



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Naturepalooza fun

ABOVE: Hundreds came out last Saturday to Culver's town park, where the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council-sponsored 'Naturepalooza' event offered people of all ages a variety of opportunities to see, learn about, and interact with nature, from guided birdwatching tours of the Indian Trails, to raised flower bed plantings, to rain barrel education and decoration and more, with food and drinks provided by Bill and Cheryl Rhodes, owners of Park N Shop in Culver. Especially popular were chances to meet and greet live animals such as Belle the bald eagle (LEFT), as handled (and described in great detail) by Zack Walker of As Wings of Eagles Inc. of Madison, Indiana. UPPER RIGHT: Kim Hoover, left, of Hoots to Howls Wildlife Rehab of Star City, Ind., discusses the owl she's holding, as an eager audience looks on. LOWER RIGHT: Tim Manuel, a Marshall County-based falconer, discusses the ancient sport with the help of his own red-tailed hawk.

In Brief

Community meal at Grace tonight

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

Youth baseball/softball bake sale Saturday

Culver Youth Baseball and Softball will hold a bake sale Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Park N Shop and Osborn's in Culver. The community is encouraged to attend and support local youth.

Friends offer weekly book sales

As a new offering this summer, the Friends of the Culver Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale every Saturday starting May 17 and ending August 30. Hours are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The book sales will be in the Carnegie Room, in the lower level of the library.

If you wish to donate books, bring them to the the library during library hours.

St. Mary's bus fund raiser Saturday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will hold a fundraiser for its St. Michael's school Friday, May 16, from 3:30 to 7 p.m., in the parking lot of Town & Country Liquor in Culver at the corner of State Roads 17 and 10 . Port-A-Pit chicken will be available at \$6.50 per half chicken. Tickets are available at St Mary's church office or Overmyer Water's Culver location (on East Jefferson Street).

Farmer's Market opening Saturday

The Culver Farmer's Market will open Saturday, May 17, at the northwest corner of Main and Ohio Streets, across from CVS. The market will have new

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Meet Marc Hayden

New Culver park superintendent prepares to take the reins

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Marc Hayden, Culver's new park superintendent, wasn't really in the market for new job when he saw the listing for the position in the newspaper a few months ago. In fact, he initially "didn't pay much attention" to the opening. But when he saw the ad still there a week later, he got on the phone and began asking the voice on the other end -- which turned out to belong to park board member Patty Stallings -- for some background on the job.

"That got my curiosity up," Hayden told the Citizen last week, "and I submitted my resume and...was hired."

Hayden moved to Plymouth in 6th grade and has lived there ever since, though he's no stranger to Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee.

"I'm here regularly fishing," he explains. "My wife and I come down here to eat on a regular basis.

"I like the challenge of building teams and organizations," he adds, with regards to his attraction to the position. "This looked like a team-building process."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

New Culver park superintendent Marc Hayden surveys the beach ahead of starting in the position later this month.

tional Forest Service immediately after college and later Potato Creek State Park.

Hayden was superintendent of Plymouth's park system -- which includes seven parks and a half-million dollar annual budget -- from 1981 to 1998. That system had several full-time employees, hosts the massive Blueberry Festival each year, and "was a wonderful place to work," says Hayden, who oversaw the construction of Centennial Park's community-built playground.

From there, he operated his own lawn care and pool ser-

Hayden brings a virtually life-long background in parks and recreation and related experience to the superintendent's post.

He began work at Tippecanoe State Park and Tippecanoe State Beach right out of high school, working also for the Na-

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New Culver comprehensive plan outlined

May be finalized in June, highlights include housing, indoor recreation, pedestrian changes, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The town of Culver is in the home stretch of finalization of its comprehensive plan, following a community open house and concluding meeting held May 8 at the town park depot.

Chicago-based consulting firm Houseal Lavigne spent the past 14 months in public workshops and small group meetings to develop the plan, which was available in print form -- and reviewed by projection on a screen during the meeting portion of the event -- and which Dan Gardner and Brandon Nolin of Hoseal said is also available on the town's website at www.townofculver.org.

During their presentation, the two emphasized the plan is a "living, breathing document" rather than something static, and that it should be at the fingertips of town representatives and partnering organizations consistently in the coming years.

They also noted they examined past plans already conducted, such as the previous comprehensive plan of 1999, the 1998 Culver Charette, the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council's watershed management plan of 2005, and the Culver town park master plan of 2011.

Gardner said the firm worked not to "throw out the baby with the bathwater," but instead build on those existing plans.

Examining the background information covered in the

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Githens, Garner receive nod from local voters

Town council seat likely up for replacement



Bill Githens

MARSHALL COUNTY — With slightly less than 10 percent of the county's registered voters turning out for the primary, Bill Githens emerged from last Tuesday's primaries as the winner of a contest between two Culver-based candidates for District 3 County Council.

Githens edged out Joyce Greeson by eight votes. Githens earned 335 votes at 50.6 percent and Greeson received 327 votes at 49.40 percent.

The vote is likely to leave a vacancy on Culver's town council,

as Githens is currently an elected member of the five-person board. The local Republican party is expected to hold a caucus later this year to determine a replacement appointment.

In other Union Township election news, Jerry Greeson (R), the incumbent, garnered 200 votes for the township trustee position.

In the **Union Twp. Board** election (vote for 3):

Michael Overmyer (R) Incumbent 192 votes

Shirley Snyder (R) Incumbent 154

Terri Jo (Morrison) Hinds (R) Incumbent 152

Marlene Mahler (R) of Union Twp., Incumbent, received 2,004 votes for the **county recorder** position.

Kurt West Garner will be on the November ballot in the race for the **County Commissioner - District 1** seat. Garner received 34.32 percent of the vote, with 824 votes. He was the front runner all evening, beginning with the absentee voting results posted just after 6 p.m.

Runner-up for the seat was Heath Thornton, with 631 votes (26.28 percent), followed by Stanley Klotz, 532 votes (22.16 percent) and Steven Engel, 414 votes (17.24 percent).

While no Democrat candidates were on the primary ballot, the parties could present a slate of candidates before November, Clerk of Court Julie Fox said. The votes tallies are unofficial until approved by the county election board.

In all, 3,052 voters took part in the primary, with 29,491 registered voters.

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Culver Relay returns, raises over \$60k

By Lucy Battersby

(Interviews were conducted by Lucy Battersby and Clare Nowalk).

Hundreds of members of the community and Culver Academies students came together to celebrate, remember, and fight back against cancer at the annual Relay for Life last Friday. The event began at 7 p.m. and continued until 6 a.m. as friends, families, and students walked, ran, and danced around the track. By the end of the event, the community had raised over \$62,000 for the fight against cancer.

The Opening Ceremonies began with the national anthem played by the Culver Acadmies Band, which was followed by introductory remarks which encouraged us to Relay for a "world with less cancer and more birthdays."

Keely Collins, the Culver Academies senior who led the planning for the event, shared the powerful story of how cancer has affected her family and concluded by stat-

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Spring scene

RIGHT: If other sites (and sights!) around town haven't convinced winter-weary Culverites that spring is really, finally here, the tidal wave of color unleashed outside Elizabeth's Garden on Plymouth Street last week ought to do the trick.

The store, home also to Flea Market Chic, recently underwent an indoor renovation, which will be detailed more in a future edition of the paper.



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vice consulting for several years, and was then hired at Plymouth's Lifeplex facility, starting when "the first shovel went into the ground" and acting -- among other duties -- as a liaison between Lifeplex's Fitness Forum and Ancilla College's growing athletic programs. He was then brought on as the college's golf coach, whose duties also included care for the athletic grounds there, which Hayden says has been a "nice fit," and where he's worked for the past four years.

Lake Maxinkuckee, of course, was at the center of his attraction to the Culver park superintendent position, as well as the Culver community in general.

"I know from talking with people around the community that there was a big chance for growth with the park department here, not only internally but throughout the community -- with Culver Academy and the local businesses. I'm a bridge-builder. I really enjoyed doing that before and I would love to do that again, especially in a setting like this; it's so beautiful."

Hayden adds he enjoys being involved with all age groups.

"I don't have any magic answers, but (I plan to) sit and listen and try to develop ideas with the community's help. Anything's possible."

Currently, he's navigating the completion of his present

work and transitioning into the new post.

"The beach opens May 24. I will go from handing out a national championship trophy (with the Ancilla golf team) May 23, to 7 or 8 o'clock May 24 at the beach, opening up."

He notes people should expect to be able to hit the beach as in the past that day -- and the days following -- with no change in services. Though he acknowledges he expects "total chaos that first weekend," lifeguards will be on duty and concessions available as before.

He's already spoken to one lifeguard who's been with the park for four years, and Hayden plans to evaluate reconfigurations of lifeguarding duties at the beach this summer, for maximum safety.

"I would rather have too many than too few," he explains, adding there will be additional elevated lifeguard chairs to add to the single chair employed in recent years. "One of my big concerns is shift changes. I'm looking at 50 minutes of lifeguarding time and then 10 minutes off, with everybody out of the water so the lifeguards can get refreshed. When they're rested, they're sharper."

He adds he will lean heavily on several friends in the parks and recreations community with strong backgrounds in beach safety to develop strong safety programs and robust lifeguard training, including for Hayden himself ("I can swim," he says with a smile, though his lifeguard certification will come to fruition between now and next spring).

He's also "really interested" in meeting with Culver's emergency services crews, and hopes to establish a strong relationship and set up practice rescues and emergency responses.

During one of his interviews with the park board, Hayden presented a list of ideas for the park "off the top of my head," including some basic programs such as walking and fitness groups, water exercise, biking groups, senior citizen groups, community barbecues, fishing derbies, and others.

"The success of the programs will be directly related to the people who get involved and help them run," he says. "Anybody with

ideas, I'm willing to listen to."

And, he adds, "it takes time" to build such programs.

A frequent question Hayden says he hears from residents pertains to what he'll be doing, as the full-time superintendent, in the winter. Naturally he'll be putting in more hours during the summer peak period, but he notes the park board is interested in more consistent off-season programming, though specifics are "to be determined."

Some of that determination Hayden hopes will grow from collaboration with entities in the community already facilitating events, as well as community input. The beach lodge, he says, "has a huge upside" to making events happen, though "it needs a lot of work" and will see a great deal of improvement in the coming years which he says will make it much more "user-friendly."

He's also looking forward, he says, to getting to know the local merchants, and he intends to go door-to-door to help facilitate that. He's determined there are ways the park can help support and promote local businesses, and he says he'll be glad to work with them to develop a means to do so.

Hayden also hopes to visit other parks departments to glean ideas, and he will once again become a member of the state's parks and recreation association, which has regular regional meetings and a large annual one.

And Hayden will not be moving into the much-discussed apartment on the upper floor of the park's beach lodge. Instead, he'll stay at home in Plymouth (it's 12 miles from his door to the beach in Culver, he points out) with his wife of 32 years.

The couple has three children: a 23-year old daughter employed at Purdue University; an 18-year old son who will graduate from Plymouth High School in June and head to Purdue as a student this fall; and a 21-year old Indiana University grad son who will graduate in December and begin an internship at a huge, new sports complex in Westfield, Ind.

"I lived in Centennial Park for 15 years in the house there with my wife," he says. "We were married without kids and it's not bad, but you got called and people came at all times. I decided I don't want to live in the apartment."

Nonetheless, he emphasizes he'll always have "an open door policy."

"There will be off times and down times, but my office door is always open, and I will try my best to return calls and texts and emails as quickly as possible. I'm very approachable. I'm looking forward to making a lot of new friends here."

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Library news

Home connectivity at Thursday Tech Time
Culver Public Library's Thursday Tech Time for May 15 at 6 p.m. will focus on home networking. Wire up the house for improved connectivity, or go wireless. Discover how to install, configure and secure network devices.
Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!
Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.
For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Easterday sewing items on display
Now on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is a collection of items sewn by Culver resident



Karen Easterday. Easterday began sewing items to sell through her small business, Starlight Sewing, around three years ago. Many years ago, she began sewing burial gowns for the NICU units at Riley and Memorial hospitals. She sells items online through her Facebook page, at festivals, and will sew custom ordered items as well. Easterday's favorite things to sew are baby items such as burp cloths, bibs, booties, blankets, diaper bags, taggie toys, and car seat covers. The most popular selling items are a kid's toy tool belt and large reversible tote bags with 6 pockets. Her bags make great diaper bags, beach bags, or book bags.
The display will remain throughout the month of May in the library lobby.
If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

New Senior Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills

The new Senior Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver starts play Wed., May 21 at 9 a.m. The league will play nine holes every Wednesday, all summer long. Everyone 60 years and older is invited to play. All levels of skill are welcome, and you do not have to commit to playing every week -- just show up. Teams are randomly assigned and prizes are given. Any one having further questions may contact Bob Austgen at 630-624-8521.

Letter to the editor

LMEC and Naturepalooza

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council wishes to thank everyone for joining us at the town park Saturday for what turned out to be a beautiful and successful day!
Twenty two kids and their parents painted their terrific pictures of an endangered barn owl, other families learned how to build terrariums. Everyone was amazed by the red tailed Hawk, tiny owls, and Belle the three year old bald eagle, who strutted her stuff for all.
As part of our environmental outreach mission, this day of smiling, running, and amazing children enjoying a beautiful day outside with their folks and learning about nature couldn't have been more successful.
Thanks to everyone who joined us on this mission, volunteers and participants alike. We estimate about three hundred people came out to enjoy the day, get a free milkweed plant for the Monarch butterfly, decorate a rain barrel, or just enjoy a free hot dog. Let's all consider doing it again next year!

Thank you all,
Allen Chesser, Chairman
Kathy Clark, Executive Director
Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council

Wolfe Gallery hours announced for summer
'Visual Voices' is ongoing exhibit

On view at the Crisp Visual Art Center's Wolfe Gallery, on the campus of Culver Academies, is "Visual Voices," a small selection of paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpture from various cultures of the Americas, Asia, and Africa.
Drawn mainly from the Culver Art Collection, several works are on view for the first time at the Academies. The exhibition is clearly related to the school's teaching mission and begins at the door by asking two questions: What are the connections that link all human cultures? What threads weave the fabric of humanity? Though no easy answers are provided, visitors will be drawn to consider works spanning several centuries. They range in purpose from a clearly functional 1st-century Chinese footed-spade coin to the purely aesthetic, magical, 20th century oil and tempera Love painting by an unknown Latino painter from Chicago. Some, like several of the ten 19th century Japanese woodcuts, celebrate public figures of the time while others, such as the 18th century scroll known as the 100 Children Painting, were traditionally displayed in the private bedrooms of young

Culver Click It or Ticket to boost seat belt use this month

As motorists take to the roads this Memorial Day holiday, Culver police are urging everyone to buckle up. Beginning May 9, law enforcement officials will be out in full force, taking part in the 2014 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.
According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 52 percent of the 21,253 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. As noted, deaths involving seat belt nonuse are more prevalent at night than during the daytime. According to NHTSA, 62 percent of the 10,135 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.
In 2011, seat belts saved an estimated 11,949 lives nationwide according to NHTSA. While this year's Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization runs from May 9 through June 1, officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.
For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

married couples.
The gallery is open for public viewing in the gallery the third Sunday of the Month in May and June from 1 to 5 p.m., and then every Sunday at the same times during Culver Summer camps.
Interested individuals, classes, or groups are encouraged to call Robert Nowalk at 574-842-8278 to arrange a gallery visit or tour.



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Culver through the years

40 years ago, May 16, 1974
Culver's new Swirly-Top Drive In opened for business May 15...a big feature being a drive-up window which will insure speedy, quality service. There are plenty of reasons to go indoors, too. A spacious interior features seating at booths for 60 people. The interior is paneled, and an antique motif is accented by a dozen Tiffany-style lighting fixtures. A red quarry tile floor adds to the rustic effect of the decor. The air conditioned Swirly-Top will feature a variety of sandwiches and "baskets" as well as a complete selection of fountain delicacies.
Editor's note: Many in Culver will recall Swirly-Top, whose building replaced the former Lake Shore Garage, which burned in 1972. Swirly-Top obviously opened two years later, and received extensive damage in a 1983 fire which was ruled arson. The building would soon be home to Adler's Mini-Mart, today's Osborn's Mini-Mart and Subway.

Among student talent performing at the May 16 Culver Comm. High School variety show are Regina Pratt representing the 9th grade with an original number, "Culver;" Tony and Kevin Bean with their own band; a solo by Valerie Bauer; an original skit by Karen Joice; impersonations by Rick Hammond; Dennis Bush on a solo, among many others.

50 years ago: May 15, 1964
A. T. Lindley of the Department of Education, Purdue University, spoke to the members of the Culver-Union Twp. Chamber of Commerce last Monday on the survey of Culver Community Schools, which he and his staff has just completed (editor's note: this discussion was one of many towards the eventual opening of the Culver Comm. High School in 1968, the consolidation of three other school districts besides Culver's).

The 305th Bomb Wing and Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Peru, will host the public May 16 when annual Armed Forces Day observances are held including Culver Military Academy's Black Horse Troop Lancers.

The Lake View Tavern, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert May of 603 School Street, has a new store front. The front, which covers the full one story building, is of molded stone blocks, which have the appearance of Indiana Limestone blocks used in stone house veneer. Laid in attractive design, the front adds considerably to the appearance of the building.

Culver High School students reveal their summer plans. Tom Osborn: Travel to the World's Fair and to Texas. Pat Miller: Working hard (as usual)??? Diane Davis: Working, practising, and going to a music camp in August if they'll have me. Bob Albert: Well, I plan to do some work, but as little as possible. Karen DeWitt: I plan to forget school.

Carol Mevis: I've waited a long time for summer to come. What do you think I'm going to do. I'll have fun, fun, fun!

60 years ago, May 5, 1954
Peter Onesti of Chicago has purchased the Lakeside Grocery and is assuming proprietorship today.

E . E . Furry, Lake Maxinkuckee summer resident, is the new president of the Indiana Bus Operators Association.

The weather has been most unusual — we had snow flurries on Monday, May 3. The thermometer showed 2 9 degrees, three degrees below freezing, on Tuesday morning and when the election polls opened at 6 a.m., it was only up to 31 degrees.

90 years ago, April 30, 1924
Over 350 citizens have signed a petition requesting free mail service within the corporation limits.

The petition of 11 families living southeast of Lake Maxinkuckee for Indiana Bell Telephone service has been granted and installations will be made within two months.

100 years ago, May 7, 1914
Jacob Cromley, living south of the Lake, has bought a, new Ford and Colonel Gignilliat is driving a large new Cadillac.

The Logansport Gate will be formally dedicated and presented to the Academy and the inscription tablet will be unveiled on May 20, according to the plans now underway. Logansport will send about 2,000 persons to spend the day at the Lake and to fraternize with their former rescuers. Governor Ralston has been invited to be present.
Editor's note: This, of course, in response to the legendary rescue of nearly 1,500 Logansport residents in the deadly flood of 1913, by CMA cadets and faculty/staff.

110 years ago: May 12, 1904
Col. Knapp has purchased a new 18 foot launch of the Pierce Boat Co., of Racine, Wis. Its arrival at the lake is expected soon.

The (grain) elevator is now closed. Arthur Castleman has accepted a position with the St. Louis Hay and Grain Co.. and will leave for his work in several weeks.

All fishermen report good catches for the last week. Mr. Gintz, of Indianapolis, caught a 5.5 pound bass and William Overman caught one that tipped the scales at 5 pounds, last week.

Possibly the world's best food – barley

It is no secret that raw fruits and vegetables are the best foods for us. Foods full of vitamins, nutrients and amino acids provide life to our cells, energy for our daily schedule and health to our minds, bodies and spirits. Many years ago, I realized that I was not eating properly when I traveled on business and mission trips. As an attempt to keep my diet consistent, I researched and found a wonderful food source that profoundly met my needs. Now, not only do I use barley while traveling, I enjoy it every day as a part of my diet. This fabulous food source is one of the best on our planet!
Barley grass is one of the green grasses – the only vegetation on earth that can supply sole nutritional support from birth to old age. The true beauty of barley is found in the leaves. The young leaves have the tremendous ability to absorb nutrients from the soil. When barley leaves are 12 – 14 inches high, they contain all the vitamins, minerals and proteins necessary for the human diet. These necessities are easily assimilated, giving our bodies' instant access to vital nutrients. Astounding amounts of vitamins and minerals are found in barley leaves: potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron, copper, phosphorous, manganese, zinc, beta carotene, B1, B2, B6, Vitamin C and folic acid. Barley juice contains 11 times the calcium in cow's milk, 5 times the iron in spinach and 7 times the vitamin C in oranges per 100 grams.
According to research by a leading team of doctors, barley is loaded with amino acids and enzymes. Dr. Lorraine Day states, "Amino acids are the building blocks of proteins, and are necessary for continual cell building, regeneration, and energy production. Eighteen amino acids



Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER

are found in barley grass. In addition, green barley contains enzymes. Enzymes are described as the spark plugs of our bodies, the essential chemical reactions that produce movement. Without enzymes we would be unable to walk, talk, blink or breathe.”
Obviously, consuming barley in its natural state is unappealing to most people, and hard to digest. Therefore, creators of powdered barley greens have discovered methods to dry barley while retaining its natural integrity by cooking the plant in temperatures less than 107° F. By using this process, barley keeps its potency and effectiveness because nutrients remain active.
Purchasing barley powder is very easy. Most health food stores supply it, and by adding barley to your diet, good results will be noticed quickly. Some advice when taking barley powder:
1. Mix ½ teaspoon of barley juice powder in 4 oz. of your favorite juice once a day. Shake well, and drink. After 4 weeks increase to 1 tsp. After 6 to 8 weeks take twice daily if desired. Wait 30 minutes before eating breakfast.
2. Barley tastes “green”, but it is very tolerable. Some powders like “super greens” include mint, spinach and other greens for better taste. The longer you drink it, the better it will taste. This is because your body is becoming more alkaline which means you are becoming healthier.
3. Look for barley that is 100% (not filled with rice). And, it should be freeze-dried. Remember, heat kills nutrients.
4. Stick with it. While building your new nutrition routine in the morning, you will notice improvement in overall health and energy levels because you are eating real whole food that your body needs and craves.
Barley may be one of nature's best foods. Enjoy the many benefits of this nutritious source of energy by adding it to your meal plan today.
Dana Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counselor at The Culver Academies. He can be contacted at Dana.Neer@culver.org.



Graduation 2014

The Pilot News will be publishing a Marshall County graduation section on May 30.

If you have a special graduate and would like to place a congratulation message in this section please contact Stephanie or Bethany before May 19.

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Lady Trojans dime CGA in five

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — On a muggy night in Culver, Triton’s bats got hot early and stayed hot.

The result was a 13-2 diming of the host Lady Eagles at the Culver Academies Thursday.

The Lady Trojans racked up 13 hits and saw solid production up and down the line-up, scoring runs in all but one inning en route to the five-inning win.

The Lady Trojans racked up four runs in the first inning to get on top early.

Mallorie Jennings and Krystal Sellers notched back-to-back RBI singles, while Trojans pitcher Brycelyn Garbison helped her cause putting a ball in play that was mishandled at shot and scored Sellers. Courtesy runner Halie Zimmerman was eventually brought around by Jenae Kreft’s RBI single to put Triton up 4-0, which proved to be all the lead the Trojans would ever need.

Triton also used some aggressive base-running early, stealing four bags in the first inning to put the pressure on CGA’s de-



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Karissa Krou throws a pitch for CGA during a game with Triton last week.

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Meanwhile inside the circle for Triton, Garbison pitched a four-hit gem, striking out seven — including a bottom of the third in which she struck out the side — while giving up no walks for no earned runs.

The good news for CGA is the Eagles didn’t give up the fight.

The home team never put its head down, as Nicole Stephenson and pitcher Karissa Krou scored runs in the fourth and fifth inning, respectively, off a quartet of errors in the final two frames by the Trojans.

“At the end of the game our whole ap-

proach was going to be we’re going to do whatever we have to get those two runs in to go deeper in the game. We didn’t, but next time we will,” said CGA head coach Randall Minas.

It’s been a growing year so far for the Eagles, who lost nine players from last year’s lineup and have struggled with inexperience this season. Coach Minas and his staff have gotten creative in an attempt to bring this year’s young squad up to speed as quickly as possible.

“We had 11 girls last year, and nine of them graduated or didn’t come back to school, so we have two players that played varsity,” said Minas.

“We started this year, every girl who isn’t playing has to keep score so they know where they are in the game, they know who we can put in. We call them mini-managers. They have to know where they’re at every game, and the more they know, the more chances they will have to get to play. The first courtesy runner I put in was a result of me asking what is the next thing I can do, and the first girl that said put a courtesy runner in, I put in.”

The Trojans move to 15-5 overall and will take the weekend off before a game with big Northern State Conference consequences opposite NSC unbeaten Bremen Monday.

• TRITON 13, CGA 2
At Culver

Sports briefs

Baseball

CMA falls to St. Joe

Culver Military fell 5-1 to host South Bend St. Joseph in a baseball game Saturday.

Patrick Samila had two hits for CMA, which slipped to an even 5-5 on the season.

• SB ST. JOSEPH 5, CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 1
At South Bend

Girls tennis

CGA goes 1-2

Culver Girls Academy went 1-2 in a girls tennis tournament at the Academies Saturday.

The Lady Eagles beat Fairfield 3-2 but lost out to Munster 4-1 and Penn 5-0.

Match results are listed below.

• PENN 5, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0
at Culver
• MUNSTER 4, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, FAIRFIELD 2

Boys lacrosse

CMA routs Brebeuf

CMA’s boys lacrosse teams handed Brebeuf a 17-5 rout at home in Culver over the weekend.

Zach Main scored four goals, and Brendan Brewer and Nick Adams each scored three goals for CMA, which improved to 12-1.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 17, BREBEUF 5
at Culver

Girls lacrosse

CGA downs Cathedral

Rory Byrne and Kelsi Carr each scored twice, and CGA handed visiting Cathedral a 7-4 defeat in girls lacrosse action over the weekend.

Ann Marie Wright, Korynn Brewer and Erin Thomas also scored, and Carr and Brewer finished with two assists apiece as CGA moved to 11-2.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 7, CATHEDRAL 4
At Culver

CMA tops Culver Community

Culver Military handed Culver Community a 67-42 defeat in a dual track meet Wednesday night.

Alejandro Tomione was a winner in the 1600 and 4x800 relay for CMA, Justin Boyd won the 100 and 200, Landrum Neer was a winner in the 800 and 1600 relay, and Eric Burns won both the long jump and high jump for the Eagles.

Culver Community’s top finishes were put in by Aaron Becker, who won both hurdles events and Sam Castaneda who won the shot put and placed second in discus.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 67, CULVER 42
At Culver

Girls track

CGA downs Culver

See Sports Page B4



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CBGC pageant winners

The Culver Boys & Girls Club's Healthy Self Images pageant was held April 18 in the Culver Elementary School gymnasium, with all three Culver Comm. High School cheerleaders acting as judges. The pageant, according to unit supervisor Jessye Gilley, "focuses on the importance of inner beauty and individuality," and was made possible by sponsorship through the Marshall County Community Foundation. "The participants had a blast and thanks to our programs aide, Miss Heather Kreischer, as well as the assistance of several other staff and parents, it was a huge success," says Gilley. "I was incredibly impressed with the children's extroverted approach when it came to getting right up on stage in front of all those parents and members, and just being who they are and proud."

Pictured are crown winners including (UPPER ROW, FROM LEFT) Eriahna Vela, Miss CBGC; Pure Hale, Mr. CBGC; and Lacy Sabo, Little Miss CBGC. Congeniality winners included (AT RIGHT) Sophie Heath, Miss Congeniality); (ABOVE) Rylie Prosser, Little Miss Congenility, and (not pictured) Noah Clingler, Mr. Congeniality.



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More PLTW help from CRC

ABOVE: Brandon Cooper (right), representing Culver Redevelopment Commission, presented a check for \$250 as a match to the previous donation made by the Culver Young Farmers to help fund classes for the Culver Community High School's first course (Pathway to Engineering) in Project Lead the Way, which launches in the fall of the 2014-2015 school year.

As discussed in past issues of The Culver Citizen, Project Lead the Way is a multi-county, regional endeavor to help area students meet national-level standards in professional preparedness. In the past, Culver Redevelopment Commission donated \$30,000 to Marshall County Project Lead the Way and another \$10,000 to go toward PLTW for Culver Community Schools Corporation.

"Culver will benefit from both Marshall County and local funding," says Culver superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire. "We are so appreciative of both Culver Young Farmers Club and the Culver Redevelopment Commission. Every bit of funding we can obtain toward providing our students with the most progressive and updated education is appreciated. We would welcome any other donations that may come our way!"

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CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for March.

Kindergarten: Madison Kitts (teacher: Amy Bonine), Breanna Hamilton (Heather Overmyer), Braden Keller (Jean Urbin), Andy Wilson (Rhonda Kinney).

1st grade: Madison Hartwell (Kelly Dickerhoff), Daniel Laba (April Jefferies), Donovan Jefferies (Stephanie Smith), Macy Schoberg (Kelly Young), Amber Black (Becky Risner).

2nd grade: Kevin Cannon (Jean Ahlenius), Tiarra Howard (Lisa Elliott), Brady Kindermay (Jana VanDePutte).

3rd grade: Ruthie Counts (Andrea Berndt), Alex Sorg (Valerie Cultice), Shane Shuman (Jill DeSalle), Ashton McCarthy (Carrie Sharp).

4th grade: Skyler Pike (Mrs Miller), Shanna Daughtery (Chris Renneker), Natalie Stevens (Leslie Shepard), Alex Forest (Steve Young), Braxton Wolff (Julie Cowan).

5th grade: Ethan Coyle (Pam Craft), MaKegger Napier (Gayle Kinzie), MaKegger Napier (Raeanne Stevens), Owen Clingler (Terri Zechiel).

6th grade: Aaron Gentry (Brian Albright), Coltin Wynn (Todd Shafer), Lilly Sayavonsing (Missy Trent), Derick Purvis (Kris Arvelo), Emily Bendy (Jason Crittendon), Noah Parsons (Joyce Lyman), Noah Parsons (Kim Morrison), Hunter Manns (Mike Elliott).



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Culver Elementary students help the environment and hone their math skills

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer



Abby Nufer, Luci Overmyer, Harrison Hanley and Chloee Danti. All third graders from Culver Elementary School's Recycling Club.

CULVER — Third, fourth and fifth graders have the opportunity to join the Recycling Club at Culver Elementary School. The school has won the recycling challenge for the state of Indiana. The reward is a new bench made from Trex decking materials for the playground.

There are 35 students that participate fairly regularly. Meetings are held approximately twice a month. The fourth grade class was declared the winner in the school wide grade level challenge.

Valerie Cultice, CES 3rd grade teacher, said, "The kids are always amazed at the weight of the ads. When you hold one grocery bag, it's hard to imagine having enough to make a pound."

The students were able to collect 830.4 pounds of bags. "The kids are proud to keep these bags out of our local landfills," explained Cultice.

The students get a lesson in more than just recycling. The students stuff all the bags collected into large clear garbage bags until they are full. Then the students take turns weighing themselves with and without bags. The students then do math to calculate the difference to figure out the weight of the bags.

"The students take turns doing the math. In fact, they keep a close eye on who gets to weigh them each time, so they all get a chance. It's great to see the kids working with decimals and doing the math," said Cultice.

The recycling challenge is sponsored by Trex Company, Inc. The company focuses on plastic film recycling. The objective of the challenge is to educate students and the public about the importance of recycling and to keep the plastic out of the landfills. Over 350 schools participate nationwide in the plastic challenge. Each school that participated receives a bird house. One school is awarded the bench for being the top school. Trex is a decking board that is made from recycling plastic bags and sawdust. The plastic is turned to fluff then mixed with sawdust. The mixture is heated and made into a soft, pliable consistency. The mixture is formed into boards using profile dies. After they cool they are cut to desired length and shipped to consumers.

Summer food program at Culver Schools district sites

Culver Community Schools will take part in the U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded Summer Food Service Program, which offers free meals to all children aged 18 and under. The program is intended to ensure children have access to nutritious meals when the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs are not available. Those over 18 who are enrolled in a state-approved educational program for the mentally or physically disabled are also eligible for the meals.

Free meals will be served beginning Tuesday, June 3 and continuing through the summer. All meals must be eaten on site. All nutrition sites are closed on Friday, July 4.

Dates and locations are as follows:

Culver Comm. High and Middle School, June 3 through Aug. 8 (Mon. through Fri.): breakfast, 7:45 to 9 a.m.

Culver Public Library, June 3 through July 31 (Tues. and Thurs.): lunch 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Former Monterey Elementary School, June 3 through July 25 (Mon. through Fri.): lunch noon through 12:30 p.m.

Aubenaubee Twp. Community Building, Leifers Ford, June 3 through July 25 (Mon. through Fri.): lunch 11:30 a.m. through 12:15 p.m.

Ora Gospel Chapel Church, Ora, June 3 through July 11 (Mon. through Fri.): lunch 12:15 p.m. through 12:45 p.m.

Culver Elementary School, June 2 through Aug. 8 (Mon. through Fri.): breakfast, 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:45 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.



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Getting ready for the auction...

ABOVE: Youngsters with the Culver Boys & Girls Club (assisted by CBGC board members Anne Duff and Dianne Osborn) were hard at work recently on bird houses for the annual CBGC auction set for June 13 at the Culver Academies dining hall (visit www.bgcculver.org for more).

Creepy crawly fun

LEFT: Rick Glassman, environmentalist from St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District, paid a visit recently to Culver Elementary School where he introduced students to a number of nature facts and critters, including the earthworms on the table here.

Pictured are students Jocuelin Nystrom (foreground at left), Rachel Pietsch (behind her), Mason West, and Danielle Lloyd (right-hand side).

Academies staff/faculty ‘Happy’ video an online hit

A new Culver Academies video focusing on people “who love what they do and do what they love” set a viewership record (more than 6,000) even in its first few days online, and has since increased regularly. The “Culver Happy” video, featuring faculty and staff members from all 29 departments -- and a number of locally familiar faces -- was posted to the Academies’ YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/theculveracademies) late last month.

The video showcases faculty and staff across the community shimmying and lip-syncing to the upbeat hit song “Happy” by Pharrell Williams. The video was suggested by math instructor Kalista Richardson and filmed and edited by Videographer Lew Kopp (class of 1971) and directed by Director of Strategic Communications William Hargraves ’77.

The five-minute clip debuted at the Spring Parents Weekend all-school meeting. It features almost 500 facul-

ty and staff members. The different dance segments were shot at various campus locations, many which are behind-the-scenes to visitors.

The video was produced to show students and parents that everyone, from Academic Affairs to Wellness, “love what they do, and do what they love,” Hargraves said, and they hope to inspire students to carry on with that same passion in their daily routines.

This story courtesy of news.culver.org

Culver Millers' Fassett receives leadership award

Alexandria, VA – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) honored Gregory Fassett, Administrator of Miller's Merry Manor of Culver with the 2014 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. The leadership award was celebrated during the awards luncheon at ACHCA's 48th Annual Convocation and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 6. Two hundred and seventy six administrators were awarded leadership awards nationally, 42 of which were at the awards luncheon.

Fassett was one of 42 Eli Pick



Facility Leadership Award recipients recognized by over 240 peers at the luncheon. Based on the premise that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, this award recognizes the administrator of record who provided that leadership throughout the award year.

Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire (Life Safety), and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also

included an 80 percent or greater facility occupancy and a three year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. This prestigious award is made possible with the support of eHealth Data Solutions.

This award is in memory of Eli Pick who was a consummate member of ACHCA, dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership in long term care.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (www.achca.org) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long term care administrators and executives.

Plan from page A1



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ABOVE: Brandon Nolin of consulting firm Houseal Lavigne addresses the audience at Thursday evening's public meeting regarding Culver's nearly-finalized comprehensive plan.

current plan, Nolin pointed out that, demographically speaking, while some note that Culver is not growing, the town's population also isn't shrinking, but is stable.

Among areas of chief emphasis covered in the plan were oft-stated concerns regarding the need for development of more middle-income housing in Culver, a

void Nolin said their studies found was confirmed by the data.

"One thing we heard throughout the outreach process is that there's a disparity in the housing market in Culver," explained Nolin. "There's really high end and really low end housing, but nothing in between; there's bifurcation in the market.

"The plan looks at the question of, what is affordability? And what can the town do to improve that?"

The plan identifies area where single and multi-family development should occur, Nolin said, and includes plans for residential development including senior housing as

some area seniors opt to downsize their homes and need more assisted-living arrangements.

The housing concern tied in, as Nolin pointed out, with the need for growth in young families with children, which clearly impacts the tenuous future of Culver's local public school system, which Nolin explained lost 15 percent of its student body in recent years, compared to surrounding school systems which lost only five percent.

Other discussion centered on possible locations for winter-time, indoor recreation facilities, which the plan suggested could develop on land owned by Culver Community Schools near its administration building, and could possibly come to fruition as a partnership with the school corporation and the Culver Boys & Girls Club.

Also targeted was the need to beautify and develop for business or industry some of Culver's gateways, such as that at Jefferson Street and State Road 17, partnership opportunities to market and strengthen natural areas of environmental import, and consideration of relocating Culver's emergency services -- particularly the police and EMS at the outset, alongside the town government -- away from the deteriorating current town hall, possibly to land along Lake Shore Drive north of Academy Road.

Specific suggestions for increased pedestrian and traffic safety and beautification included a pedestrian "island" with brick pavers and plantings on Lake Shore Drive near the busy town park crossing, and a round-about at the corner of Main and Davis Streets.

Both additions would slow down traffic and increase pedestrian safety, while the Lake Shore Drive feature could make the "mid-town" business district there a more prominent feature, according to Nolin. "Green" surfaces in the "island" could also aid with the flooding which has long plagued the area.

Nolin alluded to one portion of the plan which calls for consideration of the town requesting takeover of the area within its two-mile zoning jurisdiction, primarily to plan to maintain the proper use of land for agriculture, natural

space, and potential development.

Promotion of tourism and off-setting the all-too-seasonal economy are also examined in the plan, said Nolin, as well as marketing and branding.

In areas of transportation and mobility, the plan examines the possibility of adding bicycle lanes to its main thoroughfares, and consideration of adding sidewalks in areas currently not served by them, including Academy Road between the public schools and Culver Academies (something for which a grant is already being considered by the town, Nolin pointed out). Use of county roads to generate a safe bicycle or walking trail around Lake Maxinkuckee are also discussed.

Hopes of the town finding space to provide public parks for residents not living near the north end of town were discussed, as was highlighting environmentally important areas such as wetlands as destinations for education and observation.

Nolin added that Culver Academies "is a tremendous asset...mentioned throughout the plan." A large local property owner, Nolin said the school "will have a large stake in the health of the town."

In response to a request from audience member John Hephrey for Gardner and Nolin's opinion as to priority projects given how few residents there are to fund and support some of the projects discussed, the two replied that focus might be given to those projects or endeavors on which other important directives depend to succeed. However, Gardner emphasized the community must decide those priorities for itself.

Gardner and Nolin further stressed that the plan only gave suggestions and directional ideas, rather than iron-clad directives.

A public hearing before Culver's plan commission will take place May 20 to move forward with the plan. If approved, it would go before Culver's town council in June for finalization and adoption.

Election from page A1

Only one provisional ballot remained uncounted as of the close of the polling last night. The majority of voters choose the Republican ticket, which included the local seats.

Those choosing the

Democrat ticket had fewer races to pick, but helped assure Notre Dame professor Joe Bock the opportunity to challenge Republican incumbent Jackie Walorski for her Congressional seat in November.

Other results include:

County Sheriff

Tom Chamberlin (R) - Incumbent 2,056 votes

Prosecuting Attorney

E. Nelson Chipman (R) 1,939 votes

Clerk of the Courts

Deborah VanDeMark (R)

2,066 votes

Auditor

Julie Fox (R) 2,089 votes

Assessor

Debra A. Dunning (R) - Incumbent 2,007 votes

Lois Tomaszewski and Jeff Kenney contributed to this article.

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CCHS singers put on the Ritz

ABOVE: Members of Culver Community High School's Sweet Cavaliers (girls group -- TOP PHOTO) and Jazz Street (boys group -- BOTTOM PHOTO), under the direction of CCHS music teacher and choir director Diane Derrow, performed in the annual 'Jazz Cafe' event April 26 in the (decoratively transformed) high school cafeteria. The event included a New Orleans-style dinner along with the show.



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Changes at the golf course

LEFT: The old farm house located along East Shore Drive on the Culver Academies golf course (many will recall the seemingly ancient barn which once stood north of it, but burned in the 1980s) was torn down last week, in the midst of ongoing work at the course in recent months.

In fact, the course restoration project -- about which more information is forthcoming -- is the reason for the recently-announced closure of the course, effective now and into a 2015 date to be announced. In the interim, golfing there will not be permitted as work continues.

The old house had been used for storage in recent years, and for many years prior had served as faculty housing for the school.



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Damore is newest Kiwanian

LEFT: Mark Damore, Jr., right, owner of the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, is the newest member of Culver's Kiwanis Club, initiated recently by president Larry Brockey, left. The club, whose news is also updated on Facebook, meets Thursdays at noon at the Culver Public Library.

Marshall recognized by Coldwell Banker



CULVER — Kate Marshall of Culver, a broker associate with Coldwell Banker Hometown Realty, has been honored as a member of the company's International Diamond Society. This membership was awarded to the top 11 percent of all sales associates/representatives worldwide in the Coldwell Banker system.

"Kate Marshall's extensive knowledge and understanding of the overall real estate industry and community in Culver; personify the success embodied by the international Diamond Society," says Jim Gillespie, chief executive officer of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.

"It's this type of attention to detail and dedication that has defined the Coldwell Banker brand for over 100 years and with Kate Marshall, will continue for years to come."

To contact Marshall visit her website www.KateMarshallCulver.com or 574-229-0076.



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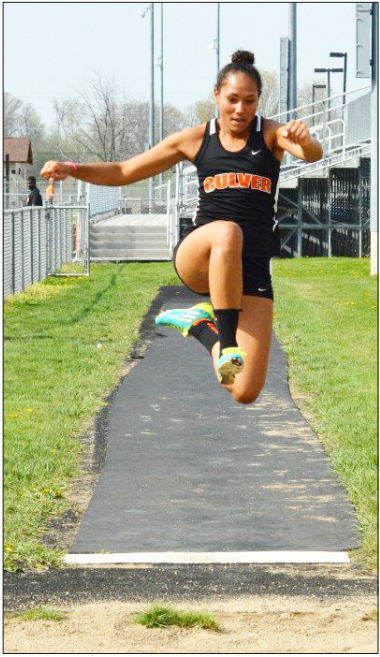
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Sports from page A5



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Culver Comm. High School track team members Daniel Bettinelli (LEFT) and Denisha Brown (RIGHT) participate in a May 7 track meet against Culver Girls Academy.

Culver Girls Academy beat out Culver Community by a narrow 58-52 margin in a girls track meet May 7.

Jenna McCarthy won both hurdles events for CGA, while Leah Heckaman won both throwing events for the Lady Eagles, and Stephanie Ma was a winner in the 4x800 and the 1600 run.

Kayla Shaffer won the 100, 200 and was a winner in the 400-meter relay for Culver. Denisha Brown won the long jump and was a winner in the 400 relay.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 58, CULVER 52
At Culver

Boys golf
CMA splits meet

Culver Military Academy split a nine-hole meet with NorthWood and Mishawaka Marian Monday night at Mystic Hills.

NorthWood was led by Alec Dutkowski's round of 38, while Brayden Glaser turned in a 39. CMA was paced by John Connelly's 38.

• NORTHWOOD 161, CULVER MILITARY 166,
MISHAWAKA MARIAN 168
at Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 35)

Marshall Co. Jr. Golf Tour
dates announced

The Marshall County Junior Golf Tour includes seven tournaments (with the addition of Plymouth Rock) for this season beginning June 12 at Mystic Hill Golf Club. Boys age groups are 8-9 (play 5 holes), 10-11 (play 6 holes), 12-13 (play 9 holes), 14-15m and 16-18 (play 18 holes).

Girl's age groups are: 8-11 (play 5 holes), 12-14 (play 9 holes), and 15-18 (play 18 holes).

Tour dates and locations:
Thursday, June 12 – Mystic Hills Golf Club (Culver)
Tuesday, June 17 – Round Barn Golf Club @ Mill Creek (Rochester)
Friday, June 27 – Tri-Way Golf Club (Plymouth)
Tuesday, July 1 – Sprig O' Mint Golf Club (Bremen)
Monday, July 7 – Swan Lake Resort-Indiana National Golf Club-Silver(Plymouth)
Tuesday, July 8 – Plymouth Country Club
Wednesday, July 16 – Plymouth Rock Golf Course (Plymouth)
For more information contact Steve Read at via email steveread@kconline.com or 574-546-3337 or sites.google.com/site/johnroberts711.

Briefs from page A1

hours this year, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Interested vendors please call at 574-842-2648 (ask for Barb).

Tour de Max Saturday

Culver Tri Kappa's annual Tour de Max bicycle race will take place Saturday, May 17 and will include 10, 30, and 63-mile routes. Riders may register online at Active.Com or request a registration form by e-mailing tour_de_max@yahoo.com. Cost is \$20 before May 15 and \$25 after May 15 through the morning of the ride.

Maxinkuckee Singers spring concert dates

The Maxinkuckee Singers will present a spring concert called, "Makin Music — 2014." Dates, times, and venues are as follows: **May 14** — Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, 7:30 p.m.; **May 15** — First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.; **May 19** — Knox United Methodist Church, 201 S. Shield St., Knox, 6:30 p.m. CDT. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Audiences of all ages are welcome. For further information, call Kathy Overmyer.

'Romeo and Juliet' May 23 at CES

Culver Elementary School's annual 6th grade play, "Romeo and Juliet," will be held Friday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The class will accept free-will donations for Riley's Children's Hospital at the event, which is free and open to the public.

'Bikes and Bugs' event May 24

"Bikes and Bugs" will take place Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Culver's town park. Sponsored by Rideon Bicycles of Culveer and Kokomo's City of Firsts Volkswagen Club, the free event will feature dozens of vintage VW vehicles and vintage bicycles, food, music, and a judged bicycle contest in three categories: Best Original, Best Restored, and Best Custom. Each style will be judged within three sizes: 20, 24, and 26-inch bicycles. Those entering bicycles are encouraged to register at 8:30

a.m., though registrations will be accepted up to 1 p.m. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. After the event, at 5 p.m., the VWs will take a lap around Lake Maxinkuckee and those wishing to ride bicycles around at that time are encouraged to do so as well. Those with questions may call Rideon at 574-842-4788 or Chambers at 574-216-6228, or email rideonculver@gmail.com.

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in May. Classes include: Computer Security (May 16) and Intro to Social Media (May 19 and 23). 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.

Building trades open house May 25

An open house will be held to tour the latest home constructed this school year by the Culver Community High School's Building Trades class, according to instructor Kyle Elliott. The house, at 19849 SR 117, Culver, will be open for viewing both outside and in from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 25. Building Trades, which has been a part of the school's offerings for more than 25 years, teaches students the fine points of home construction hands-on through the building of a home in the area from the ground up.

Local graduation dates/times

Culver Community High School will hold its graduation exercises Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Culver Academies graduation and final formation will take place Sunday, June 1 at 10 a.m., on the parade field (weather permitting).

Broadway Musical Moments show June 7

Tickets are now available to the general public for the Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society-sponsored "Broadway Musical Moments" performed by Dr. Charles

Webb, Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus. Included will be Broadway tunes from films directed by award winning director Joshua Logan. Joshua Logan is a Culver Military 1927 graduate. Tickets are \$35 for AHS members and \$45 for non-members. Mail checks to P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511, or contact Ginny Gibson at 574-635-0635.

Winters scholarship accepting apps

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, call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, scholarship coordinator at kskrause@embarqmail.com.

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@sbcbglobal.net.

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Culver students Confirmed

LEFT: Teens from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church and Culver Academies students were part of a joint Confirmation service last month, during which Emeritus Bishop William Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette was the presider to help with confirmations in the Fort Wayne/South Bend Roman Catholic Diocese (standing in for Bishop Kevin Rhoades). The service took place over Parents' Weekend at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. Students confirmed include: (St. Mary of the Lake parish) Julie Bachman, Jessica Bradley, Brooke Ditmire, Hali Hanley, Elizabeth Pask, Luke Schaller, Jack Schmiedlin, Ethan Shuman, Molly Statczar, Lucas Vela, Cade Zrelak. Culver Academies: Nicholas Biagioni, Scott Dilena, Tobias Ellison, Marina Fernandez, Jacob Hare, Harrison Harm, Kirby Hart, Grace Holzer, Jacob Kanak, Ros Koller, Claire Martinez, April Miltich, Bryan Nzerem, Chidi Nzaerem, Tyler Ortman, Ryan Patrick, Caridad Ravelo, Annie Shea, Carlota Silva, Alaina Smith, Julia Smith, Ross Thompson, Marcel Vinay.

'Come Alive Outside' founder addresses Culver Chamber

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Jim Paluch wants Culver residents to "Come Alive Outside," and he was in Culver last week to suggest that doing so could be a boon to Culver's economy, as well as health and happiness.

Paluch, a nationally-touring speaker, author, and founder of the Come Alive Outside movement within landscape architecture, was the guest speaker at the latest Culver Chamber of Commerce meeting, held at Culver Wings on State Road 10.

The speaker was introduced by Tony Sellers of Sellers Services Inc., who began sharing the message of Come Alive Outside after a retreat given by Cleveland-based landscape architect Paluch in Chicago a few years ago was particularly impactful to Sellers.

Sellers noted his company has started a program teaching Come Alive Outside to employees and lead management.

Paluch said this was his fourth visit to Culver, and one he relished while working in Chicago earlier that week.

"My first time driving in and seeing that lake and, for me, the cool trees in that park -- it was amazing. I wondered what kind of people I would run into tonight. When they greeted me, I could see why Culver is a great community."

Paluch's consulting business began 25 years ago, and he said over the course of those years he steadily realized the need for people to get outside. He noted he asked a landscape professional, "What do you do?"

"He said, 'I cut grass and plant trees.'...Anytime anybody puts the word 'just' in front of something, it brings it down a little."

The "green" industry, he added, "needs to look at itself differently and realize what it does is to "get people outside."

"I ask them now (and they say), 'I'm an outdoor living specialist. That changes their perspective.'"

Such a description applies not only to the landscape in-



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ABOVE: 'Come Alive Outside' fonder Jim Paluch addresses members of Culver's Chamber of Commerce recently.

dren spent less than eight hours in front of media; by 2004 it was over eight, and by 2009 it was 12 hours daily. He said children on average can identify over 1,000 corporate logos, but less than 10 native species of plants, animals, birds, or butterflies. Childhood obesity, he added, continues to rise, and one in 10 adults suffer from depression related to lack of sleep, which he attributed to too much time internet and channel-surfing at night.

Studies show people are happier when they're outside, he added.

"As outdoor play goes away, (there's less) likelihood that people will want our business," Paluch said. "The heart and soul of the community starts to sit inside in front of televisions."

He encouraged the audience to "capture business opportunities by creating a better world for tomorrow."

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Sandhill cranes hit the links

LEFT: Agnes Bramfeld shared these photos, taken by her son Mark, of sandhill cranes cavoriting on the Maxinkuckee Country Club golf course recently. The large (three to four foot) tall birds have been seen more frequently in recent years around the lake.





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As Helen Weinberg said, “It’s a heavy burden to see how many people cancer affects. We just have to fight harder and never give up hope. That’s the most important thing.”

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