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'What SUP' in Culver? The 2nd annual Lake Max Challenge

Scenes from last weekend's colorful Lake Max Challenge SUP race, in Culver's town park, include (UPPER LEFT) Elite race winner Tony Paul, who leads on the first lap and extending to win overall for the Men's 14' Elite race. Paul is leading the Midwest SUP series for points and this race secured his domination this year. CENTER LEFT: "One of the best groups of paddlers in the Midwest," notes Becky Furry, launch at the Elite Men's race start. LOWER LEFT: Mary Radtke led the women's 12'6" Elite race to take the overall victory. RIGHT: The most unusual participant Friday night was Harry the dog, accompanied by owner and event co-organizer Becky Furry (yes, that makes his name Harry Furry!). Harry obviously appears quite at home on a Stand Up Paddleboard. SEE STORY BELOW.

In Brief

Lake Patrol golf outing, hog roast July 5

A Lake Patrol benefit golf outing, sponsored by the Lake Maxinkuckee Association, will take place Fri., July 5 at Mystic Hills Golf Club. The event, which is open to the public, starts at 1 p.m. for registration, with range balls available at 1:30 and Florida scramble at 2. Register that day at Mystic Hills.

The LMA will also host a Lake Patrol benefit hog roast and auction the same day, with cash bar open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Children 12 and under eat free (with ticketed adults). Adult tickets are \$25 and there is a \$500 grand prize cash drawing (each ticket is an entry in the drawing; you don't have to be present to win). This event will take place at the Maxinkuckee Country Club, 1641 East Shore Drive. LMA is an IRS 501 c (3) Non-Profit Charitable Organization. Contact Jane Grund, lakedir@culcom.net, 574-298-1690 with questions.

'Everglades of the North' programs at CUTPL

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a screening of "Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh," a 2012 documentary, Monday, July 8 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. A follow-up question and answer session and discussion with one of the film producers will be held Monday, July 15 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. These programs are free and open to the public.

VBS at Wesley through July

Culver Wesley United Methodist Church will have a Vacation Bible School, *Renew your Summer*, every Tuesday evening in July from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Parents can drop off their kids-preschool and up, and then meet with Pastor Jacob to discuss the same topics. If you have any questions, email Tracy

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Movie producers update on Culver shooting schedule, possible casting calls

The executive producer of a nationally-distributed movie set to be filmed in Culver in August was in town last week, finalizing some plans, meeting with various individuals, and even stopping by for a visit to Culver's Kiwanis Club on Thursday.

James Simmons, one of the founders of Bearfruit Films (www.bearfruitfilms.com) and executive producer of "Little Savages," a family film which he says will utilize Culver as a kind of "character" in the movie, updated Culverites on the shooting schedule and other details related to the movie.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

James Simmons (RIGHT), executive producer of the "Little Savages" movie shooting in Culver this summer, chats with Janet Kline (LEFT) of Culver following last Thursday's meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club (whose president, Trent Bennett, is visible in the background).

day of shooting, making the schedule six days per week. "B roll," or background footage will be shot at the Lake Fest in July, however.

"We want this to be fun for everyone," he says of the intentionally less "driven" shooting schedule. "If it's not, that shows up on screen sometimes, especially with kids."

Kids are a major presence in the film, whose plot centers around the Savage kids, local to Culver, who search for a hidden treasure in competition with town bullies in search of the same treasure. Promotional material likened the script to "a blend of 'Goonies,' 'Little Rascals,' 'The Ultimate Gift.' and 'The Amazing Race.'" The movie is planned to be the first of a trilogy, if all goes according to plan.

Simmons also said producers hope to "stack the decks" of the film's cast with a nationally-known name actor, Disney star, or musician, for either the lead role or a cameo in the film, to help drive attention to

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

He said producers and the film's director will likely spend at least half of July in Culver, finalizing shooting locales and other aspects of the process. Actors and crew should arrive August 3 for four weeks of shooting on a "five days on, two days off" schedule, which he notes leaves

some leeway for rainy days or other complications to be compensated for with an extra

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Future of EMS central to heated discussion at council meeting

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

A sometimes-heated discussion on Culver's Emergency Medical Service took center stage at last week's town council meeting.

The discussion began when town manager Dave Schoeff suggested the council consider forming a committee to examine the future of the department in light of upcoming changes in health care coverage due to so-called "Obamacare" legislation, a follow-up to the council's previous meeting. Specifically, Schoeff suggested the matter should be examined in light of the EMS' budget, replying to a query from council member Ginny Munroe that the fire depart-

ment wouldn't be as affected as EMS since the latter has paid staff on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on 12 hour shifts. Schoeff acknowledged nothing is "set in stone" yet regarding specifics of Obamacare requirements.

Council member Bill Githens added the matter is "a town wide problem."

"We have other people and entities that put money into EMS, like the township and the (Culver) Academies, and I think we should have an open discussion and town meeting about it. It may work out that a committee is formed based on the town meeting."

He went on to say the township or Academy could withdraw funding from the

EMS, which would create a \$45,000 shortfall.

Munroe replied that all emergency services -- not just EMS -- are tax funded.

"Why is it an EMS problem instead of all emergency services? Are we discussing fire, police, and EMS?"

EMS vice director Brandon Cooper, in the audience, explained the EMS' executive board makes decisions regarding the department.

"You're welcome to come," he said. "No one has...to call it a problem and say we have an issue, without coming to the root of the problem -- nobody has come to one of our meetings and said there's an issue to bring up."

Audience member Russ

Mason said he understood "the elephant in the room" regarding EMS was its future status, a reference to state-mandated changes in designations of service which will go into effect in 2014. EMS director Bob Cooper III said the department's executive board had already discussed and made recommendations to the council that the EMS transition to the new Advanced status the state has proposed. He added some of the numbers he's heard thrown around regarding EMS usage and cost "are not even close to accurate."

When Githens said council members haven't yet seen any numbers, Brandon Cooper suggested interested persons attend EMS meetings and ask

questions.

"Nobody's saying you're inefficient," said council member Lynn Overmyer, to which Bob Cooper III replied, "That's exactly what he said."

Bob Cooper II, a member of the EMS executive board, added, "We know you and Bill Cleavenger have a personal vendetta against the EMS and want to destroy EMS. It's time the town knows it."

Town marshal Wayne Bean, in the audience, interjected that arguments over specifics are premature, given the general confusion across the board regarding the specifics of Obamacare.

"Things need looked at

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Culver pulls up a chair at Tri Kappa event

Culver Tri Kappa's bi-annual Chairs for Charity auction, during which more than 50 chairs -- artistically rendered by members of the sorority and community -- were auctioned off at the Culver Cove banquet area alongside an array of food, drink, and fun, was a success Saturday night, as evidenced by the photos here. UPPER LEFT*: Committee members and helpers (from left) Colleen Denham, Jennifer Luttrell, Emily Rich, Karen Richeson, Kathy Rich, Vickie Benner (obscured in photo), Judy Sawhook, Noreen Faulkner, Dorothea Ragsdale, Cheryl Rhodes, Jo Surrisi, Karen Heim. Committee members not pictured include Rhonda Anderson, Meg Porter, and Chris Sheppard. UPPER CENTER: Jennifer Foxworthy, left, with a chair titled "See You Later" by Emily Rich, right. UPPER RIGHT: David Gibson, right, prepares to take home Chelsea Bramfeld's "Lake Max" chair (the chair was donated by Culver Academies) as Dick Swennumson, left, admires it. LOWER LEFT: Jim Green is excited by his new "Anchor'sAway!" chair, created by Culver Comm. High School art teacher Shane Lowry's student, Tatiana Randolph, and (LOWER RIGHT) Katy Lewellan is equally pleased with two college-themed chairs she won: an IU Tailgate chair by Emily Ryman and Ann Maurer, and Stephanie Hall and Jim Faulkner's Univ. of Michigan chair.

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for everybody," he said. "It affects everybody, including council."

Munroe added the issue is "global," and not only an EMS issue, and that all departments may need to sit down and hash out plans to handle upcoming health care mandates.

Githens expressed concerns that going Advanced would generate more members of the service from outside Culver than local, though both Cooper II and III countered that securing volunteers is a challenge, something Brandon Cooper noted is a nationwide problem.

Overmyer said some people have expressed concern that full-time, paid help have to sit at the EMS station and wait for volunteers to arrive before they can leave, though Cooper III replied the service is required to have two people on. Brandon Cooper also pointed out paid staff spend their time at the station taking care of billing, ambulance maintenance, and cleanup of the ambulance garage.

Audience member Rhonda Reinhold expressed support for an advanced service, citing distance to the closest hospital and more sophisticated medical training of advanced personnel. Munroe, referencing budget matters, noted the EMS gave back over \$40,000 of its budget to the town's general fund last year, rather than overspending.

Overmyer, referring to her late husband and longtime firefighter Lance's days in that department, said it would have been wasteful to have a full-time, paid staff member at the fire station 24 hours a day, though the requirement of doing so in order for Culver's EMS to retain its Advanced status was reiterated.

Cooper III also cited "some big operational differences" between fire and EMS.

"Look at the numbers....there are less than 100 (runs annually) for fire, and we're pushing 500 (runs). And we have an hour of paperwork to get done in order to get paid for every call."

Audience member John Helfrey asked why the council would consider spending money on a new town hall if EMS is underfunded, though Overmyer replied the condition of the current town hall necessitates examining options.

Brandon Cooper told the council and audience, "What it comes down to is, we're not having a budget issue...we've already budgeted for an Advanced service. If you'd come to our meetings, you'd know that."

Cooper III added EMS business meetings take place the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m., and executive board meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30.

Downtown parking and signs

In other discussion, the council eventually opted for a work session prior to its July 9 regular meeting to discuss parking and signage related to the downtown business district, after several audience and council members questioned the need for some portions of side streets intersect-

ing downtown Main Street to limit parking to two hours.

In particular it was noted very few people other than those employed at Main Street or other nearby businesses park on the side streets, so those who do are unduly inconvenienced by the two-hour mandate.

Overmyer also suggested two hour parking on Main Street itself hardly gives shoppers time to dine and shop in the same visit.

Munroe noted discussion had been held in the past of installing parking meters on Main Street, which would also generate revenue. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the upcoming work session.

Also slated for discussion was the matter of signs, with Overmyer asking if a sign promoting the Flea Market Chic shop located at Elizabeth's Garden on Plymouth Street was legal. The sign had been placed in the back of a pickup truck parked near Main Street, something Russ Mason said was legal, noting the truck was not in the public right of way and therefore fell outside the jurisdiction of existing ordinances.

Rezoning public hearing

Some discussion took place during a public hearing concerning changing Culver's zoning map, as to whether the town should push to zone to the two-mile limit allowed it, in order to plan for future growth. Audience member Kevin Berger made the suggestion, though town attorney Jim Clevenger suggested the county -- represented at the meeting by Marshall County plan director Ralph Booker -- would be amenable to future growth on an as-needed basis.

Booker noted changing the map, a follow-up to an effort to "clean up" parcels previously within two separate zoning designations, would facilitate adoption of online building permitting and simplify identification of parcel zoning on the county's Beacon website.

The council approved the proposal.

Adding a park board member?

At audience member Patty Stallings' initiation, discussion was held as to why Culver's park board has an even six members, which has resulted in tied votes, which force the voted-upon matter to be dropped, which audience and park board member Rhonda Reinhold pointed out happened earlier this year regarding a proposed beer festival.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger noted the town itself makes three appointments to the park board, with the library, school board, and township making one each. Discussion reflected agreement that removing one park board member, though it would solve the problem, would result in less community representation on the board. Clevenger explained the current ordinance, which allows a maximum of six members, would have to be re-established, which the park board should formally recommend.

Town hall future site

Also approved was allowing town manager Schoeff to examine other avenues for the future location of Culver's

town hall after a close look at the Main Street building occupied by First Farmers Bank proved it unlikely as a future home for municipal ownership. Schoeff said a structural engineer who conducted a walk-through of the building concluded the building could cost between \$1.5 and \$3 million to make usable, not counting a purchase price of \$300,000 to \$350,000. The investigation was part of an ongoing consideration of the deteriorating condition of the present town hall on Plymouth Street.

Other actions

Among council votes was approval of \$3,000 for an arborist's inventory of trees in Culver's right of ways, in conjunction with the tree commission; erecting signs for the upcoming Lake Fest; an administrative municipal flow chart submitted by Schoeff; \$1,257.78 for a spectral photometer used for daily water testing; \$5,600 to replace submersible pumps at the town sewer plant; authorization for council president Sally Ricciardi -- absent at that meeting -- to sign a final inspection form for the completed downtown revitalization project; and \$1524.60 to renew the town's water meter contract.

Also approved was \$3,440 for replacement sludge bags at the sewer plant and 25 new barricades for town usage, at \$3,510 total. Utilities manager Bob Porter was granted permission to assemble a bid packet for paving work on a number of streets in Culver, including parts of Fleet, West Terrace, Mill, Academy, Jefferson, and Washington.

After brief discussion, council approved paying for a detailed analysis of the watershed in the Lake Shore Drive business district area of Culver, in particular relation to storm water flow.

Other discussion included a reply from Porter to a query from Mason about the status of the west face of the town clock installed last year; Porter said multiple attempts by himself and Verl Shaffer -- who spearheaded the fund raiser to purchase the clock -- have been fruitless. Schoeff will make attempts prior to legal action being initiated.

Patty Stallings thanked Porter and the town for their support and assistance in this year's Taste of Culver event, which featured seven local food vendors.

Discussion was also held about the 2005 ordinance which established Culver's tree commission, but which officially disallows that commission to work in the town park. Commission members Mike Stallings and Tom Kearns, noting arborist Gina Darnell is in town for several days, suggested her work could benefit the trees in the park, adding that they have worked successfully with park superintendent Kelly Young on a handful of occasions regarding new plantings, over the past seven years.

The council -- granting permission to bend the rule in this case -- debated whether to engage in the lengthy process of formally revising the ordinance, though Munroe asked that Schoeff be allowed to research making the change permanent.

Cheryl Rhoades of the Culver Chamber of Commerce was granted permission by council to close Jefferson Street from Plymouth Street to the Culver Cove for four hours on Sept. 14 for the second annual Culver Wine Fair.

The council also voted to renew Schoeff's contract until January, 2014, with a three percent salary increase.



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Death notices

Coiner

James E. Coiner Sr.
June 23, 2013

ROCHESTER — James E. Coiner Sr., 71, of Rochester died June 23, 2013.

He is survived by a daughter, Kristy (Mike) Busse of Rochester; sons, James (Michelle) Coiner Jr. of Rochester, Michael Coiner of Plymouth; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2013 at The Odom Funeral Home of Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Van De Putte

Emma Van De Putte
Nov. 15, 1941 - June 21, 2013

WALKERTON — Emma M. Van De Putte, 71, Walkerton, died Friday, June 21, 2013, at 5:59 a.m. at the Hospice House in South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Van De Putte; their sons, Don (Maureen) Van De Putte of Temperance, Mich.; Ron (Cindy) Van De Putte of Hamlet, and Ken (Janna) Van De Putte of Culver; her brother, Willdale Kilburn of Walkerton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to The Center for Hospice Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563 or American Cancer, 130 Red Coach Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at Van Gilder Funeral Home. Services were at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial is at Burr Oak Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.vangilderfuneral-home.com.

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it once it's released.

One well-known name in Hollywood who has attached himself to the project is Philip Glasser, the voice (as a child) of Fievel Mousekewitz in the 1986 animated movie, "An American Tail," among other high-profile Hollywood films. Last year he produced the animated "Escape from Planet Earth."

Simmons says Glasser saw Bear Fruit's upcoming movie, "Rumors of Wars" and was interested enough in working with the company that he agreed to a far smaller paycheck than he's accustomed to.

"He said he doesn't watch a lot of low-budget, faith-based movies, but asked, 'What are you guys doing next?'"

"Little Savages" is considered "low budget" at under \$1 million, but filmmakers are projecting the subtle "faith-friendly" movie will take off and spiral into a franchise.

Shooting in Culver had been deemed advantageous due to its easy access to Chicago and Grand Rapids, among other cities, though filmmakers had considered shooting in states which offer financial incentives to movie studios utilizing their locales. In the end, Culver's overall compatibility was among factors its favor; local volunteers and extras will likely be utilized during shooting.

The hope, says Simmons, is to minimize driving or flying time for actors involved in the movie, whose actual shooting will start August 5. He says Culver will "have to help make the movie." He likened the project to a football game in which Bear Fruit will provide the general manager, coach, quarterback, and "star players, but a lot of the team has to come from Culver."

He also notes there will be regular updates via email, Facebook, and other avenues calling for local extras throughout August, and there may be opportunities for local actors to audition for some roles, to be announced in the near future.

"By the end of August, we will have filmed a feature film that uses and highlights the best Culver has to offer: the lake, the things on or in or around the lake...it's the Marina, Cafe Max, it's the boat at Lakehouse Grill, it's the little quaint church, the parks, the Academy."

Those interested in getting involved with the making of the film may email littlesavagesmovie@gmail.com and tell filmmakers a little about yourself

Obituaries

Donald E. Gross
Oct. 17, 1922 – Feb. 1, 2013

ROCHESTER — Don Gross, 90, of Rochester, formerly of Culver, who spent many winters in Florida passed away there. Don had said, "When it is my time to go, I will go." Feb. 1, 2013 was his time to join the presence of Our Lord.

Don is survived by his wife Eileen Smith, who he married Oct. 29, 1945. Together they enjoyed many years of camping, fishing, gardening, ice and roller skating, dancing, and most of all family.

Don, an Army veteran, served his country during WWII. He was in the field artillery. He served under General George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. After his discharge, he was one of six men who carpooled to Bendix, where he worked 30 years until his retirement.

He is also survived by his six children: Jim Gross of Argos, Jerry (Janeal) Gross of Shelbyville, Ky., Jean (Ron) Brown of Anchorage, Alaska, Ron (Bettie) Gross of Keewanna, Dan (Deb) Gross of Leiters Ford, and Donna (Joe) Higgins of Roxboro, N.C. He is also survived by many grand and great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, 11 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service for Don will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6 at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Friends may visit with the family from 9:45 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice of charities.

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

Virginia P. 'Ginnie' Severns
March 30, 1931 - June 26, 2013

KOKOMO — Virginia P. "Ginnie" Severns, 82, Kokomo, died at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2013 surrounded by her family after suffering a massive stroke Saturday evening in Kokomo. She was born March 30, 1931 in Kokomo, the daughter of Cecil and Emma (Percival) Pierce. On Oct. 1, 1950 she married E.P. Severns, who survives.

Ginnie was a 1949 graduate of Kokomo High School and attended IUK from 1950-1951. She was a homemaker and worked at Continental Steel while attending IUK. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, and volunteering. She was past president of the Cheer Guild. She was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church and participated in several Bible study groups. She was a member of the Symposium, where she was past president and a member of PEO, where she was past president. One of her passions was that all of her grandchildren either have or are currently attending Culver Academies.

Ginnie loved spending time with her family at Lake Maxinkuckee, where she cherished decades of memories. On Saturday afternoon, Ginnie told E.P. (while enjoying the view of the lake) how much she loved her home in Kokomo and her home in Culver.

Ginnie is survived by her husband of 62 years, E.P. Severns; children, E. Craig (Kristi) Severns of Kokomo, Timothy K. (Trish) Severns of Kokomo, Susan S. (Francis) Ellert of Culver; grandchildren, John C. McCullough III, Elizabeth Nicole "Nikki" Severns, Alexandra Marie "Ally" Severns, Elizabeth Ann "Betse" Ellert, Pierce Hollister Ellert, Francis Key "Fritz" Ellert, Cabot Severns Ellert; brother, Robert (Christine "Tine") Pierce; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Elizabeth Ann "Betse" McCullough; and sister, Norma Loman.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 30, 2013 at Grace United Methodist Church, 219 W. Mulberry St., with Rev. Brian Cook and Rev. Larry Newburg officiating. Private entombment will be in Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo. At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, Culver Educational Foundation - Summer Endowment, or to the charity of the donor's choice. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com

Birth - Overmyer



Lance Overmyer and Jessica Oliver of Plymouth announce the birth of a son born May 29 at 8:29 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Philip Dean Oliver-Overmyer weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by siblings Andrew, 5, and Thomas, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Jana Oliver of Plymouth.

Paternal grandparents are Lynn and the late Lance Overmyer of Culver.

Paternal great-grandmothers are Helen Overmyer of Plymouth, and Jane Stoffel of Huntington.

Fr. Jeff Largent assigned to return to St. Mary's Culver

In an unusual move for the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend, it was announced during Masses at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver that Fr. Jeff Largent, who served as pastor at the parish from 1991 to 2001, has been reassigned to St. Mary's starting in August.

The announcement was made by a visiting priest in the absence of current St. Mary's pastor, Fr. Thaddeus Balinda, who underwent a heart-related procedure over the weekend. Reports indicate Fr. Tad, as he is known in the parish, has been released and is recovering well.

Fr. Balinda has been reassigned to a parish in Fort Wayne, according to the weekend announcement.

Letter to the editor

Thanks for Taste of Culver help

I'd like to give a special "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who helped at the Antiquarian and Historical Society booth at the Taste of Culver on June 15th. We were taking new membership, selling merchandise from the museum gift shop, selling bricks for Heritage Park, and surveying people about the development of the "Historical Walking Tour" being developed.

Thank you to Carol Saft and Greg Waksmulski for putting everything together for the booth in the park and for the following that assisted at the booth: Alan Loehr, Bob and Becky Kreutzberger, Agnes Bramfeld and her daughter, Dorothy and Jim Peterson, Tom Curtis, Jim Sawhook, Lois Curtis, George Duncan.

Thank you all for your assistance!

We had a great day and always look forward to next year. (Except maybe we can do it on a day it doesn't rain!)

Thank you to all,
Dusty Henricks
Culver

Engagement



Tiffany Noelle Jaynes of Valparaiso and Johnson Flynn Black of Plymouth announce their engagement to be married Oct. 25, 2014 at The United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, Chicago, Ill.

The future bride is the daughter of Lynn and Karon Jaynes of Chesterton. She is a 2002 graduate of Wheeler

High School and graduated from Indiana University in 2006 with a major in telecommunications and theatre and drama. She is director of sales and marketing at Tastebud Tours.

The future groom is the son of Tom Black and Susie Beck-Black. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 2003 and also graduated from Indiana University in 2007 with a major in psychology. He works at Stericycle on research and development of new services and sales processes.

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.

Thur., July 4: Closed for the holiday.

Friday, July 5: REAL Ser-

vices will not be serving food today.

Mon., July 8: BBQ pork chop, hot three-bean salad, macaroni and cheese, bread, peaches.

Tues., July 9: Taco salad with all the trimmings, black beans and corn corn chips, fruit cup.

Wed., July 10: White chick-

en chili, cold beets, corn bread, fruit cobbler.

Thur., July 11: Italian chicken breast, lima beans, tomato gobbledy gook, fruit, bread and margarine.

Friday, July 12: Tomato soup, tuna salad, bread, macaroni salad, fruit cup, cookie.

Culver comp plan visioning workshop moves process forward, town seeks more input

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In preliminary meetings to gather community input on Culver's upcoming comprehensive plan, representatives of the town of Culver and consulting firm Houseal Lavigne Associates solicited opinions from townspeople on the most important areas of change needed for Culver. At a June 24 "visioning meeting" held at the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria, attendees were given poster-sized printouts of maps of the Culver area and asked to envision future locations for those changes.

Those in attendance were split into five groups and given worksheets and markers, color-coded to



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Kristin Little, right, discusses part of her group's hopes for Culver as Ron Cole, left, looks on.

represent various areas of development such as commercial, civic, and the like.

Similar themes recurred within the results, which presented before the entire assembly by a chosen representative of each group. Among these: renewal of housing and general appearance on the south end of Culver; commercial development (or, alternately, housing, municipal buildings, or industrial development) on State Road 10 north of town; the West Jefferson Street "gateway" into Culver; more hotel beds for visitors to Culver; utilization of land adjacent to the existing Elkay-Medallion plant at Mill Street and State Road 10.

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The town of Culver wants YOU!

The town of Culver is offering a special thanks to all who participated in the recent Visioning Workshop for the Town of Culver Comprehensive Plan. The input the Town received will provide focus and direction for subsequent planning activities, serve as the "cornerstone" of the consensus building process, and identify a path for Culver's growth and development.

For those unable to attend the workshop, there is still time to provide input and help shape the planning process moving forward. The Community Mapper link provided on the project website is a fun and engaging mapping tool that allows residents, business and property owners, and other stakeholders to share their own vision for Culver. Citizens are encouraged to log-on and create their own map today. The Comprehensive Plan project website can be accessed via the Town of Culver's website (www.townofculver.org).

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Gordon at tracy@culverumc.com or Mary McDaniel at mary.e.mcdaniel@gmail.com.

Upcoming at Lakehouse music series

Acoustic band Sum of 3 will perform live this Saturday night, starting around 9 p.m., the latest in the Lakehouse Grille's Saturday night live music series. There is no cover charge. Other upcoming performances include Seldom Told (July 6), Kevin McDaniel (July 13), Sum of 3 (July 20), and Half Track (July 27; there will be a cover charge that night). The Lakehouse Grille is located at 620 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

History of Lake Max boats at AHS annual mtg July 13

The history of the "Launches of Lake Maxinkuckee" will take place Saturday, July 13, as part of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's annual meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. The audio-visual program will be presented by Jeff Kenney and is free and open to the public. For more information email historyofculver@gmail.com or call 574-842-2941 and ask for the Center for Culver History.,;

Community meal at Grace July 15

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

Coaches needed at Culver Comm. High School

The following paid coaching positions are in need of filling at Culver Comm. High School for this fall: varsity assistant football, head cross country coach, and head softball coach. Please contact Andy Thomas at 574-842-3391 or thomasa@culver.k12.in.us with questions or interest.

Vonnegut exhibit at museum

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 through July 20, and is free. The Center for Culver History is located in the lower level of the original Carnegie library in downtown Culver. Visit www.culverahs.com for more information.

Quilts on display in July

The Susanna Circle Quilters, a circle of the United Methodist Women, will have a quilt display at the Culver Union Township Library during the month of July. Stop by during the regular hours to see some lovely quilts.

'Life of Pi' at CUTPL book club

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wed., July 10 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

Blood drive July 10

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Weds., July 10, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the ground floor meeting room of the Culver Public Library, 107 N. Main

Street in downtown Culver.

Apps available for BIRD service help

The student-run community service organization BIRD (Building, Inspiring, Recreating and Discovering) is planning a one-day community service event August 3, which will spread volunteers throughout homes of elderly, disabled and financially unstable to provide at-home services to those who cannot do, or afford it, themselves. Applications for those wishing service may be found at Culver's town hall and public library or they may call 216-280-5065. Residents are asked to request help by July 27 so volunteers can acquire necessary supplies. Volunteers may sign up as far as the day of the event at the same number.

Register for canoe, kayak, SUP poker run

Register Now for the canoe, kayak, SUP poker run July 19 by going to www.culverlakefest.com or www.lake-max.org. Those who register before July 8 will receive an event ball cap. Registration is only \$10 until after July 8, when its \$15 (and you will not receive the ball cap). Call 574-952-2963 with questions.

Lake Fest here July 19-21

Culver's Lake Fest returns on the weekend of July 19 through 21, with a theme of "A Community That Serves." Returning are food, crafts, and games; the canoe-kayak-SUP poker run; the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant; the "Gong Show"; the Lake Fest Run, L'Max Bike Tour, firemen's waterball tourney, burnout contest, bass fishing tournament, kids' games, Sunfish Regatta, live music, spectacular fireworks over the lake, and more. Details are available at www.culverlakefest.com.

Lakeside service, new schedule at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church has transitioned to a new summer schedule. The lakeside worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the depot/train station at the town park. This service will be less formal and will last approximately 37 minutes. The Sanctuary service will start at 10 a.m. It will be a more traditional service that lasts approximately an hour and three minutes. During this summer schedule, there will be no Sunday School or childcare provided during worship.

Town hall Saturday hours

During June, July and August, Culver's town hall will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in addition to the regular weekday hours. Call 574-842-3140 with questions.

L'Max Bike Tour July 21

The Culver Lake Fest's L'Max Bike Tour will begin with on-site registration Sunday, July 21 7 a.m. Pre-registration is open now, with forms available online at www.culverlakefest.com. Riders may choose between 10 miles, 30 miles, 63 miles, and 100 miles, all starting at the Culver beach lodge.

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 wel-

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen was a regular fixture in Culver Academies classrooms (and in various roles on campus) as a French teacher for decades prior to his retirement. He's still a regular fixture around Culver today, of course, along with wife Gwen. Readers who recognized him -- and thus earn coveted free parking

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BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Ron Noel, then and now. LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

in downtown Culver -- include Cheryl Adams, Bill Cleavenger, Bill Githens, Tony Zurbrugg, Carin Clifton, Channing Mitzell, Kay Tusing, Ed Stephenson, Susan Mitchell, and Allen Bungee.

This week's Mystery Citizen is not only a member of a well-known Culver family but has herself had a considerable impact in business, charitable, and civic life here.



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

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Lions announce new officers, hear from park reps

RIGHT: Culver Lions Club's 2013-14 officers include (front row, from left) Dennis Lewandowski, Jill Neidlinger, Jim Harper, Susan Elizondo, Margarent Dehne, Randi Fischer, Marilyn Kelly, Fred Lintner. Back row: Lynn Davis, Jim Hahn, Don Freese, Larry Welsh, Mike Overmyer, and Trent Bennett.

By Adam Freymiller, correspondent

After a barrage of knee-slapping jokes from esteemed "Tail Twister" Frank Elizondo, Barbara Winters of the Culver Lions Club announced the 2013-14 slate of officers during last Wednesday night's meeting. They include president Don Freese; secretary Kathy Linter; treasurer Fred Lintner; immediate past president Barbara Winters; 1st vice president Susan Elizondo; 2nd vice president Trent Bennett; 3rd vice president Jill Neidlinger; Lion Tamer Larry Welsh; Tail Twister Frank Elizondo; 1st year director Dan Adams; 1st year director James Hahn; 2nd year director Anna Neher; 2nd year director Marilyn Kelly; station master Michael Overmyer; assistant station master Dennis Lewandowski; immediate past station master Leroy Bean; Lion chaplain James Harper; co-membership chairs James Harper, Randi Fischer, Warren Foersch; program chair Margaret Dehne; historian and publicity chair Lynn Davis; webmaster Larry Emmons;

Following the recognition of these officers, president Don Freese announced a membership dues freeze for the local Lions Club in spite of due increases at the behest of Lions Clubs Internationals. The extra funds will be raised through additional community events.

On that note, the July schedule of events for the Culver Lions Club includes: July 10, 6:30 p.m. - meeting; July 13, 7 a.m. - board meeting; July 20, 7 to 9 a.m.- Lions Club breakfast; 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.- Lake Fest food booth open; July 21, 8 to 10 a.m. - Lions Club breakfast; noon to 6 p.m. - Burn-out; July 24, 6:30 p.m. - meeting; July 27, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.- Lions Club Corn Roast.

The meeting wound down with an address by Culver park superintendent Kelly Young and Program Chair Donna McKee. Young announced new plans for the park as part of a fiscal five-year plan, including adding a new storage unit, meeting room, and a restroom area on the west side of the park. McKee described a number of the programs she intends to implement as Program Chair, such as the concert and movie in the park series.

Sushi from page 1



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Rolling the sushi in seaweed matting is an art in itself, as Chef Pare demonstrates to VTAC members on Saturday in Culver.

the bill. The key to sushi making, he explained, is the presentation—thus, her artistic ability. Training came in the person of Surrisi's mother Sakai Surrisi, full Japanese. Her training was extensive and challenging, as she evaluated Parè's results with, "That good," or "That no good."

When City Tavern closed, Parè moved to Lakehouse Grill, which has a traditional sushi bar and dining area. The definition of sushi, said Parè, is that it contains rice. Beyond that, anything goes.

"Once you know the rules," she said, "there are no rules. You can put anything in it."

"Anything" involves different meats such as raw fish—tuna, salmon, etc., and cooked meats such as shrimp, crab, blackened chicken, or steak. Meat is then paired with various vegetables, or you can have vegetarian sushi.

Preparation is intricate. For example, all rice is not alike. Minute rice is not called for here.

"There are only two places that produce sushi rice," said Parè, "Japan and California."

She showed the VTAC members how to flat - ten the rice and roll it up in seaweed mats with its various meats and vegetables.

Maki is the roll of sushi which is then cut into round bites. Other Japanese items which are frequently found at a sushi bar include traditional nigiri—balls of rice with meats (usually fish) around the outside and sashimi—cuts of fish on a plate with no rice (and therefore not sushi).

The creative sushi chef adapts to her clientele by, for example, offering traditional American beef such as steak as a sushi ingredient. Saturday's class was coordinated by the culinary arts instructor for VTAC— Veteran's Therapeutic Art Center, Inc.—Jerry Nikitas. VTAC is a Plymouth-based not-for-profit organization which is rapidly expanding to meet the needs of military veterans and their families.

As for Chef Parè, when asked for a summary of her feelings about sushi, she said: "I am honored that people want me to make their food."

of them at Lakehouse Grill. She gave a class Saturday for some Veterans Therapeutic Art Center members, who thoroughly enjoyed the introduction to this traditional Japanese art.

How does an artist become a sushi chef? What do pencil drawings have to do with sushi? Nine years ago she applied for a job as a dishwasher at City Tavern in Culver, which has since closed. She wanted to support her artistic endeavors. Owner Larry Surrisi surprised her by pulling a chef's knife from its sheath, holding it up in front of her, and asking mysteriously "What do you think of this?"

"I'm intrigued," she replied, wondering what would happen next.

He proceeded to explain that he needed a sushi chef, and that she could be trained to fill





Memorable weather views in Culver

Last week in Culver was a remarkably rainy one -- certainly a contrast to the dry, overheated summer of 2012 -- and the usual "little Lake Maxinkuckee" formed near the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Slate Street during one of the most ferocious downpours, as photographed by Michelle Allyn (BELOW). All that rain also led to one of those photos you just can't plan: a double rainbow (the second bow, directly above the light pole, is quite faint), visible over Lake Maxinkuckee and shot by editor Jeff Kenney at the town park (UPPER RIGHT). John Gouwens, organist and carillonneur at Culver Academies, says he waited in a golf cart in the rain for the perfect shot and was rewarded by this amazing image of what appears to be a lightening explosion behind the school's Memorial Chapel (this photo was actually shot last summer but just shared by Mr. Gouwens).



Plan from page 5

17 South, possibly for industrial or housing development; revitalization of the town's movie theater; developing further hiking and biking trails in the area (though specific sites for these varied). Other suggestions included retaining and protecting substantial amounts of green space as wildlife habitat; a new location for Culver's new well; concentrating commercial retail development within the town; creation of an indoor pool or community center/assisted living center for seniors; removal of "bump outs" in the downtown street area; more festivals and outdoor art; new parks such as on the south side of town or town-owned land at the former fish hatchery off State Road 10 west. Houseal representatives Brandon Nolin and Dan Gardener noted they will also utilize online questionnaires made available via the town of Culver's website (www.townofculver.org -- click on "The Town of Culver Needs YOU!") to craft the plan and vision statement to move Culver towards 10 to 15-year goals. They emphasized participants should not be constrained by current situations in Culver, and should also make use of the online mapping tool available on the site.

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