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A (crowded) Culver Halloween

ABOVE: As did many area communities, Culver postponed its Trick or Treat activities until last Friday evening due to predictions of "scary" weather Thursday (which turned out to be a bit overstated). One result was an at times almost overwhelming crowd of costumed youngsters from a few nearby communities who didn't postpone (doubtless causing many families to forego getting wet on the 31st and visit Culver the next day). Culver town marshal Wayne Bean (LOWER LEFT PHOTO) said his department gave out 350 glow bracelets in 45 minutes and ran out well before the end of the evening. Many homes and businesses reported making "candy runs" to replace empty supplies, and many simply closed up shop early. ABOVE, LEFT: Trick or Treaters crowded Miller's Merry Manor in Culver, where resident Ruth Whitesell, left, hands treats to Marcel White (age 5) and Sienna King (age 8). LOWER RIGHT: The home of Johnny and Marina Cavasos (seated) took on its usual spooky look for the holiday. The Cavasos' Slate Street home can be counted on each year as a worthy site to drive by for elaborate and evocative decorations at Halloween and Christmas.

In Brief

'Christmas in Culver' this wknd

The annual "Christmas in Culver" weekend of events will return Nov. 8 through 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (on Friday and Saturday) and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Many merchants will offer special deals, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and pre-holiday cheer throughout. On Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., special events include "By the Lake" Holiday Bazaar at the Culver depot on Lake Shore Drive; and Mystic Hills Holiday Bazaar at Mystic Hills Golf Course on S.R. 117.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary dinner Friday

The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve an oven steak or oven fried chicken dinner including mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, and dessert for \$8 this Friday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Open menu will also be available and the public is welcome. The dinner takes place at the Post, 108 Washington Street in Culver.

Visiting organist at recital here Sunday

Culver Academies will present Wesley Parrott in recital on the organ in the Memorial Chapel, on the Culver campus Sunday, November 10, at 4 p.m. Parrott is Organist/Director of Music at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and he is active as a guest accompanist for other choirs, a recording artist, and as a recitalist. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

Blood drive Sunday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sunday, Nov 10 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fleet Gymnasium on the campus of Culver Academies. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information.

Free technology classes at CUTPL

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Special issue: Culver's public schools in the spotlight

Culver Comm. Schools on verge of hiring new superintendent

Public hearing scheduled for Nov. 8

This January, Culver Community Schools will have a new superintendent for the first time since 1995, and while the school board isn't at liberty to divulge any names, board president Ryan Sieber acknowledges board members spent three nights interviewing candidates. And he's happy to report there were many great ones to choose from.

"The board did reference checks and did our homework...we felt we had great pool of candidates. It was very reassuring being on the board and knowing we had great choices."

Sieber says he, at least, was prepared to go with an interim superintendent, should not enough solid candidates for the position present themselves, but he was pleased and "honored" at the quality of applicants.

A public hearing on the new superintendent's contract will take place at the Monday, Nov. 8 school board meeting at 6:30 p.m., during which the public will have an opportunity to be heard. The board must then wait seven days to take action on what was discussed at that hearing, Sieber explains.

He says he expects -- though he can't be certain -- the individual chosen for the position will likely to be present for the announcement of who has filled the position, which will likely take place at the Nov. 25 meeting.

Whoever is chosen to fill the position will step into a challenging situation on a number of fronts. Aside from whatever challenges may face Culver specifically, public education statewide and nationally has become an increasingly complex matter on a number of fronts, from controversies regarding "grading systems" used to evaluate each school's performance, to legislation allowing parents to choose which public school they wish their child to attend or vouchers allowing them to use public funds for private schools, standardized testing, and more.

"I feel and a lot of people feel that a lot of things are challenging public education today," Sieber says. "It comes down to budgeting...funding. That's one of the biggest challenges in public education today. We looked at many different things as we figured out what direction to go. We're the governing body, but we only have one employee we evaluate, and that's the superintendent. We didn't take this lightly; we had a lot of discussion and reasoning to come to a board consensus."

"We're a very broad, diverse board. We were trying to understand who's the person who can try to help mainstay enrollment and work on budgeting issues. We know what cuts will come - a lot of those the state has relayed to us, and (corporation accountant) Tom Bendy is aware of them and is working on it, but the big magic one is school count. That's the one you

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By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

CCHS principal on enrollment, funding, voc ed, and more

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Culver Community High School principal Albert Hanselman's talk to Culver's Kiwanis Club last Thursday was centered on the scholarship program the club offers to local high school students, and its results, but he also addressed several "big picture" matters concerning the school, both the good news and the challenges it faces.

Enrollment and funding

Hanselman, who noted he's been 26 years with CCHS (from which he himself graduated), 14 of them as principal, discussed what is possibly the most pressing issue the school corporation is facing today: that of declining enrollment.

On the "good news" portion of the discussion, enrollment is not down from last year to this. However, Hanselman shared some indicative numbers such as the high school's enrollment of 334 students as of January, 2007, compared with this year's 261 students in the same building.

"I did an analysis to find out where we're going," he said, noting he's also on the committee working on Culver's comprehensive plan. "We were down 90 students from January, 2007 to April, 2013. I took those and looked by county of residence (since the Culver corporation serves four counties in all) to see what was happening. Seventy of the 90 (who left) came from Union Township in Marshall County."

Budgets for public schools in Indiana are "per student," Hanselman explained, noting the state has moved away from determining a school's general fund based on tax levy, but now seeks every school corporation to have the same dollar amount per student, referred to as attaining a foundation. Over the See Hanselman page A2 course of seven years the

Culver's Lindvall reflects on role in Navy Seabees history, veterans' contributions

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

When Culver's Bryce Lindvall joined the Navy in 1981, he didn't expect to find himself in some of the unusual positions he did: a member of the Navy "Seabees" (immortalized in the 1944 John Wayne movie, "The Fighting Seabees"); at work at Camp David with the highest level of security clearance possible (to work in the same room as the U.S. President and Vice President); and pictured in the Los Angeles Times and other newspapers and on television, the first Navy Seabee in a press conference since the Vietnam War.

Lindvall, Culver born, raised, and educated, has a long family history here which includes his great-grandfather, Charles McClane, who ran one of the earliest livery stables in Culver. His father, Robert Lindvall, was a mainstay at the State Exchange Bank for years, and his mother Phyllis a familiar face in a number of local organizations and clubs.

After half a year at Purdue, Lindvall says he wanted to go a different direction. Recalling his father's service in World War II, he decided he wanted to serve as well, and chose the Navy, though in retrospect he's not sure why. He'd not heard of the Seabees up to then, and he "definitely didn't want to be a sailor, but I went and talked to the Navy recruiter and said, 'I want to be an electrician.' The next thing I know, I'm enlisted and on a nine-month wait to go to Boot Camp."

Lindvall trained at Gulf Port, Mississippi, and went from

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Pearl Harbor survivor DeWitt among Veteran's Day programs this year

The public is welcome to attend Culver High School and Middle School's annual Veteran's Day program, during which Pearl Harbor veteran and Culver resident Jim DeWitt will be honored. A documentary film will be shown, on the return in Dec., 2011 of a small handful of veterans who were present for the Dec. 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Dewitt was among that small group invited to that 70th anniversary celebration in 2011, and he will answer student questions about his experiences following the film. Culver's VFW Post will present the Colors at the program as well. The event



Jim DeWitt takes place on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

The Culver VFW Post 6919 will hold a Veterans Day service at the Masonic Cemetery Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m. After the service, unserviceable flags will be retired. If you have flags that are unserviceable please drop off at the Post prior to November 11. The Post will presents the Colors at the High School at 10 a.m. See Veterans page A3

Culver among schools receiving grants for added security

By Lois Tomaszewski

MARSHALL COUNTY — Several local school districts have a little extra money to make sure their students feel safe. The Governor released the recipients to the Secured School Safety Grant Program Friday in Indianapolis.

Four Marshall County School Districts and Union North in Lakeville will benefit from the matching grant program, which provided more than \$9 million in grants to local schools and school corporations throughout the state. Eighty-two counties will receive grants from the state in January.

Culver Community Schools is planning a new system to track who enters and leaves the buildings and when this occurred. The money will also pay for some extra security cameras for added security around the perimeter of the school and in the playground areas. Superintendent Brad Schuldt said the \$25,000 from the state will further help pay for a keyless entry system at Culver's two school buildings.

"We had to write a plan for it as part of the grant application," Schuldt said.

With a more technologically up-to-date locking system, the school can avoid having to rekey the locks if a key gets lost. The school is looking at either a card entry or key fob system.

This improvement is another step in the district's plan to enhance security. Last summer, additional cameras and updated surveillance systems were installed at the schools, Schuldt said. The keyless access was also on the list but postponed because of cost.

With the opportunity to apply for the grant, the school district decided to proceed.

LaVille Schools also received \$25,000, slated for security equipment, according to the press release from the state.

Schools with under 1,000 student enrollment were limited to grants up to \$35,000. For schools with more than 1,000 students, the grant limit was \$50,000.

Bremen Public Schools will use its grant of \$50,000 (\$25,000 from the state and \$25,000 from the school) to replace four sets of outer doors, and Plymouth Community Schools has earmarked its grant money of \$50,000 to pay for a school resource officer and improved security equipment.

Even though the grant recipients have been named, it will be awhile before the money is put to use. And though most would agree that area schools are fairly safe, the grants are providing districts with peace of mind.

In announcing the recipients Friday morning, Governor Mike Pence said: "The safety of the students, teachers, and administrators in our schools is of the utmost importance to the people of Indiana, and I count it a privilege to distribute these resources to schools across our state. These grants will allow our public schools and school corporations to add resources that will help secure our schools so they can focus on educating our students."

Superintendent from page A1 can't predict.

Here Sieber refers to school funding based upon number of students attending. Thus, as student population goes, so goes school funding.

"That's nothing the school board necessarily does, or teachers or administrators," he points out. "(Culver Comm. High School principal Albert Hanselman) has a very good handle on the economics; he has worked to keep himself educated. But there are challenges in the town of Culver, and those are the challenges we face."

As was discussed during a recent talk by Hanselman

Special issue: Culver's public schools in the spotlight

School grading changes proposed

By Carol Anders
Staff Writer

A recommendation by a panel of educators working on improving the A-F grading systems for Indiana schools, calls for adding ISTEP + (Indiana Testing for Educational Progress) testing for grades one, two, nine and 11.

Currently, ISTEP + testing is given to students in grades 3-8 and ECA (End of Course Assessments) are administered to students in grade 10. The tests would cover math, English and reading.

The recommendations will be presented to the State Board of Education on Nov. 8. If adopted, the new testing schedule would be in effective in the 2014-2015 school year.

Testing of the new model could likely be in the 2013-2014 school year while at the same time running the current model.

The proposed changes are intended to track students individually for growth as opposed to the current system that assigns school grades on percentages of student passing or failing the ISTEP+ tests. Other factors will still come into play as the grades are tabulated such as graduation rates,

college and career readiness rates, and reading test results.

Chairing the panel was Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz. Ritz has said that the move could reduce the number of local tests already given by schools as they gauge the skills of students.

The advisory panel, consisting of mostly educators, was appointed after concerns were voiced over the grading formula used last year while Tony Bennett was in the superintendent's position.

Indiana State legislators ordered the state board to devise a new A-F system. Numerous complaints from parents, teachers and administrators lead to the order citing the formula being used was unfair and difficult, if not impossible, to understand.

Co-chairing the panel was Southwest Allen County Superintendent, Steve Yager. Yager said, "It's easily measured, easily understood and easy to enact the changes that we need for instruction or curriculum." Members of the panel looking into the changes were appointed by Republican Governor Mike Pence, the Republican House and Senate leaders, and Ritz.

New Cyberbully Hotline allows local students, parents to report concerns

The Culver Community School Corporation notified parents and students recently of the implementation of the new Cyberbully Hotline via the school's Schoolreach notification system. The hotline is a local number enabling students and parents to anonymously report matters of concern directly to school officials.

Because of fear, shame, or risk of retaliation, students often fail to report matters such as bullying, "cyber" bullying, school violence, fighting, theft, cheating, school bus harassment, intimidation, sexting, cutting and self-injury, suicidal thoughts, and other matters of concern.

The Culver Elementary hotline number is 574-213-7227; the Culver Comm. Middle and High School number is 574-213-7226.

The 24 hour per day, seven days per week service can receive both verbal phone calls and text messages, and reporting is completely anonymous; the caller ID is replaced with a generated "sender ID" for message delivery and reporting only, according to a letter sent from the school to parents.

A designated school official receives the messages.

The hotline does not facilitate replying to all voice messages; only those made from a mobile device, with replies sent as text messages.

Since the service is anonymous, callers or senders are asked to be as detailed as possible in allowing the school to address the concerns expressed.

before Culver's Kiwanis Club (featured elsewhere in this issue), Culver's demographics have shifted in the recent decade such that a substantial number of students have left the school corporation over the years, all to the detriment of the corporation's pocket book.

Not helping matters is ambiguity at the state level regarding public education at the moment.

"Right now down at the state Department of Education, the (former state superintendent of education) Tony Bennett era is still being re-evaluated," says Sieber. "There's so many things up the in air. It's very frustrating to teachers' associations and administrators; we can't move forward. When we speak with people from other school boards and other ad-



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CCHS students help in Halloween fun

ABOVE: Culver Comm. High School students (in background from left) Justine Dexter, Megan Brady, and Garrett Reinhold assist Culver Elementary student Conner Craig (in foreground) during a game last Tuesday at the Culver Lions Club's annual Halloween party. The students, some of several from CCHS, were volunteering with the Culver Youth Community Organization (or CYCO) alongside Culver Academies students, to assist young attendees in playing games. MORE LIONS HALLOWEEN PARTY PHOTOS ON PAGE B1.

ministrators when we go to conferences, there's a general level of frustration at all the public schools, though they all have their own hot button issues."

Current superintendent Brad Schuldt has been at the helm nearly 20 years, Sieber points out, and is a direct link to the days of his also longtime predecessor, William Mills.

"So we're not a school corporation with a huge amount of turnover in the administration side. We wanted to make sure, as we move forward, that there's a chance for the board to strengthen its relationships with the new superintendent, and that we can really reassess where we've been, where we're at, and where we need to go."

Sieber added there are "a lot of options" in collaborating with other entities, be they businesses or other educational programs.

One of the school board's assets in assessing "then and now" may be the fact that one current school board member was present when Schuldt was appointed, back in 1995.

"That individual was able to reflect a little from the experience of several years ago," Sieber notes.



It's time for the **Lions Fruit Sale**

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Obituaries

Donna Howard Dec. 22, 1950 - Oct. 31, 2013

DELONG — Donna S. Howard, 62, passed away Oct. 31, 2013 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. Donna was born Dec. 22, 1950, in LaPorte to Hoy and Josephine (Collins) Howard. In November of 1969 she was married to Clyde Howard, who survives. Also surviving are three children, Steven Howard of DeLong, and Stephanie (Billy) Russell and Katy (Mike) Dunn, all of Leiters Ford; three grandchildren, Shawn and Cody Russell and Damian Dunn; mother, Josephine (Raymond) Born of Winamac; sister, Glenda Warner of Knox and two brothers, Dwain Howard of LaPorte and Darrell Howard of Knox. She was preceded in death by her father and son, Clyde. She was a homemaker and attended the Gospel Lighthouse Church in DeLong.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 at 12 p.m. CST at the Gospel Lighthouse Church, DeLong. Friends called Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rannels Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel and Tuesday at the church one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the family. To leave online condolences, go to rannelsfuneralhome.com.

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for their Veterans Day program, and also visit Veterans at Miller's Merry Manor.

Culver Academies will hold its traditional Veteran's Day observation Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Academies campus.

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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., Nov. 7:** Breakfast sandwich, hash brown casserole, yogurt, fruit.
- Friday, Nov. 8:** Spaghetti, three-bean salad, salad and dressing, bread, dessert.
- Mon., Nov. 11:** Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, bread, tropical fruit.
- Tues., Nov. 12:** Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, fruited Jello.
- Wed., Nov. 13:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, birthday treat.
- Thurs., Nov. 14:** Swedish meatballs, pasta, stewed tomatoes, peas, bread, fruit cocktail.
- Friday, Nov. 15:** Cream of potato soup, ham salad slider, cold beet salad, cobbler.

Homer Stoneburner Feb. 12, 1926 - Oct. 30, 2013



PLYMOUTH — Homer Stoneburner, age 87, of Plymouth passed away at 4:05 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Miller's Merry Manor, in Culver.

Homer was born Feb. 12, 1926, in Plymouth, to Homer and Verda (Ringgenberg) Stoneburner. On June 20, 1948, Homer took the former Elaine Hartman to be his bride. They lived their entire lives in the Marshall County area. Homer retired from the Honeywell/Bendix Corporation after 33 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Tyner United Methodist Church. He served as the Clerk of Polk Township for 12 years, Precinct Committeemen, and was also on the Advisory Board. He was a 50-year member of the Tyner IOOF #821 Lodge, serving as District Grand Master for two years, and grounds keeper of Polk Township for 19 years. Homer was an avid sports fan. He loved the Chicago Cubs and the Green Bay Packers.

Homer is survived by his daughters, Theresa Arthurhultz of Culver, Rhonda (Steve) Cole of Paoli, and Kim (Gary) Hines of Indianapolis; his sons, Jeff (Cindy) Stoneburner of South Bend and Wayne (Brenda) Stoneburner of Hamlet. Also surviving are Homer's sisters, Eileen Klinedinst of Plymouth and Phyllis Holt of South Bend; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Elaine Stoneburner, on April 11, 2004; his sisters, Helen Trowbridge and Evelyn Gurthet; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to: the Tyner United Methodist Church, 4503 French St., Tyner, IN, 46572. Visitation was at the Van Gilder Funeral Home Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, from 4 to 8 p.m., 300 W. Madison St. Plymouth, IN 46563. Tyner IOOF Lodge. Services will be Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, the Rev. Tamara Boggs, officiating. Burial will be at Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Indiana. Memories may be shared at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Lucille Clifton Oct. 7, 1931 - Oct. 20, 2013



CULVER — Lucille J. Clifton, age 82, of Culver, passed away at 7:45 a.m., on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013, at Miller's Merry Manor, in Culver.

Lucille was born Oct. 7, 1931, in Fulton County, to Walter and Mabel (Woodcox) Ball. Lucille became the bride of Donovan E. Clifton, on July 8, 1950, in Bruce Lake. Lucille retired as a head teller at the bank, in Monterey. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, cooking, baking, and quilting. She was known for being a wonderful seamstress, making dresses for the girls. She made many pairs of pajamas, for Christmas, to give to the children and grandchildren. Lucille was a member of the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Culver. She was also a member of the Maxinkuckee Rebekah Lodge #844.

Lucille is survived by her daughters, Vickie Haynes of Austin, Texas and Kathi (Ron) Trilling of Milwaukee, Wis.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sisters, Coleen Miller of Plainfield, Margaret Click of Denver, and Leona Skinner of Elkhart. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Donovan E. Clifton on July 30, 2012; her son, Jeffrey Clifton; and her brother, Walter Ball, Jr.

Memorials may be given to: The Poplar Grove United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, from noon-2 p.m. at the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, State Road 10, Culver.

Memorial service will be Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at 2 p.m. the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, the Rev. Henry Sprunger, officiating. Burial will be at Maxinkuckee cemetery, Culver.

Memories may be shared at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Mobile food pantry returns to Culver Nov. 15

The mobile food pantry will return to Culver Friday, Nov. 15 at the train station/depot at 615 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Offered free of charge: fresh perishable items (produce, grains, dairy and protein) and dry goods. First come, first served, while supplies last for those in need of food assistance. Please bring bags or boxes to carry items.

For questions call: 574-232-9986 ext. 137 or email: dsingh@feedingamerica.org.

This service is available to all northern Indiana residents in need of food assistance. Please bring a valid photo ID (drivers license, State ID, etc.) for service.

Please dress warmly as the event will be mostly outside.

At the last Culver-based mobile food pantry in October, 80 households, including 396 individuals, were served by 11 volunteers.



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Culver's 'brain drain' and the culture of 'success'

In his informative talk last week to Culver's Kiwanis Club, Culver Comm. High School principal Albert Hanselman referenced a book I have not, I admit, read as yet, though I'm intrigued to do so.

It's "Hollowing Out the Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What It Means for America," by Patrick J. Carr and Maria J. Kefalas, who headed to Iowa

to study the issue of rural "brain drain" -- that is, the all-too-common phenomenon of the best and brightest graduates from small community high schools leaving those communities, often for larger urban areas and higher paychecks than they might receive in their hometowns.

Of course this isn't entirely a new phenomenon, though it's a large one with an ever-growing and ever more visible impact. Having read up on the gist of the book, what intrigues me the most about its thesis is how much it lines up with a number of thoughts I've had about the issues facing not only Culver, but community life across America, and our culture as a whole.

To be sure, there are multifaceted and numerous complex issues at work here, but specifically in the area of the "brain drain," the authors suggest our collective attitudes are far more to blame in the matter than the usual suspects: lack of jobs, quality of education, and the like.

This past summer, a friend of mine posted a link online to a pretty snappy sendup of the problem, in a nutshell, on the Internet humor website, The Onion (which makes its satirical points in the guise of a newspaper). The story was entitled, "Unambitious Loser With Happy, Fulfilling Life Still Lives In Hometown," and humorously relayed the tale of "an unambitious 29-year-old loser who leads an enjoyable and fulfilling life, still lives in his hometown and has no desire to leave."

"Former high school classmates confirmed that Husmer has seemingly few aspirations in life," continued the faux article, "citing occasional depressing run-ins with the personally content townie during visits back home, as well as embarrassing Facebook photos in which the smiling dud appears alongside family members whom he sees regularly and appreciates and enjoys close, long-lasting relationships with. Additionally, pointing to the intimate, enduring connections he's developed with his wife, parents, siblings, and neighbors, sources reported that Husmer's life is "pretty humiliating" on multiple levels."

The story goes on in much the same vein, inserting references to the anti-depressant drugs our fictional home-towner's former classmates are taking, staving off loneliness and despair in their desperate clamor for success while he enjoys a quiet life of meaningful relationships and debt-free tranquility.

You get the idea.

On a more serious note, one community leader just up the road from Culver who has done some thinking and writing on this subject is Kurt West Garner.

Garner, a Plymouth-based architectural historian who happens to have worked in recent months with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver on a planned



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

walking tour brochure of historic sites in the community, has been quite active on the boards of, among others, the Wythougan Valley Preservation Council and the Marshall County Community Foundation. He writes a blog at hoosierhappenings.blogspot.com which many of our readers might find interesting for its regional and state-wide historical content, besides

other topics.

In his Sept. 20, 2013 entry, "Thinking outside the brain drain," Garner describes himself as "the guy who overcame all of the odds," having returned to the community he "felt responsible to make a difference in, to improve, and to care for."

Referencing the "Hollowing out the Middle" book specifically, he notes that, regarding brain drain, "generally the inside-the-box answer is always more and better jobs."

Continues Garner:

"I don't buy the line that the kids we spend a fortune educating and losing would stay here if the right job were here. Sorry. I know far too many who have moved away, if not out of state, at least to Indy. My cousin is a marine biologist over an aquarium in Hawaii-obviously, we don't have those kinds of jobs here. However, most jobs we do, but we're teaching these kids that \$\$\$ is the definition of success. By doing so, of course we are going to lose them. When they graduate they already have a built-in sense of entitlement to the best the world can offer.

"If I did the same job in Chicago, Denver, or pick any coastal town, I'd make a lot more of the green stuff. But that's not success....at least not in my book. I had someone tell me that "somehow I found a way to make it work". Yeah, my wife and I committed to live simple lives.... that's how we made it work, along with a whole lot of faith."

He makes mention of an additional problem, that of children "no longer...capable of producing or being a part of ways in which social entertainment once occurred. No, they want on-demand entertainment that most small towns simply can't afford or have the infrastructure to provide."

He references the need to make communities attractive and vibrant to returning natives, something I think Culver has put a fair amount of thought and funding into in the last few years.

Garner concludes: "There needs to be a multi-pronged approach to solving the brain drain if we really want our kids here. Jobs is a part, but a very small part of the answer. We need a shift in the culture or definition of what success is. We need to teach kids what it actually means to be part of a community and not lead them to believe they need a ticket for the first flight out....but to dig in and make it what they want it to be. And we need to value everyone - all ideas - and work toward solutions bred from critical thinking."

What's notable about Garner's remarks is that they're oriented towards Plymouth rather than Culver. Consider that one of the oft-repeated maxims when discussing the challenges facing us in Culver is that we need more,

and especially more diverse jobs. And there's truth in that. However, one could argue that Plymouth has at least some of both. There certainly are a great many more jobs, and there's at least some more diversity. If the "brain drain" problem is just as prevalent there, while Culver could stand to enhance its job offerings, clearly doing so is not going to change the trend in our town.

During conversations last summer towards our upcoming comprehensive plan, several times it was posited that adding more jobs to the community would alleviate much of the problem of a lack of young families and year-round residents in Culver.

As I've said before in these pages, the numbers don't bear that out. Counting Elkay/Medallion, both local school systems (one of which, Culver Academies, is the largest employer in the county), Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, and the several smaller employing entities here, those who drive to Culver to work and leave here daily to go home to another community could nearly double our year-round population. But they don't. They live elsewhere.

That problem, of course, is one of affordable housing, and that's a completely separate article, but pointing it out, I hope, dispels some common myths about jobs and education in Culver.

As Kurt Garner points out, our crisis is a good part cultural. At the risk of causing some collective discomfort, I'll suggest that's the reason the "old" Culver so many local folks lament has gone away. It's a lot of the reason Monterey Elementary had to close down as well.

Like it or not, all of us are a part of the problem, though undeniably it's a national one as much as a local.

That is, when we hop to the local mega box store in the next town up the road (you know the store, or stores, I mean), or head to the Internet to make our purchases, we divert funds outside of Culver. I'm just as guilty as any of us -- after all, it's hard to argue with the money math here. My family, which actually falls into the category Kurt Garner placed himself -- that is, sacrificing some level of financial success for a different paradigm of happiness... that of being part of the local community that nurtured me and whose identity I value greatly -- needs to save every penny we can in order to continue to live here. So we shop frugally, which admittedly sometimes means shopping out of town or online.

There's nothing unique in that sense about Culver. Most small towns have all but died economically, or at least sought out ways to remain viable when most residents don't spend their money locally. That, of course, is why Culver no longer has four grocery stores or ten gas stations....and the same story goes for Monterey, which now no longer has a school.

I'd suggest that, if something doesn't change, we could be lamenting the end of Culver Community Schools, too, ten years down the road. Let's hope that doesn't happen, and maybe part of that hope can be rooted in a shift in how we speak to our children about what education is really about, what "success" in life really means, and a proper ordering of goods which includes real, live neighbors, local businesses, and local schools.

Letters to the editor

Another Culver ghost story

Fresh from reading the Robert Nowalk ghost story in last week's *Citizen*, I recalled one on Halloween eve that I heard and saw in the early 1930s on the near East Side.

My parents were visiting Walter and Rosalee Vonnegut whose cottage was at the end of the Academy Golf Course's first hole. The Vonneguts had Indianapolis relatives visiting, one of whom was a nephew (?) who was entertaining me one late October night as we looked out a window toward the lake and saw a sprawling house at the first hole's dogleg.

We saw a light go from window to window and I was mesmerized as my new friend described the scene as a man searching for his wife who one night years before disappeared in front of his eyes, she vanishing as her clothes slid down to the floor. Every Halloween he lays her clothes at the same spot and the clothes stand back up as if she were in them, travel through the house and drop back to the floor as the sun rises. He told me the man follows and feels as if his body is dissipating and he expects to rejoin his wife each year.

That kid telling me this story was named Kurt and he became one of Indiana's top storytellers. His name -- Kurt Vonnegut.

Russ (Puddy) Leonard
Indianapolis



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Culver crisscrossed with new crosswalks

Some of the 'talk of the town' in recent weeks has been the result of extensive replacement of curbs and especially crosswalks in several visible areas of Culver, part of a Culver Redevelopment Committee-funded effort which will match them with existing crosswalks in the downtown area. Due to the effort for workers to beat the weather and work quickly, a number of main thoroughfares have been closed simultaneously, though some have already re-opened. AT LEFT, workers pour and press concrete for the "bricked" look of the crosswalks (no, those aren't actual bricks). BELOW: the intersection of Jefferson and Ohio Streets seen before work was completed (left) and after.



First two Culver commercials finalists for statewide awards

The first two of three commercials produced in late summer and airing this fall on WSBT television in South Bend have been nominated as finalists in the Indiana Broadcasters Association's 2013 Spectrum awards, in competition with other TV stations around Indiana.

This from Kathy Clark of Culver's Redevelopment Commission, which funded the spots, as well as the website they promote, www.cometoculver.org.

The commercials were shot in high definition by a crew from WSBT and have been airing on the CBS affiliated network at intervals for several weeks now. One commercial focuses on the selling points of Culver's community, while another promotes the area's environment, both showcasing



several local businesses, the lake, and the overall atmosphere of Culver (including some spectacular sunset shots of Lake Maxinkuckee).

A third commercial, says Clark, will promote the cultural offerings of the community, and will include shots of the Maxinkuckee Players' performance from this past summer, quilts from the Susanna Quilters in Culver, and Culver Academies' Crisp Art Gallery. That commercial is expected to air in January or February, Clark adds.

These first two may be viewed online by visiting youtube.com and searching for "WSBT Culver environment" and "WSBT Culver community."

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Halloween fun with the Culver Lions

BELOW: As has been the case for decades, the Culver Lions Club sponsored its annual Halloween party last Tuesday night, during which a raft of creative costumes competed for prizes, as judged by club members. Members of the CYCO, the Culver Comm. Youth Organization, comprised of students from both Culver Comm. High School and Culver Academies, manned a variety of games for the children, while club members distributed prizes for "tickets" won at the games. Pictured here are the top ten winners in each age category, in judges' order of rank.



LEFT: In the infant through 3 year old category, from left: Bentley Dolezal (as popcorn), Asher Short (lobster), Addalynn Master (ladybug), Leo Baker (running towards the camera, as a bumblebee), Emily Slusher (pumpkin), Mattilyn Rayl (cow), Eleanor Schrimsher (old lady shopper), Taylor Sellers (elephant), Tyler Doty (Indian lady). Not pictured: Thomas Larson (Bob the Builder)



LEFT: In the 4 to 5 year old category, from left: Aliviah Williams (Spongebob), Graham Baker (green monster), Hannah Dolezal (Cruella DeVille), Ava Taylor (Repunzel), Charlie Schrimsher (werewolf), Destiny Stubbs (clown), Owen Johnston (Jedi), Mackenzie Johnston (good witch), Ave Hillman (ballerina), Jeff Standfast (the Hulk).



LEFT: In the 6 to 7 year old category, from left: Tyra King (devil), Cassidy Banks (princess), Nora Johnston (dog), Brandon Welch (pirate), Emily Holstein (witch), Rylie Processer (princess), Brianna Schelmer (Snow White), Emma Lee (ballerina), Reese Herrell (Captain America), Avery Garland (Pebbles).



LEFT: In the 8 to 9 year old category, from left: Syd Smith (TNT), Brady Delong (old man), Marquez Anderson (Tonto), Neomiah Haschel (Reedling), Derek McKee (gangster), Landon Stevens (cave man), Benjamin Lee (zombie), Lily Bradley (angel), Shawn Donley (soul taker), Kali Kidd (spider queen).



LEFT: In the 10 year old and up category, from left: Mikayla Wilson (paper doll), Kenzie Banks (Duck Dynasty), Gabe Sherman (green juggler), Blake Baugh (Luigi), Jesse Clemons (service man), Jonah King (purple man), Jacob Alan (pirate), Noah King (wolf man), Aden Burns (gorilla), Breanna Powell (fortune teller).

Cavs fall short against West Central, 54-38

By Kyle Hilliard
Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community Cavaliers came up short as they were defeated by the West Central Trojans 54-38 in a smash-mouth, run-filled game in Culver Friday.

West Central outgained the Cavs 541 to 273 rushing yards, averaging over eight yards a carry as the Cavs were not able to handle that rushing attack.

“We absolutely could not stop them. They are a tremendous, tremendous football team that executed well,” said Culver coach Andy Thomas. “We were worried they would go double tight and wish-bone and get after us and sure enough, that’s what they did. We just couldn’t stop them. We were close a couple of times, but they continually got big play after big play.”

West Central opened things up with a touchdown on their first drive, going 64 yards on the ground in just 3:13 of game-play, putting them up 8-0 early. They then got the ball back on their own 11, and after a Culver punt, and drove it the length of the field, again scoring a touchdown and jumping out to a quick 16-0 first quarter lead with 2:36 remaining in the quarter.

Culver did not fold up and quit however, as junior quarterback Preston Hansel scored on a 50-yard touchdown run, cutting the Trojan lead in half with 1:43 left in the first. That is the way the quarter would end. Early in the second, Trojan quarterback Hunter Holliday broke a 49-yard run of his own for a touchdown, giving them a 24-8



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver's Preston Hansel runs around the outside during the Cavaliers' sectional semifinal with West Central last Friday.

lead. Again, Culver was not backing down from the challenge as Trent Elliott put them in good field position, returning the kickoff across the fifty to the 40 yard-line. From there, the Cavs would work their way down the field, all the way down to the Trojan 2.

On fourth and goal, it was make or break time for the Cavs — convert and they are still in the game, get stuffed and all of the moment shifts back to West Central. Hansel opted to put the ball in the belly of sophomore fullback Everett Krueger who would do the rest as he crossed the goal-line, cutting the deficit to 24-14 at the half.

Culver opened the second half with good field position again, this time at their own 40. They again drove down the field, chewing up a huge chunk of time off of the clock. Preston Hansel then scored his second of the game, this time from one yard out with only 5:29 left in the third. After converting the two-point conversion the score was 24-22 West Central.

West Central then took the ball right back down the field, and, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Parker Fritz scored from 3 yards out. Culver was then able to stop them on the two-point try and kept it to a one-score game at 30-22. Three plays later, Hansel was at it again, scoring on another 50-yard run. After the two-point conversion pass to Elliot, they were all tied up at 30 with 10:51 remaining in the game.

The story of the night was the big gains on the ground by West Central. On the second play of their next drive, Fritz broke free again for a 50-yard touchdown run which put the Trojans back up 38-30. On the following drive by Culver, they made the one late game mistake they couldn't make. Hansel dropped back to pass to Krueger and West Central's Dylan Ingram jumped the route and picked it off on a tremendous defensive play. Three plays later, the Trojans were back in the end-zone on a 54-yard run by Holliday. The Trojans now led 46-30 with 7:28 left in the

game.

Culver fought back as Hansel broke off a 35-yard run to get them to the West Central 25. Three plays later, he hit Elliot on a deep seam route for a touchdown as the Cavs weren't going down without a fight. Down 46-38 and only 5:42 remaining, the Cavs needed the ball back and the Trojans knew that. They had everyone upfield ready for an onside kick.

Culver decided to kick it deep at an angle and try to get their first, but the ball bounced just out of bounds before they could get to it. It was a good attempt that came up just short of working. West Central would add one more score for insurance, and that was the end of the scoring on the night.

Thomas was pleased with the way his team played and how much production he got from Hansel, even with the turnover as he led his team with 236 yards on the ground and three touchdowns, averaging over nine yards a carry.

“Good things happen when the ball is in Preston’s hands. We felt good about what we were doing on offense. He made some big plays. The O-line did a decent job. They are very good on the defensive line also. I can’t fault him for the interception. We have to put a little more air under it maybe,” said Thomas.

This ends the season for the Cavaliers, but they didn't go down without a fight and played hard until the end; they just came up against a better team who didn't make any mistakes.

“I can't say enough about our guys and how proud I am of them. As rough a year as it has been, they have continued to work at it, and this game was a microcosm of their resiliency and their toughness. We got down 16-0 and 24-14 to a team that it can go south against you real quick, and our kids refused to pack it in,” said Thomas. “It got to a point where we were matching them score for score, and we got the turnover at the end and couldn't get any stops. I am just really proud of our guys. They have zero to be ashamed of.”

• WEST CENTRAL 54,
CULVER 38
At Culver

PHOTOS/PAUL PARÉ

Moving the earth for Eagles' turf

RIGHT: Work is progressing in the replacement of the grass on the football field at Culver Academies with turf, as is evidenced by these photos from last week. The grass-resembling turf should cut down on maintenance costs and labors, and should be ready for use by the 2014 fall season. As a result of the work, the Eagles' home games were redirected to other fields this season. And while the track appears to have been taken up in the lower photo, in fact a temporary “bridge” has been set up on top the track, which will be usable again after the work is completed.



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Academies indoor tennis facility moves forward

LEFT: Another major project underway at Culver Academies is the construction of an indoor tennis facility to accompany its award-winning courts installed a few years ago north of State Road 10, having replaced the old courts just south of the same highway. The new facility, which will be one of the finest indoor arenas for the sport in Indiana, will be home to several courts and is located just north of the outdoor courts. It will host several individual courts and supporting space, and is hoped to be open for play by the upcoming spring season, according to Academies Director of Facilities Jeff Kutch.



Library news

CUTPL book club Nov. 13

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, November 13 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "Bring Up the Bodies" by Hilary Mantel.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. All programs are free and open to the public.

Rug hooking program at CUTPL

Portia Wampler will be presenting a program at Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Saturday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m. Wampler is a local Marshall County resident and elementary teacher at Argos Elementary School. She has received multiple Lily Endowment Teacher Creativity grants, and the most recent grant allowed her to travel to Vermont to learn rug hooking. She will speak about her trip and newly acquired rug hooking skills at the CUTPL program, which is free and open to the public, and will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the library. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Local author Krom to speak on Wells, Little Turtle on Indiana Frontier

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to welcome fellow Marshall County resident and local author, Joe Krom. He will be at CUTPL Monday, November 18 at 6 p.m. to talk about his historical novel, "Heart of a Warrior: The True Saga of Sweet Breeze and William Wells." Krom, a retired teacher, also presents historical talks aboard the American Queen, a steam powered paddleboat which cruises the Ohio River. His historically-rich presentation will be about William Wells and Little Turtle on the Indiana Frontier.

This free program is open to the public, and will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the library. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Free technology training sessions at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer training for all things technology-related. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet, digital camera – or any other electronic device, Fri., Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. The session is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Shaffer is High School Heisman finalist

Culver Comm. High School senior Kayla Shaffer has been announced as a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist "because of (her) relentless effort to consistently reach higher in all facets of life that we recognize you as one of the most well-rounded and accomplished high school seniors in the country," according to a release.

The 102 state winners will be chosen in November, a group from which will be chosen the 12 national finalists who will be invited to New York City for Heisman Weekend and be featured on ESPN2 as two national winners are announced.

According to the Wendy's Heisman website at www.wendysheisman.com, the scholar athlete program "elevates students by making it possible for them to take advantage of new opportunities, ensuring they are recognized for a job well done, and inspiring them to continue achieving their best." To qualify, seniors must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of a B (3.0) or better and participate in a qualifying sport.

Speaker helps students get traction on the drive to distraction

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Greg Forbes Siegman is easily distracted. Because of that, he sees things differently. And looking at things differently makes him very good at what he does.

What he does is bring people together. Then Siegman helps them learn to "spark ideas." He has brought people together to form profit-making businesses, non-profit corporations, and global networks to help further important causes.

One of those connections brought him to Culver Academies to meet with The Ron Rubin School for the Entrepreneur students and Humanities instructors. For the past seven years, Siegman has been friends with Ron Rubin (CMA class of 1968), whom he met at an entrepreneurial conference. Rubin encouraged him to visit Culver and meet with students and instructors. He said Rubin even gave him a "scavenger hunt" list of campus locations to find and photograph.

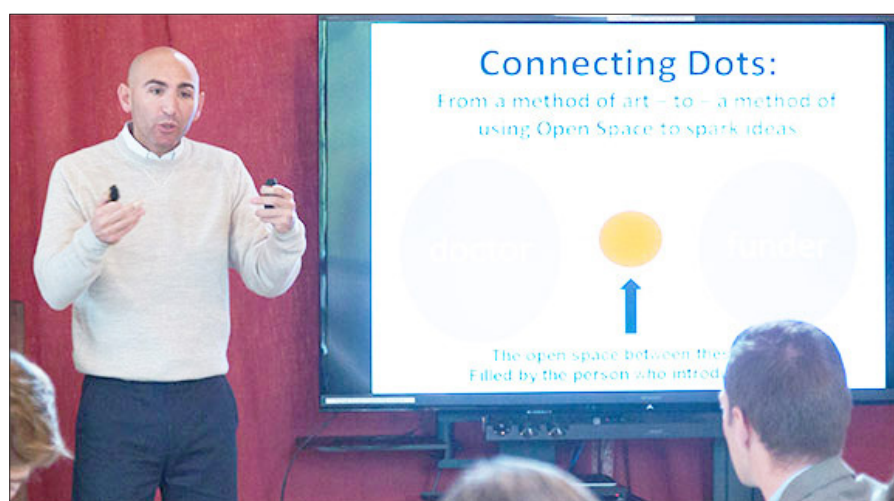
Siegman describes himself as an effectual thinker. That is a person who will "make five different stops on their way from living room to the kitchen" during a TV commercial. While the vast majority of people use causal reasoning, which is going directly from Point A to Point B, effectual thinkers see all the unexamined, open spaces and enjoy the walk, he said.

That is because effectual thinkers believe there may be ideas worth pursuing or people worth knowing along the way, he said.

Causal reasoners look at a grocery store shelf and see what is in stock. Effectual thinkers look at the same shelf and notice what could be there. And it will be the effectual thinkers who will end up filling the void on the shelf the causal reasoners never considered.

But harnessing the power of effectual thinking took time for Siegman. He told the instructors he was so "dazed and confused" during his first days as a teacher he turned his classroom over to someone he thought was a graduate student sitting in to observe his class. It didn't take him long to realize that he had turned his class over to a 6-foot tall, 12-year-old boy who sat in the back so he wouldn't block the other students' views.

That story follows a pattern throughout Siegman's life. He showed a childhood photo where he became so distracted he walked into a wall and broke his nose. It got to the point that his father, a retired Navy officer, made him wear a toy football helmet for protection. He crashed his car one day after receiving his license because he was distracted. His teachers sent notes home asking his parents



Greg Forbes Siegman addresses instructors during his visit.

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to seek help.

But Siegman's grandmother realized he wasn't flawed. He simply thought differently. She taught him to harness his wandering mind to his advantage. Whenever he became distracted from his math homework, she would have him start his English homework. When he grew tired of that, he would switch back to math.

He taught himself to draw by breaking down his subjects into a series of points. Soon he had an elaborate, self-made, connect-the-dots drawing. When he was day-dreaming out of windows, he would focus on one building and think about how he could help. Finding an inner city school led him to teaching.

But his grandmother tempered her positive support with the valuable lessons of failure, he said. Referring to Aesop's Fable about the tortoise and the hare, she told him to "always bet on the turtle." Not every idea will succeed, so celebrate the work being done, the intentions behind it, and "embrace that you are going to fail."

Siegman said he knows he will not be the doctor who cures cancer or the person who provides the funding to underwrite the doctor's research. But he can be the person who "connects the dots" and brings them together.

And his wandering does just that. While visiting one school, he walked down the street to a senior center. While talking with the seniors, Siegman noticed the lack of art on the walls. Soon he had the school's principal and the head of the center talking about establishing a rotating gallery of the children's art at the center. Now, the children have a place to display their art and the seniors have started a reading program for the students.

But is there a way to make money by connecting the dots? Siegman showed a slide with one word in the dot between business and consumers: Google.

Center for Culver History seeking director

The Center for Culver History in Culver, Indiana is seeking a museum director, starting January 1, 2014. This is a part time position of 20 hours per week at \$10/hour. The Center is a museum and research center, recently relocated to a wing of the First Farmer's Bank and Trust building on Main Street in Culver. Its mission is to strengthen and nurture the Culver community through the preservation, interpretation, and dissemination of its natural, historical, and cultural heritage. The museum seeks to serve patrons of all ages, from year-round residents to visitors. (see culverahs.com/home/museum/)

The director is responsible for operating and maintaining the museum and its collections and engaging various publics. Responsibilities include: researching and fabricating exhibits, public outreach, overseeing volunteers and day-to-day operations, caring for collections, keeping museum records, maintaining a website and Facebook page, programming, planning exhibits and events, and implementing plans for the long-term development and sustainability of the museum.

The Director reports to a Museum Committee composed of members of the nonprofit Antiquarian & Historical Society (AHS) of Culver. The director will also be expected to work collaboratively with the newly created Culver Visitors' Center, which will be located in the lobby adjacent to the museum.

Candidates should have previous leadership experience and basic familiarity with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher, and Photoshop or comparable programs, as well the Internet, including Facebook. They should be willing and able to learn standard museum practices for the following: operating the museum database software PastPerfect; grant-writing; fundraising; scanning and digitizing; and caring for and cataloguing collections. Please send a cover letter indicating interest and abilities, resumé, and contact information for three references before Friday, November 15 to George Duncan, chairman of the Museum Committee, at gaduncan@aol.com.

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there to Hawaii. Three years later, and with a newborn baby to consider, he transferred to Southern California, the start of five years with a battalion which was deployed to Alaska, Panama (where he recalls being shaken down by Manuel Noriega's men for a bribe), Camp David, Guantanamo Bay, and eventually Saudi Arabia to participate in Operation Desert Shield.

Asked if he'd be interested in wiring buildings, telephones, generators, and the like, Lindvall agreed (though he says he wasn't crazy about climbing utility poles).

"So," he says, "they put me in the Seabees."

Life as a 'Seabee'

Technically, the Seabees name is derived from the initials "C.B.," or the United States Navy Construction Battalion. The battalion began in 1942, three months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and handled a wide array of construction projects during World War II and later conflicts.

"The battalion carries everything it needs -- cooks, doctors, a dentist, a chaplain -- we're a complete unit, same as if we were on a ship," Lindvall notes.

"Knowing we're the ones serving now and we need to live up to that heritage we created... there's a lot of pride in the Seabees," he adds.

He cites a more recent example of the camaraderie in the battalion, referencing a young man from Culver currently serving in Lindvall's old battalion, Jesse Good.

"A couple of years ago when they were leaving for the war in Iraq and heading to California, I informed an old Navy buddy they (the battalion) were heading home. He wanted me to tell (Jesse) to call his cell, and he would take him and a couple of his pals out for dinner...Jesse was just blown away by his generosity and kindness. That's the best part of the Seabees: we're a close-knit group."

Lindvall recalls the extensive background check necessary for him to attain the "Yankee White" level of security clearance which allowed him to share a room, if need be, with the President of the United States. After he qualified, Lindvall was part of a small team of around a dozen other Seabees deployed to Camp David, where they stayed up to the day before the President's arrival ("He doesn't need a bunch of saws and jackhammers going while he's trying to get peace and quiet," Lindvall notes).

He also recalls the unexpected honor of being part of the first Seabees press conference since Vietnam, back on Sept. 1, 1990, when newspapers around California carried his photo, a KNBC microphone among a slew of other mics in front of him.

And by the way, the Seabees were and are expected to carry on their work regardless of conditions.

"I've always said my worst day in construction is when we poured a concrete pad for a new gas station," he explains. "There were gale force winds and it was snowing and sleeting the entire time. The only heat we had was in the little trailer shed where there was a Mr. Coffee pot. We worked all day with no lunch because we were too filthy to go anywhere to have it. We were just whipped at the end of the day!"

Operation Desert Shield

Near the end of his nine-year Navy tenure, Lindvall had reached "non-deployable" status. That changed, however, when President George Bush said troops would be sent in support of Operation Desert Shield, and Lindvall was once again "deployable."

"I was okay with that," he says. "I was the shotgun rider for three busloads of my buddies on an advance party to head over there. I said, 'Take care of yourself 'til I get there and I will see you over there.' Then, after they were



PHOTO PROVIDED
Bryce Lindvall of Culver, right, receives the Navy Good Conduct medal from his Commanding Officer while serving as a Navy "Seabee" in 1986.

gone, I became non-deployable again. That didn't sit well with me. I wanted to go, so (the Navy) allowed me to. I wanted to see that we were all going to be okay."

Lindvall recalls arriving in the desert in the middle of the night and being initially struck at how much the sand hills looked like snow drifts.

"But that heat hits you in the face and you know its way too warm for snow drifts!"

He stayed in the desert about six weeks, until just days before the end of his service date with the Navy, though at the time battalion members "all figured we were doing nothing but having a big field exercise and nothing would ever happen."

"Part of me wanted to extend my time and stay, but my buddies were like, 'You have a contractor wanting to hire you; go back to California and get that job.' So, reluctantly, I did."

Further, Lindvall had recently been served divorce papers. It seemed like the right time for a change of life.

That was Nov. 30, and on Dec. 12, he heard on his truck radio the news that the war had started.

"I just sat there stunned," he recalls. "I felt pretty guilty for the next few months. My buddies' wives would get a hold of me and ask what it was like where they were at. I painted the best picture for the wives that I could."

He told his fellow battalion members that when they returned to the U.S. he'd be there when the jet landed, "waving a big American flag, which I did."

Family and community

And things have a strange way of working out. It was during his celebration, out with fellow battalion members upon their return home, that Lindvall met his future wife, Alicia.

"She came up (from her home country of Mexico) with a friend visiting family. I tell people she came up from Mexico to see Mickey Mouse but she found Goofy instead!"

Bryce and Alicia Lindvall have three children together, and he says Alicia is "like a mother" to his first daughter, born in Hawaii and herself now the mother of two.

Musing on his time in the Navy, Lindvall points out he spent the entirety of his 20s serving, and along the way he formed lifelong bonds with fellow battalion members he's

still in contact with after more than 25 years.

He describes a recent reunion in Las Vegas as "such a neat experience" not only for him and others from his battalion, but their wives as well.

Four years after leaving the Navy, Lindvall and his young family returned to Indiana to help his mother care for his ailing father.

"I always dreamt of living where I could see mountains in the horizon and there were no cold winters," he says with a smile. "It's kind of a full circle thing being back -- but it was the right thing to do."

Almost 11 years ago, he quit his job at Culver Academies and started Lindvall Electric ("I couldn't fathom having another boss," he says, noting he was the sole electrician on most of his Naval deployments, and thus became accustomed to working alone).

Seven years ago, Lindvall became a member of Culver's volunteer fire department.

"Part of that is missing that sense of serving my country. I wanted to serve my community. I am grateful that I'm healthy enough that I can still serve, to some extent, my community."

Besides coaching Little League for some time, he also became quite active for several years with Culver's VFW Post 6919, serving as Post Commander for two years.

During that time, Lindvall says he "made a personal goal of reaching out and finding out who from Culver is serving and where they are, and letting them know it's more than just their friends and family who appreciate their sacrifices and being in harm's way. The rest of us here appreciate you. For me it was very gratifying making people realize that back home."

One specific manifestation of that goal took place when Culver Community High School senior Jeremiah Harvey won the state wrestling championship in 2011. While informing Culverite John Neidlinger, who was serving overseas at the time, of Harvey's accomplishment, Lindvall recalls Neidlinger asking him to "let Jeremiah know he brought a lot of sunshine to a dark corner of the world."

"My thought was, 'No, you need to tell him,'" says Lindvall. "So I arranged to get Jeremiah into the high school office at a certain time and within a couple minutes the phone rang and it was John Neidlinger calling from Iraq to congratulate a fellow Culver High School wrestler!"

Valuing veterans

Lindvall says he hopes those without anyone serving in their own families now know there are a number of young people from the Culver area serving today. He encourages interested people to speak to the Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary about care packages being sent to area service men and women overseas.

"Stay strong with your patriotism," adds Lindvall. "Veterans, as well as people serving today, do appreciate seeing the flags out and showing respect to the flag. You can show your support by going to the Veterans Day ceremony. The high school always does a fine program and you don't need to have a child in the school to go into the auditorium to watch it."

Lindvall says he grew up not hearing much from his own father about the latter's service in World War II. In fact, Bryce only learned at his dad's funeral that the elder Lindvall had served in the Battle of the Bulge.

"Nothing I experienced comes close to anything at all of World War II," he says, "but I'll tell my kids stories. Even though 99.9 percent of my time was during peace time, still there's the sacrifices of being away from home nine months at a time, and the hardships of working in arduous duty stations...(I'm) more appreciative of my fellow veterans and having more of a desire to help other veterans."



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state aims to have reached that goal, he said.

As a result of this policy, Culver Community Schools' amount per student has declined by \$116, "and that's been a part of our budget crisis," he added.

Asked to speak to the reasons behind the 70 Union Township students who left the corporation between 2007 and today, Hanselman said he believes the trend relates to young families and the lack of affordable housing in the Culver area.

Additionally, a lack of job opportunities for graduated students, particularly those who have earned college degrees.

"What opportunities do you have unless it's at Elkay or one of the two schools here? There aren't large employers for someone to work...so it becomes a bedroom community. They come here to work and they move (out of town). Mostly when we ask why families are moving, the parent says they're looking for a job."

In response to an audience query, Hanselman said he doesn't think the corporation has lost many students due to the much-ballyhooed voucher program approved by the state a few years ago, which allows students to use public school funds to attend participating private schools. For one thing, not that many private schools within a reasonable distance of Culver are accepting vouchers, he pointed out.

Also, tax dollars, he explained, "used to stay in the community. The school used to be able to charge tuition when a kid goes out of town (to another school), but now the state doesn't care."

Asked if the school building has the capacity to comfortably expand, should the need ever arise, Hanselman said in 2002, students in the middle and high school combined numbered in the upper 500s, so he feels there's plenty of room.

He referenced a book he recently read, "Hollowing Out

the Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What It Means for America" (by Patrick J. Carr), a study of the "brain drain" phenomenon in small communities of which he said, "I would swear they did that study in Culver."

Former students, he noted, have indicated they would love to come back here and raise families, but "the opportunities for employment are just not there."

Vocational Education opportunities at Culver

Speaking of employment, Hanselman was quite positive about the expanded array of opportunities for current CCHS students in the area of vocational education, pointing out Indiana Governor Pence's emphasis on the importance of vocational education in public schools.

Hanselman, himself part of the Marshall County Industrial Association, said many employers have opportunities in the area of skilled labor, but lack a proper labor pool from which to choose. One employer, according to Hanselman, said he had some 100 openings, but most applicants either lack the skills to fill the positions or "can't pass drug screenings."

Vocational education director at Culver Jerry Hollenbaugh is expanding voc ed opportunities, said Hanselman, including working to train students to fill the stated need for trained welders.

A course available for CCHS students in machinist training, based in Plymouth, has grown out of a partnership between ITAMCO in that community and Ivy Tech college. Machinists can start at \$40,000 to \$50,000 salary, he noted, and Culver students who take the course can walk away with up to five certifications and potentially with an Associate's degree as well.

In many ways, employers are moving away from the longstanding model of a four-year degree, he explained, noting Hollenbaugh and Plymouth superintendent Dan Tyree took a trip to a new transmission plant near Koko-

mo where sought-after individuals were those who could collaborate in a team environment, rather than a four-year degree.

Hanselman also said the school takes students to Ancilla College and other places to expose them to a collegiate environment.

"Many of our students would be what you would call first-generation college students. For some of them, walking onto a college campus might be like for us going to the moon."

In the area of computer-based technology, Hanselman noted each student is issued his or her own iPad portable computer which is used in one degree or another daily during classes.

This year is the third in a three-year lease with the Apple company, which will sell the entire fleet of iPads to the school, should it choose not to upgrade to the next model, for only \$1 total, he said. He also reported the iPads are "holding up quite well for being in the hands of teenagers."

Hanselman himself traveled to Apple's world headquarters in Cupertino, California a few years ago to speak to Apple representatives and envoys from various public schools around the country.

In addition to computer use in the school building, more focused training opportunities for students are based in Plymouth as part of the voc ed program as well, he added.

Two voc ed avenues are centered in Knox, including the ongoing beauty college training, a two-year program popular enough to generate a waiting list at CCHS. After completing the course, students "can take the state-level tests (in Indianapolis) and walk right into the industry and be employable," Hanselman explained.

Also ongoing in Knox is the SKIL Center, which offers a longtime automotive training program which fa- See Hanselman page B6

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free technology classes Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in November. Classes include Computers for Beginners (Nov. 8), Windows 8 Help (Nov. 11 and 15), Mobile Devices for Beginners (Nov. 18 and 22). 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.

Lions fruit order deadline Nov. 13

The Culver Lions Club's annual fruit sale is under way. To view gift boxes or to order online go to www.FreshFruitOrder.org/culverlionsclubfruitsale, or call any Culver Lion member or Susan Elizondo at 260-571-0452. Orders are also available in 40, 20, and 10 pounds. Order deadline is November 13. Order delivery is December 5 at the Culver Lions train station. Packaged gift items will be mailed directly to the recipient. Culver Lions fruit store hours for pickup are: Fri., Dec. 6 (4 to 7 p.m.), Sat., Dec. 7 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Fri., Dec. 13 (4 to 7 p.m.), and Sat., Dec. 14 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, Nov. 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.

Culver Club open house at the museum Nov. 15

The Culver Club of Culver will host a wine and cheese open house and membership event at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop Friday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The free event will include an update from museum curator Jeff Kenney on new museum developments, and Culver Club membership applications will be available (membership is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple). The museum is located at 102 S. Main Street. Call 574-842-8842 for more information.

IIOF breakfast Nov. 16

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellow Lodge #373 IIOF will host an all you can eat pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Nov 16, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the lodge at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads in Culver. Adults are \$8 and children \$6. Also, a bake sale will be held to support Union Twp. 4H. The 16th is opening day, so deer hunters may want to stop in for breakfast after being in their stands all morning.

Max Singers/Players meeting Nov. 24

The next board meeting of the Maxinkuckee Singers/Players will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, followed by a general membership meeting at 2 p.m. The director of Bye Bye Birdie will be voted upon at that time, as well as election of new board officers for 2014.

Live music at the Lakehouse

The Lakehouse Grille, 620 E. Lake Shore Drive, continues its Saturday night series of live musical performances Sat. nights at approximately 9 p.m. Please note the Nov. 30 performance has been canceled. Performances include: Marty Miles Band (Nov. 9), Moneyshot (Nov. 16), Double Standard (Nov. 23), Kevin & Jerry (Dec. 7), Marty Miles Band (Dec. 14), Matt Miller (Dec. 21), Moneyshot (1st annual "End of the Year Party" (Dec. 28).

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events' weekly

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Current events open forum/Q&A (Nov. 3), Prophesy, end times, the 'Rapture,' and the Church (Nov. 10), Perspectives on the environment and Christian stewardship (Nov. 17), Current events open forum/Q&A (Dec. 1), The Culture of Life - euthanasia, abortion, stem cells, and other life issues (Dec. 8), The healthcare mandate and contraception - what does the Church actually teach? (Dec. 15).

Renowned photographer's work exhibited

The work of photographer Alison Wright, represented by National Geographic and Corbis, will be exhibited at the Crisp Visual Arts Center on the campus of Culver Academies, in an exhibition ti-

tled "Face to Face: Portraits of the Human Spirit." The exhibition ends Nov. 20. Group or individual viewing during the school day can be reserved via e-mail at Robert.Nowalk@culver.org or by calling the Art Office (574-842-8278). Public walk-in hours are the second Sunday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m.

Firemen's Honor Wall ready for brick placement

The Culver Union Township Fire Department's Honor Wall, located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street, is ready to accept community-purchased bricks honoring local firefighters. Active and honor wall bricks can be purchased by individuals, but will be limited to one brick maximum per active member or honoree and department established criteria must be met. For more details or information, or for an official order form, interested persons may contact the department's secretary-treasurer Dave Cooper at 574-952-2809 or dacoop13@hotmail.com.

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.

Texas Hold-em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament on the second Sunday of each month, 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.

Bell ringers in Nov., Dec.

Salvation Army holiday bell ringers will be on hand starting Sat., Nov. 30 at CVS and Park N' Shop in Culver, collecting dona-

tions as in years past. The Culver Council of Churches sponsored bells will be rung from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22

Community Cab in Culver Wednesdays

The Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab each Wed. 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.

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ilitates up to two years of classes and the possibility of dual credit and some certifications. Culver's high school, one of several area schools participating, currently has seven students enrolled in the program, which Hanselman said has graduated some who today work for NASCAR (though none of those were from Culver). The current teachers of the program are two former students, he added.

The principal acknowledged transportation to off-site vocational programs "can be a problem" and is the responsibility of the students themselves, though he said many carpool and share gas expenses.

Now more than three decades old, CCHS' first vocational program was its building trades class, today taught at Culver by Kyle Elliott, who Hanselman says does "a fantastic job."

The home currently under construction, he noted, will belong to the Kevin Shidler family and is being built on State Road 117 near Mystic Hills golf course, not far from another recently-built house belonging to the Berendt family.

Building trades, he said, has built rural, country homes, a house on Bass Lake and near Lake Maxinkuckee, and homes adjacent to golf courses, "so the opportunities they're exposed to are wonderful."

The waiting list for a building trades home currently extends to 2036, Hanselman said, though most on the list don't end up taking advantage of the program after all.

Based in Plymouth, besides the computer and machine vocational courses are courses in welding as well as a



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Albert Hanselman addresses members of Culver's Kiwanis Club last Thursday.

certified nursing program through Miller's Merry Manor there.

While the regional vocational cooperative to which Culver belongs is not unique in the state, he said, many such cooperatives are based in one facility such as a small college campus, though this region lacks the proper space to do that.

One helpful development under the administration of former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels was Daniels' requirement that certified colleges in Indiana must allow credits to transfer from one to another, which alleviated the frustration of students' vocational credits not being valid at some institutions. In fact, some branches of the same school, such as Purdue, refused in the past to recognize some credits earned at other Purdue branches.

Hanselman also noted CCHS has around three or four students per year who enter the U.S. Armed Forces, though

he pointed out the military is trying currently to improve its image by applying some more stringent requirements such as forbidding tattoos.

Scholarships

Addressing the work of the Kiwanis Club specifically, Hanselman thanked the club for its work in providing scholarships to CCHS students each year, reading a lengthy list of universities to which Kiwanis scholarship recipients have gone on, ranging from state universities to private colleges and vocational schools.

Majors have ranged from physical therapy, teaching, speech pathology, nursing, engineering, agri-business, and radio-television communications, to architecture, music, guidance counseling, and aviation mechanics, among others, he said.

He also expressed appreciation that the club has expanded its scholarship program to as many as four years for some students.

Hanselman discussed some of the other scholarship opportunities available to students, including some local and regional examples in which individuals place funds in a trust still paying out over years and decades, and which have been helpful to many students.

Some scholarships, he explained, are based on students' GPA, while some focus on the field a given student plans to study. One scholarship actually requires its recipient be a "C" student, said Hanselman, though an "all around good kid," to give a chance to a student who otherwise might fall through the scholarship cracks.

The school has a scholarship committee, he added, which reviews applications, which are given to all seniors to encourage them to apply.

Some scholarships actually go vacant from time to time, said Hanselman, such as those oriented towards the geographic region a student resides.

He pointed out all the students who received scholarships from the Kiwanis Club -- one of several provided for local students from various service clubs and organizations in Culver -- are still in school and "doing well." He said the decision by the club last year to make its scholarships renewable for students in good standing, puts the Kiwanis scholarship alongside roughly 15 percent of the total available to students which are renewable.

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