenue, inventory, and exchange of monies at the part were accurate. I also pointed out that having the superintendent write these things on paper made no sense in the event something happen to her and she need to be replaced. It’s absurd to think that we have no electronic accounting of revenue coming in and out of the park. Years ago, it was suggested the park have a parking meter to account for parking revenue. This never happened to the dismay of citizens. If the park board refuses to put procedures in place to bring accountability to the park, I think the board should be abolished in favor of bringing the park’s



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25-year Culver ring recipients

Staff of Culver Academies who have attained 25 years of service to the school were honored recently at an all-school meeting at the school's Eppley Auditorium, where the tradition of giving 25-year staff Culver rings was continued. Pictured are (seated, from left): Chris Sheppard (Post Office), Joyce Roush (Language), Sue Roth (Alumni), Cheryl Adams (Athletics/Administrative Services), Bob Albert (Warehouse), Gary Hinton (Wellness Education). Second row: Tim Hawkey (Custodial), David Girard (College Advising), Leola Fields (Dining Hall), Nancy Czarnecki (Laundry), Bruce Burgess (Language). Third row: Judy Rochford (Library), Steve Schumerth (Leadership), Tom Duckett (Leadership), Kristen Little '75 (Science), Lynn Rasch '76 (Student Life), and Tom White (Building Maintenance). Missing are Mike Woods (Dining Hall) and Tony Clemons (Utilities).

management back to the town council. It’s time the park board begin to manage its finances, understand the statutes that guide them in operating the park, and listen to what the tax payers want. It’s time other leaders in our community stand up and say, “Enough is enough.” I personally am looking into how we can change the lack of authority council has over this board, as I feel helpless that we have a say in the budget, but no authority over how the park is being managed. Someone must take responsibility for managing the park, and I call on the other council members and citizens to demand accountability and responsibility. This park belongs to the tax payers. Our tax dollars and those of the township support this park. We use the park and create the revenue raised. That park should be a central driving force in our economy, our attractiveness to our tourism industry, and our own activities. It should not be the center of so much negative PR.

Sincerely,
Ginny Bess Munroe
Culver

Thanks to Culver for postal drive

The Culver Community Council of Churches wishes to thank all who helped make the “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive a huge success. Many thanks go to the letter carries that picked up the donated food for Culver’s Food Pantry. The pantry is located in the lower level of Grace Church at 307 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, IN. It is open on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Culver Food Pantry received 1600 pounds of food. What a Blessing for our community! Sincerely,

Jean Rakich, President of Council of Churches