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Cavalier pride at Homecoming time

ABOVE: Culver Community High School students celebrated Homecoming in style Friday evening with the school's annual parade through Culver before the football game against Knox. And, while the Cavs suffered a painfully close, last-second (literally) loss to the Redskins, Culver students weren't lacking in school spirit or pride, as the parade photos above indicate.

Crowned the 2013 Homecoming Queen (BELOW, RIGHT) was Shakira Harris (seated at left), escorted by Jordan Sanders during the game's halftime festivities, which also included a fireworks display over the field. Harris was crowned by last year's Queen, Crystal Looney. SEE PAGE 5 FOR COVERAGE OF THE HOMECOMING GAME.

In Brief

Lions Fall Fest Saturday

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 Monday

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

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Behmer family celebrates more than 150 years as 'household name,' area farm family with award, reunion

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Behmer family of Culver may have been recognized in August for the second time by the State of Indiana (the first was in 1977, when the Behmer farm was honored with a Hoosier Homestead Award; the present award is the Hoosier Homestead Award, for which farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years), but in the Culver area, the Behmer name has been well-known all along. In fact, for many residents of past generations it was literally a household name.

That's due largely to the moniker given the main travel artery between Cul-

ver and Plymouth: the Behmer Road. That road, like many in the county identified by the families who early occupied them, or some other feature, has a far less interesting name today, that of 14B, and the bulk of travelers to Plymouth simply pass it by as they drive up State Road 17. But it wasn't always so.

The story of the Behmer family in Culver begins in 1855 with Daniel G. Behmer, according to Edwin Corwin's "One Township's Yesteryears" book. Daniel, the son of Henry and Mary Behmer, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, moving to Akron, Ohio with his parents and in 1855 settling on his own in Marshall County.

He married Mary Jane Platt in 1856 and in 1862 they bought, from the Wabash and Erie Canal Company, 160 acres in the north of Union Township, the site of today's Behmer farm. The following year they built a log cabin, just east of the present farmhouse.

"This tract and the surrounding land were then covered with primeval forest," notes Corwin. "The roads were but trails."

Daniel G. Behmer died in 1903 and Mary Jane died in 1916.

Their great grandson, J. Richard Behmer, son of Harold E. and Jessie Behmer, was born in 1915 (he died in 1971), attended Culver High School, and spent his entire life on the homestead farm, which he expanded from the original 92 to 386 acres (it has since been reduced to around 180 acres). J. Richard married Marvoline Bollenbacher, and the couple had three children: Anne, Linda, and John. And while Linda and her husband Bill (of Pizza Bill's fame in Plymouth) moved to Las Vegas 16 years ago, John and Anne continue to live in the area.

John notes that his father's father was an only son, as was his own father Richard, and since John Behmer him-

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ABOVE: Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann (right) and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Gina Sheets (left) present John and Anne Behmer with a Hoosier Homestead Award Aug. 7 at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.

State grants Hoosier Homestead Award to Behmer family

By Lois Tomaszewski
August 7 wasn't the first time that the Behmer family in Union Township has been honored by the state.

The first time was in 1977, when the family farm was honored with a Hoosier Homestead Award.

For five generations, the Behmer family have been farmers or continued to own the original farm established in 1863 by Daniel G. Behmer, who settled in Marshall County from Lancaster, Penn. in 1855. In the Culver area, 160 acres was purchased in 1862 from the Wabash and Erie Canal Company by David G. Behmer and his wife Mary Jane Platt through a land grant.

Today it is Daniel's great great grandchildren, John Behmer, Anne Behmer and Linda Behmer Bartlett who continue to hold onto the

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Culver comp plan: on track or in trouble? Council, public raise questions

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The status of Culver's comprehensive plan has some business and community leaders worried, and they expressed their concerns at last week's meeting of Culver's town council.

The discussion arose during the citizen input portion of the Sept. 24 meeting, when Kevin Berger, who had been a major force in pushing for the comprehensive plan -- Culver's first in over a decade -- to take place, said he was "really disappointed in the way this is moving forward."

Berger suggested preliminary language for the plan coming in from consulting group Houseal Lavigne, which began work on the plan earlier this year, seemed too vague and boiler-plate.

"Are you guys (on the council) getting your issues addressed, at least? What about the (need for a) new town hall? What about our expanded boundaries?"

Town manager Dave Schoeff replied that work on the plan is still "very early in the process," and asserted more detailed directives will be addressed in individual chapters of the plan, which have not yet been completed. Instead, he said what has been sent to steering committee members are more general statements of visions and goals, based on meetings with individuals and groups earlier this year. The plan, he noted, is set for completion in January or February.

Kathy Clark, a member of the comprehensive plan steering committee, said that committee met only one time prior to the first public hearing regarding the plan.

"The (committee) chairman didn't email the committee members about the second meeting; Dave (Schoeff) and I were the only ones who knew about it.

"That's the extent of our involvement," she said, adding that the draft vision statement has "blatant errors" such as omissions of organizations which played a major role in improving Lake Maxinkuckee.

"Several groups feel like they're being used as a dupe," she added. "Houseal Lavigne says it's up to (steering committee chair) Ralph Winters and Dave to meet."

Schoeff said groups finding inaccuracies should give their input, and also affirmed meetings toward the plan aren't over yet.

He added he emailed Winters earlier that day and there's a plan to set up a steering committee meeting in the next few weeks. Houseal Lavigne, he added, is "very frustrated."

"They're not getting input; this side's not getting input. It's as much my fault as anybody else's, but we will make that happen."

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Kiwanis raffle winner

Winner of the 2013 Kiwanis charity raffle golf cart was Chad Cook (seated at left), whose son Carter convinced him to buy the ticket! Pictured are Carter, little brother Calvin, and sis Ellie Cook, along with Larry Wahsburn of Portside Marina. At left is Kiwanis president Larry Brockey. Other winners included (Stand Up Paddleboard) Lora Pinder of Culver; (two bicycles) Pastor Jacob Juncker of Culver; (kayak) Gary Schlegel of Gary, Ind.

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self never married, this Behmer line "is dying."
Richard and family were members of the Hibbard Evangelical Church until it closed its doors in 1967, and Richard grew a herd of registered Guernsey dairy cows, his children carrying on their father's 4H tradition of showing them at the county and even the state fair.
"Daddy didn't go buy cattle for the fair," notes Anne. "He built the herd up. By the time John was graduating we had a grand champion. Daddy improved the herd that much over the years."

The original Behmer farmhouse, which replaced the old log cabin in 1895, burned down in 1961. Anne remembers the fire occurring the day before her Culver High School class' senior trip.

The current house was built on the same site the same year.

"Dad went and cut all the studs and plates from the woods here, from yellow poplar," explains John. "The rooms are all paneled in butternut, cherry and sassafras -- all of that wood came from the farm. You should have seen all the logs stacked here!"

One unusual aspect of the farm is its barn, which was built in 1947, the year John was born. The upper level -- or hayloft -- design, unlike most barns, has no support beams but instead is made of laminated rafters from Wisconsin (John believes their father got the idea from a visit to that state), making for a spacious and unusual-looking area of the building.

"To me that's one of the neatest things on the farm," he adds.

John recalls the family story that few houses in the area had refrigerators at the time of Anne's birth; when their parents ordered an electric refrigerator to accommodate little Anne's milk needs, their Montgomery Ward order was the first one.

The family had 25 milking cows at the most, John says ("You could never make it on that today"), and Anne remembers the family pasteurizing their own milk in long-neck milk bottles, which all the cream would rise to the top, "up to curve."

The Behmers had earlier sold their milk to the Pure Milk Association of Chicago, and later Dean's dairies.

"Dad made enough off the milk to buy the food," John says. "It was good enough income to be worthwhile. We also raised crops: corn, soybeans, wheat, and oats."

At one time the farm included a small orchard with apple, pear, and cherry trees.

In addition, their father used to trap animals on the farm, selling the pelts of muskrat, mink, and even raccoons.

"We had registered coon dogs and dad did a lot of hunting," Anne says, adding wistfully, "I loved to go with him to do that. It was at night and the stars would be out and it would be crisp. I used to sing when we did it and Daddy said I'd scare every coon around!"

Anne also remembers the family eating pheasant and quail, squirrel and rabbit, all from the farmland.

"It was just the best life in the world, growing up. I'm not saying it wasn't hard. I couldn't go to the library in the summer because there was too much else to do, and that really upset me. I was a big reader."

After graduating from CHS, Anne attended Purdue with the intent of becoming a home economics teacher ("But there were too many science courses!"). After her divorce, she says she applied for a job in accounting while in Los Angeles. She says she "found my niche" in that field.

She stayed in accounting for 40 years, until her retirement.

Linda worked in the Marshall County auditor's office for more than 15 years before she and Bill moved to Las Vegas. She also attended Purdue after graduation, planning to be a math teacher.

John served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, which paid for his college (he's the only one of his siblings to graduate), earning his degree in Business Administration at Ball State.

He worked for 13 years for General Telephone in Elkhart before starting his own company, Fixaphone of Michiana, from which he retired.

He tried his hand at farming after their father died. His one year at it, he decided, was "all I was going to do!"

Contemplating the changes in farming since their father's days, Anne and John point to major shifts in equip-

ment used, but also in how much more diversified their father's farming was.

"We had chickens and sold eggs," says Anne, "and we butchered and ate them; we had pigs, though that was before our time. We were basically self-sufficient; we had milk, our crops, and a huge garden east of the house. I swore I would never garden again!"

"The girls made all their clothes back then. I remember when I got married I told Mom I wanted a bought wedding dress because most of my clothes up 'til that time we had made.

"I thought my grandfather Harold probably saw the greatest change any one generation will see," Anne notes. "He went from horse and buggies to a man landing on the moon!"

"They had a lot simpler life, but it was a hard life but a good life," adds John, seated in front of a family Bible dating back to the days of Daniel G. Behmer. "When you think of 150 years and think of the changes in the country over 150 years -- the only people on this land have been the Potawatomi Indians and the Behmers."



TOP: Part of the unusual architecture of the Behmer barn hayloft. ABOVE: More than 100 descendants of Daniel G. Behmer, who settled near Culver in 1855, gathered at the homestead farm in August.

Behmer reunion brings over 100

The large family descended from Daniel G. Behmer's humble, log cabin beginnings at the 14B Road homestead gathers at the property every two to four years, a tradition which was carried on the first weekend of August this year.

Between 100 and 105 attended, with one of the sixth generation in attendance all the way from Dubai (Dawn Miller Aird and her family). The oldest direct descendant at the reunion was Julia Behmer Ward of Sacramento, who was born in 1917.

The first member of the eighth generation, Anne notes, will be born in November, a baby girl to Keirstien Cummings Smith, who happened to be the first born in the seventh generation.

The Behmer reunions, Anne points out, "have all been terrifically well attended."

Anne herself created the family trees and extensive genealogy documentation made available to family members, who wear color-coded name tags to distinguish which branch they come from.

Other interesting Behmer trivia:

-According to Corwin's 1934 "One Township's Yesteryears" book, one of the first discoveries of prehistoric animal remains was made on the Behmer

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original plat of land, which now encompasses 175 acres.

On Aug. 7, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Gina Sheets presented the Behmer family with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their more than 100-year commitment to Indiana agriculture. The farm was established in 1863.

"Today we celebrate the agricultural heritage of our farming families," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "We salute their innovation, their determination, and their dedication which have allowed them to succeed for more than a century—here's to at least 100 more successful years!"

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year.

For the Behmers the award marks 150 years of continued use as a farm. Although the Behmers do not actively farm the land themselves, it is leased and is planted in corn and soy beans today, John said.

"As the practices of agriculture continue to evolve, families like those honored at today's ceremony remind us of the deep cultural roots farming has in our state," Sheets said. "Although business and technology play a significant role in farming, the recipients of the Hoosier Homestead award show us that agriculture is ultimately about family and community."

The Behmer family joins more than 5000 Hoosier Homestead farms. Annual recognition ceremonies are held in March (during National Ag Month) and August at the Indiana State Fair.

Forty-two families received centennial awards at the same time, while 14 families were recognized with sesquicentennial (150 year) awards, and two families celebrated more than 200 years of Hoosier farming.

"I am very pleased to see these two deserving families receive statewide recognition," said Rep. Tim Harman (R-Bremen). "Their dedication to agriculture will leave a lasting legacy based on their diligence and hard work."

farm in 1879.

Clarence Behmer recalls seeing the bones of a large animal which were uncovered (during some) ditching being done on what was then his father's farm and is still the Behmer farm, north of Hibbard.

"The bones were found about three feet down (and) belonged to an animal that must have been considerably larger than a cow...they were a puzzle to those who saw them, and the animal they belonged to, at some time or other, was nameless."

It seems likely the bones were of a mastodon, and its apparent Corwin's generation seemed largely unfamiliar with what today are well-known classifications of prehistoric animals.

-Frances Behmer, CHS class of 1927, was the very first graduate of the school whose parents -- Mr. H.E. Behmer (class of 1908) and Mrs. J. Jessie Grove Behmer (class of '07) -- were CHS alumni.

-Don Behmer (1905-1994), grandson of Daniel G. through Clarence Behmer, launched what has been the Culver Marina for decades, originally as the Behmer Boat Company at 600 South Shore Drive on Lake Maxinkuckee. He sold it to Jack Campbell in 1953 and it later became the Culver Marina.

-The Behmer Road -- today's 14B Road -- is mentioned by the Behmer name as far back as the 1870s, as the main route between Culver and Plymouth. The Culver Citizen noted the road was first paved in June, 1927.

BELOW: Daniel G. Behmer (seated) and family on the homestead farm on today's 14B Road near the turn of the century.



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Museum hosts Oct. 9 workshop for 'Big Move' volunteers

In preparation for the Center for Culver History Museum's relocation, Indiana Historical Society collections care experts will provide site-specific training to staff and volunteers Wednesday, October 9, at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Topics covered will help the museum catalog and care for its collection as it moves into its new location this fall. Community members are encouraged to attend the training day.

The museum's "Big Move" working group is looking specifically for committed individuals to act as moving team leaders. Team leads will help to supervise our volunteer moving teams during the "Big Move" in mid-October, applying what they learn from the IHS training day. Time commitments can vary and no experience is required; we request that volunteer Team Leads be at least 18 years old.

Parties who would like to take part in this unique training opportunity please contact the Museum Director by email historyofculver@gmail.com, telephone 574-842-2491, or see the "Volunteers" section at culverahs.com/museum for more information.

Foersch enrolls at Marietta

MARIETTA, OHIO -- Peter Foersch of Culver has enrolled at Marietta College for the fall 2013 semester. Foersch is a 2013 graduate of Culver Military Academy and the son of Col. Warren and Debbie Foersch.

Foersch is majoring in Petroleum Engineering. Students can pursue bachelor's degrees in one of 44 majors

Death notices

Margaret Jane Paschal Lewis
Sept. 8, 2013

BLOOMINGTON — Margaret Jane Paschal Lewis, 89, a long-time resident of Culver, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

She is survived by her husband, Charles E. Lewis; her five children, Andrew, Jane (Richard), David, Peter (Tamm), and Megan (Chris); and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth followed by a reception in the parish hall. 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).

Matthew Scott Lough
Sept. 23, 2013

CULVER — Matthew Scott Lough, 47, of Culver died at 9:35 a.m. Sept. 23, 2013 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Lough; son, Damien D. Lough of Culver; mother, Ann S. Lough of Culver; and brother, Michael A. Lough of Greenwood.

Visitation was from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services followed at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 at the funeral home. Burial is in Oddfellows Cemetery, Rochester.

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

Condolences may be made at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

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REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call 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.

Thurs., Oct. 3: Swedish meatballs, pasta, stewed tomatoes, peas, bread, dessert.

Friday, Oct. 4: Cheesy broccoli soup, baked potato, crackers, cobbler.

Mon., Oct. 7: Meatloaf, peas, baby bakers, bread, peaches.

Tues., Oct. 8: Chicken breast, red skin potatoes, green bean casserole, tapioca pudding.

Wed., Oct. 9: BBQ pork

on bun, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, pineapple.

Thurs., Oct. 10: Corned beef hash, biscuit, boiled egg, cauliflower and cheese, cinnamon apples.

Friday, Oct. 11: Vegetable lasagna, salad and dressing, carrots, garlic bread, rice krispy treat.

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Berger affirmed that "you get out of it (the plan) what you put into it, and we haven't put into it."

He pointed to a lack of use of the mapping tool made available on the town website (townofculver.org) for individuals and businesses to record their vision for Culver's future.

"It's a \$75,000 project," said Clark, noting the Culver Redevelopment Committee, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, and other organizations "spent a lot of money" to bring the plan to fruition.

Schoeff, in response to concerns about the consulting firm's handling of the planning process, said, "I'm not saying they're away from fault, but by the same token we haven't been very good clients, either. We will step it up."

Council member Ginny Munroe, who asked to be part of future steering committee meetings, emphasized the importance of more public meetings and heavily publicizing the process.

The council approved a proposal by the Lake Maxinkuckee Southwest Conservancy District to enlarge its boundaries by two properties, after town attorney Jim Clevenger explained the boundary is fixed by the court unless the council approves. The district, which joined Culver's municipal sewer treatment system a few years ago, is "nowhere near" the capacity of usage allotted by its agreement with the town, he added.

Council also agreed, after some discussion, to send a letter to the Conservancy District regarding lingering odor problems in one area of its boundaries. Clevenger explained the town's contract with the District provides the later will address and fix problems in "a timely manner," though it doesn't specify any specific length of time.

Culver utilities manager Bob Porter told the council a chemical treatment had been used in an attempt to eliminate the outdoor odor near one house. When that failed, however, the next step in the process will cost around \$10,000.

Kathy Clark, in the audience, emphasized the District has been working to address the problem, but can only go as fast as various solutions are attempted.

"If there's been a solution (that the District is ignoring), I'm not aware of it," she said.

Porter affirmed the District can do nothing more immediately, until arrangements are completed for the chemical treatment.

Rhonda Reinhold, a member of Culver's park board, thanked town clerk Karen Heim for helping make arrangements for Reinhold to attend a statewide parks and recreation conference in Muncie recently.

Reinhold said some discussion at the conference centered on economic growth in Indiana and asserted many companies examine quality of life in areas to which they're considering moving. Indiana, she said, has been ranked 41st of the 50 states in quality of life issues, something whose improvement must start with "community vision."

"I don't think we're there yet," said Reinhold. "What's our common vision on economic growth and tourism? We haven't decided what we want to be when we grow up."

Munroe said it's just such discussion the council hopes to foster by way of a series of open forum, discussion-oriented meetings with the public "to brainstorm that...in a positive way," hoped to begin in the coming weeks. She added there's a plan to create a calendar with the various topics and their dates listed, and promote the events heavily in the community.

Audience member Julie Hansen raised concerns to council members about speeding and reckless driving on South Ohio Street, where she lives and where, she said, children ranging from 1 to 12 years old play regularly. She said the stop sign placed a few years ago on South Ohio between Mill and Davis Streets hasn't helped.

Town marshal Wayne Bean said the Culver Police Department would do what it could to improve monitoring of the area.

Council actions included approval of a request by Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler to offer beer and wine from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside her Main Street restaurant on Oct. 19 as part of the "street fair" portion of the first annual Culver Fall Fest.

Also approved was an income survey of Culver as recommended by the town's grant writer, Shannon McLeod and requested by Schoeff. The survey is a requirement for many available grants, he said, citing the town's hope to gain grant funding to assist in an upcoming water project and possibly a new emergency services building for Culver.

Schoeff also reported he'd sent out specifications for upcoming paving projects, and would open bids publicly at the Oct. 8 council meeting.

Council approved authorizing Bob Porter to make decisions "in the field" once work begins towards a stormwater project on the west side of Culver. Decisions on which Porter has questions should come to council, it was concluded.

Also approved was \$6,000 for Umbaugh and Associates' handling of the town's budget, and an agreement for transportation services for the Community Cab provided by the Marshall County Council on Ageing.

The town is closer to completing the necessary steps to alter two-hour parking limits on side-streets intersecting Main Street in Culver's downtown, after Clevenger said he will make revisions to the town's ordinance soon to make the changes. New signs are already waiting for installation, it was noted.

It was agreed Porter could make electricity available on Main Street for the Fall Fest in October, and also noted Culver's Christmas decorations would be installed in the business districts in time for the "Christmas in Culver" shopping weekend of Nov. 8 through 10.

Council member Lynn

Overmyer also thanked Porter and the street department crew for their prompt work in removing brush left for pickup around town, and park superintendent Kelly Young thanked them for their help in installing three new permanent benches and three new pieces of playground equipment in the park recently.

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Stolen anchor was family, Lake Maxinkuckee heirloom

On Friday evening, Sept. 20, sometimes around 1:30 a.m., a large anchor was stolen from the front yard of the home of James and 'Bunny' Esposito, of 802 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

The anchor, however, isn't just a decorative piece, but more akin to a family heirloom, says Bunny.

"In June, 1976, while my husband and I were fishing in Lake Maxinkuckee, we found an anchor that has been a family 'friend' for 37 years. While fishing in our beloved Lake Maxinkuckee my husband thought he hooked 'the big one.' What was hooked to his anchor was another anchor. He dragged and floated the large schooner anchor and chain back to shore.

"With great excitement of the children, we ceremoni-



The anchor stolen from the Esposito home on Lake Shore Drive, at right, is visible in this 1985 photo.

ously carried the anchor up to our house. It was laid against a background of stones and red flowers of our home. Every year it was lovingly scraped and painted white so that all could see and enjoy it.

"Sad to say, after all these years in an honored spot it has been stolen from us...our hearts are as bare as the spot where it was taken."

This isn't the first recent theft from the family's home. A few weeks ago, several items were

stolen from the Esposito's garage, which Culver police were able to recover (though no one has been arrested for the theft).

The family says a reward will be given for the return of the anchor.

Culver town marshal Wayne Bean affirms his department is investigating, and encourages anyone with information to contact the police at 574-842-2525.

Wythougan Valley Preservation annual meeting Friday

The annual meeting of the Wythougan Valley Preservation Council, Inc. will take place Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Izaak Walton League Clubhouse in Argos. The evening will include a chili supper, presentations of the Daniel McDonald Award for Preservation, and a program that will highlight several aspects of the clubhouse that was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Also discussed will be the early conservation movement's mark on Marshall County, New Deal-era projects, and the

unique stonework in the Argos community. Cost of the supper and program is \$10 per person. Call 574-936-0613 for more information.

Wythougan will also host an open house at Summit School in Tippecanoe Township Oct. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please join us for fall refreshments and organ music at the one room schoolhouse located at the top of the hill on State Road 10, one mile east of State Road 331.

Library news

'Travels with Charley' at library book club

Culver-Unio Twp. Public Library's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

The book for this month is "Travels with Charley: in Search of America," by John Steinbeck.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

Free technology training sessions at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer training for all things technology-related in October. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet, digital camera – or any other electronic device! Six sessions will be scheduled on Monday evenings at 6 pm. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

They include Oct. 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, and 25.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

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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.

Culver Fall Fest Oct. 19-20

A host of activities are slated for the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20 for the first annual Culver Fall Fest, including a 5k fun run, haunted house, Culver history hayrides, moonlight paddle, Oktoberfest beer garden, street fair, kids' activities (including a live marionette show), and much more. Details, sign-up sheets, and a complete schedule are online at www.culverchamber.com/fall-festival.php.

Senior lunch program position open

Part time entry level position working with senior lunch program in Culver, Mondays through Fridays; no nights, no weekends. Mail resume to: Crystal Hallwood, REAL Services, 1151 S. Michigan, South Bend, IN 46601 or email challwood@realservices.org.

Dance classes at the park

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. in the beach lodge meeting room.

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.marshall-countycouncilonaging.org.

Cavs can't hold on vs Knox on Homecoming night

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen Editor



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Culver player Preston Hansel (number 5, at left) dodges efforts from Knox players to stop him during Friday night's Homecoming game at Culver.

CULVER — Culver Community High School suffered a Homecoming heartbreaker in the final moments of an overtime game Friday night against the Knox Redskins.

Culver maintained a solid 13-0 lead into the third quarter of the game, consistently foiling Knox's attempts to move the ball far enough to count. But, due especially to the efforts of the Redskins' Eric Dan — and despite solid work from, among others, stand-out players Preston Hansel and Trent Elliott — the Cavs found themselves tied at 13 by the time the clock ran out at the end of the 4th quarter.

Victory looked like a sure bet for Culver after a touchdown and Josh Krsek's successful punt put the score at 20-19 in the Cavs' favor. But Knox's last-ditch kick nudged the Redskins to

a 21-20 victory particularly stinging to Culver in its unexpectedness.

• Knox 21, Culver Community 20
At Culver

Eagles soar to victory against Falcons

The September air was brisk, full of Friday night excitement as the Culver Academy Eagles traveled to Walkerton to duel the hometown Falcons. This game would see some breathtaking plays from both sides, a newly crowned Falcon homecoming King and one epic comeback by the visiting Eagles. In the end, Culver Academy's resilience earned the Eagles their fourth victory of the season, giving Coach Andy Dorrel his ninetieth career coaching win.

The Falcons came out swinging early, highlighted by a dashing 68-yard run by Junior Zach Combs on the third play from scrimmage. Combs was caught on Culver's eight-yard-line and after an Eagle defensive stand; would miss a 25-yard field goal; a missed opportunity that would haunt the Falcon's all night.

John Glenn would capitalize at the end of the first quarter as Sophomore Daniel Wallace hit Junior Jake Strong with a 29-yard fade in the end zone. The Falcons would strike first leading 7-0 heading into the second quarter.

Culver Academy got on the board midway through the second quarter with a booming Ryan Graf 37-yard field goal. The momentum wouldn't last as the Falcons came back with a fury running the ball and moving the chains with ease, culminating with a 19-yard touchdown pass from Wallace to 5'11 wide receiver Tyler Prentkowski as the first half came to an end.

The first half was a prototypical Falcon masterpiece as John Glenn racked up 248-yards of offense behind 121 yards rushing **See Eagles page 8**

Sports briefs

Boys soccer

CMA surges to 6-2 win

Up by a tentative 3-2 margin at the half, Culver Military's boys soccer team netted three goals while pitching a second-half shutout in a 6-2 win over visiting Elkhart Christian Thursday at the Academies.

Nick Bissonnette finished with two goals and three assists, and Dominic Puzevic recorded a pair of goals for Culver. Perley Provost tallied five saves in goal for the victors.

• CULVER MILITARY 6, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 2
At Culver

Mullaney leads Argos past Culver

Sean Mullaney netted four goals with an assist, and Argos shut out visiting Culver Community 8-0 at Eugene Snyder Field Thursday evening.

Dominic Cataldo scored twice for the Dragons, who outshot their opponents 11-3.

Casey Johnson and Tyler Peters combined in goal for the shutout as Argos moved to 11-2.

Marshall Anderson recorded three saves in vain for the Cavaliers.

• ARGOS 8, CULVER COMMUNITY 0
At Argos

CMA falls 5-0

Culver Military's soccer team **See Sports page 8**

Culver Academies host invitational

By Tim Creason
Correspondent



PHOTO/TIM CREASON

Olivia Martinez of Culver Academies (591) chases Western's Sam Luginbuhl down the hill at the halfway point of the girls open race at Saturday's Culver Academies Invitational.

CULVER — Facing a rough stretch of four meets in eight days, and fatigued from two months of hard workouts, it might have been easy for Plymouth's cross country teams to go through the motions at Saturday's Culver Academies Cross Country Invitational.

Fortunately, these Pilgrims have more character than that.

Abby Patrick earned a spot among the top 20 finishers and Plymouth's girls pushed their way up to eighth place in the open division, a fine showing in a race that included 21 teams.

The boys open meet didn't go so well as Plymouth finished 19th out of 23. But team leader Kennedy Schneiders was still running near the front of the pack when the race ended.

Over 4,000 junior high and high school runners trampled the grounds of Culver Academies during Indiana's largest cross country meet, which began early Saturday morning and extended well into the after-

noon.

Carmel's boys and girls proved they are worthy of their No. 1 rankings, easily winning team titles in Elite division races where the state's best runners were matched. Columbus North finished second in both.

Warsaw's girls and Indianapolis Brebeuf's boys won open division (large school) titles. John Glenn won the boys closed (small school) division, and Fairfield won girls closed.

Warsaw freshman Allison Miller proved she is a contender to win next weekend's Northern Lakes Conference meet by taking the girls open individual title. She clocked 19:22 on the 5,000-meter course beside Lake Maxinkuckee.

Not far behind, Plymouth's Patrick surged to a 20th place finish, clocking 20:43.8. Teammate Libby Read took 32nd in 21:17.1. The race had 173 finishers.

Glenn won the boys closed title with 118 points. Rochester was second at 132. Triton placed ninth and Culver Community was 24th. Bremen did not field a complete team.

Triton finished 15th and John Glenn placed 22nd in the girls team standings.

Culver Academies placed fifth in the girls open race, but didn't field a full boys team. Sydney Wolff was 23rd in 20:52.9 to lead the Eagle girls. Hannah Buggein was 31st.

• CULVER ACADEMIES CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL
At Culver

CMA spoils Glenn Homecoming

Culver Military scored three times in the fourth quarter to rally back from a 19-3 deficit, and the Eagles spoiled John Glenn's Homecoming Night 23-19 in Walkerton Friday.

CMA's David Dilts finished with 69 rushing yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns, including the game-winner from 3 yards out with just 47 seconds remaining in the game. Pierre Byrne racked up 65 yards on 10 carries and scored CMA's second TD of the fourth quarter. Ryan Graf kicked a field goal and two PATs to help lift CMA to the win.

Glenn's Zach Combs ground out a game-high 145 yards rushing. The Falcons scored twice on passing plays by Daniel Wallace — the first a 29-yarder to Jake Strong at the 3:22 stop of the first quarter and the second a 19-yarder to Tyler Prentkowski with no time remaining in the first half. Michael Schmeltz scored Glenn its final TD with a two-yard rush at the 2:23 mark of the third quarter.

The Falcons outgained CMA in total offensive yards, 302-238, but coughed up two turnovers to none by the Eagles and surrendered 55 yards on six penalties versus 30 on three by the visitors.

Glenn drops to an even 3-3 with its first loss since Week 2, while CMA improves to 4-2 bouncing back from a tough loss to Brebeuf Jesuit.

• CULVER MILITARY 23, JOHN GLENN 19
at Walkerton

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Mystic Hills may expand to offer overnight accommodations

By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer

CULVER - A local golfers mecca will test the waters for overnight stays.

Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver cleared a first step on their way to a few cabins for those wishing to play the course and spend the night. The plan calls for five cabins to eventually be built but Mystic Hills Pro Dave Pugh told the Marshall County Plan Commission that the plan also calls for a very measured approach.

"I think we'd be foolish to plunge into full bore," said Pugh. "We'll probably do three cabins to see if there is a demand but not all five in one shot."

The course is one of the top courses in the country and one of nine courses in the state of Indiana on the "Pete Dye Golf Trail". The course was designed by Dye - on of the top course architects in the world - and hand selected by him for inclusion in the "Trail".

Mystic Hills is the northernmost course in the trail.



The Cabins will be 40 foot by 40 foot structures with a pair of living rooms, bathrooms a kitchen and common area. The original plan calls for two of the structures near the practice tee and green at the course with another adjacent to the clubhouse.

A pair of neighbors - Jim and Joann Walsh were present at

the meeting to ask several questions of the owners and the Commission foremost among them were security concerns and just how far the development would proceed.

Mystic Hills is a Planned Unit Development - P.U.D. - in zoning terms and while a P.U.D. allows for many uses of the property, each additional use must be approved by

the Plan Commission.

The Walsh's security concerns were predicated on the relative rustic location of the course and that it's distance from police patrols might allow for unruly guests or other problems.

Pugh told the board that after a recent break in at the course Culver Lake Patrol officers had increased their presence in the area after closing hours. He also stated that the course had a security system that allowed the grounds to be monitored 24 hours a day.

Board members were also concerned that the accommodations be offered as part of packages that included rounds of golf and not just as "hotel" accommodations for any purpose.

Pugh told the Commission that because of rough times in the golf industry Mystic Hills was attempting to move forward to insure their business would remain strong. The possibility of more cabins depends on how the initial ones go over in the market place.

The Commission approved the plans for the cabins as part of golf related stays.

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by the speedster Combs.

John Glenn started the third quarter right where they left off posting another score on Michael Schmeltz 2-yard bruising run up the middle. At this point, Culver's hopes were fading quickly as John Glenn led 19-0 entering the fourth quarter.

Fortunately for the Eagle faithful, Culver was just getting started.

The Eagles grabbed momentum with a pounding goal line score by Senior David Dilts, narrowing the deficit, 9-19. Less than a minute and a half later, after a J.P. Slykas forced fumble and recovery; Culver's dynamic tailback Pierre Byrne, added another touchdown with a slashing 4-yard scamper. The Falcon lead had dwindled to three, 16-19.

Culver, after another defensive stop, would apethically go ahead 23-19 with a game winning 3-yard blast on the back of their strapping fullback Dilts. Dilts would finish the night with 69 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"Talk about resilience. We were really making it tough on ourselves. We fought back from some penalties. We got a score late. Then we get a chance to tie the game and our field goal goes wide right. Our defense stepped up, got a stop and gave our offense one more chance," commented an elated Coach Andy Dorrel.

One unsung hero was Culver's speedy Pierre Byrne, finishing with 65 yards rushing and the game ending interception. Byrne, a top five nationally ranked Lacrosse star, has committed to Notre Dame and will play next year for the fighting Irish.

"Pierre Byrne helped these young men get a victory tonight, using his talents and his teammates helping him get him some opportunities to make some really special plays," said Coach Dorrel. "There are several plays throughout the game. When you look back at their opening drive when they (Combs) made that long run and Pierre ran him down from behind; that was huge. Defensively I am so proud of them tonight; we made enough

plays to give our offense a chance to win"

The amazing resilient Eagle comeback came at the expense of a young Falcon team, a team that is well coached and undoubtedly heading for better days ahead.

Culver Academy is back in action next week, as they travel to 2A 4th ranked Churubusco. Churubusco is coming off a 49-0 drubbing of West Noble; a formable task for Dorrel's Eagles. The schedule doesn't get much easier for John Glenn, as the Falcons try to rebound this week, against 4A, 6th ranked, New Prairie.

What was the key factor in the Eagles victory?

"I think our conditioning," concluded Dorrel. "We kept coming and never let up; despite all odds, penalties and the missed field goal. We just kept driving. The kids believed in each other. It was just a great team victory tonight."

CULVER MILITARY 23, JOHN GLENN 19
at Walkerton

Sports from page 5

fell 5-0 on the road at West Noble Monday evening.

Ricardo Resendiz scored two goals for West Noble, and Abel Zamarripa finished with a goal and two assists.
• WEST NOBLE 5, CULVER MILITARY 0
At West Noble

Cavs edge LaVille in PKs

Culver Community beat out LaVille in sudden death penalty kicks after two overtime periods during a boys soccer match in Culver Tuesday night.

The Cavaliers outshot the Lancers 5-4 in PKs to take a thrilling 3-2 victory over the visitors in Northern State Conference play

Nick Pritz gave Culver a narrow 1-0 lead on a Henrick Bill assist in the second half, but Justin Gramza evened it up off a Tristen Weaver assist to force overtime.

Culver struck first again in OT as Jordan Sanders pushed Culver out to a 2-1 edge, but Isaiah Saylor scored another equalizer for the Lancers on an assist by Bryce Bustamante to force PKs.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, LaVILLE 2
At Culver

Girls soccer

Culver wins on the road

Culver Community earned a 3-0 win on the road at Westville Thursday.

Kayla Shaffer scored just 47 seconds in, scored again on a Denisha Brown assist in the fifth minute, then assisted on the game's final goal by Courtney Littleton as neither team struck again after the 15th minute.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 3, WESTVILLE 0
At Westville

Culver ties at Hebron

Kayla Shaffer scored on a penalty kick in the 18th minute, but the Lady Cavs couldn't quite hold on as they finished in a 1-1 tie with Hebron on the road Monday.

Mia Riese tied it up for the home team in the 53rd minute and both teams held on for the draw.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 1, HEBRON 1
At Hebron

Volleyball

Knox beats Culver in NSC match

Knox's volleyball team topped Culver Community in three games in a Northern State Conference volleyball match Thursday, 25-18, 25-22, 25-21.

Torie Elliott finished with 13 kills and six digs, and Kylie Bridegroom served up four aces with six digs for the Lady Redskins.

Cara Hasnerl set 34 assists, Kara Howard tallied four aces, and Rachel Lenig finished with five blocks in the win for Knox, which pushes the team out to 4-1 in NSC play.

Culver was led by Samantha Howard's nine kills and Tasha Harris' eight. Marisa Howard finished with eight assists, Megan Thompson and Bayli Fearnow both registered nine digs, and Donna Zehner stuffed four solo blocks in the loss for the Cavs.

• KNOX 3, CULVER COMMUNITY 0

CGA beats LaVille

Culver Girls Academy beat out LaVille in the minimum of games Wednesday, 25-14, 25-18, 25-21 at the Academies.

Katy Bjornson registered 14 kills with 12 digs, Rachel Simon set 30 assists with four aces, Olivia Sever killed 11 points with another

er four aces, Kayla Trefren stuffed four blocks, and Ruth Vonderheide finished with three.

LaVille stats were unavailable for the match.

CGA's record is now 6-12.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, LaVILLE 0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-21)
At Culver

CGA falls at West Central

Culver Girls Academy's volleyball team fell in four games to host West Central on the road Monday night, 25-22, 25-19, 23-25, 25-17.

Katy Bjornson paced CGA with 22 kills and 15 digs. Ruth Vonderheide served three aces, Olivia Sever tallied 10 kills with two aces, and Rachel Simon finished with 39 assists and 14 digs.

CGA slips to 5-12 with the loss.

• WEST CENTRAL 3,
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1 (25-22, 25-19, 23-25, 25-17)
At West Central

Boys tennis

CMA falls to St. Joe

Culver Military's boys tennis team lost a home meet with state-ranked St. Joseph Wednesday night, 3-2.

Sam Concannon defeated Patrick O'Connor, 6-3, 6-1 at 1 singles, and CMA's 1 doubles tandem of Brian Tao and Martin Fecarrota won an exciting three-setter with St. Joe's Leo Romanetz and Michael Minatel, 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-1.

• ST. JOSEPH 3, CULVER MILITARY 2
At Culver

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