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Local service clubs also triathlon winners

ABOVE, LEFT: Receiving checks towards their charitable work from the proceeds of the Lake Max Triathlon in August were the Culver Club of Culver (represented by Dick Swennumson, left), the Lions Club (represented by Don Freese, second to left), and Kiwanis Club (represented by Trent Bennett, right). Handing them checks is Dana Neer, head of Culver Academies' wellness department and lead organizer of the event (center). SEE FULL STORY, PAGE 4

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The Chamber at the Evil Czech

RIGHT: Culver's Chamber of Commerce met earlier this month at the Evil Czech Brewery in Culver, where manager of brewery operations Shawn Erikson gave attendees a tour of the microbrewing facility (Culver being the smallest town in America with such an operation) and explained the process of making the original "craft" beers served at the pub. Erikson noted the Brewery, owned by George and Tammy Pesek, recently expanded into Southern Indiana, making its beers available throughout the state. The expansion of brewing to Mishawaka currently in progress will facilitate offering canning and packaging for their beers, he added. Erikson, right, is seen here showing a bag of hops to (from left) Barbara and Ralph Winters, Kathy Clark, and Brandy Pohl.

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In Brief

Dance classes at park begin today

Culver's Parks and Recreation department will present "Dance with Megan" a dance class of ballet and contemporary being offered to girls and boys ages 4 through 11, free of charge. Dance classes will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning Thursday, Sept. 26 in the beach lodge meeting room.

Chicago tribute band tonight

A tribute to the band Chicago will be the first session of the Huffington Concert Series at Culver Academies Thursday, Sept. 26. The Brass Transit band will feature "the musical legacy of Chicago" at 8 p.m. at the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. Tickets are available by calling 574-842-7058 or emailing Marsha Coven (Marsha.Coven@culver.org). Tickets are also available at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance.

Homecoming parade Friday

Culver Comm. High School's annual Homecoming parade will take place this Friday, Sept. 27, starting at the school at 6 p.m., and moving through downtown Culver and back to the school.

VFW Friday meal

The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve a roast pork and dressing dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, and dessert for \$9 Friday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Open menu is also available. The meal is open to the public.

Scrapbooking for moms Friday

A Moms' Night Out "Scrapbooking for Moms" event will take place Fri., Sept. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the beach lodge meeting room. Bring a snack,

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Culver Fall Fest hopes to begin new tradition, off-season excitement to town

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's well-known that Culver is regarded, to a large extent, as a "summer" community as a destination spot. Several area merchants, in conjunction with the Culver Chamber of Commerce hope to move towards changing that image while bringing to fruition a long-discussed suggestion here: a community-wide, autumn event which takes advantage of the beauty and charm of Culver as a backdrop.

Talk of the Culver Fall Fest, which takes place the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20, started during the depths of last December, explains Susie Mahler of Cafe Max, when a number of local merchants discussed "something to drive traffic downtown -- we had a great brainstorming session and decided, 'Let's just pick something and do it!'"

Part of the drive, of course, from merchants' point of view, is that summers in Culver are incredibly busy already. Many local businesses, however, struggle immensely to bring in revenue the rest of the year. At the same time, many locals have, over the years, bemoaned the lack of activity options side of Culver's hectic summer months.

With that in mind, says Mahler, a February meeting brought together representatives of a variety of local entertainers and assigning ties to begin firming up plans and assigning duties. At least one long-time Chamber-sponsored activity is hoped to gain new life and expansion.

"We decided to run with the scarecrow contest and build off that," explains Mahler. Some major difference in the "new, improved" iteration of the contest were gleaned from other communities who hold similar events.

First, the Chamber is requesting scarecrow creators will allow the organization to keep their creations and bring them out again next year. Not only will the relative lack of scarecrows on Culver's streets in recent years be alleviated, but the community will hopefully be vibrant with them, and some are likely to become old favorites, year after year. See Fall Fest page 7

Plan commission revisits wind turbine controversy -- of a sort

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Those who thought they'd heard the last of the words "controversy" and "wind turbine" in the same sentence in Culver, Indiana, may have been surprised at what they heard at last Tuesday's Culver plan commission meeting.

To be fair, however, the discussion was congenial and exploratory on all sides, and the issue at hand was not the hotly debated commercial wind turbines banned earlier this year throughout the entire county, but personal Wind Energy Conversion Systems (or WECS). Specifically, the commission debated how

-- or if -- to regulate the use of such devices within the corporate limits of Culver and within the wider zoning boundary under the commission's purview.

A number of area residents previously involved in the commercial wind farm debates of the past few years were on hand Tuesday, many to discuss concerns they had in light of their own past research on the devices.

Culver building commissioner Russ Mason, who did considerable research on standards for the turbines, read several proposed changes to Culver's existing ordinance, including limiting the noise

Culver Fall Fest schedule at a glance

Friday, Oct. 18

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Reception for local artists** - Culver area artists' (some you may not have realized are artists!) works will be displayed in the Mackie building at 110 S. Main Street, during an open-to-the-public meet and greet.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Winners of the scarecrow contest** will be announced during the artists' reception at 110 S. Main.

Saturday, Oct. 19

9 a.m. Start of the *5k fun run and walk*, starting at the Culver beach lodge. Sponsored by Culver parks and recreation dept. Pre-register online at www.culverchamber.com.

9 - 11 a.m. **Children's "I am an artist" art lessons** (pre-registration required at unlockedcreativity.com) with Shelly Schrimsher, Unlocked Creativity, at depot on Main Street.

Downtown Culver: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Local artists' art gallery** open, 110 S. Main.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Photo booth fun** with Culver Photos.

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Walker, young at 91, bids REAL Meals farewell after 18 years

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Ruth Walker

off in style.

She's earned it. At age 91, Walker's role at REAL Meals began after she thought she was retired.

"I didn't get started by my will," she insists, recalling the day in November, 1995, when she agreed to come to the nutrition site, which was then located at the Lions Club depot several hundred yards west of the beach lodge. In those days, her late husband Tom used to volunteer there regularly, and one day the site director asked if Ruth would come down and join him.

A "thank you" reception for Ruth Walker

A farewell party will be held for Ruth Walker will take place during REAL Meals Mon., Sept. 30, during the noon meal, when the public is welcome to come by and greet her. Those wishing to make a reservation to share lunch with the group, which meets at the Culver beach lodge, may do so by calling 574-842-8878 by Wednesday (guests need not make reservations to attend the celebration and enjoy some cake).

"I was in the kitchen helping her and she said, 'You know Ruth, you'd make a good site director. Tom said, 'Oh no she won't! And I've been site director ever since. He was in the auditorium when I said it -- I didn't know his hearing was that good!'"

Of course, the Walkers' visible role in Culver didn't start with REAL Meals -- not by a long shot.

A self-described "Okie," Ruth says she was manager at a government post exchange during World War II when Tom See Walker page 7

agreed in writing to allow for it.

Even with the minimum requirements he proposed, Mason said anyone desiring to erect a WECS tower would have to have a special permit after meeting with the Board of Zoning Appeals and presenting their case for verification of setbacks, height, and the like.

In reply to an audience question, Mason explained WECS towers are allowed currently in areas zoned as S1 (or suburban 1), under special use in other areas, but not permitted at all in the park of L1 (lake 1) areas.

The question was raised

and debated whether the towers should be allowed within the corporate limits of the town at all.

Commission member Bill Harris suggested flickering would likely come into play anywhere in the actual town of Culver.

"If one of those goes within corporate city limits, you'll have a lot of controversy," said audience member Hank Bilsland, though commission member Barry McManaway noted, "There's a lot of difference between 20 foot and 100 foot blades," referencing the vast differentiation between huge commercial

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year. Secondly, in a shift in rules from prior years, businesses and organizations are now allowed to openly name their business or group on their scarecrows, in hopes that the event will also serve as a promotional booster for local entities.

And on top of everything else, there are \$200 in cash prizes available.

Scarecrows can be added right up to the festival itself, and should be delivered with a photo of the assembled scarecrow, and entrants may set up their scarecrow by 10 a.m. Oct. 16. Call 574-842-LAKE or visit www.culverchamber.com to register.

Another facet of the festival hoped to be a boon to local entities and businesses is the opportunity for street vendors during Saturday's downtown festivities. Booths are only \$25 (or \$15 for Chamber members), says Mahler, and organizers are encouraging not-for-profits, especially to consider viewing Culver Fall Fest as an opportunity to raise needed funds for the year, something she notes works quite well for various non-profits in Plymouth during Blueberry Festival.

"It's a great time, right before Halloween," she says. "You can sell fall items, or freezer things for Christmas."

She notes Culver's Young Farmers, for example, are sponsoring Saturday's corn hole tournament as a means of hopefully raising funds and increasing outreach into the community.

One example of local youth working together to benefit other youth is the Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), a partnership between the Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies service clubs, and

their commitment to organize, construct, and host a haunted house in the Culver beach lodge Saturday night. Mark Damore, of the Original Root Beer Stand, is making his famous Halloween decoration collection available for the event, which Mahler says will have a younger child-oriented period during its early hours and more teen appropriate vibe in its final period.

Another youth-related component of the festival is the decision to make Sunday a "kids day" (not that adults aren't welcome and won't enjoy themselves). Bringing more community youth volunteerism into the equation, Culver Academies' service club, with adult sponsors, will assist youngsters in face painting and pumpkin painting (the \$3 fee includes a take-home pumpkin).

As festival schedule indicates, Sunday's festivities include two live performances by nationally touring marionette program Stevens Puppets, of the seasonal-friendly "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," as well as readings from local children's author Jack Johnston, live music, and a judged pet costume parade.

Youth will have an opportunity to expand their creative horizons Saturday, as well, by way of Unlocked Creativity's Shelly Schrimsher, who will offer two special art classes at the depot. It's important to head online to unlockedcreativity.com (there is a fee and space is limited).

Among Saturday's other offerings will be a 5k "fun run" (and walk) starting at the beach lodge and sponsored by Culver's parks and recreation department, at 9 a.m.

Also on Saturday is the return (at 7 p.m.) of last year's Moonlight Paddle, in which a number of canoes were provided by Culver Academies for a row, under the nearly full moon, from the town beach to Long Point and back. It was -- and will be again this year -- all kicked off with a retelling of Culver's longstanding, 19th century historical ghost story, that of Potawatomi

Chief Pau-Koo-Shuck, and concluded with a cheerful bonfire on the beach, with hot dogs and other treats provided by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

New this year will be the addition of Stand Up Paddleboards provided by Ed and Becky Furry's Sail22 of Culver. More details will appear in the coming weeks in the Citizen.

Also from the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is the debut of Culver history hayrides from 4 to 6:30 p.m., starting from the depot.

The idea is something of a revival of popular Culver history bicycle rides which the AHS co-sponsored in years past, but with the intention that people of all ages -- and entire families -- can participate (and needn't be adept at bicycling!). A tractor will pull the hay wagon through Culver, stopping at a handful of locations briefly while Jeff Kenney of the AHS relays historical information about nearby sites and buildings for participants. There will likely be around three trips of the wagons, and there is a small fee for the trip.

Local artists not always very visible will have a chance to shine as a sort of "kickoff" of the festival Friday evening, at a "meet and greet" reception at 110 S. Main Street from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The artworks will remain on display throughout the weekend.

Also announced during that Friday event will be the winners of the scarecrow contest.

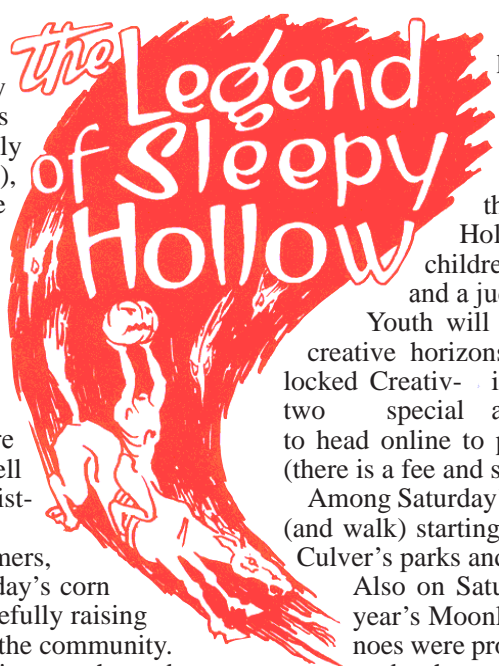
Evening entertainment of a more "grown up" sort is offered Saturday starting at 4 p.m. when the Culver Coffee Company revives its annual beer garden with live music, and later at 9, when the Lakehouse Grille hosts the Beautiful Disaster band.

The festival, Mahler emphasizes, is aimed at "bringing all ages and demographics together."

"It's a way to spend hopefully a fun day getting to know your neighbors and local merchants."

The Culver Chamber of Commerce website also includes a complete schedule, with links to registration forms, of the Fall Fest at www.culverchamber.com/fall-festival.php.

Nationally touring marionette performers Stevens Puppets will present "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" as part of Sunday's offerings for children Oct. 20 at the first annual Culver Fall Fest.



Kiwanis raffle winners announced

Culver's Kiwanis Club held the official drawing for its summer-long raffle Saturday afternoon. Winners included: Golf cart, Chad Cook from Winamac; Stand Up

Paddleboard, Lora Pinder of Culver; two bicycle, Pastor Jacob Juncker (Wesley United Methodist Church) of Culver; kayak, Gary Schlegel of Gary, Ind. Photos will ap-

pear in next week's edition of *The Culver Citizen*.

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turbines and smaller non-commercial ones.

Audience member Kevin Berger raised the concern that the town "very carefully crafted" an A1 (or agricultural 1) district recently in order to allow Culver to expand its territorial boundaries while allowing properties designated as A1 to retain the same zoning requirements as A1 properties in Marshall County.

"Now we're arguing for restrictions that could give ammunition to anyone who might protest being brought in (to a future expansion of Culver's territorial boundaries). If we put the restriction on at this point and go talk to those people about wanting them to come in, we're giving them ammo. Why put additional restrictions on ag?"

Mason read Marshall County's WECS standards to the commission and audience, noting the county allows a total tower height of 140 feet, with blades restricted to 40 feet, and a 50 kilowatt power maximum, making height the only difference between the county's, and Culver's proposed regulations.

Berger also pointed out the discussion thus far had focused on maximums, but failed to address very small devices -- such as weather stations -- not intended to be

regulated, due to the imprecision of its language.

Commission member Pete Peterson suggested limiting WECS units by voltage, which could exclude small weather stations and the like.

Bilsland noted WECS towers are completely banned on the lake, and suggested "the city ought to comply somewhat with what everybody has to comply with."

McManaway suggested careful attention to detail in crafting any legislation on the matter.

"If there are too many loopholes one way or the other -- we got caught on those storage buildings south of town (which became a court battle). When it was a legal battle, the only thing we had to fight on was what was black and white in the ordinance. That left enough ambiguity to allow that person to do what was not allowed. If it's a WECS and it's in black and white and not more definitive, any court of law will go by what it is."

Commission member Wayne Bean questioned the debate itself.

"When this started, everybody was worried about wind farms for commercial use. I think this (current proposed ordinance) meets criteria where people aren't going to have two-headed babies! Now we're arguing over the nit-picking, little things about it."

It was noted, in response to an audience query, that no requests have been made, to date, to erect WECS towers in Culver. Instead, said Ralph Winters of the commission, "We're wanting to be proactive. When you change the rules after the request, then you're really sticking your

neck out.

Audience member Bob Kreuzberger suggested restricting WECS towers to at least one-half mile from L1 or residential districts, an idea which met with positive reactions from many both on the commission and in the audience.

In the end, the plan commission voted in favor of Mason's recommendations to limit WECS units to a maximum of 50 kilowatts of power (with anything under one-half kilowatt being acceptable). Also approved was his suggestion to match the county's standards of 140 feet (including blades) maximum height for the turbines, though Bean voted against the measure.

It was noted WECS towers are still classified as "special use" (or require special permission from the BZA), and are disallowed in the park and L1 zoning areas.

Winters' motion to table the matter of banning or allowing the devices within Culver's corporate limits was also voted favorably, despite some apparent frustration from some in the audience hoping a full ban for the town would be put into effect at the meeting.

It was noted the next plan commission meeting is Sept. 15.

In other discussion, Winters noted the consulting firm handling Culver's comprehensive plan have published a draft of the plan, but that most commission members have not yet had a chance to read it. Berger suggested a comprehensive plan steering committee meeting be held to discuss the plan and its goals.

During his building commissioner's report, Mason said two properties on Obispo Street have been condemned. A property owner on Main Street with a hole in the roof of the house there has agreed to comply with requirements to take care of the problem, he added.

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Death notices

Alice M. Lemar
Sept. 17, 2013

CULVER — Alice M. Lemar, 87, of Culver died Sept. 17, 2013 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.
She is survived by a daughter, Robbie Ringer of Culver; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.
Visitation was from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Service was at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Odom Funeral Home. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.
Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.
Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.
The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Vickie Lynn Dearth
Sept. 21, 2013

CULVER — Vickie Lynn Dearth, 65, of Culver died Sept. 21, 2013 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.
She is survived by her mother, Evelyn Shepherd Dearth; and one sister.
Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 and 12-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver. Funeral service is at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 at Grace United Church of Christ. Burial will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to Grace United Church of Christ.
Letters of condolence for the family may be sent at www.odomfuneralhome.com.
The Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

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., Sept. 26: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, yogurt, fresh fruit.
Friday, Sept. 27: Spaghetti, three bean salad, salad and dressing, Italian bread, dessert.
Mon., Sept. 30: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, tropical fruit.
Tues., Oct. 1: Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, fruited Jello.
Wed., Oct. 2: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread, ambrosia.
Thur., Oct. 3: Swedish meatballs, pasta, stewed tomatoes, peas, bread, dessert.
Friday, Oct. 4: Cheesy broccoli soup, baked potato, crackers, cobbler.

Obituary

Margaret Jane Paschal Lewis
May 26, 1924 - Sept. 8, 2013

BLOOMINGTON — Margaret Jane Paschal Lewis, 89, a long-time resident of Culver, departed this world Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. At the time of her death she was a resident of the Meadowood Retirement Community in Bloomington.
Born May 26, 1924, in Springfield, Ill., to Doris Seward Paschal and Merle Barclay Paschal, Peg lived for the first 10 years of her life in Virginia, Ill. In 1934 her family moved to St. Louis, Mo., when her father was called to active duty with the newly created Army Finance Corps. Over the ensuing years they moved to several duty stations throughout the Midwest, ending with Camp McCoy, Wis., from 1944 to 1946.
She attended Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., and graduated from University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in voice and drama. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta women's fraternity.
An only child, after graduating from college Peg moved with her parents to Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, where her father was stationed at Fort Shafter. During this time she was active in the Honolulu Little Theater and in the Armed Forces Radio, where she conducted a children's hour program. After her parents' two-year tour of duty was completed, Peg stayed on in Honolulu and served as the historian for the American Graves Registration, Pacific Theater, which documented the search and recovery of the remains of servicemen lost in the Pacific Theater during World War II, many of whom were interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as the Punchbowl Memorial.
On June 21, 1949, she married 1st Lt. Charles E. Lewis, who she had known during her childhood in Virginia, Ill. Married in Honolulu, together they had five children: Andrew, Jane (Richard), David, Peter (Tammy), and Megan (Chris). Being an active duty serviceman's wife is a unique and demanding experience, in which you have to solve the problems of everyday living and raising children alone, while also having to move every two years. In addition to Hawaii, they lived at Fort Ord (in Monterey, Calif.); Pingtung and Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where her husband was with the U.S. military mission to the Chinese Nationalist Government; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Raleigh, N.C.; before moving to Culver in 1968, when her husband joined the history department at Culver Military Academy (now Culver Academies).
Throughout her life, Peg was involved in the performing arts. One of her favorite parts in Honolulu was the

Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland because, she said, she got to say "Off with their heads!" During her husband's military service she wrote, directed, and published a play, Army Wives, which described the first year in the life of a young Army wife, based on her experiences. It was performed at various Army bases across the U.S. in the 1950s. In Raleigh, she was a music teacher at St. Timothy's Day School and sang in the choir at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, often performing solos. When she and her family moved to Culver, she became involved in the theater at the Academy, often seen on stage as a performer and assisting with costumes. She was also a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church choir in Plymouth, and she was a member of the altar guild. She had a love of all kinds of music, particularly opera.
An active civic volunteer, Peg was a Cub Scout den mother in Fort Bragg and Raleigh, and a Girl Scout troop leader in Culver. She was a founding member of the Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Technicians, which she called the "cute MTs." She was also a member of Wednesday Club, where she could show off her skills at bridge. Peg was also well-known for her knitting skills, creating sweaters with complex Celtic knot patterns and baby layette sets.
In the 1980s she was part of the Culver Academies' Department of Development staff, charged with finding lost alumni.
Peg was known for her quick wit, her expansive knowledge of several subjects, and love of puzzles, especially crosswords. Her older grandchildren often said she was the smartest person they knew, and no one wanted to challenge her in a game of Trivial Pursuit. When diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1997, she remarked, "Well, that's a relief. Now at least I know what I'm facing," and proceeded to educate herself on the disease and its progression.
She is survived by her husband of 64 years, her five children, and 10 grandchildren.
A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, at 2 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth followed by a reception in the parish hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (support.pdf.org), or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org).

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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October 4th - **Deford & Decker** - 9:00 Dickie's Restaurant
October 11th - **Stephani Ruggeri** - 9:00 Dickie's Restaurant
October 18th - **Bryan Edlington** - 9:00 Dickie's Restaurant
October 25th - **Chris Calleja** - 9:00 Dickie's Restaurant
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ISTEP numbers up, ADM enrollment numbers down at Culver Community

By Lois Tomaszewski
Staff writer

Preliminary ISTEP scores were released recently for local school districts, and Culver Community Schools has not only improved its score, but attained its highest score to date.

"The school corporation continues to have steady increase in our scores," commented Culver superintendent Brad Schuldt. "We moved up from 69.2 percent to 72.7 percent passing both Math and English Language Arts, which is the highest score we have had."

Schuldt added the corporation is continuing "to close the gap on the state average, which is now less than one percentage point higher than our score."

Culver Elementary is doing "very well," he said, pointing to a 97.3 percent passing math grade in the sixth grade. Culver Comm. High School has an 80 percent passing ECA, its highest ever, he said. The middle school has a 62.3 percent overall passing rate.

State-based ISTEP testing measures student achievement in language arts, math and science. While the scores for math and language arts were released, the science scores will be delayed because it is a new subject area being assessed by the state. IREAD, the state's standardized reading test, is administered separately.

According to state directives, third graders who do not pass the IREAD cannot be promoted, except under certain considerations. The ISTEP scores carry no similar restrictions.

ISTEP results are one of the criteria used to determine the letter grade Indiana assigns to schools. While this grading system has come under scrutiny, it is still in effect and has a bearing on how the schools are perceived.

ADM numbers down for Culver

Counts for the official average daily membership or ADM that is provided to the state Department of Education at the start of school each year, have also come in.

This count is done on the same day statewide and is the basis for the per student funding the school districts receive. This year, the ADM count was completed on Friday, Sept. 13.

State policies which allow students to transfer between school districts ac-

counted for a portion of the changes in ADM enrollment. At the close of the last school year, each district set caps on how many out of district students would be allowed to come into their schools. For some of the seven school districts which serve Marshall County families, this means more students and more revenue.

At Culver Community Schools, enrollment is down 12 students, according to information provided by Superintendent Brad Schuldt to the Culver Citizen. In February during the last official count, enrollment was 866. Last week, the numbers came in at 854. ADM numbers have dropped steadily at the school in recent years.

2013 Preliminary I-STEP Scores by School district

District	English/Language Arts		Math	
	# passed	%	# passed	%
Argos	238	84.1	251	89.0
Bremen	480	75.9	538	84.6
Culver Comm.	344	79.4	359	81.8
John Glenn	631	78.1	706	87.3
Plymouth	1,374	84.1	1,425	87.6
Triton	385	89.1	391	89.9
Union North	422	76.7	473	85.7

Bell gets life plus 28 years for murder of Upsall

By Cheryl Patrick

ROCHESTER — Fulton Superior Court Judge Wayne Steele imposed sentencing on Roy Bell Monday, Sept. 16 in Fulton Superior Court for his role in the Nov. 22, 2011 slaying of Wilma Upsall at her daughter's home near Leiter's Ford.

Bell was found guilty in a bench trial of murder, burglary resulting in bodily injury, robbery and criminal confinement by Steele Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Bell accepted a plea agreement that stated he would receive life in prison for the murder charge if he was convicted, the other charges were not part of the agreement.

"The State and the Defendant entered into an agreement that provided that the parties (Bell) would waive trial by

jury; the State would withdraw the request for the death penalty and file a request for life imprisonment without possibility of parole, and should the defendant be convicted of murder (which he was), he shall receive a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole. There is no agreement as to the sentences to be imposed upon the convictions of burglary, robbery and criminal confinement and on those charges sentencing is left up to the judge," said Dave Lawson investigator for Fulton County Prosecutor.

During sentencing, Judge Steele called the murder of Upsall a senseless and cowardly act. Bell received a life sentence for the charge of murder as stated in his plea agreement. Steele sentenced Bell to an additional 10

years for the burglary resulting in bodily injury charge, with an enhancement of 10 years. The charge of robbery and criminal confinement yielded Bell an additional four years, with an enhanced four years added. Bell's complete sentence, to be served consecutively, equals life plus 28 years behind bars without any possibility of parole.

While Bell opted to waive his right to trial by jury, the other two men, William Scroggs, of Delong, and Jason Miller, of Plymouth, both opted for jury trials for their alleged involvement in burglary, robbery, and criminal confinement that resulted in the murder of Upsall. Miller's trial has been scheduled for May 13, 2014. Scrogg's trial date has yet to be set. Scroggs is however scheduled to appear for a pretrial conference Oct. 22.

Local service clubs receive financial boost from success of Lake Max Triathlon

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Three local service organizations -- the Culver Lions Club, Culver Kiwanis Club, and Culver Club of Culver -- each received \$3,500 towards their charitable activities last Thursday during the Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting at the Culver Public Library.

The funds represented the proceeds from the Lake Max Triathlon, and were presented by Culver Academies wellness director Dana Neer, the chief organizer of the event.

Neer noted many participants commented on the friendliness and helpfulness of volunteers at the August event, which drew 304 triathletes, up from 275 last year. He pointed out there have been 118 triathlons in Indiana this year as of Aug. 10, and Culver's is only one of two events

which has increased in attendance since last year.

"Before coming to Culver, I organized a lot of these events," said Neer. "And there's no better place to have these kinds of events."

As was the case last year, the triathlon launched from the campus of Culver Academies but included running and bike racing through the town of Culver, which was intended to highlight what the community has to offer.

He added the triathlon committee "wanted to make sure this was a community endeavor and that the funds come back to our community."

Attendees, he explained, represented nine states, with a number of Academies alums as well as the adult children of local people returning to the community, renting homes, eating in local restaurants, and the like.

He said as the event grows, if multiple races could be held in "waves," it's possible future triathlons could host as many as 700 to 800 people. He also said next year's event is hoped to include a children's triathlon.

In addition to the clubs represented, many of whose members volunteered to direct event participants and assist with setup, Neer expressed appreciation to Pro Form of South Bend and Francis Ellert of Culver for assistance.

Neer also encouraged community members to participate in publicly-advertised events sponsored by his department, which he emphasized are not limited to Academies faculty and staff, such as the Max Move in April, among others.

United Way hosts Culver Chamber at Mystic Hills Oct. 1

The United Way of Marshall County will host the Culver Chamber of Commerce at Mystic Hills Golf Club, 16788 12B Rd. in Culver, Tuesday, October 1, starting at 6:30 pm.

United Way Director Linda Yoder noted hors d'oeuvres for the Chamber Way event will be provided by Lakehouse Grille, a new partner in Dine Out for United Way. A portion of the proceeds at Lakehouse Grille from October 21-27 (Monday through Sunday) will support the campaign. Eighteen restaurants in Marshall County are participating in the

2013 Dine Out for United Way program; for a complete list visit www.marshallcountyuw.org.

Mystic Hills Golf Club has been a continuous participant in the Golf for United Way program; golfers can still buy a card for \$50 and play one round of golf at each of six courses in Marshall County.

'The Power of We' is this year's campaign theme and symbolizes the spirit of United Way's mission.

"We have the power to strengthen our neighborhoods,

bolster the health of our communities and change the lives of those who walk by us every day," said Lance Overmyer, one of this year's campaign chairs. The goal this year is \$500,000.

To RSVP for this event or to learn more about United Way agencies, programs and services, visit online at marshallcountyuw.org, email info@marshallcountyuw.org, call 574.936.3366 or stop by the United Way offices at 2701 N Michigan, Plymouth.

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11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Street fair** with vendors (between Madison and Washington Streets) including restaurants, food booths, independent vendors selling wares, and more.

11 a.m. **Corn hole tournament** (pre-register online by age at www.culverchamber.com). Sponsored by Culver Young Farmers.

1 p.m. **Chili tasting and cook-off** (pre-register at www.culverchamber.com) with \$200 in prize money for winner. Lot at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

Uptown

1 - 3 p.m. **Children's "I am an artist" art lessons** (pre-registration required at unlockedcreativity.com) with Shelly Schrimsher, Unlocked Creativity, at depot on Main Street.

4 p.m. **Beer garden** opens, with **live music by Acoustically Speaking**. Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore

Drive.

4 - 6:30 p.m. **Culver history hayrides** (hayride with narration of Culver historical sites). Starts from depot. Sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

5 - 9 p.m. **Haunted house** at the Culver beach lodge. Sponsored by CYCO (Culver Youth Comm. Organization).

7 p.m. **Moonlight paddle and local ghost story** (starts on public beach, paddle to Long Point and back. Sponsored by Culver Academies' Wellness Dept. and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

9 p.m. **Live music with Beautiful Disaster**, Lakehouse Grille, 620 Lake Shore Drive.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Kids Day, downtown

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Local artists' art gallery** open, 110 S. Main.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Photo booth fun** with Culver Photos.

10 a.m. - noon. **Live, all-ages music** (details TBA).

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Pumpkin and face painting** (includes take-home pumpkin). Sponsored by Culver Academies Service Club

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Local **children's author Jack Johnston** will read his book, "The Ice Cream Hotel" intermittently.

11:30 - noon. **"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" live marionette** performance by Stevens Puppets.

12:30 - 1 p.m. Second performance of **"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" live marionette** performance by Stevens Puppets.

2 p.m. **Pet costume parade** (two-block parade with judging, categories, ribbons, and 'poo' bags).

CGA wins LaPorte Sectional



PHOTO PROVIDED/ STEVE READ

CGA's girls golf team won its first sectional title in 14 years at the LaPorte Sectional Friday at Beechwood. From left to right the team is back row: Lauren Read, Makenna Morsches, Tavia Maurovic, MacKenzie Toth, and Hanna Brumbach; in front is head coach Fred Haase.

ished sixth with a 475 score.

CGA, LaPorte and Glenn advance to the Lafayette Jefferson Regional next Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Battle Ground Golf Club in Lafayette.

"It was a nice day for the girls, it was a nice day for me," said CGA girls golf coach Fred Haase. "We haven't really competed for a sectional title since my daughter Caroline was here. It was an end to a long drought, and I think everyone was pretty happy and pretty relieved after the day was over."

CGA's top three finished as the top three overall at the

By James Costello
Sports Editor
LaPORTE — Culver Girls Academy made the most of its new sectional realignment on Friday. The Lady Eagles carded a 349 at Beechwood in their first year after transferring out of the Warsaw tourney to the LaPorte Sectional, beating out the field by a convincing 43 strokes to end a 14-year sectional championship drought.

LaPorte shot 392 for runner-up honors in the team standings, while John Glenn earned its second straight team regional berth just a stroke back, and Knox finished sixth with a 475 score.

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CMA plays Plymouth to 1-1 draw



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

CMA's Alec Abaunza dribbles the ball downfield while teammate Peter Talbot looks on in the background during a soccer game at Plymouth last week.

Rockies remained up a goal at the half.

But CMA came out fast in the second half, and Nick Bissonnette wriggled free for a near-post goal on a Tanner Grant service around a minute and a half into the second period.

Both teams recorded shot after shot, but neither was able to find the back of the net again.

"We had a rhythm going, and we thought we could get around the side and play those balls in and split the defense, but it had to be from a deep run because we've been susceptible to going offsides," said Green of his team's goal Tuesday. "They took it, they had the opportunity with our forwards coming inside, and he started his run deep and our center forward was able to

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Lions run, pass past Culver Community, 45-14

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer



PHOTO/MISSI COFFEL

Culver's Trent Elliott outruns a pair of Bremen players during a Northern State Conference game at home in Culver last week.

CULVER — Try these Bremen numbers for offensive balance.

With two plays left in the first half — 117 yards passing, 117 yards rushing.

For the evening, the Lions clawed up 393 yards of total offense, scored in each of their four first-quarter possessions and rolled to a 45-14 Northern State Conference football win at Culver Community on Friday.

Speaking of establishing the run, Bremen freshman running back Grant Klockow averaged better than 9 yards per carry with 130 rushing yards in 14 tries and touchdowns of 12, 13, and 10 yards. His first score handed the Lions a commanding 24-0 lead with 25.4

ticks left in the first stanza.

Senior quarterback Kai Slough connected on 7-of-10 attempts for 145 yards, highlighted by a 47-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Bennitt to polish off the game's opening drive. Slough capped off Bremen's final scoring possession with a 1-yard keeper with 9:37 left in the game.

Another 39-yarder to Bennitt set up a Josh Fuchs 3-yard scoring plunge, and combined with Ryan Zellmer's two-point run put Bremen up 14-0 with 6:28 left in the opening frame.

Meanwhile, the Cavs' defense struggled against the multifaceted Bremen offense. "We had to shuffle people," Culver head coach Andy Thomas said. "(Bremen) did a good job finding our weaknesses. We overcompensated and that left us weak in some areas. It's hard against a team like that with a lot of weapons."

Although Culver's Preston Hansel twice intercepted his counterpart and Westin Bush recovered a Bremen fumble, the Cavs missed a few defensive opportunities, none bigger than on the Lions' first scoring play. With Slough sitting in the pocket, a Culver defender whiffed on a tailor-made sack chance and Slough escaped to hit Bennitt over the middle.

"I'm very disappointed with our pursuit and running to the ball," Thomas said. "They had a couple of runners with 9 yards a carry. They did a good job up front, but we need to do a better job getting to the ball. There were a couple of times we thought we had them sacked. We can't afford to let them have second chances."

Offensively, Hansel, the Cavs' junior quarterback, rushed for 84 yards on 24 carries, including a 7-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. He also connected with senior Trent Elliott four times for 68 yards, led by a 45-yard pass play in the second frame that set up Everett Krueger's 1-yard run to make it a 24-7 game with 9:21 left before the intermission.

While Bremen, which beat Triton 52-7 last Friday, secured its second convincing win in a row, Culver, after falling 62-0 at New Prairie last week, suffered a second straight setback.

"We have some players kind of feeling the cumulative effect of getting it handed to us two weeks in a row," Thomas said. "The positive is we practiced hard this week. That's our only chance we have is to practice hard."

Bremen hosts LaVille next Friday, while Culver welcomes Knox.

• BREMEN 45
CULVER COMMUNITY 14
At Culver

Sports briefs

Girls soccer Shaffer powers Cavs past Lions

Kayla Shaffer put her team up 2-0 with a pair of set piece kicks, and the Lady Cavaliers held on for a 3-2 win over Northern State Conference foe Bremen at home in Culver Thursday night.

Shaffer scored on a penalty kick in the 16th minute and followed up with a score on a free kick in the 22nd minute to stake her team to a two-goal advantage.

Katelyn Aguayo scored

two goals for Bremen to knot the score at 2-all, but Shaffer completed a hat trick in the game's 56th minute, and Culver held on for the win.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, BREMEN 2
At Culver

Hardy saves Culver

Mickella Hardy racked up 17 saves at goalkeeper, and Culver Community's girls soccer team beat Northern State Conference foe John Glenn 3-1 in a game at North Liberty Wednesday night.

Courtney Littleton

scored in just the second minute, and Kayla Shaffer added the insurance goal for Culver in the 19th minute.

Shaffer struck again on a Shakkira Harris assist in the 76th minute.

Glenn's Ashley Sherman finally found the back of the net for her team in the game's final minute, while Dana Rector made four saves in goal for the Lady Falcons in the loss.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, JOHN GLENN 1
At North Liberty

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put that on his feet, which helped him break past the defense.”

While Bissonnette and Aguilar scored goals, the game’s biggest plays came from the keepers.

Perley Provost finished with nine saves in goal, and Stone recorded 12 in the start filling in for usual Rockies first stringer Zach Lee.

Stone’s biggest stop came in the 32nd minute when a foul inside the Plymouth box set up a Grant PK. Stone fired himself up before the set play, and he went right on the kick for a diving deflection that was rebounded by the CMA side but sailed far left to maintain the home team’s 1-0 advantage.

“The goalie’s got to guess or he’s got to wait for the shot to see what happens. A lot of kickers lately have just been going two, three feet wide on one side

hoping the goalie got the other side,” said Green. “In this instance, I think our guy chose the wrong side; in practice he tends to go the other way and doesn’t miss. It is what it is — give credit to the goalie for seeing to the ball and making the play and then for their defense to follow up on the rebound.”

CMA missed another opportunity late as Plymouth played a man down when a red card was issued to Rockies sophomore mid Kameron Ray with 7:20 left to play. The Eagles’ best attempt came in the 75th minute when Bissonnette kicked a high drive at the Plymouth net and Stone deflected it off the cross-beam.

It was a solid showing for the Rockies reserves playing a man down with Aguilar sidelined since the 58th minute with a hamstring cramp and the team

already out two of its usual starters in midfielders Clay Marshall and Ronaldo Garcia.

Plymouth moves to 3-6-2 on the season, while CMA moves to 3-3-1.

Both coaches saw Tuesday’s game bring out the best in their players. If they draw each other a third straight year at next month’s Class 2A Warsaw Sectional, both expect more of the same.

“I think it sets us up for Warsaw,” Green said of Tuesday’s draw. “If we get the draw a third year in a row it’s going to be an interesting game. We’re both going to develop as the season goes on. This is our seventh game, and probably our best team game, so it’s going to be something to watch come next month.”

• PLYMOUTH 1, CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 1
At Plymouth

CGA from page 5

tournament as first-year Canadian import Tavia Maurovic shot 80 to earn individual low-medalist honors at par 74 Beechwood, LaVille transfer Lauren Read and Mackenzie Toth both carded 86, freshman Hannah Brumback shot 97, and Makenna Morsches turned in the team’s fifth score of 112.

Sitting at 173 at the turn, the Eagles already had the championship in the bag. “When you have three scores like that it really puts you in the driver’s seat,” said Haase. “We were 26 strokes up after nine holes so at that point I think a lot of the pressure was off, and it made the back nine a lot more relaxing and fun to watch.”

Just last year, Glenn earned its school-first team regional berth. Now the Lady Falcons are headed back.

Junior Morgan Eggleston carded a formidable 43 on the back nine at Beechwood on her way to a team-low 92 for Glenn, freshman Anna Schmeltz shot 95 in her first-ever sectional tilt, Madeleine Silvey continued a strong late season push with a 102, Emma Reese remained consistent with a 104, and Presley Gee finished with a 112 — a score that would have pushed Glenn over the top of LaPorte had the Falcons shaved off one of their top four strokes to tie with the host Slicers.

In addition to Friday’s second straight ticket out to Lafayette Jeff, Glenn finished the regular season with an impressive 17-5 record. Team chemistry and a healthy competition among players has been the key to the Falcons’ success this year, says Schmeltz.

With two of the state’s top-ranked teams expected at the Battle Ground next week in Valparaiso and Lafayette Jefferson, Glenn and CGA will be competing for the third spot out to the state finals at the Legends in Franklin on Oct. 4.

It’s a bit of a long shot, but anything’s possible says Haase. “I’m guessing it’ll take our best round of the year. Our 349 today was our best round of the year, and I’m guessing it’ll take something even better than that to get out of the regional,” said the CGA boss.

“I don’t think we can compete with Valparaiso and Lafayette Jeff... but I think if we can shoot down in the high 330s, which will take us not making some of the mistakes we typically make, who knows? I’d say that will give us a chance.”

• LAPORTE GIRLS GOLF SECTIONAL
At Beechwood (Par 74)

Team scores (Top three advance as a team): 1. Culver Girls Academy 349, 2. LaPorte 392, 3. John Glenn 393, 4. Michigan City 439, 5. New Prairie 440, 6. Knox 475, 7. Marquette 623

Sports from page 5

Wright and CGA win 6-0

Anne Marie Wright logged a hat trick with three goals, and the Lady Eagles pitched a 6-0 shutout of visiting Elkhart Christian at home at the Culver Academies Monday night.

Wright gave her team a 2-0 advantage with two quick scores on a pair of Allison Baker assists in the 16th and 17th minutes of the game. She notched her third goal in the 52nd minute to push CGA out to a 5-0 advantage.

Baker, Amber Cowell and Claire Haldewang each scored goals for the Eagles as well as they out-shot ECA by a lopsided 18-2 count.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 6, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 0
At Culver

Boys tennis

CMA shuts out Riley

Culver Military shut out visiting South Bend Riley in a tennis match at home in Culver Monday.

In the most competitive score at 1 doubles, Brian Tao and Martin Fecarrota handed Corey Fletcher and Matt Paluszewski a 6-3, 6-1 defeat, while Christopher Bilicic won a 6-3 first set to put Ryan Thompson away 6-3, 6-0.

The Eagles gave up just three games on the other three courts combined as they moved to 5-3 on the year.

• CULVER MILITARY 5, S.B. RILEY 0
At Culver

Volleyball

Lady Cavs rally past Judson

Culver Community battled back from a loss in the first game to hand North Judson a 25-27, 26-24, 25-23, 25-20

loss Thursday night.

Samantha Howard finished with 12 kills and 13 assists, and Tosha Harris recorded 22 digs with three aces. Donna Zehner put down nine kills with a pair of aces, and Bayli Fearnow recorded 16 digs in the Culver win.

Judson stats for the match were unavailable.

• CULVER 3, NORTH JUDSON 1 (25-27, 26-24, 25-23, 25-20)

CGA outlasts Culver

Culver Girls Academy outlasted Culver Community in five games in a back-and-forth crosstown battle at the Academies Monday, 27-25, 25-13, 24-26, 23-25, 15-9.

Katy Bjornson led the victors with a balanced 24 kills and 24 digs, while Olivia Sever and Sarah Boland each served up three aces. Rachel Simon set an impressive 42 assists in the win, which pushes CGA to 5-6.

Culver Community was paced by Samantha Howard’s 19 kills with nine assists and five aces, while Bayli Fearnow notched eight kills and 19 digs and Tosha Harris had eight kills and 17 digs for the Cavs, who slip to 5-9.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3,
CULVER COMMUNITY 2 (27-25, 25-13, 24-26, 23-25, 15-9)
At Culver Academy

Girls golf

CGA tops 3-way

Plymouth saved up its best score for last as the Lady Pilgrims golf team closed out its regular season with a team-best 189 score at home at the Plymouth Country Club Monday night. The score was good enough for a split with Adams and Culver Girls Academy as the Lady Eagles topped Plymouth with a score of 172.

The Pilgrims varsity got a pair career-best scores from Emily Denney and Kelly Henderson at 43 and 44, respectively, while Randi Dunn shot 48, Katie McDonald carded 54, and Morgan Oberly shot 55 at the home meet.

Individual scores were not available for either CGA or Adams.

The Pilgrims will enter sectional play at Stonehenge this Saturday, while CGA travels to the LaPorte Sectional at Beechwood Friday.

• CGA 172, PLYMOUTH 189, ADAMS 200
At PCC (Par)

Boys soccer

Bill lifts Culver

Henrik Bill scored his second goal of the evening on a Derek Keller assist to break a 2-2 tie with just two and a half minutes remaining, and Culver Community earned a thrilling 3-2 win over visiting Lakeland Christian at home Thursday.

Kennan Galloway put Culver on the board on a Nick Pritz assist in the seventh minute before Radonia Pestic’s equalizer in the 25th minute. Bill put Culver back out front with his first goal in the 32nd minute before Pestic again responded with a goal just over 30 seconds later.

Marshall Anderson finished with eight saves in goal as Culver held on for the victory.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, LAKELAND CHRISTIAN 2
At Culver

Eagles down LaLumiere

Culver Military jumped out to an initial three-goal lead and held on for a 3-1 victory over visiting LaLumiere Thursday.

Dominic Puzevic, recently moved up to forward, scored on a Nick Bissonnette assist in the eighth minute, and Bissonnette assisted Leonardo Rodriguez in the 26th minute to give CMA a 2-0 halftime edge.

Andrew Sada started the second half scoring on an Austin Daugherty helper in the 56th minute to complete the Eagles’ score sheet.

Perley Provost made three saves in goal as CMA enjoyed an 11-5 shots on goal advantage versus LaLumiere.

• CULVER MILITARY 3, LALUMIERE 1
At Culver



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Torf participates in Air Force program

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Air Force Cadet Jason Torf was a summer research program participant. He did takeoff analysis for F15 at Boeing, St Louis. He is also starting hockey goalie for USAFA Falcons

Torf is a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. The cadet has served in the military for three years.

He is the son of Kevin and Susan Torf of Via Del Monte, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

He graduated in 2009 from Culver Military Academy, Culver.

Walker from page 1

was attending officers' school in Oklahoma.

"I was standing out in front of the entryway steps for some reason and he went by...and told his rider, 'I'm going to marry that woman.' Ten days later, we were married. Somebody said it would never last."

But last it did. Were Tom, who was born and raised in Culver and died in 2006, still alive today, the couple would this year celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary.

The couple moved to Culver in 1945, when Tom purchased Mel Keen's photo studio on Lake Shore Drive and Lake Street.

"I came into Culver for the first time on the Doodlebug (train), and I thought, 'What have I got myself into?' Tom was coming from his military post at Indianapolis, so his mother met me. We went out to their cottage on the lake and I thought, 'Holy smokes!' It was cold and there was ice on the lake. I had never seen that before!

"But I have never regretted it. I love Culver. I don't think I could ever be happy any other place."

Besides running the studio for decades, Ruth notes they also purchased Henry Hinkle's taxi cab service, which they ran for many years as well.

"One minute you'd be shooting a (Culver Academy) cadet or a baby," she says of the photo business, "and the next minute you're shooting Newman's cows! I never thought I'd do something like that, but it was fun."

In more recent years, Tom and Ruth, who also raised their only child, son Thomas K., in Culver, purchased a farm on 17th Road. That they sold before buying Ruth's present house on Lake Shore Drive.

Up to 1987, Ruth had also worked at Culver Academies "for 20 or 30 years," having been asked by Charlie Ricciardi in the tailor shop to help out as a seamstress. She was managing the department by the time she retired.

"I have never worked at a place I didn't enjoy," she notes.

Fr. Largent installation Mass, reception at St. Mary's

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Fr. Jeffrey Largent, left, was formally installed as pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver at the Sept. 14 vigil (evening) Mass. Largent, who was pastor at the church for 12 years ending in 2001, was re-assigned to St. Mary's in August. Bishop Kevin Rhoades would typically have presided over the liturgy, but fell and broke his collar bone shortly before, and so was represented by vicar Fr. David Ruppert, right. A reception followed the Mass in the basement of the church.



Over the years, the Walkers were active in Culver's VFW Post and Lions Club, as well as Wesley United Methodist Church, where Ruth still attends.

She and Tom, a veteran of World War II in the famous 1st American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers," traveled a while after what they thought was her retirement.

"I hadn't planned to go back to work," says Ruth of the start of the REAL Services chapter of her life.

When she started at the nutrition site for older adults, which meets for lunch and socializing each weekday, there were 40 to 45 attendees. As regulars passed away or entered the nursing home, that number has dwindled to the point that volunteers are seeking to spread the word about the service in hopes to keep numbers up and keep the site open.

"We have the nicest site area there," she says, alluding especially to the sprawling view of Lake Maxinkuckee from the beach lodge meeting room's windows.

Each weekday morning (excepting holidays and days when inclement weather has forced the doors to close) for the past 18 years, Ruth Walker has arrived at the beach lodge 30 to 45 minutes prior to the required arrival time of 10 a.m. A log records attendance, food temperatures, and each step of the process, which also includes sanitizing tables and cleanup after the meal.

Walker says it's a "special day" when residents of Culver's Pathfinders group home come to lunch at REAL Meals.

"When they come down they are so happy and it isn't just the food," she says. "It's the idea of getting out and being with some other people. I take my hat off to the people who work there."

Wednesdays usually mean volunteers at the site from a local church, service club, or Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, which also provides blood pressure and sugar screenings for attendees the first Wednesday of the month,

as well as "musical bingo."

She adds that Culver park superintendent Kelly Young "has been very nice. I have no complaints."

She has enjoyed -- and continues to enjoy -- those who share a meal at the site such as Pearl Harbor survivor and former Culver bowling alley owner Jim Dewitt, a regular.

But Walker saves particular praise for Jeanette Geiselman, who she says she considers her assistant, even if Geiselman waives off the title.

"Jeanette is one of the nicest people God ever put on this earth," Walker says. "She's really a special lady. I can be off and she does the job....and she won't leave until I leave. My sisters are both gone now; she's as near a sister as I have."

Ruth Walker doesn't know who will take the reins as site director for Culver's REAL Meals program, but she rejects expectations that she might resent any new direction taken by the next director.

"We need somebody new to get in there and I don't feel badly about it," she explains. "They can get somebody new with new ideas and you can build (attendance) back to where it was."

She says some have worried she won't have enough to do, but she insists there's plenty at home she'd like to get done. Plus, just because she'll be wrapping up her tenure as site director doesn't mean she has to be a stranger at REAL Meals.

"I was informed I'd better go get a meal down there (at the nutrition site) sometimes! It won't be every day," she adds with a smile, "but we'll see."

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drink, supplies and inspiration. There is no charge. **IOOF breakfast Sat.**

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 IOOF will hold an all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Sept. 28 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the lodge, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads, Culver. Adults are \$8 and children \$6. There will also be a bake sale with items from the Union Twp. 4H.

Town wide yard sale this wk

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a fall town wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like your sale listed on the map, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140 or clerk@townofculver no later than Sept. 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be available beginning Thursday, September 26 at town hall, Dairy Barn and Osborn's Mini-Mart as well as online at www.townofculver.org.

Final carillon recital Saturday

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of the Academies, will present a recital Saturday, September 28, at 4 p.m., on the 51-bell carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel, Culver Academies. The program will feature music by carillonneurs who have at various times played carillon recitals at Culver, including Antoni Gaudi, Stefano Colletti, and a suite "completed" by Gouwens and originally written by Ronald Barnes. As usual, Gouwens will include some hymn improvisations in the program as well.

This is the final carillon recital for the 2013 series. The next special musical event at the Chapel is an organ recital by Wesley Parrott, from Philadelphia, on Sunday, November 10, at 4 p.m.

In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital (which would be indicated on signs near the South doors), and printed programs will be available near the doors as well. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance.

Library book sale this wk

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will sponsor a book sale Thursday, September 26 from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in the lower level of the library. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk during library hours.

Community meal at St. Mary's Monday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Monday, Sept. 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be pro-

vided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Rita Lawson Science Fiction Book Club

CUTPL's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion group will meet Saturday, September 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "A Discovery of Witches" by Deborah Harkness. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Free computer classes in Sept.

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free technology classes in September take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., including eBook & Audiobook Workshop (Sept. 27). Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Lions Fall Fest Oct. 5

The Culver Lions Club will host its annual Fall Fest (pancake breakfast / bake sale / flea market) on Oct. 5 at the depot on Lake Shore Drive. Things will start at 6 a.m., and the pancake breakfast will go to 11 a.m.; the flea market will end at 2 p.m. Those with items to donate to the flea market, please contact Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460.

Hydrant flushing starts Oct. 7

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants beginning Monday, October 7 through Friday, October 18. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color; however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

Town-wide cleanup

Culver's fall town wide clean up day will take place Saturday, October 12. Details will be available in future editions of *The Citizen*.

Community meal at Grace Oct. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, Oct. 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.

Mobile food pantry returns Oct. 18

The Mobile Food Pantry, which was very successful earlier this year in Culver, will return Friday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the train depot at 615 E. Lakeshore Drive. The event, sponsored by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana (www.feedindiana.org), will offer fresh perishable items and dry goods free of charge, 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 home. Please bring a valid photo ID (drivers license, State ID, etc.) for service.

There is a possibility of cancellations due to weather conditions. Those with questions may call 574-232-9986 ext. 137 or email: dsingh@feedingamerica.org.

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Library board appointment

Culver Town Council is looking for an interested individual to serve on the Culver-Union Township Library Board. The individual chosen would serve through December 31, 2014. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to Town Hall no later than 4 p.m., October 8. Contact Town Hall at 574.842.3140 with any questions.

Texas Hold-em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament on the second Sunday of each month, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$45 buy-in (no re-buys), \$10,000 chips, and a \$5 add-on, \$2,000 extra chips at the time of buy-in (25 percent goes to the house, 75 percent in the pot). License number 129586.

Warning siren down

The Marshall County Sheriff's Department advises that the outdoor warning siren located at 17495 15B Road is currently not operational. Emergency Radio Service has been contacted and are working on fixing the problem. However, the siren will be down for an extended period of time. Residents who have relied on this siren in the past for advanced notification of severe weather, should utilize other sources such as NOAA All Hazard Emergency Alert Radio, television, or commercial radio for receiving and monitoring severe weather alerts.

Walking Club at the park

The "No More Excuses" Walking Club meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Culver beach lodge meeting room each week. Everyone is welcome and there are no commitments.

Lions collecting school supplies

The Culver Lions Club is making sure students have needed school supplies and is asking for community help. You may make your checks payable to Culver Lions Club or give pens, paper, rulers, compasses, erasers, back packs, or any other school materials. Contact any Lion, or Jim Harper at 842-2962.

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 Enviroscope. The exhibit may be viewed during museum hours at the Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the Culver library.

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 \$2.50 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.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org.