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Pier pressure

ABOVE, LEFT: Protesters hold signs such as, "Don't fear the pier" and "No pier elimination without representation" at a demonstration Sunday afternoon on Lake Shore Drive at Culver's town park.

In Brief

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

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Monday, Aug. 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.

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@sbeglobal.net.

LMA, Lake Patrol annual mtg Aug. 10

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association and Lake Patrol will hold their annual meeting Saturday, August 10 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Cove banquet room on the second floor (an elevator is available). Questions may be directed by email to LMA executive director Jane Grund at lakedir@culcom.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.,

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Protesters demonstrate against removal of swimming pier from town beach

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Dozens of protesters gathered along Lake Shore Drive alongside Culver's town park Sunday afternoon to decry what they feel is the unfair removal of the longstanding swimming pier at the public beach there.

Park superintendent Kelly Young acknowledged the pier was removed in its entirety -- save for the section on which the lifeguard chair is mounted -- the previous Tuesday, July 23, and that there are currently no plans in place to reinstall it.

Young said the action came due to an "ongoing battle" with park patrons who don't follow the posted rules concerning the pier. She emphasized she and park staff made attempts to curb the behavior using a variety of methods including "time outs," speaking with the parents of youthful rule-breakers, and even shutting down the pier completely for one evening. Young added she contacted Culver park board president Tammy Shaffer, who witnessed the problems on several occasions. Young consulted Shaffer to seek her approval prior to removing the pier.

Contrary to some rumors regarding removal of the pier, Young said the decision was "not related whatsoever" to the July 14 drowning incident at the swimming beach.

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One airlifted in east shore accident

County police have released names in a single-vehicle accident on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee near Culver around 1 a.m. Thursday morning.

Driver Peter Watson, 46, of Carmel, Indiana, was extricated by Culver firefighters from the vehicle and airlifted to Memorial Hospital after missing the curve just south of the Culver Marina in the 2800 block of East Shore Drive, where his southbound 2006 Volkswagon struck a tree.

Also in the vehicle were Jarl Smith, 42, of Avon, Ind., and Jeffery Hammel of Indianapolis, 36. Both sustained minor injuries and were taken to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Investigation continues on the accident, in which alcohol and speed are believed to be a factor.

Alcohol, drugs not a factor in July 14 drowning

Toxicology reports were issued last week by way of the Marshall County coroner's office concerning a 22-year-old man who drowned July 14 in Lake Maxinkuckee.

An autopsy performed on the body of Velentin Sirghi, a Plymouth resident, showed no evidence of alcohol or drugs relating to his death.

Local rescue crews as well as the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Marshall County Sheriff's Department, took part in the search for Sirghi, who had joined a friend in swimming to a buoy near the east end of the town beach when Sirghi went under the water. An extensive search of more than 30 minutes eventually yielded his body, which was transported after attempts to resuscitate him, to Plymouth's St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Marshall County deputy coroner Bridget Hite said more details autopsy results are expected in September, and that the DNR is heading the investigation, as it does in all water-related deaths in lakes and rivers in Indiana.

For those who served...

TOP RIGHT: Members of the Culver-Union Twp. Fire Dept. pose for a group photo before opening up the annual Fireman's Festival Saturday, in front of the Firemen's Memorial they dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street. Complete coverage of the event will appear in next week's *Citizen*.

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Crowded Culver casting call

LOWER RIGHT: Hundreds packed the Culver Comm. Middle School's main hallway for an open casting call for small roles in a movie being shot here this summer (SEE ARTICLE BELOW). From left are Tegan Wright, a Culver Girls Academy grad assisting filmmakers, Katie Fox Webb of Bearfruit Films, local volunteer Maria Benner, Andrea Canacci of Culver, who tried out for a role, and Pastor Jacob Juncker of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, who has also been volunteering to assist with the production.

Culver-filmed movie adds Hollywood stars, draws hundreds to casting call

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

Representatives of Bearfruit Films, in Culver through the month of August to shoot the movie, "Little Savages" here, have announced several major stars of film and television have signed on for lead roles in the production.

Actor and comedian Jamie Kennedy, best known for his roles in the original "Scream" movies and "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment" on television, has signed on to play "Fritz" in the movie, and Noah Lomax, who will be playing "Albie," was most recently in the film, "Playing for Keeps," with Gerard Butler and Jessica Biel. The role of "Tiffany" will be played by Katherine McNamara from the Disney television show, "Kickin' It" and Disney Channel movie, "Girl vs Monster." Adam Hicks of Disney's "Lemonade Mouth" and a host of TV series, will play "Billy," and Leigh-Allyn Baker of Disney's "Good Luck Charlie" series (among other well-known shows and movies) will play "Jackie."

A host of Culverites and others got involved in the movie process much more directly Saturday afternoon and morning when Bearfruit held an open casting call for small speaking roles and background parts in the film, at the Culver Community Middle School. More than 100 signed up to read for parts in the production, which is expected to be released in theaters next spring. The main hallway into the school was a mass of those waiting to audition, while "Savages" writer-director Paul Tomberello and recently-added Gerry Lively, a cinematographer and director of 1999's "Darkness Falls" (among other films), prompted them, one and two at a time, in a classroom around the corner.

Maria Benner, who possesses an acting background herself and works as a Culver Clubs coordinator for Culver Academies, Culver Girls Academy graduate Tegan Wright, along with Bearfruit's Katie Fox-Webb, See Movie page 3

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... And she said 'Yes!'

Viewers of last Saturday night's Lake Fest fireworks display over Lake Maxinkuckee -- and there were many -- who were a bit befuddled by a close-to-the lake display preceding the big show (and brief associated delays) may be gratified to learn the reason: a unique and memorable marriage proposal from a well-known Culverite.

Tony Sellers, who happens to be the current Culver Chamber of Commerce president, says he was "trying to think of when I could propose and there were no romantic holidays to take advantage of. Then the Lakefest fireworks came to mind and so I thought maybe I could take advantage while the company was in town."

The subject of Sellers' efforts was Kelly Fleming, sister of Jean E. Overmyer, a well-known member of the JMC Engineering staff and part of the core group which plans and works tirelessly to execute the festival each year. Sellers asked Jean E. to examine the possibility of setting up something special for his proposal.

"I owe a big thanks to her for all the work she did to make it happen," he adds, "So, 'Thanks, Jean E.'"

For the record, Sellers' isn't the first Lake Fest-related marriage proposal (though it's the first to directly involve the fireworks display in this manner). Culver native Ryan Tusing took advantage of the occasion of the 1994 Lake Fest parade to propose to girlfriend Allison Day, to whom he's been married ever since.



Culver's long history with Hollywood examined at upcoming exhibit

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop will celebrate the legacy of Culver as the site of several Hollywood movies in years past, as well as the extraordinary number of Culver Academies graduates to become involved in Hollywood, either as well-known actors in front of the camera, or directors, producers, and the like, behind the scenes.

The special exhibit, "Lights...Camera...Culver!" will launch Sat., Aug. 17 with a special audio-visual program at 10 a.m., with ongoing exhibits into this fall. More information will appear in upcoming editions of *The Citizen*.

Culver on the big screen: a look back, part one

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

The cameras are beginning to roll this week towards the feature film, "Little Savages" in Culver. See History page 4

Union Township made a particularly notable mark on the results of this year's Marshall County 4H Fair, held July 14 through 24 in Argos, as evidenced below.

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Beef — Supreme Female

ABOVE: The Supreme Female over all beef breeds went to Tanner Hoffman, Union Township. Tanner's female was named Champion Chianina Heifer also.



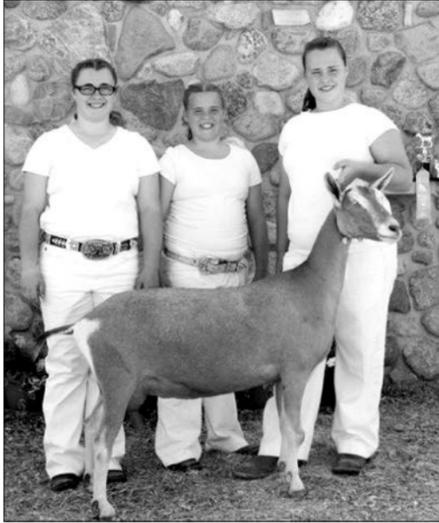
Ewes

ABOVE: Kagnie Hoffman, Union Township, left, exhibited the Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe, Champion Commercial Ewe and Kelsey Verhaeghe, Walnut Township, right, exhibited the Supreme Champion Ewe, Champion Hampshire Ewe. Mark Hassebrook, judge, was very complimentary of the quality of ewe lambs presented throughout the entire show. Verhaeghe's Champion Blackface Crossbred Market lamb was also named Grand Champion Market Lamb and Hoffman's lamb also earned Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb and Champion Hampshire Market Lamb.



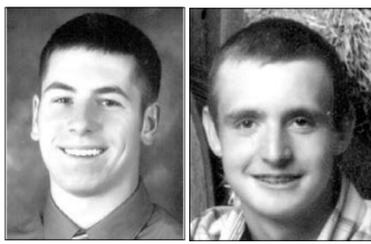
Meat Goat Doe

ABOVE: Meat Goat Show started the 4-H Fair with quality competition. Anita Messer, judge, was very pleased as the Meat Goat Does lined up for Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe. Grand Champion Meat Goat and Champion Percentage Doe was exhibited by Garrett Reinhold, Union Township. Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe and Champion Registered Doe was exhibited by Kassie Dickey, Union Township. Pictured (from left) is Kassie Dickey, Anita Messer, judge and Garrett Reinhold.



Dairy Goat Doe

LEFT: From left: Sisters, Renae, Elizabeth and Becca Johnson, Union Township are all smiles after Becca's Dairy Goat was named Supreme Milking Doe.



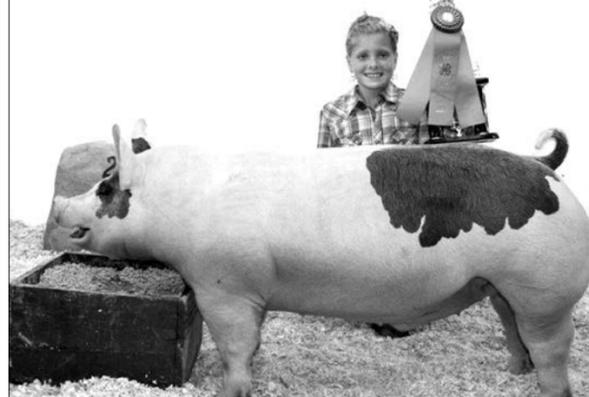
Marking a decade of 4-H dedication

LEFT: There are many milestones to mark, but in the case of 4-H staying involved for a decade or more is an impressive feat. "Our 10 year members are youth that have donated 10 years of their time to our organization. Out of all of the 4-Hers that start, only a small portion will complete the full 10 years," Marshall County 4-H director Kati Ingerson said. This year's group from Union Township includes:
 • Tucker Schultz is the son of Troy and Hollie Schultz of Union Township. He is a 2013 graduate from Culver High School. While in 4-H, Schultz completed 10 years in swine and nine years in sheep. Tucker plans on attending Hanover College and majoring in Pre-Dentistry and playing football.
 • Zachary Temme is the son of Michael and Haidee Temme of Union Township. He is a 2013 graduate of Culver High School. He has been involved in Rabbits and Poultry for 10 years, Dairy Feeder steers for nine years, Swine for six years, Beef and misc. crafts for three years and Dairy beef and Latch hook for one year. He plans on getting a job and start working out of high school.



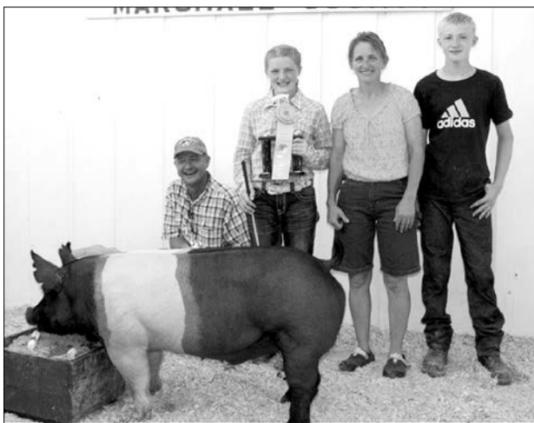
Swine Gilt

ABOVE: Kagnie Hoffman, Union Township, is all smiles as her Champion Crossbred Gilt wins Supreme Gilt honors over all breeds of gilts at the Marshall County 4-H Fair.



Swine — Grand Champion Barrow

LEFT: It was a huge milestone to accomplish, something a 4-Her dreams of when showing swine and it all came true for third-year 4-Her Kagnie Hoffman. Kagnie won Supreme Gilt, Grand Champion Barrow and Champion Intermediate showman. She stands proudly by her Champion Cross Bred Barrow which ultimately was named the Grand Champion Barrow over all barrows. Approximately 350 swine animals competed in the sweltering heat.



Swine - Reserve Grand Champion Barrow

Barrow

ABOVE: Katie Hoffman, Union Township., and family are all smiles with the accomplishment of winning the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow in the swine show. From left: Vince, Katie, Michele and Tanner.



Elected officials tour 4-H Fair

ABOVE" State Representative Tim Harman, Commissioner Kevin Overmyer, County Councilmen Matt Hassel, Steve Harper, John Benedict, Rex Gilliland, Don Morrison, and County Auditor Penny Lukenbill listen as Kagnie Hoffman, Union Township, shares what 4-H means to her and what she continues to learn from her sheep and swine projects. When asked she explained what the judges look for in a prize-winning lamb. The Marshall County Extension Board hosted the VIP event for state and county elected officials. Marshall County Pork Producers, Marshall County Dairy Association and the Marshall County Fair Board provided food from each of their food booths for the meal. The Extension Board members and Jr. Extension Board members provided a guided tour throughout the 4-H Fair Grounds with 4-H members providing some insight into their involvement in 4-H and information about their projects.



Collections

ABOVE: Grand Champion Symantha Parks of Union Township displays her winning project.

Grilling

ABOVE: Luke Schaller won Grand Champion in the grilling competition for the second year in a row.

Dairy

RIGHT: Marshall County 4-H Dairy Show selects breed Champions in the female show. Pictured is Champion Aryshire, Maranda Samuelson, Union Township.



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Obituary

Henrietta Violette Dubois ('Penny' Paré)

Dec. 21, 1926 - July 23, 2013



D O N - ALDSON — Henrietta Violette Dubois, 86, formerly known as "Penny" Paré, died July 23, 2013, at

the Catherine Kasper Life Center in Donaldson. She was born Dec. 21, 1926 in Lawrence, Mass. to Henri and Annie Dubois.

Henrietta moved with her family to Culver in 1955 and was a long-time member of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church. During most summers, she enjoyed spending time at the Academy Faculty beach with her children, grandchildren and dear friend Jo Meredith. In her younger years, Henrietta learned tap dancing, played the violin and exquisitely hand-painted a series of porcelain figurines. She took great pleasure in raising violets, the Violette family's namesake flower. She was an excellent cook and baker, drawing upon the traditional French-Canadian rec-

ipes of her childhood. Her French pastry was well-known to and in frequent demand by her family and friends. Henrietta worked in the Culver Academies Alumni office from 1971 - 1996, and took great pride in her meticulous record-keeping.

She is survived by her sons A. Paul Paré (Beth) and Matthew Paré (Tina), both of Culver; daughters Anne Chastain (Michael) of Culver and Nicole Goeglein (Tom) of Clearwater, Fla.; six grandchildren; and sisters Corinne LaFond of Andover, Mass. and Rita Daley (Tom) of Marshfield, Mass.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver on Monday, July 29 at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the services.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC, 20090-6011 or to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Avenue, Culver, IN, 46511.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to all the staff at the Catherine Kasper Home for their loving care of Henrietta over the past 14 months. The family also wishes to thank The Center for Hospice Care for their kind support during the past few weeks.

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

Letters to the editor

Pier removal punishes all for actions of few

Earlier this week I was heading down to the beach with our grandchildren when, to my great surprise and irritation, I found that the swimming pier had been taken out. I emailed Kelly Young, Superintendent, and the other 5 board members to ask why. I received a text back from Park Board President, Tammy Shaffer, which was followed by one from Kelly Young. Tammy Shaffer was convinced by the Superintendent that the swimming pier was too much of a risk to keep it in the water, as kids were not following the rules and she, as Superintendent, could not control the situation.

For over 100 years the swimming pier at the beach has had kids breaking the rules, but they were always warned, then made to sit out, then evicted from the beach if they continued to break the rules. But now the Superintendent can't get control of their actions: pushing, running, swimming under the pier. Ms. Shaffer was informed by Ms. Young that she couldn't provide safety on the pier, something that previous Superintendents all managed to do. Shaffer takes the advice of Young, who admits she can't control the children's action on the pier, and has the pier taken out midway through the summer. She should have contacted the Park Board about the lack of control and had the board evaluate the situation? I for one would hire someone who is capable of taking control of the situation.

The Superintendent chose to give in to the unruly actions of a few children, suggesting to the President of the Board that the children's lives were at risk and so they must take out the pier. Both Young and Shaffer are punishing the great majority of children who follow the rules and behave correctly on the pier. The correct course would be, as all good teachers know, to punish those misbehaving rather than punish all the children who are following the rules.

Let's stop taking things away. Let's add new, fun, enjoyable things to the beach. Let's clean up our bathrooms and get better training for our summer staff. Let's put our life-guards and park workers in bright, well marked uniforms, so we know who they are. We need a Superintendent who can push us forward, not backward.

Patty Stallings Culver park board member

Recalling earlier Culver drowning tragedy

This week's *Citizen* ("22-year-old drowns at Culver town beach Sunday," June 18 edition -- editor) brings to mind a tragic weekend in the winter of 1946, maybe 1947. The internet Lake Maxinkuckee Intrigue, History and Genealogy with its list of drownings going back to the late 1800s does not include the four children who drowned when ice gave away in about the same spot as the recent victim. There was one survivor, the youngest of five who were taking a shortcut to the Academy to see the Friday night movie.

Somehow one was pushed onto solid ice and ran through the park to the vicinity of the Lake View Tavern or the El Rancho Theater. I was home from Indiana University for the weekend, hanging out at Blackie's Marathon, now the site of the Academy's Museum, when the fire siren began sirening it seemed forever. The town was virtually empty as the Indians were playing at Plymouth.

I had a small part in recovering the bodies as Dave Burns and Wally Walaitus, probably others dove into the frigid waters, shoved the victims face up onto solid ice and others tied rope to pull them ashore. Hopefully the *Citizen's* Archives will have an account of this and it can be added to the history.

Russ Leonard, Indianapolis.

Editor's note: The incident Mr. Leonard recalls was detailed in a cover story in the Feb. 16, 2012 Culver Citizen, in which the emotional and cultural impact of the incident was examined, as well as the history of the family involved, for a special 'Black History Month' edition of the paper.

Correction

In the article, "Council takes action on parking dilemma, new visitors' signs, more," in the July 18 edition of *The Culver Citizen*, Phend & Brown was listed as the contractor for paving on Culver's upcoming storm water project. It should be noted Phend & Brown will actually be the prime contractor for the project, installing the storm pipe and structures, in addition to the paving work. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

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producer James Simmons, and production designer Jeff Arnold, kept what might have appeared to be chaos running smoothly throughout the morning and well into the afternoon, soliciting behind-the-scenes volunteers to help coordinate the project along with on-screen talent.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Paige and Marin Gregory, left, read for Paul Tomberello, seated at left, and Gerry Lively, both of Bearfruit Films, in hopes of landing roles in "Little Savages" this summer.

The architects of the film and faith-based company Bearfruit itself discussed with community leaders and volunteers in the weeks leading up to shooting, their methodology in making what is by Hollywood definitions a "low budget" production look like anything but. By working in conjunction with local leaders and businesspeople, along with a wide array of local volunteers, Bearfruit intends to produce a compelling and successful film which will also showcase the beauty and qualities of Culver itself.

The movie itself is summed up online at bearfruitfilms.com/films/little-savages:

for the Summer Talent Show, where he befriends a motley group of boys known as 'The Savages' who stick up for him against Billy Bronson and the other talented, rich kids in town – a group to which the rebellious Tiffany seems to be attracted. And when an old Culver legend of hidden treasure resurfaces, Albie and the Savages use their collective interests (from bicycling and literature to Chemistry and a little cheap magic) to try and beat the rich kids in the hunt for the prize.

A video about Bearfruit -- centering especially on its first feature film, "Rumors of Wars," currently slated for release to theaters this fall, is available online at vimeo.com/69917682.

"After being abandoned and left to his grandparents in Culver, Indiana, 12-year-old Albie tries desperately to keep his head in his chemistry books while his older sister Tiffany glues herself to every possible social media app she can fit on her phone. Eager to get Albie out of his shell, Grandma makes him audition

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For her part, board president Shaffer called the decision, "Strictly a public safety measure until a plan is developed and properly executed.

"I would rather be safe than sorry when it comes to injury or loss of life," she added. "The swim pier may go back in with proper planning at the appropriate time. A life or quality of life...I would be unable to replace due to an injury or death."

Park board member Patty Stallings, who was involved in Tuesday's removal of the swimming pier there in Sunday's protest at the park (and who elaborated on her position in a letter to the editor in this week's edition of *The Culver Citizen*), specifically questioned whether the superintendent and board president alone had proper authority to make a decision as impactful to the community as removing the pier.

"This was a ridiculous decision to (make)," she continued. "Kids have been running, pushing and swimming under that pier for as long as there was a beach, and the superintendent and staff have always managed the be-



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
This was the scene greeting beach-goers in Culver last week, following Tuesday's removal of the swimming pier there.

havior of the kids. We are punishing all the children for the action of a few. If Kelly Young can't control such behavior, then let's get someone who can. Stop blaming the children for what is a lack of control by the park superintendent."

Culver resident John Helphrey, also a member of the protesting group, expressed similar feelings, noting playground equipment in the park is not removed when youngsters are injured on it or abuse it and questioning why the pier wouldn't be viewed

the same way. "If the park superintendent is giving up the responsibility (of oversight of behavior on the pier), she should have more lifeguards and training. She's taken away something the kids should have," he said.

He also called the matter "another straw on the camel's back," presumably a reference to a string of controversies surrounding the park over the past few years.

"(Young is) not being held accountable."

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., 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.

Mon., Aug. 5: Chili dog spudsters, carrot slaw, dessert.

Tues., Aug. 6: Scrambled eggs with cheese and peppers, hashbrown casserole, yogurt, peaches, coffee cake.

Wed., Aug. 7: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, cherry ambrosia.

Thur., Aug. 8: Beef and mushrooms in gravy over

rice, Brussels sprouts, bread and margarine, oranges.

Friday, Aug. 9: Chicken pot pie, salad and dressing, birthday treat.

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which is certainly big news. But it isn't Culver's first foray into the realm of cinema, though it's true that most preceding Culver productions or people associated with the big screen were also associated, in one way or another, with Culver Academies. "Savages" marks the first time the town of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee -- in relative exclusion of the Academies campus -- have been utilized for shooting.

Culver has been the setting for no less than four major Hollywood films (and was nearly the setting for a fifth, but declined, which in retrospect was a wise decision; more on that later), and has produced a host of celluloid luminaries, starting as far back as 1907 Culver Military Academy graduate Adolph Menjou and 1908 alum Eugene Pallette, the first in a long line.

In fact, author Tom Gorton, initially unfamiliar with the story but assigned to write an article on Culver's Hollywood connection (it was published in the June, 1988 edition of the Culver Alumni magazine as "Filmstruck: Culver's Love Affair with Hollywood"), remarked that he was "both amazed and puzzled by the number of Culver alumni who have made a name for themselves in the film industry. I couldn't help asking myself how one school -- and a Midwestern prep school at that -- could produce so many show business luminaries." But more on that later.

In terms of movies set on Maxinkuckee's shores, the first could be considered a bit of a stretch. While little known to the world at large today, "The House of a Thousand Candles" was the best-selling novel of 1906, and inspired a near-endless array of advertising gimmicks and pop culture references. Author Meredith Nicholson, a household name across the U.S. at the time, had been inspired to write the novel while visiting friends at a still-existent house on Maxinkuckee's east shore, from which he was further inspired by the stately beauty of the towers and grounds of CMA.

His novel is a highly fictionalized account of both the house (made into a sprawling mansion rife with trap doors and secret passages) and the school (an Episcopal girls' school in the book), but Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee claim it nonetheless.

The silent, Selig Polyscope version of "The House of a Thousand Candles" wasn't filmed in Culver (the Chicago-originated studio was notable for establishing Southern California's first studio) and there's no evidence the producers ever set foot here, but again -- Culver can claim it! All that remains of the movie, believed lost to history, are a handful of still photos in a "movie play" edition of the book (and the 1936 movie of the same title, available with some effort, bears virtually no resemblance to the novel or 1915 film).

The next three movie productions set or filmed here bore a far more direct connection.

It's no coincidence Culver Military Academy attracted the attention of movie studios. As Academies historian Bob Hartman points out, then-Col. Leigh Gignilliat, first

commandant of cadets and later superintendent of the school, was a showman and promoter of the highest order, recognizing earlier than most the value of still photography and, once it became available, moving pictures to promote an institution which benefited not only from a beautiful campus with remarkably attractive buildings and an arrestingly beautiful lake shore, but also the well-established grandeur of the Black Horse Troop and a corps of well-polished and disciplined cadets, midshipmen, troopers, and the like.

Whether the folks from Fox Films had already seen some of Gignilliat's experiments with making promotional and newsreel films of Culver prior to their decision to shoot on campus in the spring of 1927 or not, decide they did, though they renamed the campus "Calvert Military Academy."

The resultant movie was released in 1928, and while there was ample excitement, of course, at its debut on campus, the rest of the country was less enthused. It didn't help that silent movies were becoming a thing of the past even then, and "Prep" was a silent film. But the major problems of the Irene Morra-directed movie -- which starred David Rollins as "the ne'er-do-well son of a former Culver star athlete...struggling to live up to his dad's reputation," as the New York Times review put it -- was the plot.

"From its hokey title to its incredible denouement, 'Prep and Pep' plays like a warmed-over Horatio Alger pulp novel," wrote Hal Erickson in the Times.

Still, the publicity garnered by the film surely benefited Culver, and it's hard to imagine its existence had nothing at all to do with the choice of Culver as the site for another major feature film, three years later.

"Prep and Pep," by the way, is also counted on the list of silent films believed lost to history, as most are if left untransferred from the volatile nitrate film on which they were shot, to the stable "safety film" still in use today.

Hartman, noting the country -- and as a result, the Academy's enrollment -- was mired in the Great Depression by 1931, adds, in his article, "Lights, Camera, Culver," "Buoyed by the success of the movie 'The Spirit of Notre Dame,' Universal Pictures in Hollywood proposed that Culver be used as subject for a yet-to-be-named 'spirit' movie. Gignilliat discussed the possibilities with the Trust-

ees, won their approval, and then met with cadet officers, the YMCA, *The Vedette* (newspaper staff), Dramatics and Glee Club. They, too, were in favor of a movie, 'providing the picture was in accord with Culver traditions.'

Screenwriter George Green developed the storyline of a movie originally titled, "A Son of the Legion," about an orphaned boy who received an American Legion Scholarship to Culver.

"By mid-November," Hartman writes, "Green and his film crew were at the Academies, deeply involved in filming campus scenes, background shots, a

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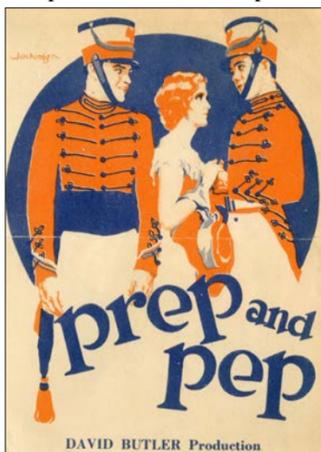
Black Horse Troop director Col. Robert Rossow left Culver for Hollywood as technical director in March, and in April, many of the lead actors arrived in Culver (some, such as well known actor Andy Devine, shot their scenes in California). Carl Laemmle, the

president of Universal Pictures, spent one night as Gen. Gignilliat's guest.

By summer, notes Hartman, Universal began promoting the movie, "encouraging movie theatres to hold a 'Culver Day,' inviting alumni and 'uniformed' cadets with free admission for the latter. American Legion posts were asked to promote the military theme, and theaters were encouraged to reserve seating for participating organizations. Military insignia contests were held, and elaborately colored slides of marching cadets were packaged for sale."

"Last year it was The Spirit of Notre Dame—this year Universal offers you Tom Brown of Culver," shouted advertising lines. "Mothers—wives—sweethearts—thrill to this pulsating, vibrant story of youth on parade; Father and son—face to face after years of separation, in the climax of a drama that will leave you breathless."

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Library news

Free computer classes in August

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free technology classes in August take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. They include Intro to Social Media (Aug. 5 and 9), Mobile Devices for Beginners (Aug. 12 and 16), Technology Training (Aug. 19 and 23). Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Beekeeping program Aug. 12

The Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes special guests Steve and Sherry Neff, owners of Freedom Hills Farm in Walkerton, Ind., who will present a program on the importance of bees and beekeeping in our lives. The program will take place Mon., Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at CUTPL. The Neffs will also speak about the challenges facing the beekeeping industry. This program is free and open to the public. Children of all ages are welcome to attend, as the program is sure to be enjoyable for all ages. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Farm Women's Aprons Aug. 14

The Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes special guest Esther Duncan, a research historian and designer and creator of Farm Women's Aprons. She will present, "Aprons Have a Historical Past," as well as display many era-specific aprons. Duncan researches styles and fabrics in order to tell the story of an apron. The program will take place Wed., Aug. 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at CUTPL, and is free and open to the public.

Lions spaghetti dinner, live music to coincide with Triathlon

The Culver Lions Club, in conjunction with the Lake Maxinkuckee Triathlon, is hosting a spaghetti dinner Friday, Aug. 9 at the depot-train station on Lake Shore Drive. The event is open to everyone, including triathlon participants. Hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. and the price is \$8, or \$4

for kids 12 and under. The Employees of the Month band will be playing on the patio. The menu includes pasta with meat and vegetarian sauces, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drinks.



Woodcraft amphitheater dedicated

LEFT: Cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the new Culver Woodcraft Camp amphitheater are, from left to right, John Zeglis, Naval Band 1964, representing the CEF Trustees; Beth Harrison, widow of trustee Phil Harrison, a 1956 Woodcraft graduate; Kristen Morgan, Jessica Morgan, an Academies junior; and Cindy Morgan, a 2012 Academies graduate. The Morgan sisters are the daughters of Ralph Morgan, an executive with Elliot Stone Company of Bedford, Ind., which provided the limestone for the amphitheater. The ribbon is being held by Regimental Adjutant Will Smoots (left) and Regimental Commander Landon Neal. The dedication, which included a balloon launch (BELOW*), took place July 19 as part of the annual Culver Summer Schools reunion and homecoming event, which brought hundreds of alums and guests to campus.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Among correct guessers of last week's Mystery Citizen were Scott Schulz, Bridget Lowry, Ruth Everett, Kay Tusing, Debbie Noel, Don Baker, Sandi Eby, Carin Clifton, Angie Pyle, and Don Peverelle. They all recognized Alison (Schdult) Gaskill, who heads up the children's

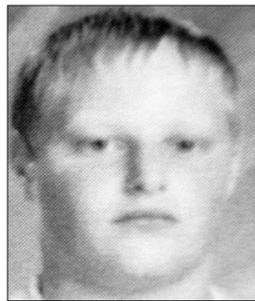


and young adult departments of the Culver Public Library. Congrats

to our winners for the free parking in downtown Culver they've earned.

This week's Mystery Citizen has been a visible member of one important local organization, and is also a local CCHS graduate.

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



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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.

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. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Mobile Food Pantry here 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 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. 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.

History, ecology of LMEC, Lake Max at museum

The community is invited to learn about the biology and ecology of Lake Maxinkuckee as well as the people who have worked diligently to protect the lake and its watershed via an collaborative Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Center for Culver History exhibit on display now. Exhibits include magnifying boxes for bug identification, an animal tracks game, instruction on fishing pole assembly and an Enviroscape. 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 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.

Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 10

The second annual Lake Max Triathlon will take place August 10 (lakemaxtriathlon.blogspot.com and facebook.com/LakeMaxTriathlon), 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 a five-kilometer run. Register online at active.com or by downloading the registration form at the triathlon website. Anyone registering for the event will be given free triathlon training.

Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway. This year's items include a new golf cart, SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), his and hers Electra cruiser bikes, and 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.

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

Dirt Cheap will perform live this Saturday night, Aug. 3, starting around 9 p.m., the latest in the Lakehouse Grille's Saturday night live music series. Other upcoming performances include 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).

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. The site will be closed August 1. 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.

**TOWN OF CULVER
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION NO. 2013-008B
DATE OF HEARING:
August 15, 2013
TIME OF HEARING: 6:30 P.M.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**
That a petition has been filed by Mr. James E. Easterday, Attorney on behalf of Donald and Barbara Kindt to approve a variance of development standards to remove an existing structure and build a new residence with front yard setback of fifty eight feet (57.7') +/-, from the required average setback of seventy six feet (76.05'), and variance of four feet (4') in height from required height of Thirty five (35) feet. The address of the property is 204 South Shore Dr., Culver, Indiana 46511. The Legal description is: Lots Numbered Seven (7) and Six (6) in the Daugherty-Farrar Addition to Lake Maxinkuckee in Section 28, Township 32 North, Range 1 East. ALSO all of that wedge shaped parcel of real estate situate between Lot Numbered Six (6) and Lot Numbered Five (5) in said Addition, which parcel of real estate has a frontage of 25 feet adjacent to Farrar Road and then extends Northerly to the waterline of Lake Maxinkuckee, situate in Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana. Copy of this notice has been sent to the petitioner and to the owners of property affected by the petition. A hearing upon this petition will be held in the Municipal Building, 200 East Washington Street, Culver, Indiana, at which time, you may appear either in person, present in writing, be represented by agent, or by attorney, and present any reasons which you may have to the granting or denying of this petition. You are requested to prepare your case, in detail, and present all evidence relating to this petition at the time of the scheduled hearing.
Respectfully Submitted,
John Helphrey
Secretary
Dated: 7/24/2013
August 15, 2013, 2013 KL 902 hspatp

Town clock, other items on tap in short council meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council breezed through its roster in one of its shortest meetings in months last week, and a meeting which included the happy news that the town clock installed last year at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets will hopefully soon serve those viewing it from the west as well as the other three directions.

According to audience member and building inspector Russ Mason, the manufacturer of the clock -- Tuscumbia Iron Works of Alabama -- is expected to make the trek to Culver next week to replace the inner works of the clock, which was bought using donated funds to coincide with the downtown revitalization project completed earlier this year. Mason said local clock aficionado Verl Shaffer, who spearheaded the fund-raiser for the clock, has been pursuing repair of its west face, which unlike the other faces, has never kept proper time.

A plaque was recently placed at the foot of the clock acknowledging the community's efforts in making it possible.

The council also faced the question of whether un-mowed grass in front of a College Avenue property qualifies as 'native landscaping,' as reported by Culver town manager Dave Schoeff.

Schoeff, who had been asked to contact the property owner at the northeast corner of College and State Streets concerning the length of grass along the south -- or front -- portion of the property, said the property owner responded to his inquiries that the grass was part of a native landscaping plan.

Noting "everybody has a different eye for landscaping," Schoeff said he requested a landscaping plan and list of plants involved, from the landowner. He also noted the owner's response was within the town's stated time limit, so the town will delay taking the step of mowing the property and charging the owner for the work, pending further discussion with the owner.

Council actions during the July 23 meeting including approval on second and third readings of an ordinance to amend Culver's zoning map, following up on a collaborative effort with the county to "clean up" the zoning map regarding properties overlapping town and county zoning, with properties designated to whichever entity has the majority of the property already.

Also approved was the purchase of a new truck for use by Culver's street department, at a cost of \$98,874. The truck, requested by utilities manager Bob Porter, will replace the current, 1994 model with the addition of a bucket. Porter requested the truck be a new model rather than buying a used one from the seller's rental pool. The council also approved putting up the 1994 vehicle for sale by bid.

Renewal of a longstanding agreement with Plymouth's ambulance service for advanced life support -- or paramedic -- assists as needed by Culver's EMS was also approved.

Council approved a bid by Bennett's of Culver for \$4,975 -- the lowest of three bids received -- to replace the roof of Culver's water plant, the bottom four feet of which is rotting, said Porter. He added the building's old, flat roof is "the only thing preventing it from collapsing."

Other council decisions included splitting the cost, between all town departments, of a texting service for which citizens can sign up to receive town messages; the payment of \$4,254 for workman's comp insurance for Culver firemen; and \$2,995 for a "lightly used" photocopier from Anco in Plymouth. Town clerk Karen Heim noted the model in question already has 45,000 copies on it, though the least-used of the town's current copiers has over 350,000 copies on it, while the older machine has 600,000.

The council voted not to accept contention of a traffic ticket issued to Paul Berenger, who pointed to a lack of signs forbidding U-turns near the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and State Street. Town marshal Wayne Bean countered there are three signs on Lake Shore Drive within a three-block radius of the intersection.

Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield told the council of the planned ribbon cutting for the new firemen's memorial near the same intersection, which took place the following Saturday at 5 p.m.

Council member Ginny Munroe praised the presence of police and EMS personnel at this year's Lake Fest, which took place over the July 19 weekend.

Schoeff also thanked emergency personnel involved in the drowning which occurred at the town park in July.

"I just hope everybody from fire, EMS, and the park and the lifeguards gets through it okay," he added, calling the event "tragic."

"We're here for them if they need any help."

Ice cream, concerts, crafts, more upcoming at town park

The Culver town park's annual ice cream social will take place Sat., Aug. 3, with live music by Brett Wisons from Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m.

An event to announce the winner of the park's "1 Million Steps to Success" walking club will take place Monday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the beach lodge meeting room, with refreshments provided.

Craft time at the park will take place Tues., Aug. 6 at 10 a.m., for kids aged 4 to 6, and Wed., Aug. 7 at 10 a.m.

for kids aged 7 to 10, as well as Thurs., Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. for kids aged 11 to 14. The cost is \$2 per child and it will take place in the west pavilion, weather permitting.

The Concert in the Park series will resume Friday, Aug. 9, with the "Goldmine Pickers" in concert at 8 p.m. in west pavilion.

RIGHT: The Goldmine Pickers



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