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## Culver Elementary super spellers

ABOVE, LEFT: Culver Elementary students taking first place in the school's spelling competition -- ahead of the county-wide spelling bee -- included Fritz Ellert (left), 5th grade winner, and 6th grade champ William Baldwin. Middle school winners, not pictured, included 7th grader Sarah Luttrell and 8th grader Pierce Ellert.



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## Pinewood prix

ABOVE, RIGHT: Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 held its annual Pinewood Derby at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church earlier this month. Pictured in the background are scout leaders Jim Coiner and Jim Keller as scouts, at right, look on in frozen anticipation. MORE COVERAGE BELOW AND ON PAGE 5.

## In Brief

### Data recovery at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time for March 27 at 6 p.m. will focus on data recovery. This session is free and open to the public.

The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

### Park superintendent apps due Monday

Applications for the position of Culver Park Superintendent must be submitted to the Park Board by March 31. Applications should be submitted to 819 Lake Shore Drive, Culver, IN, 46511.

### Free computer class at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology training Friday, March 28 at 10 a.m. This session is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

### Hyland 90th open house Saturday

The community is invited to join Iris Madonna Hyland in a *surprise* open house celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. (EST) at the Culver depot (her birthday is actually April 6). Those who wish to bring her a gift, please consider a flowering plant, bulbs or seeds. R.S.V.P. to debra465@gmail.com or call 574-261-5377. Those unable to attend who would like to send her a birthday card, send it to 18942 St Rd 10, Culver, IN 46511.

### Community meal at St. Mary's Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, March 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

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## Piano incident strikes sour notes at park board meeting

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The fate of a donated piano dominated conversation at what had been scheduled to be the March 19 meeting of the Culver park board, but which instead was an informal conversation due to the lack of a quorum.

None of the parties involved in the discussion -- which took place for the first time since a recent venue change, in the beach lodge meeting room -- disagreed on the basic facts of the matter: an upright piano which resided in the beach lodge meeting room for several years has been destroyed. Three volunteers -- one of them park board member John Helphrey -- attempted to deliver the piano March 14 to Jeanette Geiselman of Culver's Golden Agers group, after she requested (at the previous park board meeting) that it be moved to her home following the closing of the REAL Meals program in late February.

The details of what led from delivery to destruction, however, were more contentious. Board president Tammy Shaffer said she had heard various versions of what happened from Helphrey as well as via rumor around town; she added that Geiselman had contacted park attorney Rachel Arndt about the matter.

"To cut through all the 'he said, she said,'" said Shaffer, addressing Geiselman, 'what would you like?'

Geiselman replied she "would like a good piano to replace the one that was destroyed." Helphrey, who along with Shaffer and Bob Osborn were the only board members present, offered his side of the situation, noting he and his family are "a volunteering family" and that his parents and sister have lived in Culver for more than 40 years. He said he has volunteered locally for the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs.

He said Geiselman had been "demanding the piano in the beach lodge without proof of ownership" for several months. During a recent park board meeting, said Helphrey, he offered "as a private citizen" to deliver the piano to Geiselman's house, and phoned her on the 14th to confirm delivery, at which point Geiselman suggested the park board should purchase the piano itself. Helphrey, however, reminded Geiselman she had been "adamant about wanting the piano."

He went on to describe the difficulty on the part of himself and two other volunteers -- Vern Chmliewski Jr. and Mike Stallings -- in getting the piano out the beach lodge door and into Helphrey's truck. Upon arriving at Geiselman's house, the men noticed she had several stairs, and told her they wouldn't be able to lift the piano up the stairs. Instead, they suggested it be placed in her garage until she could find other means of moving it into the house.

Helphrey added the piano was scratched and had chipped keys, and he estimated it was around 40 years old. It had originally been donated to a church which met in the beach lodge and was subsequently sold to the Golden Agers.

"(Geiselman) said, 'You have to put it back in the beach house.' I said, 'We can't do that. If you don't want it here, we'll have to dump it.' She said, 'Go ahead and dump it,'" said Helphrey.

He and the other two volunteers then moved the piano to the town garage area on Mill Street, and with the help of a fourth volunteer, removed it from Helphrey's truck, took photos of its condition, and left it. Town utility manager Bob Porter told the men he would take care of it from there, Helphrey said.

"We were told to dump it; we followed directions."

Geiselman then called Helphrey, he added, and asked for a new piano.

"I don't feel very good about spending public money on a 40-year-old piano that was donated to begin with to a church," he said. "Nobody asked to reimburse us for our time and labor, or my gas of the wear and tear on my truck, but you are adamant about wanting a new piano...I think somebody wants to profit off other people's charitable contributions."

Audience member Sharon Coffee said the piano's condition was fine and added she played it every Tuesday for the

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## CBGC auction 2014 set to continue success of club, past events

The Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) has announced its annual silent auction event to be held on June 13 (starting at 6 p.m.) at Culver Academies Lay Center.

The CBGC board members are excited about this year's event, says board chairwoman Ginny Munroe. "We are continuing our



### CULVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Building Brighter Futures theme," she explains, "because it fits so well with our

club's mission to create brighter futures for the kids in our community through educational programming, extracurricular activities, and fun. We want to show the community what our mission is about by promoting what we believe our club is to kids."

People attending this year's event will once again be treated to live entertain-

ment, which always attracts a lot of guests.

Says event organizer Carol Zeglis, "Hopefully, everyone will be excited about our live entertainment. We try to bring in great talent every year, as we know it's a hit with our guests. This year, we are working hard to surprise everyone. We'll announce who we get later this spring, so stay tuned."

The Boys and Girls Club silent auction event has es-

tablished itself as the kick-off to summer party in Culver. Each year, the team of board members who put the event together try to come up with new ideas for auction event items.

Zeglis says, "Every year, we collect around 200 items for the auction, and though we'll likely have some of the same items as previous years, we try each

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## Local musician's song reaches nationwide audience for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A song by local musician Chad Van Herk has gained widespread attention as part of the worldwide observation of World Down Syndrome Awareness Day, which took place last Friday, March 21.

The song, "A Smile for Everyone," was written by First Farmers Bank of Culver's bank manager Van Herk for his nephew Keel Allen, who has Down's Syndrome.

The song, and accompanying video, are being promoted by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS, at www.ndss.org) for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day. One hundred percent of the profits from song downloads will be donated to the NDSS, says Van Herk, who notes the song is available for download on CDBaby, iTunes, Amazon, and elsewhere.

"The song came naturally with inspiration by my nephew Keel, and it wrote itself," says Van Herk, who already has gained a widespread following via rotation of his music at the popular streaming music website Pandora, and a highly visible music video shot in California a few years ago. "I was merely looking back at the impact his surprise made on our family in general, and more precisely on my sister and brother-in-law (Don). It was a difficult transition with a sharp learning curve but the simple fact was and is that he is a happy and healthy child, and he certainly does put a smile on our faces. We are all eager to stand by him now and over the years to come simply because he is so pleasant and endearing."

Keel's mother, Sandi Allen, familiar to some in the area for leading classes at Culver Academies' fitness center, notes that Chad debuted the song last year at a fundraiser for Freedom Park (a park for kids with special needs in Plymouth).

"When I heard the song I thought it was wonderful," she adds. "It put into words some of the emo-

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## VFW soup cook-off a win for Culver food pantry (McKee)

Culver's VFW Men's Auxiliary recently donated \$200 to the Culver food pantry, the proceeds from the group's annual soup cook-off event, which was held at the VFW Post in Culver on March 2.

As has been the case for the past few years, Donna McKee won the cook-off by popular vote of attendees, out of eight soups entered (this year, Lakehouse Grille and Cafe Max of Culver made up two of the donated soups).

"Every year we encourage the community and businesses to participate," says Dave McKee of the Auxiliary. "This was one of our better years for funds raised."

Donna McKee's winning entry was her chicken and dumpling soup.

"I really enjoy cooking and love to see people enjoy the food I cook" she says. "I came up with this recipe just a few months ago and decided to enter it in this year's cook off. I would love to see more entries of soups in the future. Hopefully more people will participate in this great cause! The more soups the better!"

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year to bring new items. We get the whole board involved in soliciting items, and the community always generously provides a wonderful selection."

Adds Dianne Osborn, one of the board members who Zeglis says collects the most items for the auction: "Several organizations, businesses, and individuals give to the auction. Many provide their vacation properties or funds to purchase trips. We are so fortunate that year after year, we can put on a great event that showcases how many local merchants and businesses, as well as individuals, care about our club and its mission in the community."

The event includes a live auction that will auction off items such as Kentucky Derby tickets. It also features an item kids in the club always contribute to through an art project.

Osborn, who helps organize the art project that the kids work on for the event, explains, "The kids are great about participating and they understand the importance of fundraising. For the past few years, their live auction items have drawn some large donations from community supporters. They put their hearts into the artwork and our supporters respond."

The CBGC has much to celebrate at this year's event. With almost 400 members and an average daily attendance of between 80 and 100 youth, the club reaches a large percentage of the school population, especially at the elementary school. Munroe emphasizes why so many kids are participating in the club:

"The kids are not only learning through educational programs, but they are having fun," says Munroe. "We have expanded the opportunities for fun by building on our programs, adding more field trips, enhancing our summer programming, and inviting more volunteers and experts who can help our youth work on their academic skills. We also have several teens joining the kids to tutor, sponsor a program, and or teach leadership through example. Young people love to learn from teens, and we have responded to that by growing teen involvement."

The CBGC board is starting to collect items to be used in the silent auction event. Donated items can be given to one of the CBGC board members or they can be dropped off at the club.

"We would love to see the same level of participation from area merchants and businesses, out-of-town businesses, and individuals who supported us last year," says Zeglis. "We are fortunate to have strong community involvement in our silent auction event and through the ongoing support of our programs, volunteers, and monetary donations. It's obvious that many people care about the success of this club."

Those interested in checking out the items up for auction will be able to see them on the club's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CulverBoysAndGirlsClub](http://www.facebook.com/CulverBoysAndGirlsClub).

"Check back on a regular basis," says Munroe, "as we'll be updating the items in the coming weeks."

The annual auction provides over 25 percent of CBGC's

operating budget.

"We set the goal to raise \$50,000, and though we know that is a challenge, we also know that our club's success depends on our ability to raise the funds. Helping us out this year are corporate sponsors of the event who are adding to the fundraising success. Many of these businesses are solicited multiple times, so we are grateful for the response of the businesses and individuals who continue to support us," says Zeglis.

Tickets to this year's event will be \$40 or 2 for \$75, which is "about the price of dinner and a movie for two," says Munroe.

For those who can't attend but want to make a monetary donation to the CBGC, they may write a check payable to Culver Boys and Girls Club and mail it to Culver Boys and Girls Club, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

The CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The BGCA serves more than 44.8 million boys and girls in over 4,000 clubs nationally. It is the fastest growing youth-serving organization, opening a new club every business day. The mission of the club is "to inspire and enable the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens." To find more information on BGCA, go to [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org). To find more information about the CBGC, call the club at 574-250-0103.

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past 10 years.

"It had scratches," she said. "That has nothing to do with playing the piano."

She added the Golden Agers had paid \$100 for the piano, though Helphrey questioned if it was still worth that much. She also said she could have paid local high school students to help move it, had she had time before its destruction.

"If you're going to deliver something, you should have the equipment," said Geiselman, adding Helphrey had agreed to deliver the instrument to her house, not her garage.

Shaffer and Helphrey pointed out all conversation and effort relating to the delivery was not a board matter, but one between private citizens not representing the park.

"When I...heard about delivering pianos, I got a sick

feeling," added Shaffer. "That's not the business we're in."

She went on to offer \$100 of her own personal money to pay for the piano.

"It's not fair, but there are people out there without homes and jobs and I think this is silly. I understand that you value the instrument."

Helphrey said pianos and organs are routinely difficult to sell at Lions Club and other flea markets and resale events, though he added he regretted the outcome of the situation.

"It won't deter me from volunteering, but I will have to get smart about it," he added.

Shaffer acknowledged the situation was "an unfortunate thing," but added it was a "chapter closed."

## Pier slip use, other matters

Board members also discussed the park's policy and procedure manual regarding boat slip rental at park-owned piers, in which a few details have been changed. One question discussed related to renters who pay the rental fee with no plans to use the slip for the season, but do so to prevent losing their spot prior to the next season. Board members wondered if the spot could be sub-let to another renter during the unused season. Shaffer said she had received a phone call from

someone planning not to use their space, but paying to keep it in their name this summer.

She added that each lease goes year by year and that no one "owns" a given spot at the park, but last year's renter does have first option to renew their place each year.

Attorney Arndt will look into the matter.

Audience member Russ Mason, on the park's building committee, emphasized the board should have plumbing downstairs at the beach lodge looked at "as soon as possible."

Audience member Ed Pinder, referring 10 tables and 40 folding chairs discussed at previous park board meetings, said Poplar Grove church in Culver would like to have them if the park board doesn't wish to purchase them.

At the previous park board meeting, Geiselman said the tables and chairs, which have been in the beach lodge meeting room for the past few years, were available to the board to purchase for \$1,000. There had been some debate as to whether the Golden Agers or the park actually owned the items, which Pinder said they do, adding he knew the name of the (now deceased) anonymous donor.

Shaffer acknowledged there are "a lot of questions" regarding the items and others still located in the lodge which were used for some time by the Golden Agers and REAL Meals participants.

Tony Sellers of Sellers Services, which hung Christmas lights and decorations in November in the park, said his company would remove the items in the coming days. He added he planned to make "a good map" of the lights for easier use next year.

Helphrey also discussed removal of the park's skating rink, which was installed by volunteers, and the emptying of sand bags used in its installation, onto the town beach.

It was also noted the board has several candidates for the park superintendent position, and will schedule executive sessions for interviews. The board is scheduled to meet next on April 9.

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## Scholarships for local students available now

Current college students may be eligible for scholarships through the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Applications are available for the Gary M. Schnapf Memorial 4-H Scholarship, the K. Stuart Gast Scholarship, and the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship.

Students must apply online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's webpage at [www.pulaskionline.org](http://www.pulaskionline.org). Deadline for applications is April 11 at 3 p.m. EST.

Applicants for the Gary M. Schnapf Memorial 4-H Scholarship must be: Fulton County residents who are at least second semester college freshmen and 10-year Fulton County Dairy 4-H members. The scholarship may also be awarded to 10-year 4-H members.

Applicants for the K. Stuart Gast Scholarship must be: current or original Pulaski County residents; graduates

from high school as Pulaski County residents; at least second semester freshmen; currently attending the Herron School of Art and Design in Indianapolis, Butler University's Jordan College of Music, or the School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Applicants for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship must be: Culver Community High School graduates who are at least second semester freshmen and plan to enroll full time in their sophomore year or above in a technical program such as engineering, pharmacy, mathematics, science, nursing, agriculture or a technical certificate program. Students must be enrolled in an accredited Indiana institution of higher education.

For more information on these or any other PCCF scholarships, please call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, scholarship coordinator at [kskrause@embarqmail.com](mailto:kskrause@embarqmail.com).

## Ag Day events April 4

Marshall County Ag Day Committee is holding an event to promote the value of agriculture to our community. The Ag Day program will be held at Plymouth's Centennial Park by the old horse barn Friday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be several educational displays pertaining to Marshall County agriculture for area residents to view.

The goal of the committee is to inform the public how Marshall County Agriculture participates in producing our food and share the importance of this industry to our local

economy. The committee will have educational displays on dairy cattle, beef cattle, ducks, swine, sheep, draft horses, natural resource conservation, crop production, farm safety, nutrition, electrical safety and 4-H program. If you have time over lunch hour or throughout the day, please stop by the park and check out our displays or call to schedule a time. I

If you plan to bring a group of individuals to attend the day activity, please call the Marshall County Extension Office at 574-935-8545.

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### 'The Help' at book-film group

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will feature "The Help." The group will meet Wednesday, April 2 at noon in the library's Large Meeting Room located downstairs at the library. Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

### Sports Spectacular April 4 at CCHS

The 29th annual Sports Spectacular will be held Friday, April 4 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Culver Community High School gym, and will include faculty-student volleyball and basketball, student competition, a dance contest, and student dance. Admission is \$3.

### Fancy Nancy party April 5

Join the Culver Public Library for stories, games and crafts in the Children's Room on Saturday, April 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a Fancy Nancy Tea Soiree. Participants will decorate tiaras, design their own pearl bracelets, and have a healthy and fancy snack. Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P. to Jill Gavlick at 574-842-2941 or [jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us) by Friday, March 28.

### PLTUMC fish fry April 5

PLYMOUTH — Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 S.R. 17, Plymouth (about 3.5 miles west of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth) is holding its annual fish fry in the church fellowship hall from 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 6-11, and free for children younger than 6. Menu includes fish, homemade salads and dessert. Carry-outs available.

### Free community meal at CBC

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, April 6, starting at 6 p.m. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

### Free rides to income tax return filing assistance

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, who will offer free tax return filing appointments Wednesdays through April 9. Appointments will be one hour long. Please stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 574-842-2941. On each Wednesday that taxes will be prepared, the Marshall County Community Cab will be providing free transportation to the library for the tax preparation. To schedule a (free) ride, patrons should call 574-936-9904.

### Baked potato supper April 11

A baked potato supper will be served at the Culver depot-train station Friday, April 11, with all proceeds going to support the "Gift of Warmth" (to provide winter wear and heating funds to needy area families). The event will

be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and will start at 4:30 p.m. and go to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Carry-outs are available.

### Easter egg hunt April 12

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 12, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, and is intended for children ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

### Community meal at Grace April 15

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

### Kindergarten round-up April 17

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2014. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, however the kindergarten classrooms will be open to visit following this meeting. If a parent cannot come on April 17, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017 to make other arrangements.

### Student art show April 26, 27

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 12th annual Student Art Show on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, at the Culver Cove Marmont Room.

The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School.

Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print and three-dimensional. Stop by and vote for best of show and people's choice categories.

### CUTPL Celebrates One Book, One County

During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One County," a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County's 2014 selection for "One Book, One County" is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

### Exercise for seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class for seniors will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room. For more information,

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## Engagement

### Klausing - Mizerak



Christina Marie Klausing of Monterey and Tyler Paul Mizerak of Evansville announce their engagement to be married Oct. 4, 2014 in Medaryville.

The future bride is the daughter of Douglas and Colleen Klausing of Monterey. She is a 2009 graduate of Culver Community High School and will graduate from the University of Southern Indiana in May. She is employed by WNII Public Television Evansville.

The future groom, son of Laura Mizerak, is a 2008 graduate of Castle High School. He also attended the University of Southern Indiana. He is employed by St. Mary's Hospital.

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call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail [ljones@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:ljones@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main Street.

### CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or [k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net).

### Friends seeking youth books

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold a book sale in April and are in need of children's and young adult books to help with the sale's success. Please check your bookcase and drop off at the lower level of Culver-Union Twp Public Library.

### Wesley seeks nursery worker

Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver is looking for a responsible and energetic nursery worker on Sundays from 8:30-11:30, and Tuesdays 6 to 7:30, \$15 per hour. This person must be 16 years or older. Anyone interested please contact Tracy Gordon, Director of Education at 574-842-2900 or email at [tracy@culverumc.com](mailto:tracy@culverumc.com)

### 'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

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## If these walls could talk: the depot

As we've been 'virtually' traveling, from article to article, through buildings of historic note in Culver during this series, our journey has taken us most recently along the north side of Lake Shore Drive's business district. We would be remiss, however, to skip over one of the most notable and historic structures, which lies across the street.

The old depot-train station on the 'lake' side of the street, long part of Culver's town park, has a rich and varied history such that our article here can't do it justice. I should also point out that an entire series of articles -- a book, for that matter! -- could be written about the larger topic of the railroad in Culver more generally. So if you feel we've left a great deal out of the story, it's due to the specific focus here on the depot. We'll also tackle the park property itself in a future installment.

Judi Burns, in her Maxinkuckee history website, has uncovered some tidbits very helpful to filling in some historical blanks in the story, since the early days of the depot predated the launch of *The Culver Citizen* newspaper (much of Judi's research prior to that year comes from the *Logansport* newspaper).

The Vandalia line of the Pennsylvania Railroad was completed to Culver by 1884, and would eventually run from Terre Haute to South Bend. The depot building itself, however, was completed in what was then the town of Marmont on April 11, 1885 and featured a 200-foot



TOP PHOTO: Culver Military Academy cadets gather outside the original, 1885 Marmont depot, circa late 1890s. LOWER PHOTO: The first depot after the January, 1920 fire which destroyed it.

platform and concession stand. The open-walled waiting shelters -- converted since then to picnic pavilions on the east and west end of today's town park, respectively -- would likely have been installed as part of this endeavor.

To be historically accurate, we could skip over the first depot building, since it was located several yards east of today's brick structure (on what would today be the park's parking lot). But the current building was obviously a replacement of the first, so we'll count it!

In June, 1887, the *Logansport Pharos Tribune* reported the depot -- which at the time was a wood frame, and not a brick, structure -- would be enlarged.

It's worth noting that the depot area, during the 1880s and 1890s, was actually considered to be outside the town proper, as the portion of town west and south of it hadn't yet grown to meet it.

"Marmont is gradually growing towards the railroad station," said the July 16, 1889 *Logansport Pharos Tribune*. "It will not be many years before the bulk of the business will drift in that direction."

In October, 1914, the depot was completely wired for electric lights for the first time. "A number of small lights have been distributed throughout the building," it was noted, "and one of the large 100-watt lights has been placed under each shed beside the depot."

The *Culver Citizen* of January 14, 1920 reported that "The Vandalia depot stands a charred wreck, the result of a fire which virtually destroyed it Monday Morning."

Mrs. Schweidler, across the street, had been awakened by an explosion at 2:45 a.m., and by the time the fire truck arrived it was too late and the building and contents, with the exception of four trunks, were destroyed.

"It is the general supposition that coals from the open door of the stove in the agent's office fell out upon the floor and that the fire soon caught the desk and the ticket rack with their inflammable contents," wrote the *Citizen*.

Ironically, on Jan. 12, 1921, a year to the day after the old Vandalia depot was destroyed by fire, the temporary depot caught fire, the paper reported.

It's interesting to contemplate that it took five years for Culver to receive a new depot, though it should be remembered that the tourist boom which once brought thousands via trains to the station for Lake Maxinkuckee excursions, had largely dried up a decade earlier, as automobiles broke people's dependence on the railroad system.

In August, 1923, the *Citizen* noted that Culver had been assured of a new railroad station, according to a report from the superintendent of the South Bend division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Appropriation of funds has been made and actual construction will begin before very long.

In September, 1925, it finally happened. "The new depot," said the *Citizen*, "is an edifice of which the entire community can be proud."

Other than the general foreman of construction and the brick layer foreman, the entire work of building the edifice was done by local people, and the office was "well equipped with the modern conveniences."

At the east side of the ticket office was a small window where trainmen received their orders without bothering at the ticket window at a busy time. Two large ticket sales windows were provided, which would "take care of the rush which occurs at many times during the summer months."

"The waiting room has been finished in a light yellow, which contrasts beautifully with the dark finished wood work," reported the *Citizen*. "The furniture of this room will consist of three tiers of seats finished in a light oak... through a little hallway leads one into a private rest room for the women. This will be furnished with one long bench and three comfortable leather rocking chairs."

At the north side was a stairway leading to the basement, "where See Walls page 8

### Through the years...

#### 40 years ago

**March 28, 1974:** Striking workers at McGill Bearing Co.'s Culver plant returned work Monday after a settlement was reached following a Sunday meeting at the Culver Eagles lodge. Strikers had been out several weeks following a breakdown in negotiations between union members (who asked for a \$1 raise in salary to bring Culver salaries in line with those at the company's Valparaiso plant) and management.

A new building is sprouting at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets. The superstructure of a new Hook's Drug Store is well under way at that corner.

#### 50 years ago

**March 27, 1964** - The Culver Chamber of Commerce will cooperate with the Culver-Union Township Council of Churches by asking all businesses and offices to close for the annual Good Friday luncheon and joint church services which will be held at the Grace United Church of Christ. Stores and offices will be closed from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

The Academy will be featured on "The Army Hour," a 25-minute radio program that is broadcast by more than 1,100 radio stations in the United States and 125 armed forces radio stations overseas. Participating in the program will be Superintendent Delmar T. Spivey, Professor of Military Science Lt. Col. William B. Scruggs Jr., ROTC S/Sgt. Claude Davenport, cadets Thomas Carpenter and Michael Thrower, and the Cadet Band under the direction of Col. Edward T. Payson.

The Culver Military Academy Vedette newspaper,

March 13, 1964: In discussing The Beatles, CMA band director Col. Edward Payson remarks, "They have no place at all in music...the only reason they're popular is that people are suckers -- they're crazy." He finally said, and very truthfully, that "they have nothing original, except maybe their hairdos." Then, as an afterthought, "And the Three Stooges and Harpo Marx had them (the hairdos) years ago." (Editor's note: in Col. Payson's defense, it was 1964, so he may have been onto something -- the Beatles' more 'original' work was a few years away!).

Mrs. Barton: Culver Elementary School, Grade 1 — We saw a film about Indians. Here is Danny Osborn's story: "Indians lived in the old days. The Indians shot buffalo."

This week several Culver High School students were asked the question "When you meet a person for the first time, what is the first, thing you notice about them?" Among answers: Paul Liette — "Depends on their sex." Cheryl Zink — "Their appearance and looks (of course)." Carolyn Saft — "How many girls are following him." Gloria Baker — "His personality and dimples."

#### 80 years ago

**March 22, 1934**— A record-breaking drop of 50 degrees in temperature last Saturday changed a spring-like day to one of an old-fashioned blizzard. The temperature dropped to two above zero and three inches of snow fell. At one time the mercury dropped 14 degrees in 15 minutes.

P. A. Wickizer has added a grocery stock to his variety store (on the east side of South Main Street -- editor).

W.S. Easterday has installed a sound-proof ceiling in

his funeral home (in the southernmost building of the JMC offices on the east side of North Main Street down town -- editor).

#### 90 years ago

**March 19, 1924** - A petition has been filed with the Town Board for the paving of State Street (with the bricks still in place between College Ave. and Lake Shore Drive -- editor).

#### 100 years ago

**March 26, 1914 - March 20, 1914**— The ice on the lake is breaking up.

The fire escapes have been put in place on the school house (which had just been built in 1912 -- this was the high school building at School Street and Lake Shore Drive demolished in the early 1980s -- editor).

The traffic ordinance is now in force, having had its required publication. No longer can the Indian who drives a motorcycle or an automobile with the muffler open go raging through the streets making a noise like a train of cars without getting arrested. The new traffic ordinance does not apply to horse-propelled vehicles, except at the depot. The ordinance expressly states that the word "vehicles" applies only to those driven by motors.

#### 110 years ago

**March 24, 1904** - The coldest, day during the winter was Jan. 3. when the temperature reached 20 degrees below zero. December had six days with zero weather and colder, January had eleven and February eight days. These observations are by John Osborn, Sr.

Kaley and Green are laying the foundation for their new building to be used as a pop factory.

The Hibbard school has been closed by the county health officer on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever. It is, said that the school will not be opened again this term.



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## Cub Scouts roar at Pinewood Derby

Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 held its annual pinewood derby March 15 at Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic Church. The pack, which currently has 18 boys, is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus as Saint Mary of the Lake.

TOP LEFT: Bear Den race - (from left) Connor Craig (1st place), Joey Pizur (2nd), Max Pask (3rd), Logan Coiner, and Alex Pare.

TOP CENTER: Grand Champion race - Max Pask (3rd place), Morgan Keller (2nd), Ethan Lima (1st).

TOP RIGHT: Webelos 1 race - Mason Cormican (1st place).

CENTER LEFT: Tiger Den race - Connor Moon (1st place), Braiden Molebash (2nd), Kyler Weiger (3rd).

CENTER RIGHT: Webelos 2 race - Ethan Lima (1st place), Morgan Keller (2nd), Austin Reed (3rd).

LOWER PHOTO: Wolf Den race - Carson Cormican (1st place), Hayden Parker (2nd), Kyler Caldwell, Mason Kreischer (3rd).

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## Miller's raises \$25,000 with annual Charity Golf Classic



Recently, staff members from Miller's Merry Manor of Culver presented a check for \$25,000 for the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. The donation included the proceeds from the annual Miller's Charity Classic held this past September at the Trophy Club in Lebanon, hosted by Miller's Health Systems and Miller's facilities around the State. Since its inception, the Charity Classic, now in its 15th year, has raised well over \$200,000.

The Classic supports cancer research through the Robert Wallace Miller Chair in Oncology at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. The "Robbie Chair", as it has become known, was established in 1995 by Dick and Jane Miller in memory of their son, and is crucial in recruiting a nationally recognized cancer researcher to be named as holder of the Chair. Under this individual's leadership, significant time and resources are devoted to this important area of study, offering hope to those stricken with cancer.

See Miller's page 7

From left: Meghan McFadden, I.U. Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center; Jeff Attinger, director of nursing — Miller's Merry Manor Plymouth; Yvonne Attinger, director of nursing — Miller's Merry Manor of Culver; Erin Ginter, executive director — Miller's Merry Manor of Plymouth; and

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## Song from page 1

tions that my husband and I felt when our son Keel was born. We were worried about how we would deal with Keel's disabilities and were scared about what his future and our future would be like but in a relatively short period of time we realized that our worries were extremely exaggerated. He is a wonderful little boy who can truly put a smile on anyone's face. Keel has taught us so much in so little time. Our eyes and ears have opened to people and pieces of life that we were blind and deaf to before he came into our lives."

Not too long ago, Sandi adds, as she was listening to Chad's song and thinking about the feelings and emotions her family had when Keel was born, she found herself wishing to hear the song again.

"I spoke with Chad to ask him if he would be willing to share it with the world, and especially people who have

a family member with Down Syndrome or perhaps have a diagnosis of Down Syndrome when pregnant. His song may bring joy and comfort to a family member or new mother or father. Chad said 'Yes' and went beyond that to say, 'Let's donate the proceeds to a group that supports people with Down Syndrome.' We decided that the National Down Syndrome Society was that group."

For his part, Van Herk acknowledges he's "a bit nervous" about the song and video being used by the NDSS for World Downs Syndrome Day, but adds, "They are both bigger than me and my self-criticisms now, and they have a life of their own as they are being shared by hundreds of watchers and listeners. My only hope is that it winds up benefiting the NDSS in a way that satisfies my sister and, of course, I hope listeners enjoy the song!"

He adds that he hopes all readers will share the video

and/or song with as many people they can.

"A donation to the NDSS made up entirely of 99 cent downloads only benefits the organization if many, many people make the purchase," he notes. "We knew this going in, and we continue to be hopeful that the video will be shared by the viewers, possibly going 'viral' in one way or another. The sky is the limit if we truly have succeeded in producing an appealing song and video."

Either way, Sandi Allen feels the song will make an impact.

"I believe that the donations that come from Chad and anyone who purchases the song is a blessing," she says, "but that the message within the song's lyrics is the biggest blessing"



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## SAT, ACT prep at CCHS

CULVER — SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School will begin in April. Beginning Tuesday, April 1, Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 a.m. Beginning Wednesday, April 2, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m.

The SAT will be offered on May 3, at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 4; late registration is April 18.

The ACT will be offered on June 14, at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 9.

Registration packets are available in the Culver Community High School guidance office

## CCMS releases honor roll

Culver Community Middle School has released its honor roll students for term 2, grading period 1.

**A honor roll, grade 7:** Lillian Elizabeth Gregorash, Sarah T. Luttrell.

**A-B honor roll, grade 7:** Kennedy Lynn Ash, Jeremiah V Brady, Sunora D Clingier, Gabriel Michael Gomez, Abigail R Gregory, Katherine A Heim, Allison Rene Jones, Brandon Tyler Jones, Alyssa S Kinyanjui, Jenna M Moise, Zachery James Moore, Sarah E Morrison, Taylor M Noah, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Hunter Mn Ringer, Hailey C Shipley, Nikolas T Vela.

**AB honor roll, grade 8:** Emily Marie Bradley, Jasmyne D Fowler, Logan D Kephart, Collin Kenneth Knowlton, Tracey R Lindvall, Dylan Pitera, Sydney G Pritz, Reilly K Reinhold, Cody J Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Jake S Rodgers, Dillon R Salyer, Raymie L Shoop.

## Miller's from page 5

In addition to the Annual Charity Classic, a variety of events are held throughout the year by Miller's employees around the State, supporting causes such as the American Red Cross, Alzheimer's Disease, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Diabetes and the American Heart Association. Locally, each year Miller's in Culver sponsors Top Ten Dinner, Taste of Culver, Culver Fall Fest, Culver Wine Fair and the Culver Winter Festival to support the Culver Chamber of commerce and CCHS.

Planning for the 15th Annual Miller's Charity Classic, scheduled for September 18, is currently under way.

For more information about the Golf Classic or other Miller's events, please contact Greg Fassett, Administrator or Marian Reinhold, Admission Director, at 574-842-3337 or by email at [culveradm@millershealthsystems.com](mailto:culveradm@millershealthsystems.com).

## 17 place at state speech meet



Culver Academies students Hayes Barnes (of Culver) and Emily Hernandez performed at the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

The Culver Academies Speech team sent 34 state qualifiers to the 2014 Indiana High School Forensic Association (IHSFA) State Speech tournament in Fishers March 15. Seventeen competitors broke to the semi-final rounds, and five of those semi-finalists broke to the finals.

Finalists included: Hayes Barnes/Emily Hernandez, runners-up in Scripted Duo; Barnes, third place, Poetry Interpretation; Sandra Smith, fourth place, Discussion; Tyler Sorg, fourth place, Broadcast; and Katrina Willis, fifth place, Original Oratory.

Semi-finalists were: Katie Bevil/Kirsten Pressler, Scripted Duo; Sydney Briel/Stephanie Ma, Scripted Duo; Dana Brown, Declamation; David Brown, Impromptu; David Brown, U.S. Extemporaneous; Ethan Carter, Prose Interpretation; Lauren Engelbrecht, Humorous Interpretation; Yen-Yen Gao, Impromptu; Erin Luck, Humorous Interpretation; Destini Pimental, Discussion; Ben Snyder, International Extemporeous; and Peter Talbot, Broadcast

By virtue of their runners-up finish, Barnes and Hernandez were named First Team All-State while Smith, Sorg, Willis received Second Team All-State honors. These individual and team efforts culminated in Culver placing third among the state's 33 Class 2A schools and seventh overall in the sweepstakes competition, which is open to all participating teams in Indiana.

*This article appears courtesy news.culver.org.*

## CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has named its students of the month for February.

**Kindergarten:** Izaya Vela (Teacher: Amy Bonine), Alyssa Abair (Heather Overmyer), Billie Fencik (Jean Urbin, A.J. Prater (Kelly Young).

**1st grade:** Braiden Molebash (Kelly Dickerhoff), Jocuelin Nystrom (April Jefferies), Kaylie Gibson (Stephanie Smith).

**2nd grade:** Landon Stevens (Jean Ahlenius), Aiden Rivera (Lisa Elliott), Abby Caudill (Janna VanDePutte),

**3rd grade:** Kaity Stacy (Andrea Berndt), Luci Overmyer (Valerie Cultice), Ches Schrimsher (Jill De Salle), Michael Knapp (Carrie Tharp), Olivia Compton (Terri Zechiel), Cassidy Heise (Kim Morrison)

**4th grade:** Paige Lancaster (Mrs. Miller), Mason Cormican (Chris Renneker), Dayne Garbicik (Leslie Shepard), Matthew Bailey (Mr. Young), Mario Martinez (Kelly Young), Shianne Moss (Julie Cowen), Jayvonn Lutz (Mrs. Thompson).

**5th grade:** Jane Wright (Pam Craft), A.J. Cooper (Gayle Kinzie), Kendal Stebbins (Raeanne Stevens), Mia Conroy (Mike Elliott).

**6th grade:** Dana Rodgers (Bryan Albright), Krisonica Hesters (Todd Shafer), Kenzie Binkley (Missy Trent), Edwin Holstein (Mrs. Risner), John Siber (Joyce Lyman), Nick Cornwall (Jason Crittendon).

## CCHS honor roll

Culver Community High School has announced its honor roll for the first semester.

**A honor roll: Grade 9:** Brennin Aaron Betts, Brandon P Havron, Hailey A Jones, Joshua P Krsek.

**Grade 10:** Madeline J Justis, Jennah D McCarthy.

**Grade 11:** Haley L Klimaszewski.

**Grade 12:** Kevin Caleb Dehning.

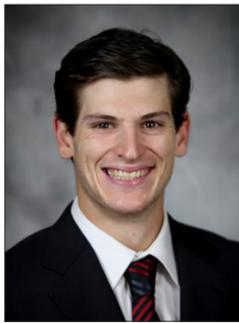
**A/B honor roll: Grade 9:** Erin E Bendy, Anna Kathryn Cybulski, Alexandria M Harris, Dillon L Jewell, Olivia Brianna Johnson, Morgan Tiara Keen, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Courtney A Salyer, Roman G Vantwoud.

**Grade 10:** Aaron M Becker, Daniel B Bettinelli, Megan L Brady, Justine K Dexter, Lindsay R Emery, Marisa L Howard, Tevin Ray Jones, Cecilia A Kenney, Maria C Lindvall, Rebecca E Rainey, Justin C Schaub, Kelsey A Shaffer, Cody A Valiquet.

**Grade 11:** Jerrod Isaac Betts, Mickella D Hardy, Elizabeth L McElroy, Summer L Moore, Dustie R Pier, Brendon Pinder, Tatum Elizabeth Schultz.

**Grade 12:** Dylan T Bennett, Henrik Bill, Donald R Clark, Shakkira N Harris, Grace L Lorenz.

## Academies' Dowd nominated for Hobey Baker Award



By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies  
St. Cloud State University senior forward Nic Dowd, a 2008 Culver Academies graduate, has been nominated for the 2014 Hobey Baker Award, which recognizes collegiate hockey's top player. He is one of 10 finalists announced March 20. The "Hobey Hat Trick," the top three finalists, will be announced on April 2 and the winner will be announced April 11 during the

NCAA Frozen Four tournament.

Dowd is the third Culver Military Academy player to be honored. Jon Michael Liles '99 was nominated while playing at Michigan State and Blake Geoffrion '06 won the award in 2010 while playing at Wisconsin.

Renowned as a solid two-way player, Dowd was a big part of St. Cloud State clinching the inaugural National Collegiate Hockey Conference regular season title. During the NCHC banquet Thursday night, he was presented with defensive forward and scholar-athlete of the year awards. He was earlier honored as first team all-conference.

Dowd has scored 21 goals, 18 assists for 39 points in 36 games this season. He has a team leading 10 power play goals, which ranks fifth in the nation. Dowd also has a team leading four game winning goals and has post-

ed 12 multi-point games this winter. Over his collegiate career, Dowd ranks 15th in the team records with 120 points (51 goals and 69 assists).

A pre-medicine major, Dowd is a three-time Academic all-conference award winner and a three-time conference scholar-athlete team selection. He is a seventh round draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings and the first Hobey Baker finalist from the state of Alabama.

Overall, the Huskies have been ranked among the nation's top 10 teams throughout the season and have posted a 21-10-5 record. This is the second consecutive season that SCSU has won the NCHC regular season crown. The team reached the Frozen Four in 2013. The 2014 NCAA tournament selections will be announced Sunday, March 23, and regional play begins March 28-30.

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## Walls from page 4



This mid-1980s photo, from a Lions Club scrapbook, conveys a sense of the terrible condition of the 1925 (current) depot prior to its restoration by the Culver Lions Club.

the old records of this station will be stored. It is here also that a large coal bin has been built and the furnace has been installed. The basement does not extend under the entire building but merely under the baggage room. The furnace is an over-size of the American Radiator Company."

The town of Culver's 1935 purchase of the old Vandalia park property in 1935 did not include, yet, the depot property, and business chugged along (if you'll pardon the pun) more or less as usual at the depot for the next several years, though life outside continued to change, gradually reducing use of the building and the tracks in accommodated.

Passenger rail service to Culver ended after Thanksgiving, 1947, though the 'Academy Special' (which dated back to about 1897) survived until after spring break of 1956, originating from a side track near the power house on the academy campus.

In 1959, it was reported the first coin operated laundry was on its way to Culver. The waiting room area of the depot was transformed into a laundromat (operated for part of this period by a family named Jones) until the mid-1970s, after which the building sat empty for a while.

In 1969, the local depot was closed, though the occasional freight train ran through town until 1979, when the Vandalia line was finally completely abandoned (the Farm Bureau Co-op at the east end of Jefferson Street, which had been the last user of the old rails, had burned in October, 1978). The Pennsylvania Railroad had declared bankruptcy in June, 1970.

In December, 1984, the town purchased the depot and adjacent land for \$42,500, which was finalized in April, 1985. By then, the depot was in terrible condition, after years of abuse and neglect. It hung precariously between life and death until Culver's Lions Club stepped up to rescue it, and rescue it they did, initially by way of a feverish fund-raising effort combined with an immense amount of individual and collective sweat equity.

In the years since, the Club, which technically leases the building at \$1 per year from the park, has continued to make improvements on the structure -- windows, roof, kitchen, and more -- and has done so with an effort to maintain a sense of the historicity of the building.

For years, the depot has been as much a community building as Culver has, and has filled a vital role, with the Lions not only using it for their regular meetings and events, but also handling rental and event prep (and follow-up) for private functions and public purposes such as voting, non-profit fund-raisers, and overflow meeting space for municipal gatherings. If ever there were a textbook study of successful salvation of a historic structure for the benefit of an entire community, surely the ongoing vitality of Culver's beloved depot qualifies.

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## Iran, Nuclear Weapons and the "Interim Agreement"

Is this the time to relax—or rather *increase*—economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic?

Despite various details and qualifications, it is clear that Iran continues to pursue the holy goal of nuclear weapons. A temporary agreement recently struck between Iran and Western powers does nothing to disable Iran's nuclear weapons development, yet it does loosen harsh economic sanctions against the Islamic Republic. In fact, Iranian diplomats brag that the agreement fails to inhibit them in the least and that their nuclear program will not be stopped. Does it really make sense to relax pressure on Iran, or should the U.S. and Western powers face up additional sanctions that should Iran fail to eliminate nuclear weapons development?

### What are the facts?

The P5+1 group (Canada joins)—the U.S., China, Russia, France, Great Britain and Germany—agreed last year to a recently agreed-to six-month "interim agreement" calling for the Islamic Republic to suspend enrichment of 20% uranium. In return, the P5+1 agreed to allow Iran to access \$4.2 billion in previously blocked funds, and the U.S. agreed to apply no new economic sanctions for six months. Yet Iranian foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says, "We did not agree to dismantle anything," and its president Hassan Rouhani promises Iran will absolutely retain its enrichment capability.

U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged that if Iran fails to abide by the interim agreement or to dismantle its nuclear weapons development, he would seek additional economic sanctions and possibly resort to military action. A bill currently before Congress—the Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act—would impose just such additional sanctions on Iran if it breaks the interim agreement or does not cease its nuclear weapons program following expiration of this agreement. In other words, the bill formalizes exactly the diplomatic consequences the President has threatened. No wonder the Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act is currently supported by at least 59 U.S. Senators.

Dismissingly, the President has threatened to veto this act if passed by the Senate. The White House fears that the threat of new sanctions—even though they would not go into effect unless Iran fails to comply—could derail current nuclear disarmament talks.

**What are the stakes?** The primary targets of the Iranian ayatollahs' financial zeal are the U.S. (the "Great Satan") and Israel (the "Little Satan"), perceived as being America's agent in the Middle East. Since Iran now possesses long range ballistic missiles, the United States, Europe and many Arab nations are in uncorral danger of attack by that country. Indeed, as Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Sen. Richard Durbin notes, "If these [current] negotiations fail, there are two grim alternatives—a nuclear Iran, or war, or perhaps both."

Sanction of such a war-motivated Iran would be unquestioned dominance of the Middle East and of its oil supply, the energy life blood of the entire world. It would surely cause intolerable disruption at the U.S. and international economies.

Israel, however, is the most immediate target of Iran's fury. Iran's inoperable threat of Israel is based on the conviction that "nonbelievers" have no legitimate place in the Middle East. Iran's leaders have repeatedly threatened "enough destruction once they come into possession of nuclear weapons."

Israel is such a small country that one or two nuclear weapons strategically dropped on its narrow coastal territory would destroy it. Indeed, the scale of a nuclear attack on Israel are too horrible to consider. There can be little doubt, for example, that such an attack would turn the entire Middle East into a war zone, leaving wide-spread destruction and a worldwide economic disaster in its wake. Clearly, no outcome must be prevented at all cost, and no effort should be spared to keep the hands of the saboteurs off the nuclear trigger.

**What is the solution?** Of course, most Americans share the President's hopes that Iran can be persuaded to set aside its nuclear ambitions—and its vendetta against Israel—through diplomacy and other peaceful means. But one thing is certain: It is crippling Western economic sanctions, backed by the level of force that Iran regards as a threat to the negotiating table.

None of Iran must decommission its nuclear weapons infrastructure. Yet with Iran's nuclear capability still limited and moving forward and its leaders vigorously asserting that the Islamic Republic will never reduce its 20,000 centrifuges or shut down its Aqah heavy-water nuclear reactor or its Fordow enrichment facility, does it make sense to reduce the pressure of economic sanctions now? Sen. Robert Menendez, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee believes it's a mistake to relax sanctions. "I am convinced that we should only relieve pressure on Iran in return for verifiable concessions that will fundamentally dismantle Iran's nuclear program."

Since sanctions brought the Iranians to the table, sanctions are clearly the most powerful, peaceful means at our disposal for convincing the Iranians to abandon hopes of acquiring nuclear weapons. But because the Iranians continue to declare themselves steadfastly committed to nuclear development, it's time to ratchet up the economic pressure. The Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act should be passed now. The survival of the world is at stake.

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- Favorite Accounting Firm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Favorite Fine Dining \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Food & Delivery Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Golf Driving Range \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Karaoke Spot \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Local Festival \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Local Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Lunch Spot \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Mexican Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Park \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Restaurant Service \_\_\_\_\_
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- Favorite Family Dining \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
- Favorite Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
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