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Lake Fest delights from morning 'til night

Culver's 30th annual Lake Fest has come and gone, but managed to pack last weekend with fun from sunup to sundown. ABOVE, RIGHT: ***The Culver Lions Club, celebrating its 70th anniversary, took the collective "parade marshal" spot in the parade, and made their presence known in style by way of the borrowed Greene Township Lions Club's "train," which was later utilized to offer rides through town for festival-goers. ABOVE, LEFT: **Participants in Friday night's canoe, kayak, and Stand Up Paddleboard "poker run," sponsored by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, added a splash of color to the lake as they raced for top prize (results will appear in a future edition of *The Culver Citizen*). ABOVE, CENTER: *The uber-popular fireworks over Lake Maxinkuckee lived up to their reputation Saturday night, as evidenced by this shot captured by Susie Norwich, whose husband Dean takes the lead in making the show happen. ABOVE, RIGHT: Whether these youngsters kept score in the annual firemen's waterball competition Saturday on State Street is doubtful, but they clearly enjoyed frolicking in the heat-beating, unintended wading pool provided by the contest at curb-side.

In Brief

Max Players' 'Joseph' starts this wknd

Performances of the Maxinkuckee Players' adaptation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will take place starting this weekend at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium. Performances will take place Fri. July 26, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. July 28, 4 p.m.; Wed. July 31, 7:30 p.m.; Fri. Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. Aug. 4, 4 p.m.

Moonlight Serenade this wknd

Culver Summer Schools & Camps' Moonlight Serenade will be held this Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27. The Culver Summer Naval Band, aboard the R.H. Ledbetter, will begin at the Naval Pier at approximately 8:30 p.m. each night. The Serenade will cover the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee Friday and the west shore Saturday. Lake residents are asked to help light the three-masted, square rigger's course each night by placing luminarias along the lakefront piers. The Ledbetter will make a stop at the Culver Town Park each night at approximately 8:45 to 9 p.m. before heading down the respective shorelines.

Sidewalk days this wknd

Culver's annual sidewalk days will take place Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27, in downtown Culver. As in years past, South Main Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets will be shut down and participating businesses will offer sale and special items for browsing shoppers during regular business hours.

Corn roast, Firemen's Fest Saturday

A longtime annual tradition, the Culver Lions Club's corn roast, held in the town park, will take place Saturday evening, July 27, with serving from

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Movie producers casting in Culver, beyond, seeking name stars for movie

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

The creative team behind an internationally-distributed feature film set to shoot in Culver through the month of August have been busy making the rounds at "meet and greets" and meetings here over the past week, but they say the next few weeks are going to be much, much busier for them.

This according to James Simmons, executive producer of the family-friendly movie, "Little Savages," which is being produced by Bearfruit Films and will be set in Culver itself. Simmons has said making the film, which at under \$1 million is considered "low budget by Hollywood standards," will be possible in part because of community partnerships such as those being formed in Culver, where organizations, entities, and individuals have stepped up to assist in everything from housing and meals for cast and crew, to helping scout locations for shooting.

The next three weeks will be critical for the behind-the-scenes group spearheading the film, Simmons told the members of Culver's Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting last Thursday. Joined by director and writer Paul Tomberello, Simmons said there are seven to nine key people "locked in" already for the production, but in the next three weeks they need to have some 50 people locked in.

"So much will be going on between now and then," he said, adding there was hope of filming some "B roll" (background) footage at Lake Fest and elsewhere last weekend, depending on whether a camera comes available matching the ones planned for use for most filming.

Filmmakers have put out feelers to seven young Disney stars in hopes of securing one or more for major roles, Simmons explained, adding the Disney cadre of actors typically have the month of August off from regular television and movie shooting, which fits in perfectly with the movie company's schedule.

Simmons also shared the newly-released official synopsis for "Little Savages": Visiting a charming lake town for the summer, a boy genius and his teenage sister race against local bullies to find a treasure hidden by an eccentric philanthropist.

Culver casting call for 'Savages' this Saturday

A casting call for all ages for the film, "Little Savages" (see article this page) will take place Saturday, July 27, at Culver Comm. Middle School on School Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speaking roles and background talent are available.

The film, produced by Bearfruit Films (www.bearfruitfilms.com), will be shot in Culver August 5 through 30.

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Big Culver weekend events successful on heels of high temps, road closures

The high temperatures (in the 90s) and humidity reigning through most of last week -- and some difficultly-timed road work by the Indiana Department of Transportation -- faded away as perhaps the busiest weekend of the year in Culver got underway.

The Culver Lake Fest, occupying its usual third weekend of the month slot, kicked off Friday evening with a Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council-sponsored canoe-kayak-SUP "poker run" on the lake, as well as the longstanding Miss Maxinkuckee pageant and newer Gong Show competition. Returning, of course, were the popular Saturday parade (during which Culver's Lions Club, celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, was named collective parade marshal), kids games, bass fishing event, fun run and bicycle ride, live music, and the always-beloved fireworks display over Lake Maxinkuckee (see page B1 for photos).

Coinciding with Lake Fest was Culver Academies' annual Summer Schools homecoming and reunion event, which included the formal dedication of the recently-completed Woodcraft Camp amphitheater, as well as specially scheduled incarnations of the regular council fire event and Garrison parade, among others.

Culver and Union Township had remarkable success this year at the annual Marshall County 4H Fair, which took place throughout the week last week and wrapped up over the weekend, in Argos (complete coverage of Union Township's fair successes will take place in next week's Citizen). Those from the Culver area seeking to attend had to navigate the fact that INDOT chose fair week to close the main artery between Culver and Argos (and for those coming from State Road 31 east of Culver, the main artery to get here for Lake Fest and the Summer Schools reunion, though the road was opened by Friday). Coupled

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Initial autopsy report released on Lake Max drowning victim



Valentin Sirghi

CULVER — Marshall County Deputy Coroners Ann Leed and Brigette Hite confirmed Tuesday afternoon that preliminary autopsy results on 22-year-old Valentin Sirghi of Plymouth died as a result of asphyxiation due to drowning.

Sirghi drowned Sunday evening about 7:30 p.m. while swimming in Lake Maxinkuckee at Culver Town Park. He was under water for about 30 minutes, before his body was recovered and transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased that same evening.

Final toxicology results will not be available until later this week and no further information is expected to be released until that time.

The investigation is being led by by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources assisted by the Marshall County Coroner's Office.

A final report will not be available until complete autopsy results are available and the Coroner's Office and the Indiana DNR complete their investigations.



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Culver a-buzz for B100 visit

Yes, that was a 20-plus foot inflatable bee apparently eying crowds last Weds. afternoon for a two-hour live broadcast from the parking lot of Osborn's Mini-mart on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. The high temperatures obviously didn't deter the throng of visitors there to watch the broadcast or enjoy the festivities.

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ABOVE, LEFT: Developers of Bearfruit Films' "Little Savages" including (standing, from left) producer James Simmons, writer-director Paul Tomberello, and Sean Stephens, speak to area residents in attendance at a "meet and greet" July 12 at the Lakehouse Grille in Culver. RIGHT: Tomberello, left, speaks with Culver Kiwanis Club member Russ Mason after addressing the club last Thursday. The film is slated to be shot in August in Culver, throughout the month of August.

Simmons and Tomberello also showed a brief video including interviews with actors, crew, and supporters who worked with Bearfruit on its first production, "Rumors of Wars," an "action" style movie the two told an audience the previous Friday at a "meet and greet" at the Lakehouse Grille (the group also made presentations at events at the Culver Marina and Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's annual meeting over the weekend), fills a different niche in the faith-based, or "redemptive" film genre within which the company works.

"Little Savages," in contrast to PG-13 rated "Rumors," will be more of a "kids" film for the entire family, Simmons noted.

"Rumors of Wars," which should hit screens this fall, attracted the attention of Phillip Glasser, the voice of Fievel Mousekewitz in the 1986 animated hit movie, "An American Tail." Glasser, producer of over 50 Hollywood films including last year's popular "Escape from Planet Earth," told Bearfruit execs "Rumors of Wars" was "the best faith-based film I've ever seen...in fact, I watched the film twice, which is rare."

Glasser, commenting on the "Savages" script, called it "great" and added, "This script easily has a chance to be the foundation of a trilogy if you so desire. The characters in 'Little Savages' are unique and so incredibly likeable. This is such a fun story that I can't wait to help make this script come to life on screen."

Simmons gives writer Paul Tomberello all the credit for the quality of the script, which has been described as

"Goonies" meets "The Ultimate Gift."

"You guys are pretty fortunate to have this writer and director here," Simmons told Kiwanis Club members. "He's a very creative, gifted writer...people are coming to him, asking for him to direct their film, after seeing 'Rumors of Wars.'"

Tomberello gave attendees at both the Lakehouse event and Kiwanis meeting some background on his involvement in the film industry, explaining Bearfruit Films has been around about two years and was formed, according to Tomberello, "to do niche market redemptive, moral, family values films" which are targeted to faith-based bookstores and the like. He noted faith-based action films are not as common, and "Rumors" is "the best faith-based action movie going right now."

"Little Savages," he said, won't be in competition with "Rumors" due to the differences in style and genre between the two.

If Disney stars are involved in the movie, he added, the Disney company is very selective of the films its contracted stars may participate in, in the interest of retaining the family-friendly Disney image. The Disney corporation, he said, contacted Bearfruit after the latter had spoken to some of its stars, and Simmons and Tomberello would be more than pleased if Disney picked up "Little Savages" for distribution.

Tomberello said he attended Arizona State University and has always been interested in motion pictures. He got involved in film work and eventually worked on the budgets for Hollywood hits such as "X-Men 2," "Daredevil," and "The Day After Tomorrow." Later, he became involved in the production and writing end of the industry, working on such films as "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" and "Fat Albert." That's when he discovered a niche market for

faith-based and family-friendly films.

Tomberello decided to use his many Hollywood connections to form Bearfruit, and contacted Simmons to start their own production company. The name, he explained, is drawn from the Biblical injunction to "go forth and bear fruit."

"We wanted a company name that said, 'flourish,'" Tomberello said.

Tomberello said Bearfruit seeks investors for independent financing, with some production costs offset by foreign sales -- which can bring in funds prior to shooting -- and distribution sales once the film is completed.

Simmons, an Arizona resident, recalled his first experience with Culver at age 18, when he visited his then-girlfriend (his wife today), who spent several years summering on Lake Maxinkuckee.

"My wife, when she knew about this movie, she said, 'You guys gotta do this film in Culver!' We said, 'No, there's no film rebate program in Indiana. We'd have to get around not having a film (tax) incentive."

"When people (involved with the film) come here, their first question is, 'Why are you making a film here?' Then they drive in and see the beauty on the outskirts of Culver. Then they get into town and they say, 'I'm ready to move my family here!' So we'll do a good job promoting Culver. And Culver is helping us make this film."

As an example, Simmons said he and Tomberello walked onto the Culver Academies' three-masted square rigger the R.H. Ledbetter Thursday, for the first time. While they may or may not film on the ship, he said the Academies is helping the production on several fronts, as are the Culver Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and individuals.

Simmons and Tomberello described what seemed to be providential convergences of circumstance leading them forward in choosing and working with Culver. One of the first places the two tagged for a shooting site on their first visit to Culver was the Original Root Beer Stand on Lake Shore Drive. On their second trip, their first meeting was with Lakehouse Grille owner Mark Damore Jr. It soon became apparent that Damore's father, Mark Sr., was the (very cooperative) owner of the root beer stand in question.

"By the end of that hour, (Damore Sr.) said he would shut down the root beer stand for a day or two," Simmons said.

One other need the community can fill for Bearfruit Films, Simmons told attendees at the Lakehouse Grille event, is to "Pray for us. There's a thousand miracles that need to happen to make a film."

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with the fact that State Road 17 between Plymouth and Culver was also closed just at the approach of this busiest (and quite important economically, from a tourism point of view) weekend of the year for Culver, INDOT may also have navigated some rather pointed complaints from area residents in light of its scheduling choices.

Nonetheless, crowds of hundreds (or perhaps more) did find their way here for an apparently undampened week-

end, during which both prohibitively high temperatures and rainfall held off in lieu of the usual roster of events in town and at the Academies campus. WNDU TV of South Bend was on hand to cover this year's Lake Fest, and featured an on-camera interview with *Culver Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney besides Saturday scenes of goings-on at the town park-based event.

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Obituary

Helen Overmyer May 9, 1918 - July 3, 2013

CULVER — Helen L. Overmyer, 95, of Culver, passed away at 12 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Miller's Merry Manor, assisted living facility, in Plymouth.

Helen was born May 9, 1918, in Marshall County, to the late Glen and Lola (Moore) O'Connor. Helen became the bride of Earl Dean Overmyer, on Oct. 21, 1939, in a ceremony in Elkhart. Earl preceded Helen in death Sept. 29, 1995. They founded Overmyer's Soft Water in Culver, now known as Overmyer Water in Culver and Plymouth. Helen and Earl were longtime residents of Culver, where Helen enjoyed gardening, sewing, bridge club, reading, swimming, and occasional ice skating. Helen was instrumental in organizing the EMS service in the Culver Community. She was a longtime member of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, in Plymouth, and was a past member of Tri Kappa.

Helen is survived by her two sons, Dr. Thad (Jane) Overmyer of Danville, Ky. and Tim Overmyer of Plymouth; her daughter, Suzanne (Kean) MacOwan of Frank-

fort; her daughter-in-law, Lynn Overmyer of Culver; and her sister, Horty Menser of Pisgah Forest, N.C. Helen was the proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her eldest son, the former Fire Chief of Culver, Lance Overmyer; her beloved granddaughter, Sally Overmyer Bolt; and her brother, Jack O'Connor.

Helen requested that her earthly body be cremated and her urn placed beside the urn, of her husband Earl, in the columbarium at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church.

Memorials may be given to the Center for Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

A memorial service will take place Sat., July 27, 2013 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 412 N. Center St., Plymouth, the Rev. Father James Lodwick officiating.

Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth is in charge of arrangements. Memories may be shared at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Mobile Food Pantry to be stationed at Culver Aug. 9

A Mobile Food Pantry will be stationed at the Culver train depot at 615 E. Lake Shore Drive Friday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Offered will be fresh perishable items (such as produce, grains, dairy and protein) and dry goods, for free, on a first come, first served basis while supplies last for those in need of food assistance. Please bring bags or boxes to carry items. There is a possibility of cancellations due to weather conditions.

This service is available to all northern Indiana residents in need of food assistance. Please bring a valid photo ID (drivers license, State ID, etc.) for service. The event is sponsored by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in cooperation with the Culver Council of Churches. Those with questions may call 574-232-9986 ext. 137 or email dsingh@feedingamerica.org. The Food Bank is online at www.feedindiana.org.

Sudzy soap making class at CUTPL

Angela Etchason of Etchason Family Farm will be at the Culver-Union Township Public Library to teach class participants how to make all natural, cold-process soap, and to explain the process of soap making. The program will be held Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room.

Etchason will provide information on the ingredients used in store bought soap, as well as the essential oils she uses in her sudzy soap bars. Class participants will receive a basic soap recipe, a free soap sample, compliments of Etchason Family Farm, knowledge to make soap on their own, and some tricks of the trade. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@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.

Thur., July 25: Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, oranges, and cookie.

Friday, July 26: Pulled pork on bun, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, peaches.

Mon., July 29: Chopped steak, mashers and gravy, veggie

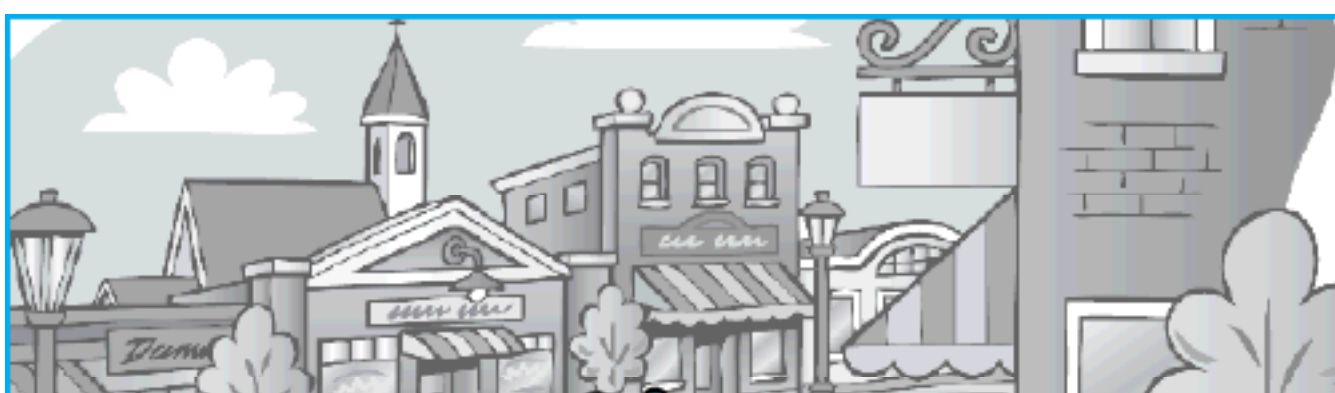
blend, bread, applesauce.

Tues., July 30: Mushroom and barley soup with crackers, chicken salad, carrot coin salad, orange and cookie.

Wed., July 31: Sloppy Joe, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit.

Thur., Aug. 1: BBQ chicken thigh, baked beans, cole slaw, corn bread, fruited Jell-o.

Friday, Aug. 2: Tater tot casserole, creamed corn, salad and dressing, apple cobbler.





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Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway, as evidenced by the presence throughout last week's Lake Fest of the items being raffled alongside assorted club members selling tickets (ABOVE).

This year's items include a TruRyde golf cart Boardworks SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), his and hers Electra cruiser bikes, and a Lifetime Daylite kayak. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and are available at

Osborn's Mini-Mart, Park N Shop, or any Kiwanis Club member. A drawing for winners (to be drawn in order of the monetary value of the item in question) will be held Sat., Sept. 21 at the depot in the town park.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit local children's programs and scholarships.



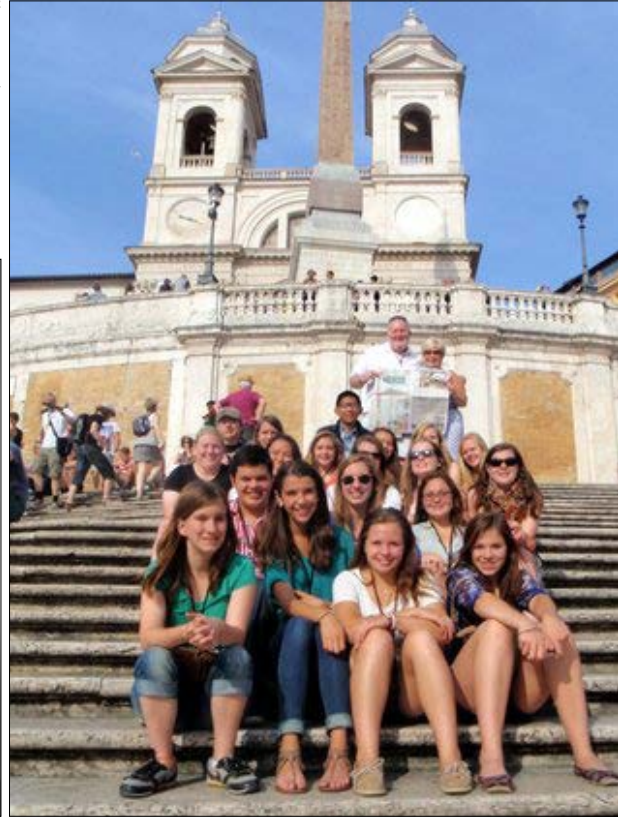
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SL4 band a hit at concert series

The Elkhart-based SL4 Band flooded Culver's town park with sounds of the 1960s and '70s the evening of July 13, drawing possibly the largest crowd to date in the park's concert series, launched earlier this summer. Future entries in the series include Brett Wiscons (at the ice cream social Aug. 3), the Goldmine Pickers (Fri., Aug 9, 8 p.m.), Playne Jayne (Sat., Aug 17, 7 p.m. Brett Wiscons (Sun., Aug 18, 3 p.m.), a sock hop with American Pie (Sat., Aug 24, 7 p.m.), and J.C. Company and the Band (Sun., Sept 8, 3 p.m.).

Where in the world is *The Culver Citizen*?

It's been a bit since we featured a reader-submitted photo of Culver's sophisticated, world-traveling weekly on one of its many globe (or at least nation or state) trotting adventures, and more of them than not, we run these images as mystery pics for our readers to ponder. However the photo AT RIGHT might be a bit obvious to readers who check out our coverage on page B2 of the Culver Academies choir's recent trip to Rome. Thanks to choir director Miss Stacey Warren and fellow chaperon Mr. Scott Joyner -- who amazed the editor by thinking to bring a copy of the *Citizen* with them to Italy! -- your local paper is seen here on the Spanish Steps in Rome. Our other photo this week wouldn't work too well as a "guess where" photo since it's in an airplane, and little else can be discerned by the photo! It happens to be young Tyler Pohl, who's checking out the latest Culver news while on a Southwest Airlines flight to Minneapolis (dad Brian is a pilot!). Thanks to mom Brandy for sharing this photo.



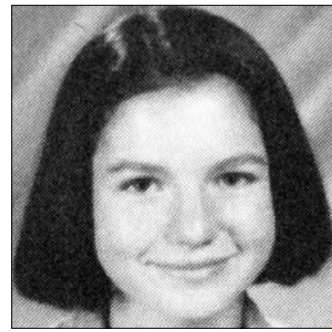
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LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, editor Vickie Dearth, then delayed and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

the photo of last week's Mystery Citizen, retired Culver Comm. High School French teacher (and longtime cornerstone of the Maxinkuckee Players, among other roles) Vickie Dearth. That's because I was hoping to find a photo of her which *didn't* look as if it was taken just a few years ago! This photo is from over three decades ago, but alas, she hasn't changed, so few of the scores of readers who know and love her were fooled. I'm sure she'd approve of summing it all up with, "C'est la vie!"

While the list below is doubtless but a fraction of those who recognized her, free parking in downtown Culver goes to Cyndi McDaniel, Kristine Eisenhour, Louellen Kowatch, Scott Schulz, Dawn Mann, Tammy Havron Rice, Jon Kissell, Theresa Burns, Lora Pinder, Patty King, Marizetta Kenney, Kathie Huhn, Pam Craft, Bonnie Abbott, Judi Currens, Susan (Shei) Danielson, Christy Dan, and Carin Clifton.



Catching up on some older business, Heather Voter correctly identified Brandy Pohl as our previous week's Mystery Citizen after press time last week.

This week's Mystery Citizen is regularly visible at one staple institution in Culver, where she's been a presence for several years now.

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Center for Culver History, LMEC collaborate for exhibit on Lake Max environment, ecological history

The community is invited to learn about the fish, plants, animals, birds and bugs which call Lake Maxinkuckee home, as well as learn more about the people who have worked diligently to protect the lake and its watershed.

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will present an exhibit about the lake, from its glacial beginnings to the problems and issues it has faced, past and present, at the Center for Culver History starting with an informal reception Friday, July 26.

The exhibit also details the group's history as caretakers protecting and preserving the lake over the last thirty two years.



The reception, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the 26th, will include Environmental Council and Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund members, and the public is encouraged to stop in and say hello. Light refreshments will be available for the reception.

The following afternoon, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27, kids and families are welcome to enjoy all the interactive exhibits and receive free coloring books and posters courtesy of the LMEC.

Exhibits include magnifying

boxes for bug identification, an animal tracks game, instruction on fishing pole assembly and an Enviroscope. On loan from the DNR, this is a hands-on model watershed which teaches kids how a lake ties the water cycle together.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, and may be viewed during museum hours at the Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the historic Carnegie library building at 107 N. Main Street, Tuesdays through Fridays from noon - 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 574-842-2941, ext 218, or via e-mail, historyofculver@gmail.com.

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4:30 to 7:30. Fresh-roasted corn on the cob, hamburgers, and more are part of the cost of the meal.

The annual Culver Firemen's Festival is also part of the lineup. Taking place outside the fire station on Lake Shore Drive, the event includes games, play activities for children, and much more.

Sci Fi book club July Saturday

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion Group will meet Saturday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "Neuromancer" by William Gibson.

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.

Ancilla book sale through Friday

The Ancilla College Library will be holding a book sale through Friday, July 26. This sale is open to anyone and will be held that week during our normal operating hours of Mon. through Thurs. from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 574-936-8898 ex. 323 or visit <http://www.ancilla.edu/current-students/the-ancilla-library>

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.

Meal assistance sought for movie production

Assistance is being sought from those interested in supporting the shooting of a feature movie in Culver this summer, by way of preparing meals for the cast and crew of the movie. "Little Savages" will be shot through August here by faith-based company Bearfruit Films. Kathie Huhn of the Culver Bible Church is coordinating the effort to provide meals. She may be reached at 574-842-3056 or dan.huhn@sbcglobal.net.

Book/film group to discuss "The Mirror Crack'd"

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group, "A Nogel Approach," will meet Wed., August 7 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library. The book is, "The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side" by Agatha Christie. The film version stars Elizabeth Taylor, Angela Lansbury, and Tony Curtis. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

Attention visual artists in the Culver area

If creating art is your adult vocation or avocation and you would like to get together with other artists to talk about creating a joint exhibition this Fall, please contact Bob Nowalk at bob.nowalk@gmail.com for more information.

Community Cab in Culver each Wednesday

Marshall County Public Transit, a service of the Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab for a Day, each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904. The Council on Aging is represented Online at www.marshall-countycouncilonaging.org.

Upcoming at Lakehouse music series

Half Track, an AC/DC style, up-tempo live band, will perform live this Saturday night, July 27, starting around 9 p.m., the latest in the Lakehouse Grille's Saturday night live music series. Unlike most performances at the Lakehouse, there will be a cover charge that night. Other upcoming performances include Dirt Cheap (Aug. 3), Money Shot (Aug. 10), Matt Miller (Aug. 24), Joey Garcia (Aug. 31), and Kevin McDaniel (Sept. 7). The Lakehouse Grille is located at 620 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

Start your scarecrow now for Fall Fest

Organizers of the Culver Fall Fest (the weekend of Oct. 19) are encouraging community members to start work on their scarecrows now, while Culver is buzzing with summer fun and creativity. The entry fee for the contest is \$10 (which includes a wood frame for the scarecrow) and there are \$200 in cash prizes and gifts to be awarded to winners. It is open to everyone and every group including business this year. The Culver Chamber of Commerce's Retail Merchants Committee will keep the scarecrows in storage to be added annually to the 'parade'

of scarecrows on the streets. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to enter, and may drop off scarecrows now at Cafe Max on Main Street. Entries must be received by October 1 to be on the map. Scarecrows should be delivered with a photo of the assembled scarecrow, and entrants may also set up their scarecrow by 10 a.m. October 16 to their designated location. For more information call 574-842-LAKE or visit www.culverchamber.com. Questions should be directed to scarecrow chair Susie Mahler at Cafe Max, 574-842-4444 (office).

Free computer classes CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes for beginners Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., through July. Classes include Email for Beginners (July 26). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Coaches needed at CCHS

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.

Online input welcome for comp plan

There is still time for Culver residents to provide input and help shape the town comprehensive planning process. 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).

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.

Ice cream social at the park Aug. 3

The annual ice cream social at Culver's town park on Lake Shore Drive this year will feature a live performance by musician Brett Wiscons, Saturday, Aug 3, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Summer Reading activities

Summer Reading activities at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library include wire mummy making (Wed., July 31, 4 p.m.). Summer reading ends Fri., Aug. 2. 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. Check www.culver.lib.in.us for more activities.

Lake Max Triathlon

Aug. 10

The second annual Lake Max Triathlon will take place August 10 (lakemax-triathlon.blogspot.com and facebook.com/LakeMax-Triathlon), starting and ending at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus. The course is a 400-meter swim around the Naval Pier, 10 miles of biking around the lake, and

Myles Pinder named to Butler Dean's List

INDIANAPOLIS, IN-- Myles Pinder of Culver has been named to Butler University's Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic year.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students at Butler who carry at least 12 academic hours in a given semester are eligible for the Dean's List in the college in which they are enrolled. Students on the list are in the top 20 percent of their college, as determined by the semester grade point average of all eligible students in each college.

Pinder is a graduate of Culver Comm. High School.

downloading the registration form at the triathlon website. Anyone registering for the event will be given free triathlon training.

Summer food program

The Culver Community Schools summer food program offers free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. Adults may eat, but breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch \$3. All meals must be eaten on site. Locations include: Culver High School (enter through middle school doors), through August 9. Breakfast: 7:45 to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Culver Public Library, through Aug. 1, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. (Tues. and Thurs. storytelling and craft). All sites will be closed July 25. Those with questions may contact Carin Clifton, food service director, at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

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.

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.

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Academies choir takes Culver voices to Vatican, more during Italy trip

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A number of local students joined their Culver Academies classmates last month to showcase the school's vocal talent abroad at the Festival Corale Internazionale di Roma, which took place in Italy June 21 through 28.

According to Academies choir director Stacey Warren, the school's choir was invited to sing at the festival, much as it was invited to take part in the also-renowned Mozart International Choral Festival in Salzburg, Austria, a few years ago.

In addition to taking in the sights, sounds, and flavors of historic Rome and the surrounding area, choir members sang Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on June 24 and performed in concert at the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva on June 25.

Fifteen students and adult chaperones departed from Chicago to join four other choirs in Rome to create the approximately 150-voice choir under conductor Dr. Z. Randall Stroope.

Among sites visited by the Culver group were the ruins of Ostia Antica, the Coliseum, the Forum, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona, Siena and the Academy of Fine Arts (where they saw Michelangelo's renowned statue of David), and the city of Florence. Along the way, reports Warren, they ate plenty of very well-received Italian gelato dessert!

Warren also notes Vatican crowds were said to have increased by 30 percent with the election of Pope Francis, so lines at attend the Mass at which the students sang



were "horrendous."

But, she adds, "There were few dry eyes from those of us listening to and watching our students sing in this special place."

Warren also expressed gratitude to the parents, donors, and the many Academies offices and their personnel it took to make the trip happen.

"What (the students) saw, felt, smelled, tasted this past week cannot be learned in books, websites, or sound files. We were there. We stood where the Romans stood. We stood shoulder to shoulder with hundreds of people from across the globe within the sacred space of St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. We stood where they will run the famous Palio in a few days. We threw our coins in the Trevi fountain and took our seats on the Spanish Steps."

Local choir members included Mary and Margaret McKinnis, Anne and Clare Nowalk, and Anna Tompos of Culver; Cory Andrzejewski, Alexandra Jeffirs, and Emma Trappe of Plymouth; and Emma Sexton of Argos.

The Culver Academies choir which performed in Rome included:

Soprano: Alexandra Jeffirs, Mary McKinnis, Eberle Miller Jackie Schutjer, Emma Sexton, Emma Trappe. Alto: Lauren Engelbrecht, Katie Giacobbe, Claire Haldewang, Erin Luck, Margaret McKinnis, Jessica Morgan, Anne Nowalk, Clare Nowalk, Anna Tompos, Dalton Tuggle. Tenor: Cory Andrzejewski, Jorge Sugich. Bass: Kechen Ding, Mixon Holmes.

More information and photos from the trip can be found online at dolcemusica.wordpress.com.

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TOP PHOTO: Members of the Culver Academies choir last month preparing to sing at the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome. LEFT: Students and adult chaperones in Rome with the dome of St. Peter's Basilica visible in the background.

Lake Max Challenge SUP race results

Results have been made available from last month's Lake Max Challenge Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) event, held at the town beach on Lake Maxinkuckee under the auspices of Sail22 of Culver. The second annual event -- the only sanctioned SUP event in Indiana -- brought over 85 competitors from nine states. More photos and more detailed results and information are available online at www.lakemaxchallenge.com and www.facebook.com/LakeMaxChallenge. Results are as follows:



Martin, Wendall (1:25:14); Farley, Roger (1:45:36); Seall, Kevin (1:58:30).

Men's 14' SUP Recreation

VankHerk, Chad (39:59); Lail, Buzz (49:46); Moss, William (55:52);

Men's 12'6" SUP Elite

Tyding, Basil (1:19:04); Schuster, David (1:26:38);

Phillips, Kevin (1:27:03); Arend, John (1:41:29)

Men's 12'6" SUP Recreation

Clarke, Kevin (43:59); Becker, William (44:12); Schaub, Steven (46:30); Cox, Ken (49:17); Martin, Kenneth (52:02).

Women's 14' SUP Recreation

Jaworski, Patrice (45:37)

Women's 12'6" SUP Elite

Radtke, Mary (1:30:39); Burnette, Kassandra (1:34:45); Geary, Margaret (1:38:08); Rotger, Rachel (1:40:22); Walker, Kimberly (1:45:24).\

Women's 12'6" SUP Recreation

Maclin, Leslie (52:01); Pawielski, Keri (53:53); Joyner, Cindy (54:30); Mikesell, Susan (54:32); Furry, Becky (58:10); Rey Shaul, Theresa (1:02:34); Furry, Katie (1:09:45); Lerner, Lisa (1:13:32).

Women's Surfboard SUP Recreation

Cook, Suzen (52:20); Weinand, Brittany (58:35); Clarke, Maggie (1:01:29); Tyding, Grace (1:13:45).

Women's Surfboard SUP Lake Max Challenge

Vogler, Diana (2:20:07)

Women 18-49 in division Surfboard SUP

Vogler, Diana (2:20:07)

Kids race overall winners

1st place: Daniel Furry; 2nd: Bazil Furry; 3rd: Macie Robison.



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Always one of the most popular elements of Lake Fest, the Saturday morning parade didn't disappoint this year. At UPPER LEFT: Part of the Bearfruit Films team, preparing to shoot the film "Little Savages" next month in Culver, was on hand. Facing the camera is Phillip Glasser, producer of over 50 Hollywood films including last year's hit "Escape From Planet Earth," who will be in town through the production. UPEER CENTER: Longtime Culver personality Gen. Bob Tanguy made a brief return appearance to the festival he helped found (having moved away a few years back) in this World War II jeep owned and driven by Jon Schmidt or Hibbard/Culver (that's Pam Amick preparing to fire, in the back). UPPER RIGHT: Brandon (age 6) and Carson (age 7) Spencer, visiting Grandma in Culver, snag some of the plethora of candy thrown during the parade. CENTER LEFT: Kathie Huhn, wife of Culver Bible Church Pastor Dan Huhn, was at the wheel of one of the church's parade vehicles. She was joined by grandson Wesley Huhn (beside her) and, in the back, grandchildren Emily Huhn and Nathan Huhn, and friend Jordon Jones. ABOVE CENTER: A basket from an Indy Hot Air balloon got the crowd's attention, as its blast of gas-powered heat could be felt even from streetside. ABOVE RIGHT: The Argos-based 'Buffalo Man' may have won the crowd over for sheer entertainment value (his motorized beast even had a water sprayer placed appropriately near its hind quarters). LEFT: The Culver Woodcraft Camp Drum & Bugle Corps elicited applause from parade-watchers.



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ABOVE, LEFT Culver Comm. High School student (and recent graduate) band Employees of the Month took first place at Friday night's "Gong Show" talent contest. The band, which includes (from left) Allen Betts, Hannah Kline, John Ahlenius, and Joe Cavasos, initially tied for first place with The "Morrison Chicks" (ABOVE, CENTER), comprised of Culver Elementary music teacher Kim Morrison (right) and her daughters, Mandy (at left, age 14) and Sarah (12). The Employees eventually won by a slight margin of determination by audience cheer, though the Morrisons were awarded first place in the 12 and under category (owing to Sarah's age!). Other winners included flag twirler Emily Worden (in the 13-18 year old category), and Mike Overmyer (in the 19 years old and up category) for his capella rendition of, "Proud to Be an American." ABOVE RIGHT: Returning to the "Gong Show" were the comedic antics of emcee Nic Elizondo and his father, Frank, who worked (unsuccessfully) to avoid being "gonged" offstage by contest judges Andrea Canacci, Mike Marshall, and Barbara Winters. LEFT: Enjoying the festival's Ferris wheel are Abby Hurley and Harris and Maggie Stripp of Granger (though their grandparents have a home on Lake Maxinkuckee). BELOW, LEFT: Maleah Johnson, left, and Charlie Schrimsher, both age 4, scramble for pennies during the children's games near the beach lodge. BELOW, RIGHT: Tractor pull winners, by age category, included (from left) Jayden Nifong 5-6 year olds), Jaylah Harlan (7-8 year olds), and Braxton Conley (9 and 10 year olds). BOTTOM ROW, LEFT: Sarah Luttrell, center, finishes the last bites to the rind to win in her age group in the watermelon eating contest Saturday. BOTTOM CENTER: Lucy Martin, granddaughter of Larry and Joan Bess of Culver, has clearly been the recipient of some face painting artistry and is about to be the recipient of some Lions Club cotton candy. BOTTOM ROW, RIGHT: Pastor Jacob Juncker of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver preaches at a special lake-side service Sunday morning. Special musical guests were the regionally touring Stampede String Band, and a church-sponsored pie auction in conjunction with the event raised over \$600 for Culver's Boys & Girls Club.



Lake Fest car show once again a success



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ABOVE: Eric Larson, of Culver, and son Thomas, age 1, examine a vintage vehicle during Sunday's Lake Fest car show.

The 2013 Lakefest Car Show, which took place Sunday morning and early afternoon, had 54 cars in attendance, says event organizer Scott Curtis.

"The day was perfect for the participants to display their cars and for the public to view them," he notes., adding the cars on display ranged from a 1918 model, to cars only a few years old.

"The span in automotive technology was very interesting to compare," adds Curtis. "It was easy to see how far the automobile has advanced with a simple stroll through the park. There were perfectly restored cars, modified muscle cars, street rods, street machines and even an extremely rare factory built Super Stock drag racer."

Each participant received a dash plaque which looked like a miniature license plate, as well as a door prize as their car numbers were called throughout the day. At the end of the show, all of the participants' car numbers were put into a bucket for one final drawing, during which participants had a chance to win one of several big prizes valued at several hundred dollars. The prizes consisted of Craftsman tools, car care products from Griot's Garage, gift certificates from Eckler's and the Tire Rack. The final drawing was for a 32" LED TV and over \$200 worth of Craftsman and Gearwrench tools.

Though temperatures seemed to find their way back into the upper 80's by the time the show ended, the shade of the numerous trees in the park and the breeze off the lake made it quite comfortable, Curtis says, adding, "The car show committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this years show a great success!"



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Miss Maxinkuckee pageant winners

The annual Miss Maxinkuckee pageant took place as part of the Lake Fest 2013 kickoff Friday evening.

UPPER LEFT: Ryane Buschman was named Princess Miss, with Madilin Hamilton named Miss Congeniality, Buschman awarded Best Theme, Tyra King Top Sponsor, Brianna Hamilton second runner up, and Tyra King (pictured at right) named first runner up.

UPPER RIGHT: Little Miss Maxinkuckee was Paige Lancaster (center), with second runner up Natalie Stevens (right) and first runner up Jocelyn Bennett (left). Abigail Johnson was Miss Congeniality, and Addison Pohl Best Theme and Top Sponsor.

LEFT: Alyssa Kinyanjui (right) was named Junior Miss Maxinkuckee. Second runner up was Rainbow Hines and first runner up was Courtney Salyer. Salyer was also named Miss Congeniality, Kinyanjui awarded for Best Theme, and Hines for Top Sponsor.

BELOW: Grace Lorenz (center) was named Miss Maxinkuckee, with Victoria Shank named second runner up and Patience Durbin first runner up. Shank was named Miss Congeniality and awarded for Top Sponsor, while Janele VanDePutte was recognized for Best Theme.

Emceeding the event this year was Jessye Gilley.



Culver's Okray helps EU earn high rank

EVANSVILLE, Ind -- Hannah Okray of Culver helped the University of Evansville's Concrete Canoe team win the Innovation Award and earn 10th place overall in the 2013 American Society of Civil Engineers National Concrete Canoe Competition - cracking the top 10 for only the second time in team history.

The 26th annual competition took place June 20-22 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Twenty-three teams from some of the top engineering schools in the United States and Canada competed and were judged on the design, construction, innovative features, and racing ability of each concrete canoe.

UE's team of 13 civil engineering majors, including Okray, finished sixth in the technical paper category (the team's highest finish in history), 10th in product design, 11th in oral presentation, 13th in the races, and 10th overall. UE was the smallest school and the only private American university to finish in the top 10.

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Culver volunteers keep blood flowing

LEFT: Maeve Kline of Culver donates blood recently at a Red Cross-sponsored blood drive at the Culver Public Library, assisted by Donna Rakowski of the Red Cross. AT RIGHT, manning the cookie and sweets table, are blood drive volunteers Bobbie Grover, left, and Charlotte Hahn, both of Culver.

Drainage board votes to vacate easement for Culver project

By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH - The Marshall County Drainage Board July 15 agreed to vacate an easement to help in the replacement of storm drains in Culver.

Standing water around the area of Culver schools has led the city to undertake a storm drain project in the area. Part of that project would involve replacement of tile and drains along the properties of Kevin and Larry Berger.

Currently there is already a county regulated drain on their property and while both have stated they are happy to help with the new drain, they also would like assurances that the old drainage easement on their property would be vacated by the county on it's completion as they didn't like the idea of two drainage easements on their property.

The Board voted that upon completion of the new tile, the old easement would be released by the county.

Culver's Satorius earns Chevy Cruze for achievements

Melinda Satorius of Culver has earned the use of a new Chevy Cruze as a result of her outstanding achievements in her Mary Kay business.

Satorius, a Mary Kay Independent Sales Director, will take delivery of the new Chevy Cruze, her third Mary Kay career car, at Town & Country Auto in Plymouth. Mary Kay independent sales force members earn the use of a career car by meeting or exceeding goals set within their Mary Kay businesses.

"Earning the use of this car is an honor," said Satorius. "The great group of consultants that I am privileged to represent have worked diligently to achieve this goal; however, we are striving to achieve the prestigious Pink Caddy."

Since the Mary Kay Career Car Program's inception in 1969, more than 141,000 independent sales force members have qualified or re-qualified to earn the use of a Mary Kay career car. Currently, 5,927 Mary Kay career cars are on the road nationwide.

Making science fun is no crime at Culver Summer Camps

By Jan Garrison
Culver Academies

Who Are You?" It's the question that gets asked every week on the "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" television series. Now that familiar lyric written by Pete Townsend of The Who is being repeated daily in the Roberts Hall of Science during Culver Summer Schools & Camps.

Amanda Fink uses a Bunsen burner to determine what chemicals make up her mysterious white powder.

A group of Upper Campers are getting a firsthand look at how science is used to solve mysteries. They use chemistry to breakdown various mysterious white powders. They use biology to perform hair analysis. And they use physics while researching blood (fake, of course) spatters.

The three-week summer session familiarizes campers with lab procedures and introduces them to high school level science. With an age range of 14 to 17 years old, instructor Sharon Heineman said it is the first time many of the campers have done their own experiments and analyses. "Most of them haven't even lit a Bunsen burner," she said.

The premise of the class is to show students how to run experiments and analyze their data to solve the various mysteries. Heineman said the class watches three CSI episodes, then campers perform experiments similar to what was in each episode. They have used microscopes, pH strips, the Bunsen burners to study chemical reactions, density, and blood typing. They also study lab safety, which can sometimes be more challenging than the science aspect.

On the final day of the class, each student will be given a crime scenario and a bag of "evidence" and they have to use what they have learned to figure out who the guilty party is. Heineman said she ties each crime to someplace on the Culver campus. For example, one scenario in-



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

Instructor Sharon Heineman helps Victoria Palacio adjust the slide on her microscope.

involved the kidnapping of a horse from the Vaughn Equestrian Center.

Culver Academies science instructor Josh Pretzer originally developed the course for Culver Summer Schools & Camps and Heineman, a former Academies science instructor who returns to Culver each summer, has modified and taught the course for the past seven years.

Heineman's goal is for the students to be "more comfortable" in the science lab and classroom when they return to school in the fall.

"I hope they like science," she said. "I know they like fire."

This story courtesy news.culver.org.

Culver Park & Recreation August Event Schedule

AUGUST 3
Ice Cream Social featuring Brett Wilcoxon 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 6
Craft Time (ages 3-6) \$5 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 7
Craft Time (ages 7-10) \$5 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 8
Craft Time (ages 11-15) \$5 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 9
"Concert in the Park" featuring Goldmine Pickers 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 17
"Concert in the Park" featuring Playne Jayne 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 18
"Concert in the Park" featuring Brett Wilcoxon 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST 24
"Concert in the Park" featuring American Pie (Rock Hop) 8:00 p.m.

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Residents invited to assist Culver PTO in collecting box tops to serve students' needs

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Chances are, if you're reading this, you're throwing away (or recycling) opportunities regularly to help Culver Elementary students earn new playground equipment and other amenities.

CES 5th grade teacher and Parent-Teacher Organization head Raeanne Stevens paid a visit to Culver's Kiwanis Club to discuss the PTO's work and how the Culver community can assist.

Specifically, she called attention to box top coupons available on a variety of products ranging from dry and baking goods by General Mills, to underwear by the Hanes company. Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops-4education.com), she said, gives the school 10 cents for every clipped top label with the special logo. Last year, the PTO took made nearly \$2,000 from the program, which she said goes to provide service for the students within the school.

Part of the money, she explained, will go towards purchase this summer of special equipment on the CES playground for younger students, some of whom have been injured (including

one arm) playing on the equipment best suited for older students. Stevens showed members of the club drawings of the equipment planned

for installation Aug. 3, which includes a short slide and climbing area not far off the ground.

The audience was encouraged to begin saving box top coupons themselves, and Stevens further suggested club members place a box at the club's



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Raeanne Stevens speaks to members of Culver's Kiwanis Club about opportunities to assist Culver Elementary School through box top collecting, as Kiwanian Hank Bilisland, left, looks on.

LEFT: A graphic showing new playground equipment slated for installation at CES Aug. 3, thanks to the PTO's efforts.

RIGHT: The Box Tops 4 Education logo residents may look for to collect coupons to earn cash for Culver's PTO.

weekly meeting spot at the Culver Public Library's large meeting room, so members may bring in their week's clippings. She suggested a challenge until Christmas between the Kiwanis Club and oth-

er local organizations such as the Lions Club and VFW, to see who can collect the most.

She explained CES youngsters fill out a sheet to track their box top donations and classrooms compete for pizza and ice cream parties.

By registering online at the Box Tops 4 Education site, members may also earn credit for the school when they do their regular online shopping at other stores, if they click through the Box Tops site. There's also a sweepstakes to earn the school \$10,000 worth of box tops. CES earned \$500 via the site in March, she said, demonstrating the ability to track earnings online, once registered.

Stevens also described other PTO endeavors such as spirit wear for students and



items to be sold at the annual Christmastime "Santa Shop," in which students may purchase affordable gifts for parents or siblings. The PTO, she explained, works with Culver's Family Dollar, where some \$4,000 is spent to purchase the many items available.

The organization provides bicycle helmets for CES 3rd graders, which were funded this year for the first time entirely by local businesses and individuals.

Funds are also raised for the PTO by way of the Little Caesar's pizza sale each year, which Stevens described as "our big fund-raiser."

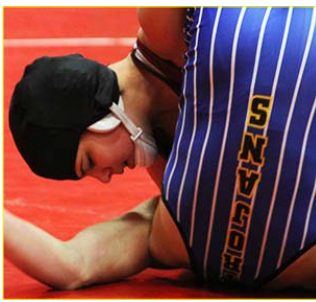
"We try to help the teachers help the students," she added.

Academies' Kayla Miracle receives national honor

By Jan Garrison

Culver Girls Academy wrestler Kayla Miracle (of Bloomington, Ind.) has been named to the ASICS Girls All-American Team for the third straight year. Miracle was named in the light division (100-121 pounds). Just 14 girls from across the nation were recognized on the 2013 first team.

Miracle, entering her senior year, is one of three girls to receive the honor for the third straight year. She won 2013 USA Wrestling Junior Folkstyle Nationals in Oklahoma earlier this year. She won a silver medal at the Cadet World championships and took gold in the Junior National tournament last summer.



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Kayla Miracle

Miracle is the first female to qualify for the Indiana High School Athletic Association's state meet. She did that her sophomore year at 106 pounds. She has qualified for the semistate round all three years. Last season, she moved up to 126 pounds.

This story courtesy news.culver.org.

County's most wanted on Facebook

PLYMOUTH - The Marshall County Sheriff's Department is now using their Facebook page to post a periodic "most wanted list" for those that have warrants for their arrest. Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin is hoping that having an "extra set of eyes" in the community will lead to tips for officers on patrol.

The Facebook program is a new one - just begun in the past few weeks - and Chamberlin welcomes all information that citizens or others can provide on those that are posted. On Facebook search "Marshall County Sheriff's Department" or call in your tip to 574-936-3187.

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Not a brain-sucking alien species...

This bizarre-looking creature, which Lauri Davis Manikowski and family found attached to their boat lift at the Culver Marina a few weeks ago, threw a number of observers for a loop. Marina staff and other boaters had never seen anything quite like the approximately football-sized, slimy mass before in the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee, although it turns out they're not new to the lake.

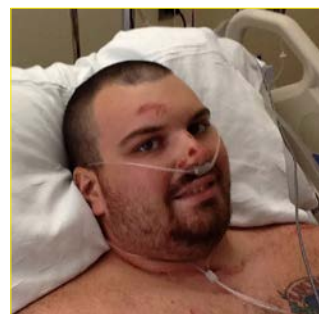
The specimen was a bryozoan, which was referenced in Evermann and Clark's early 20th century work, "Lake Maxinkuckee: A Physical and Biological Survey," though the researchers mention only collecting statoblasts -- or presumably smaller masses of cells -- of bryozoa.

There are thousands of varieties of bryozoans, though far fewer varieties live in fresh, non-tropical waters such as in Indiana. Colony animals, bryozoan fossils date back to the Ordovician period, estimated at 450 million years ago. Bryozoa are not only not an indication of pollution, they help filter water and are sometimes considered indicators of non-polluted water.

After making the initial discovery, Davis spoke with Kathy Clark of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, who referred Tom Bacula, an Indiana Department of Natural Resources biologist, to the photos. Bacula confirmed the identity of the critter, samples of which he says he usually sees attached to water lilies and spatterdock.

Former Culverite Neher defies odds in motorcycle-truck collision

A Culver native defied the odds last Wednesday when he not only survived a serious motorcycle crash which left him airlifted to South Bend, but never lost consciousness and managed a few smiles for his family's camera in the aftermath.



Justin Neher, a Culver Comm. High School graduate and son of Don and Anna Neher of Culver, was traveling west on U.S. 30 at around 55 miles per hour and passing the truck stop at Grovertown when a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck, driven by 17-year-old Natalie Radtke of North Judson, turned out of the truck stop in front of him.

Anna Neher shared this photo of her son Justin, who offered a characteristic smile in spite of injuries sustained when his motorcycle struck a pickup truck on US 30 last week.

According to his parents, Neher's body struck the truck at full speed and he was thrown some distance onto the pavement.

Traffic was stopped in both directions for around one hour after the accident, though Neher, a Plymouth resident, was alert and speaking to emergency personnel as he was prepped for airlifting to Memorial Hospital. Radtke and the passengers in her truck were uninjured.

There, say the Neheres, Justin most serious injuries are shattered wrists, broken ankles, and breaks in his pelvis -- no small matter, but virtually miraculous in the eyes of his family, considering the circumstances of the accident.



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Donating for the dugout

The Culver VFW Men and Men's Auxilliary recently sponsored a dinner to raise funds for the Culver Little League. "When we heard that they needed help with funds to assist in replacing the dugouts damaged by last years storm," says Dave McKee, junior vice president of the Auxilliary, "we all 'pitched' in and had a great dinner benefit at the Culver VFW." Donated in all was \$700 to an appreciative Culver Little League board and players, who thanked and shook the hands of each and every VFW member who attended the Little League annual picnic for this photo.

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