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## No matter where I roam...tis Culver, Culver, Culver!

ABOVE: Culver Academies held its annual Alumni Reunion festivities over the weekend, bringing back a number of classes, though especially honoring the golden class of 1964. Members of that class broke the overall record for attendance of 50 year men this year. Each member was able to once again walk through the Iron Gate at their 50th reunion, though this time the event was staged in Eppley Auditorium because of the weather, according to Doug Haberland of the Academies. AT LEFT: \*David Culver, great-grandson of Culver Military Academy founder Henry Harrison Culver, is visible at left (carrying his class flag), represents the class of 1959 on the Culver parade field. TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Jim Dicke '64 of New Bremen, Ohio, is visible in the top row singing with the Culver Choir at the Head of Schools' luncheon on Friday. Dicke was among several alumni who were members of the Blue Notes and the Glee Club during their Culver days who joined the choir in the singing of several Culver songs. Dicke, who was celebrating his 50th reunion -- has been a prominent figure in the refurbishing of downtown Culver. LOWER RIGHT PHOTO: \*Elwood "Bud" Hillis, CMA class of 1944 (seated at left) chats with Dick Swennumson '63 and his wife Mary Anna during the reunion. Former US Representative Hillis was also a longtime Culver resident. Driving the cart is Dr. John U. Lanman '44 of Munster, Ind.

## In Brief

### CCHS Extravanza tonight

Culver Community High School will present its second annual variety extravaganza, onstage at the CCHS auditorium this Thursday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3, available in the high school bookstore, or \$5 at the door.

### 'Bikes and Bugs' event Saturday

"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 Culver 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 rideon-culver@gmail.com.

### Missions fundraiser May 31

A Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken missions fundraiser will be held Sat., May 31, from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. or until sold out. Location is Park 'n' Shop, Culver, and Pit-Tatoes will also be available for purchase.

### 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.

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## Serving Culver - bearded or not

Culver Beard Club extraordinary in Culver on variety of levels

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Its members are a decade or more younger and in different stations in life, many of them, than some of the familiar faces volunteering to serve the Culver community, and -- not so much in spite of that fact but because of it -- the existence of the Culver Beard Club may send some unexpected messages, locally and beyond.

For starters: it's possible to have fun -- and do something for others -- in Culver, Indiana in the dead of winter. On a weeknight.



ABOVE: Regular participants in the Culver Beard Club, from left: Joshua Richey, Phil Marshall, Tucker Anderson, Ashton Duke, Tim Yuhus, Molly Anderson, Tim Sellers, Scott Hinsey, and Joel Samuelson. Not pictured: Trevor Weldon, Jacob White, Crystal Moore, Dana Keller, Mark Damore, Jr., Adam Rippy, and John Miller.

It's also possible to be unmarried, childless, and in one's 20s (or so), and yet be inclined to serve the community -- for no reason other than the sense of meaning and enjoyment it gives (and maybe for bragging rights to say you've jumped into a hole in the ice of Lake Maxinkuckee in January). All of this among 20-something, local year-rounders.

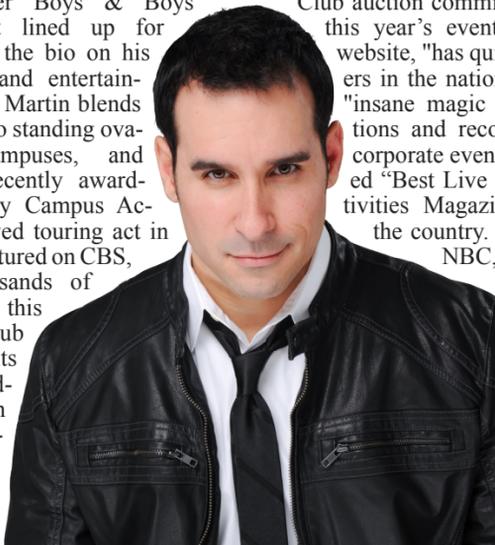
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## Renowned magician Martin is headliner at CBGC auction in June

The Culver Boys & Boys entertainment lined up for according to the bio on his website, "has quickly become one of the most in-demand entertainers in the nation," will be entertaining "insane magic and sarcastic improv," "insane and record-breaking crowds at corporate events worldwide."

He was recently awarded "Best Live Performer" and he was recognized by Campus Activities Magazine as the TOP rated/entertainer in the country. His magic and standup comedy have been featured on CBS, NBC, WGN, VH1, ESPN, and at thousands of live events worldwide.

Earlier this year, the Culver Boys & Girls Club plans for its event, "Build-to-be held on Culver Acad-Center from reservation is June 1. The event is



Club auction committee has announced the this year's event. Daniel Martin who, website, "has quickly become one of the most in-demand entertainers in the nation," will be entertaining "insane magic and sarcastic improv," "insane and record-breaking crowds at corporate events worldwide."

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## Town council revokes wind energy decision

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council voted to reconsider a decision made at its previous meeting regarding private, non-commercial wind energy conversion systems (commonly known as windmills or wind turbines), at its most recent meeting May 13.

The decision was the result of discussion prompted by audience member Marlene Mahler, who criticized the council's move two weeks earlier to deny proposed ordinances limiting the height and other specifications on the turbines within the town's two-mile jurisdiction, and to additionally recommend to the Culver plan commission that it draft new legislation completely banning all wind energy conversion systems.

Mahler noted the plan commission had held multiple public hearings and put in "hard work" to arrive at the proposed specifications, which limited the towers in height, location, and size of land.

However, said Mahler, a complete ban on personal windmills (commercial turbines are banned across the entirety of Marshall County) creates a hardship for local farmers, including her own family.

She said there are two windmills, approximately 60 feet each in height, which she said are "not an eyesore (or) huge," on her 300-acre family farm, and they're located a half-mile from the public road.

"You can't afford to run electricity back to water the cattle," she said. "Any excess water runs into our pond. We can't let the cattle drink from the ditches; it pollutes the lake. And now you want us to get rid of our windmills."

Mahler acknowledged, when asked, that existing windmills like hers could likely be grandfathered into being allowed to remain in place, but she asked what would happen if the family needed to drill another well.

Council member Ginny Munroe said she spoke to town manager Dave Schoeff after the previous council meeting, and they discussed that some windmills can be as short as five to ten feet tall.

"I would be totally open to a reasonable size," she

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## Park board, with new member, tackles variety of matters

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's parks and recreation board welcomed newest member Christi Scarborough at its May 12 meeting, the culmination of several months of discussion and effort to amend local legislation to allow Culver's school board to appoint a non-member of that board to fill the vacancy left last year by former park board member Ed Behnke.

The board worked through a number of matters at the meeting, starting with the ongoing matter of the condition of the beach lodge building. While funds had already been redistributed within the park board's budget towards addressing some problems, board members discussed the likelihood of requesting an additional appropriation of monies towards a capital improvement plan to shore up issues ranging from the structural to the aesthetic. It was emphasized a capital improvement plan, to lay out all needed work, should be generated prior to requesting additional funds.

It was suggested the building stay open for the summer season, but may need to close this fall and winter for some of

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## Obituaries

### Eleanor E. Liette

March 6, 1915 - May 16, 2014



CULVER — Eleanor E. Liette, 99, of Culver-Monterey, passed away on May 16, 2014 at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth with family by her side.

Eleanor was born on March 6, 1915 in Darke County, Ohio, one of eight children born to Bernard and Elizabeth (Kaiser) Eilerman. Growing up Eleanor attended the Happy Corner School in New Weston, Ohio. Ironically, Eleanor grew up in the same area, attending the same church as her future husband Luke Liette. After his military service ended Luke returned home and married Eleanor on July 14, 1945 in North Star, Ohio. After a flood destroyed their home they relocated to Culver for work.

In 1966 tragedy struck, Luke was killed as the result of an industrial accident, Eleanor held the family together and raised her children. She worked at Wagner Industries in Plymouth as a machine operator, and did housekeeping work around the area. Eleanor was a member and Chaplain of the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary in Culver for 40 years. She liked to travel, play cards and bingo with friends. She was a faithful member of St.

Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver.

Eleanor is survived by her daughters Kathleen "Kitty" (Gary) Davis of Argos, Patricia (Steve) Hankins of Elkhart, and Angela (Loren) Loehmer of Monterey; sons William (Beth) Liette of Cincinnati, Ohio and Paul Liette of Culver; 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, six brothers, and one sister.

There was a time of visitation with the family on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. A VFW Ladies Auxiliary service was held at 7 p.m. followed by a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Another time of visitation was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry, Ohio. A mass of Christian burial will follow on Thursday, May 22 at 11 a.m. at the St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star, Ohio with visitation one hour prior to the service. Father Jeffrey Largent will officiate the Mass. Burial will follow in the St. Louis Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church or the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary in Culver.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

## CUTPL Summer Reading Program sign-up, ice cream kickoff party June 2

Science is the theme of Culver-Union Township Public Library's 2014 Summer Reading Programs. CUTPL offers programs for children, teens, and adults with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. To kick off the 2014 Summer Reading Programs, CUTPL is holding an ice cream kick off and sign-up party Monday, June 2, 2014 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the large meeting room. Ice cream sundaes will be provided, compliments of the CUTPL Friends of the Library.

The library will host special guest and local author Jack Johnston, who will sign copies of his children's book, "The Ice Cream Hotel" during the kickoff party at 2:30 p.m. Johnston will also be reading from his book.

Summer reading registration is open to library patrons of all ages. The program will run from Monday, June 2 through July 31. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or check out its website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us). This program is free of charge and open to the public.

## Blessing of Lake Max May 25

The community is invited to a special worship event hosted by the people of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, as they bless Lake Maxinkuckee at the start of the summer season. The blessing will take place at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 25, at the the train station-depot (615 Lakeshore Drive, Culver). All are welcome to attend.

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## CES students learn bike safety

LEFT: Culver Elementary 3rd graders took part in their annual bicycle safety program last week with Culver police officer Bill Strong, who spoke to students about riding their bikes on the proper side of the street, using the correct hand signals for turning, wearing properly fitting shoes and pants, and wearing "bright at night" if they have to be out on their bikes after dark.

Office Strong also explained the importance of wearing a bike helmet EVERY time they ride. He demonstrated the correct way to wear the helmet and how to make adjustments so that each helmet fits properly. Teacher Valerie Cultice notes Strong even visited the school on his day off!

All 76 helmets were purchased with donations from the Culver Kiwanis Club, Culver Elementary PTO, and several local businesses.



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said. "To me, 60 feet (high) is reasonable; we have 30 foot buildings in town. But I don't want to see 140 to 180 feet."

Council member Lynn Overmyer pointed out she made a similar argument to Mahler's at the prior meeting, and audience member Russ Mason, of Culver's plan commission, noted several citizens in the audience at the previous meeting were not open to lowered height restrictions, but insisted on a complete ban, "at the last minute, after a whole year of working on this." Mason suggested someone from the council should attend the next plan commission meeting and express the council's willingness to consider revisions on the ordinance, rather than the complete ban it voted to recommend.

"Unless they have some consensus from you (shifting from a total ban)," he added, "they won't put forth something just to be rejected by you."

Audience member Kevin Berger explained that part of the intention behind the 140-foot height restriction in the proposed ordinance was to match Marshall County's existing ordinance. This, he said, was primarily aimed at making it easier for the town to claim rights to the entirety of its two-mile zoning jurisdiction in the future, something which could be markedly complicated if the town and county specifications don't line up. He noted expansion to the two-mile boundary is in the current Culver comprehensive plan being considered for finalization next month.

The council, in the end, voted formally to inform the plan commission that the council is reconsidering the total windmill ban it suggested previously. Prior to the discussion, the council had already passed the plan commission's proposed ordinance, but with language pertaining to windmills stripped away (remaining changes pertained to carports, setbacks, and sign restrictions).

The next plan commission meeting, it was noted, is scheduled for May 20. Mason noted site plans for a new bakery on South Main Street will also be on the meeting's agenda, which might be of some interest to the public.

The council also held a public hearing regarding application for federal funds (administered through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs) towards the town's \$1.5 million water utility project.

As explained by Shannon McLeod of grant administration firm Priority Project Resources, the grant would add around 3,000 square feet to the town's 56 year old water plant building replace water treatment equipment with brand new apparatuses.

Town water, she added, is still safe to drink but has more iron in it than is preferred.

She also noted a group of people has been conducting an income survey in Culver in order to verify that at least 51 percent of Culver's population is low to moderate income, a status she thinks will be attained by the survey.

The grant would only cover part of the project cost, with the remainder likely funded by a state revolving fund loan. Grant awards will be announced in August.

The council voted to approve application for the grant, and to allocate matching funds as required in order to ap-

ply.

In other discussion, Schoeff reported, during his town manager's report, that an engineering firm inspected the town's (currently empty) Lake Shore Drive water tower and discovered the inside coating of the tank is gone, though there is a hole inside. He noted an "extensive project" will be needed to properly and finally repair it.

In discussing the previous week's public meeting regarding Culver's nearly-complete comprehensive plan, Schoeff said a public hearing for the Culver plan commission to approve the plan is scheduled for June 17; it will come to the town council at its first meeting in July.

Schoeff also reported Lake Shore Drive does not qualify for federal grant money as previously hoped for by the council. He said the hope is for the street to be added to federal maps to facilitate its qualification in the future.

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs-funded grant to replace part of Culver's storm water system on the west end of town is, according to Schoeff, "substantially complete," with repaving the streets involved as the final step.

Approved by council was moving one of the two council chamber tables from town hall to the Culver fire station for use there, ahead of an overhaul of the chambers with new tables and a lectern; the second table will be offered to the Culver Public Library.

Also approved was purchase of 12 sludge bags for the town sewer plant, at a total of \$6,000; \$6,768 for removal of previously undetected concrete during work on the storm water project on Lake Shore Drive (the cost is covered under grant funds provided for the project); and \$1,100 for extra digging to investigate a pipe connection in conjunction with the same project.

Approved was a claim for \$88,284.25 with recommended retainage of \$4,646, also part of the cost of the grant-funded storm water project.

The town will accept sealed bids June 10 for a flag pole currently at the fire department, Schoeff reported.

A work session was set for 5 p.m., prior to the council's next meeting on May 27, to discuss a special events policy and presentation by What's Up 24-7 regarding a town calendar.

The council approved a request by fire chief Terry Wakefield to repair one of the department's main fire engines, at \$3,612.89.

Wakefield also said the department would carry recently deceased, longtime fireman Glenn Whitmarsh to the cemetery by fire truck later that week.

The council gave its approval for a sign at the town park's parking lot entrance banning vehicles with a gross weight of over 20,000 pounds, at the request of John Helphrey of the park board. Helphrey, noting the parking lot would soon be re-asphalted, said he observed a semi-truck

parking there recently, which likely hastens the deterioration of the pavement.

During her clerk's report, clerk treasurer Karen Heim's request to add dental and life insurance to the plan approved at the previous council meeting was approved, as were invoices from Bachman Concrete for an ADA-compliant ramp at the intersection of State Street and Lake Shore Drive, at \$1,450, and from Priority Project Resources for \$3,000 for an environmental report.

The council decided to hold \$8,000 in retainage prior to payment to consulting firm Houseal Lavigne, pending the firm's completion of the town's comprehensive plan. Heim noted the remaining bill for the plan is \$16,231, out of which other entities are contributing to bring the town's cost down to \$8,000.

Also approved was payment to Commonwealth Engineers of \$10,950, for 95 percent completion of their portion of the storm water project; the funds are provided via grant through OCRA, said Heim.

The council verified her request to close down a bank account intended to receive Paypal online funds for internet auction of surplus fire department equipment, which never took place, according to Heim.

A one-time waiver for the sewer portion of a water bill issued to Grant Munroe was also approved, with Ginny Munroe abstaining from the vote; the water was removed manually from the basement after a water leak, and allowed to run into the ground rather than the town sewer, Heim reported.

Four to five dumpsters full of trash were hauled away after the previous weekend's town-wide cleanup, Schoeff reported. He also said a notable amount of that waste came from outside the Culver community, and some discussion ensued as to whether efforts should be made to prevent such activity, with no formal decision reached.

The council also gave a thumbs up to members of the Culver Lake Fest board who requested closure of Lake Shore Drive between State and Liberty Streets for the duration of the Saturday of the festival. Frank Elizondo of the board expressed great concern over the safety of pedestrians -- especially children -- due to the abundance of traffic at that location, where many cross the street to enter the town park-based festival.

Some concern was expressed as to how out-of-town drivers unfamiliar with Culver's streets would navigate around the closure without creating traffic problems elsewhere. It was agreed notification in the newspaper of the change, for a few weeks prior to the event should take place.

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## If these walls could talk: 700 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

We're back on the trail in our ongoing series of virtual 'walks' through Culver's historic properties, and this week we're stopping in at a building coincidentally alluded to in last week's 'Culver through the years' nostalgia column: today's 700 Lake Shore Drive, present home of Osborn's Mini-mart (which includes Culver's only chain 'fast food' restaurant, Subway).

And while the present structure is only about 40 years old, use of the property for commercial purposes goes (unsurprisingly given its proximity to the lake and especially the train station) back much further.

We don't have exact outlines, but it's safe to assume the property would have been part of the lavish Colonnade Hotel property, it being often reported as right across the street from the original depot (which sat a fair piece further east than today's 1935 structure). The Colonnade, with its own skating rink, fountain, and all the modern conveniences, fell victim to fire in 1901, and appears to have remained a vacant lot until 1916, when a building was erected there by Charles Plotner.

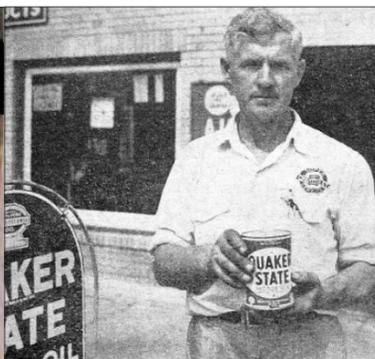
A reference in The Culver Citizen in March, 1917, notes the Lawrence Brothers of Plymouth became "the owners of the Lake Shore Garage of Culver... (which) is situated just across from the Panhandle Station and is practically new, being built last summer by Charles Plotner," wording which suggests the building already had its name by the time the Lawrences took it over.

A little over a year later, in November of 1918, Fritz Schweidler of Chicago bought the "Lakeside Garage" (note the at least reported name change) from the Law-

rence Brothers.

It's worth mentioning that the Lakeshore Garage is exemplary of a common trend in Culver more or less from the start of the auto age until the economic shift to the more regional or national, less local economy of today.

For decades, Culver (not unlike many small communities), despite its fairly steady population, was home to between five and ten full-service gas station-garages. It's



ABOVE: Joe Schweidler poses in front of the Lakeshore Garage in the late 1930s.

LEFT: The Lakeshore Garage building burns in January, 1972.

interesting enough that so many fuel-selling businesses could make a go of it for so long, but even moreso when

one considers that each one also offered repair work as well, a testament to the tendency of residents to stick with local businesses in seeking services or goods. It's certainly interesting when contrasted with today's two gas stations and one in-town service garage.

In April, 1921, the Schweidlers rearranged the office space in the garage to give them "roomier and more convenient quarters."

The Schweidler brothers had various specific relationships to the business part of the operation. In February, 1925, Joe Schweidler sold his half-interest in the garage to his brother and partner, M.F. Schweidler, according to

the Citizen, which added that Fritz Schweidler was the proprietor.

In March, 1927, however, the Citizen reported that Joe -- having enlisted the help of W. O. Osborn -- bought his brother Fritz out (apparently Fritz had taken over the sole interest), leaving Joe the sole owner-operator for the next 33 years.

The business underwent various changes in decor and service over the following years, including a redecoration of the frontage of the building in 1925; installation of an electric lawnmower sharpener ("the latest machine of its kind") in July, 1929; an August, 1929 remodel to make it "one of the most modern buildings in any town this size in the state" (the work was completed by December). Originally a long, narrow building, the Lakeshore Garage could accommodate 24 vehicles, but by 1937 renovated to a wider, less rectangular layout.

In 1942, the Citizen announced that Joe Schweidler was closing the garage "for the duration," though this obviously proved untrue. However, in June of 1943, the Moore Engineering Co. was reportedly moving its machine shop from Plymouth to the building formerly occupied by the Lake Shore Garage.

Two years later, in May, 1945, the Citizen noted that the garage was being leased by Joseph Schweidler to George Mayse of Mishawaka and R. J. Smith of South Bend. In Feb., 1947, G. O. Hayes purchased R. G. Smith's interest in the Lakeshore Garage, said the Citizen, and "will continue to operate it as in the past."

But by Oct., 1948, Schweidler announced that Williams Wooletts had accepted the position of car sales manager for his business.

In the early 1950s, the garage became an Oldsmobile dealership, and Howlett Motor Sales in Plymouth was also associated with the Lakeshore Garage, according to the Citizen.

The Jan. 11, 1950 Citizen reported that Don Anderson of Kokomo had purchased the Lake Shore Garage from Joe Schweidler. "For the past ten years," the paper noted, "Mr. Anderson has successfully conducted an auto sales and service business in Kokomo. He has purchased a home just east

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day, 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.

### Building trades open house Sunday

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).

### Marshall Co. Jr. Golf Tour dates

The Marshall County Junior Golf Tour includes seven tournaments, including in Culver. 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). For more information contact Steve Read at via

email [steveread@kconline.com](mailto:steveread@kconline.com) or 574-546-3337 or sites. [google.com/site/johnroberts711](http://google.com/site/johnroberts711).

### 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 library during library hours.

### Farmer's Market open

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

### 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](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us) or 574-842-2941.

### United Way "Give and Golf" cards now available

United Way "Give and Golf" cards are now available for a \$50 donation to United Way of Marshall County; the card entitles the golfer to play one round of golf at all six of the golf courses located in Marshall County including

Mystic Hills Golf Club in Culver. Golfers or gift givers may obtain their cards by cash or check at any of the participating golf courses, the Pilot News, WTCA AM1050 radio station, Yoder's Sports Center, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Golf Cards can also be purchased by cash, check or credit card at the United Way of Marshall County office, located at 2701 North Michigan Street in Plymouth or online at [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org). For more information, visit [www.marshallcountyuw.org](http://www.marshallcountyuw.org), or call the United Way of Marshall County offices at 574.936.3366.

### 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](mailto: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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net).

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## \$20 physicals offered to Culver area athletes

A clinic offering sports physical exams for middle school and high school students at Culver, Plymouth, and John Glenn will be offered Monday, June 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a \$20 fee. The Certified Athletic Trainers of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center are hosting the event at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building #2, 1919 Lake Ave. in Plymouth.

Physicians of the Saint Joseph Physician Network will perform the physicals and all students who arrive prior to 7:30 p.m. are guaranteed to be seen, as physical exams will continue until they are all completed. Students are asked to dress in comfortable clothing and bring an ID card as well as the required \$20 fee for each physical. Registration is not required. Those with additional questions please call 574-948-5320.

## Tompos is DARE essay winner



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LEFT: Ryan Tompos, Culver's winner in the Marshall County DARE essay contest (right) with Culver DARE officer John Duhnovsky.

Article Submitted

PLYMOUTH — Ryan Tompos, son of Richard and Sheryl Tompos was the Culver Community Schools DARE essay winner, one of seven Marshall County DARE students were honored Thursday, May 15 at the 23rd annual Project DARE of Marshall County banquet.

The students read their essays during the banquet, received a \$100 check from Project DARE of Marshall County, and had their name added to their school's DARE essay winner's plaque.

Indiana State Representative, Tim Harman was the special guest speaker for the evening and enlightened the audience with a heart-filled and educational presentation.

Recognized during the banquet for their support and assistance to the DARE program were the Marshall County Committee for a Drug Free Indiana, Marshall County Prosecutor David Holmes, Marshall County Government, United Way of Marshall County, Educators and Administrators from school corporations in Marshall County, local City and Town Police

Departments, Beacon Credit Union and Christos' Banquet Center.

## Sports briefs

### Boys golf

#### Culver falls to Judson

Culver Community's boys golf team lost a 176-190 meet with visiting North Judson at Mystic Hills on May 12.

Trent Elliott led the field with a 38, while Cody Peterson shot 49 for Culver followed by Tevin Jones' 51 and Kenny VanDePutte's 52.

Judson was led by Zach Malone's 41 in the fourth flight. Peyton Manns carded 43, Josh Kersting shot 45, and Mike Wilcox turned in a 47.

• NORTH JUDSON 176, CULVER 190  
At Mystic Hills (par 35)

#### CMA tops 3-way

Culver Military's boys golf team easily beat out both LaLumiere and Lakeland Christian in a three-way golf meet in Culver Tuesday.

John Connelly and Ben Sharff both carded 36 to lead CMA, while Santiago Fernandez shot 38, and Joseph Camors carded 39. Kirby Hart shot 43 in the fifth score for the Eagles.

• CULVER MILITARY 149,  
LaLUMIERE 183, LAKELAND CHRISTIAN 258  
at Culver

### Girls tennis

#### CGA sweeps Judson

The Culver Girls Academy tennis team surrendered only two total games as they handed North Judson a 5-0 defeat Wednesday in Culver.

Rachel Simon beat Kimberlyn Shibbe, 6-0, 6-0 at 1 singles, Alena Arkhipov defeated Lizzie Radtke, 6-0, 6-0 at 2 singles, and Kingsley Cortes put away Lagjenda Rama, 6-0, 6-0 at 3 singles.

In doubles play, Regina and Amanda Padilla beat Carrigan Baxter and Tristan Fletcher, 6-0, 6-0 at the 1 spot, and at 2 doubles Olivia Cripe and Nancy Wu trumped Hanah Allender and Kylie Heavlin, 6-1, 6-1.  
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, NORTH JUDSON 0  
at Culver

### Girls lacrosse

#### CGA wins playoff game

Culver Girls Academy's lacrosse team won its first playoff game against Homestead from Fort Wayne by a lopsided 17-2 margin Thursday night.

Erin Thomas scored four goals with an assist, Korrin Brewer scored three goals with two assists, Anne Marie Wright scored twice with two assists, and Lucy Welch scored twice with an assist.

Clair Fay made three saves for the Lady Eagles in the win.

• Culver 17, Homestead 2

## Correction

In last week's (May 15) edition of *The Culver Citizen*, it was reported that Jenna McCarthy won both hurdles events for Culver Girls Academy during the May 7 track meet between CGA and Culver Comm. High School. In

fact, McCarthy is a student at Culver Comm. High School, rather than CGA. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

## Third grade I-READ scores released for local schools

Culver Elementary making plans for summer remediation

By Rachel Herbert-Varchetto  
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — The state of Indiana recently released their IREAD-3 (Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination) test scores for the spring 2014 tests.

Scores for the majority of Marshall County elementary schools was above the 85.7 percent average for the state.

Culver Elementary School's score was 86.8 percent. Culver Elementary Principal Charles Kitchell is hopeful for his students to do better during the summer school session.

"Our scores were not as good as we'd like them to be. After summer school administers the test, we hope to be in the high 90s," said Kitchell.

By state requirements, all students who do not pass the IREAD-3 test must retake it in summer school at the end of the session. Culver offers three summer school programs for its students, but one is dedicated primarily to helping students pass IREAD-3.

"We really focus on those kids' reading skills. We know exactly what we're focusing on," he explained.

I-READ Scores for the Marshall County:

#### Triton Elementary School - 98.4 percent

- North Liberty Elementary School - 97.4 percent
- Walkerton Elementary School - 95.8 percent
- Menominee Elementary School - 93 percent
- Bremen Elementary School - 92.3 percent
- Webster Elementary School - 91.1 percent
- Argos Community Elementary School - 90.2 percent
- Culver Elementary School - 86.8 percent
- LaVille Elementary School - 86.1 percent
- Jefferson Elementary School 84.6 percent
- Washington Discovery Elementary - 78.8 percent



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## Walls from page 4

of the Lake Shore Garage on Forest Place and expects to move his family here within the next two weeks. The Andersons have two children."

Schweidler told the paper his plans were indefinite though he and his wife Lillian would soon visit California for an undetermined period of time.

Schweidler, though born in Austria and raised in Hungary, had emigrated to the US in 1905, moving to Culver in 1919. Described as a "strong, athletic man" who twice swam across Lake Maxinkuckee and was an avid golfer, Schweidler moved to Florida in 1974.

The Schweidlers also built the house on Liberty Street just behind the garage (that is, north of Osborn's today), which shared a mutual driveway and garage which spanned the length of both properties, according to Judi Burns' Lake Maxinkuckee history website.

In November, 1955, Bud Goble and Kash Holbrook of Winamac purchased the Lake Shore Garage from Don Anderson, changing the name to Lake Shore Oldsmobile.

Three years later, in June, the Citizen announced that the new "Bonded Gasoline" service station opened at the site; by 1960, it was listed under the Oklahoma Service Station, and the following year Hoosier Pete Service Station. During the 1960s, the address was officially 720 Lake Shore Drive.

The Citizen reported in January, 1961, that Paul Howard and Roy Fritz dissolved their partnership operating under the name of Lake Shore Garage, making Howard sole owner of the business, which was noted as an automobile body, repair, and paint shop.

"The Oklahoma service station, now a part of the huge Humble Oil & Refining Co., is a major part of the concern and Paul's brother John Howard will be in charge of it," said the Citizen. "Other employees are Ray Bochantine, a mechanic with 36 years' experience, and Jim Caudill, who will handle the body work and painting. Roy Fritz has made a new connection with Jim Labas Chevrolet in Plymouth."

In July, 1962, Charley Frain was reportedly opening his own repair shop at the site, and Alvin McKee was listed as manager if the Hoosier Pete Service Station from Aug., 1962 into Sept., 1964. Frain had been a mechanic at both Hatten Motor Sales and Ray Wicker Ford Sales in Culver.

An advertisement in the Citizen in September, 1964, was the first to associate the business with the Enco brand name.

In the May 27, 1965 issue of the Culver Citizen, Frain advertised that the repair business had lost its lease and was unable to relocate, with the last day of business being May 29, 1965.

The storied old building's days were numbered, however.

On Jan. 31, 1972, the structure, by then owned by Wayne Hittle, mayor of Rochester, Indiana, burned down

in a spectacular fire which was triggered by several explosions from paint, paint thinner and other substances stored in the building and fanned by winds off the lake.

Damage, estimated by Culver fire chief David Burns, was set at \$100,000, and -- while exact cause was never determined for certain -- may have been caused by a heater or furnace fire.

The original, eight foot tall safe was



LEFT: The Swirly Top restaurant in a 1983 Culver Comm. High School yearbook photo.



BELOW: In a photo courtesy the Culver Academies archives, Culver cadets walk near Adler's Mini-Mart in 1987.

still in the building and burned along with the antique cash register from years gone by.

At the time of the fire, the building stored items belonging to the Enco Service Station, Randy's Body Shop, Alvin R. McKee,

Hittle, Leonard Richard, Don Stubbs, Bob Albert, Leon Bennett, Pearl Onesti, and William Snyder.

The fire was battled by six fire departments including Culver's and received widespread regional media coverage (the thick, black smoke could be seen as far away as Plymouth).

According to Burns' website, "power in the northern section of Culver along the lakefront was out for about two or three hours. Phone service in the area was also out. Lakeshore Drive was closed off during the blaze...The Culver department was able to set up enough water lines in the first few minutes to keep water on the threatened houses and at the same time spray the burning building and keep the four vent pipes at the end of the building cooled."

She also notes that, for a time, the fire threatened nearby houses occupied by the Keith Soales and Terry Shrek families, and one which housed the base radio station for the town marshal's office. That equipment and furniture were moved out and placed on the sidewalk by an assembly line of volunteers.

"The intense heat from the fire cracked the plate glass window of Bennett's Plumbing and Heating," she adds, "which faced the burning building; as well as damaged incurred by smoke and water."

Of great concern were the vent pipes to the four 2000-gallon underground gasoline tanks, though eventually the fire was defeated and the building a smoldering

ruin.

It remained an empty lot until 1974, when -- as reported in last week's nostalgia column -- the Swirly Top drive-in and restaurant opened (in May) under the ownership of Kenneth and Glenda Crowell. The Swirly Top served a variety of hot foods, but was arguably best known as a popular ice cream spot.

In August, 1983, however, a fire destroyed the restaurant, doing about \$50,000 in damage to the building and contents (though the structure itself remained largely intact). Responding fire fighters found the back door open and gas cans in the kitchen area, and the fire was ruled arson.

By May, 1984, Bob and Karen Adler (and Ralph and Barbara Dobson) opened Adler's Mini-Mart in the renovated building. "Mr. Dobson," reported the Citizen, "bought and renovated the property while the Adler's lease it for their store, which will contain a complete line of Phillips 66 products, Hole-in-One donuts, and a convenience store and deli."

The store was remodeled in 1993, and present owners Tim and Lydia Osborn bought it in October, 1994. In December, 1995, the couple added the still-thriving Subway restaurant to their business.

In a 2010 article in the Citizen, Tim noted it was recommended to put in the Subway during those days, when fuel margins were very low and "selling chips and candy bars doesn't pay the bills. Subway had a low franchise fee and low startup costs. We just had to make room to put their footprint inside their building."

The gas station portion of the business has operated under several flags during the Osborns' tenure, including Conoco-Phillips, Mobil, CITGO, and Phillips 66. The tanks hold about 5,000 gallons of fuel and about 3,000 gallons of kerosene. The Osborns don't own the gasoline or any equipment used in its operation; instead, their primary business is what's sold in the store. The gasoline company fills the store's tanks and indicates regularly -- sometimes once or even more than once daily -- what the price will be by telephone, according to Osborn in 2010.



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### Fisher is CBGC Member of the Month

ABOVE: Jacob Fisher is the Culver Boys & Girls Club's April Member of the Month, for showing extraordinary improvement and compassion toward younger members of Club. He is the son of Angie and Joel Fisher and a 6th grader at Culver Elementary School.

You deserve a factual look at...

### Why Should the U.S. Fund the Palestinian Authority?

The Palestinians spurn peace talks with Israel and now plan to align with Hamas terrorists. Should we be sending them more than half a billion dollars a year?

Despite all offers by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, the Palestinian Authority (PA) has rejected U.S. diplomatic efforts and a negotiated peace with Israel by unilaterally signing on to 15 international agreements. Also re-announcing the PA's goal to merge with the Islamic terrorist group Hamas. Currently the U.S. sends some \$480 million dollars annually in direct aid to the PA, plus an additional \$225 million in funding through the UN. Is this the best use of American tax dollars?

#### What are the facts?

Since 1979, the United States has expended untold diplomatic capital to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace. Yet every time peace has seemed at hand—including the US-brokered Oslo accords in 1993, and Israel's historic Camp David offer in 2000 of a Palestinian state with a capital in East Jerusalem—the Palestinians have refused to make peace. In 2008, following the Annapolis summit, Israeli Prime Minister Olmert again offered the Palestinians a state based on 1967 borders and a capital in Jerusalem, but PA President Mahmoud Abbas walked away without a counter offer. In 2010, in order to bring the parties together for new peace talks, President Obama demanded Israel to enforce a moratorium on building in the Jerusalem suburbs (for ten months). For eight months, PA President Abbas refused to take part in talks, and eventually walked out. Now the Palestinians have again effectively ended peace talks with Israel unilaterally by seeking international recognition and a unity government with the Hamas terrorist group.

In addition to its diplomatic investment, the U.S. has over the decades given the Palestinian Authority more than five billion dollars in aid. Today, the United States provides more than \$480 million annually in direct aid and funding through the United Nations.

Yet despite this generous diplomatic support and financial largesse, Mahmoud Abbas and Palestinian Authority officials have continually attacked the United States and attacked U.S. aid. In 2011, the Palestinian Authority announced a "boycott of the American consulate, its diplomats, and the American institutions in Jerusalem," adding that Americans "cannot extend the Palestinian people and humiliate it with a bit of aid." Referring to three huge U.S. financial grants, Abbas said, "This does not mean that they [the U.S.] dictate to us whatever they want."

The Palestinian Authority did indeed reject requests by the United States not to form an alliance with Hamas terrorists by

2011, President Abbas proceeded to seal that agreement away—though the deal later fell apart—knowing full well that it is against U.S. law for Congress to fund any organization with terrorist ties. Now Abbas has announced a new merger with Hamas, the fiercest that openly advocates the conquest of every inch of Palestine, cleansing it of Jews, and establishing a fundamentalist Islamic caliphate. Abbas all, Hamas refuses to accept the state of Israel and condemns any efforts to negotiate peace.

In 2011, President Abbas rejected a plan from the Obama administration and the European Union to return to negotiations with Israel and refrain from making a bid for unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state at the UN. Instead, Abbas proceeded to the UN and made his request. Now he has signed documents requesting additional recognition by 15 UN and other international organizations.

Thus to stop aid to U.S. enemies. In 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated that, "We will not deal with nor in any way fund a Palestinian government that includes Hamas unless and until Hamas has renounced violence, recognized Israel and agreed to follow the previous obligations of the Palestinian Authority." In fact, annual U.S. foreign appropriations bills expressly forbid funding for "assistance to Hamas or any entity effectively controlled by Hamas or any power-sharing government of which Hamas is a member."

Each House of Congress has already overwhelmingly passed resolutions that threaten withdrawal of aid from the Palestinian Authority if it persists in efforts to circumvent direct negotiations with Israel by turning to the United Nations for recognition, which it has done, and if the Palestinian Authority enters into a coalition with Hamas. According to the chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Thomas Franks, "Despite decades of assistance totaling billions of dollars, the Palestinian state does not exist today, it would be neither democratic, nor peaceful nor willing to negotiate with Israel."

"If a Palestinian state were declared today, it would be neither democratic, nor peaceful nor willing to negotiate with Israel."  
U.S. Representative Deanna Ros-Lekhlman

by allying with the terrorist group Hamas, abandoning peace talks with Israel, and leaving its case for statehood unilaterally to international bodies, it's clear that the Palestinian Authority has no regard for the interests of the United States in the Middle East, including peace with Israel. With today's ailing economy and soaring budget deficits, isn't it time for Congress to stop spending more than half a billion American tax dollars annually supporting the rogue Palestinian Authority?

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## Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway, with 1st prize being a street ready golf cart valued at \$7,000 MSRP. Second prize is an Old Town Canoe with paddles (\$900 MSRP), and third prize is a Sit on Top Ocean Kayak with paddles (\$600 MSRP).

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased from any Kiwanis Club of Culver member.

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### Park from page 1

the work to take place.

Audience member Mike Stallings said it was "unbelievable that this stuff (problems in the building) was let go for years and years and years," and he encouraged the board to go to the town for appropriation permission. He said the hope had been to make repairs out of the park's revenue, but "there are so many things wrong -- we keep finding more every time we turn around."

Board members resisted the suggestion from one audience member that the board consider tearing down the lodge and erecting a new building. Mike Stallings, describing the beach lodge as a "fortress" and citing its historic nature, said the \$300,000 it could cost to shore up the existing building wouldn't begin to pay for a new one.

The board heard a presentation by a representative of Nobi Securities of Elkhart, who described a possible plan for placing security cameras at various sites and buildings around the park, each with its own recording device to store captured images.

The board emphasized it would not publicly discuss specific costs for security equipment, so that fair bids can be taken from all potential vendors.

There was some disagreement among board members as to handling the cleaning of the beach lodge's meeting room in connection with a private function booked there in the near future, with board member John Helphrey noting it could cost more to pay for professional cleaning than the \$80 rental fee for the room, and some members debating whether they would volunteer to clean the room themselves.

The possibility of raising the rental fee was discussed, but Helphrey said he felt the room needed shoring up before such a change could be justified.

It was noted new park superintendent Marc Hayden will be in and out of the park until he's free to start full-time over Memorial Day weekend.

The board agreed to leave the matter of concessions -- and whether to follow up on committee member Tom Yuhas' suggestion that they consider letting Gordon Food Services take over concessions vending -- to Hayden for input and direction.

Lengthy discussion also took place concerning installation of the beach's swimming pier by Davidson's Pier Service, with Helphrey expressing concern over costs added in the past above the \$19,904 the company was allotted to install and remove piers for the season in 2012 and 2013.

"My problem is, they do work...and then come back to fix their work and then charge us," he said.

He also said the park's pier committee had walked the piers installed recently by Davidson and was concerned with the number of loose bolts and parts. Helphrey explained he called the company, which sent workers to address the problem a few days prior. However, Tom Yuhas of the committee said he still felt some parts were loose and needed addressed, particularly on the swim pier.

Board members and park attorney Rachel Arndt discussed withholding payment for the work -- whether in full or part -- until the work was completed to board members' satisfaction. Arndt said she felt the pier removal and installation contract should be re-done as well, something she said she could do.

Board member Rhonda Reinhold, the library board's representative to the park board, suggested the possibility of a "story walk" -- in which pages of a designated book be placed throughout the park to be read in conjunction with a walk through the park -- as a joint project for the two boards.

Helphrey raised concerns over communication regarding the park board and park-based activities, noting he learned about the park-based "Bikes and Bugs" event slated for May 24, out in the community rather than via the park board proper. He said organizer Chris Chambers reported he'd spoken to park board members individually, though the board had not spoken collectively or formally approved the event.

It was suggested the park board require those planning events at the park to either go before the entire board or liaise with park board president Tammy Shaffer.

A work session was scheduled for May 16 to clarify work approved for North Shore Fabrication to install the courtesy pier at the east end of the park, as well as discussion of park policy regarding beach entry for those who

rent a pavilion at the park.

Patty Stallings thanked volunteer Tom Yuhas for distributing a number of benches and picnic tables throughout the park, and Dave Beggs for cutting wooden parts to replace rotten ones in the park's gazebo. She also thanked Helphrey for collecting trash and garbage at the park for the last month and a half, with Mike Stallings assisting a well.

Stallings announced there were only three pier slip spaces at the park left not yet rented, though she believed they would soon be rented as well. She said she made some difficult decisions in light of some past renters not meeting the February deadline (she noted she waited until mid-April to make final cuts) for payment or contact regarding slips they had rented in the past.

"If I made a mistake," she added, "Then next year we will rectify it."

Reinhold expressed appreciation for Stallings having made "the hard decisions" in the matter, and added that those with complaints about the decisions should bring them to the entire board.

Volunteer Jeff Mansfield, who had been researching computerized Point of Sale systems for the park's cash registers, suggested making a system donated by Beggs the system for this season, as further research into a more permanent system is ongoing.

Stallings said she noticed the park's cash register had been broken for years and had no paper roll for tallying money; she added she didn't feel the past system was proper for accounting purposes.

Helphrey, in response to Stallings' request that a large sign thanking donors to the Vandalia Village playground in the park's east end be removed, suggested instead that the sign be placed along the east wall of the beach lodge. Stallings and other board members agreed.

Mike Stallings suggested the board address the condition of a rod connected to an ornate (and heavy) piece of trim in the park's west pavilion. He said the trim, which could fall and hit someone, "may be the most dangerous thing you have in the park right now."



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## Millers retro nurses

LEFT: Some of the staff at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver marked the celebration of National Nurses week attired in uniforms from the 1960s (the decade the chain of nursing homes was founded).

Pictured, from left, are Sonya Reinhold, Erin Muffley, Bonnie Williams.

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## CBGC from page 1

open to the public, but event planners emphasize the need for reservations. The admission price includes an open bar and a meal of hearty hors d'oeuvres, so the committee needs to know the number of guests to expect.

Dr. Noreen Faulkner, a board member of the CBGC, booked the entertainment and says she is thrilled Martin is willing to travel to Culver to help the Culver Boys and Girls Club cause. "It will be fun to see the mix of comedy and magic Daniel is known for. Getting someone of his caliber to travel to Culver is truly special."

To learn more about Daniel Martin, visit [danielmartin.com](http://danielmartin.com).

Dianne Osborn, a board member for CBGC who is known by committee members for her talent at collecting several of the auction items, says there are a lot of new items for this year's silent auction and live auction.

"Our donors have been very generous with us and we have found new donors," she says.

Board member Carol Zeglis adds: "Dianne always gets so many new items and great items from area businesses. She also goes out of town to solicit new donors and this year, she has found some fantastic items that haven't been part of the auction before now. All of the CGGC board members are obtaining items for the auction, so there is something for everyone."

You can begin previewing auction items on the Culver Boys and Girls Club Facebook Auction Event Page at [www.facebook.com/CulverBoysAndGirlsClub](http://www.facebook.com/CulverBoysAndGirlsClub).

Bill Githens, who is fondly referred to by the committee as, "our man," being the only male member of the auction committee, lists some of the items: "We have Kenny Rogers concert tickets with an overnight stay in Laporte, Kentucky Derby tickets, sports tickets, jewelry, trips to Chicago, Mackinaw Island, Indianapolis, and Colorado, items (and parties) for kids, very nice artwork, pieces from the Culver Academies museum, and of course, many, many items from the local businesses here in Culver."

"We couldn't do it without (local businesses)," says Ginny Munroe, the current board Chairwoman. She adds, "I think those who have attended our event in the past know how hard we work to put on a great show and how important it is to our fundraising efforts. We work up until the last minute to get everything in place, but it's always worth it when we see the community come out to support the youth in this community. We are so fortunate that so many businesses and individuals support our club through the auction event and through our One Campaign. We wouldn't have record numbers of kids attending every year and new programming for them if we didn't have such strong support from the community."

The auction admission price includes an open bar, hearty hors d'oeuvres, the annual silent auction, and the entertainment. "We promise that you will love what is on the menu this year," says Munroe. Admission to the event is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. The event is completely underwritten, so all proceeds go directly to the club. To reserve your admission, contact one of the board members, who include Carol Zeglis, Dr. Noreen Faulkner, Dianne Osborn, Bill Githens, Ginny Munroe, Alan Loehr, Josh Pretzer, Dana Neer, Jim Szymusiak, Jamie Shea, Jerry Ney, and Leslie Shepard. Or, write to board member Leslie Shepard, who is in charge of reservations, at [shepard@culver.k12.in.us](mailto:shepard@culver.k12.in.us). You can also write to Attention Auction, CBGC, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511. Auction committee members have set June 1 as the deadline for reservations.

CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 44.8 million boys and girls in over 4,000 clubs nationally.

## Primary results now certified

### One Union Twp. provisional ballot thrown out

By Diona Eskew  
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — The results of the Marshall County Primary Election on May 6 were verified by the county election board Friday morning. The official numbers did not change after a review of the emergency and provisional ballots.

According to Election Board Chairman Sean Surrisi the emergency ballots were added to the ballot totals on election night.

There was one provisional ballot from Culver, Union 1 polling precinct. Upon investigation of the ballot the voter was not registered as a voter in the database. That ballot was deemed invalid by the board.

There was also a case in West 3 precinct where an absentee voter had signed in the wrong place in the poll book. The board had to verify if it was the father or the son (because they had the same name) that voted to ensure accuracy of the vote.

One absentee vote had to be removed from the vote count (it was done prior to vote counts). The individual had voted prior to election then passed away before election day. "The election results stand as reported on election night," said Julie Fox, board secretary. "Certified numbers will be sent to Indiana Election Division"

During the meeting the board also approved sending certificates to all individuals that won during the primary election.

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There are likely also a few lessons in there about not making assumptions about folks with substantial beards...or Mohawks... or drinking beer late on a weeknight together while plotting how to make a difference in a small Midwestern town instead of a hip, bustling city.

Of course, it didn't exactly start out that way. Like a good, full beard, it took time to grow, evolve, and take shape.

Joel Samuelson, at least one of the unofficial leaders of the Culver Beard Club, says he first heard of the club in February, 2013, when Kenny Stevens and Tom Green, who worked at the Lakehouse Grille (the typical site of Beard Club meetings) in Culver.

"They wanted to try to have a reason for people to get out and mingle," says Samuelson.

They started a 'Beard Club' because they noticed that beards kind of prevailed."

There was an initial large outpouring of people, since, as Samuelson points out, "It was a reason to come out on a Wednesday."

To some extent, the club was a natural outgrowth of largely like-minded people coming to the same place regularly.

"The same things are going on in our lives," he says. "That's why it focused on beards; everybody had them. If it had been pink flamingo hats, it would have been named that!"

Many regulars -- being employed in the service industry oriented around Culver's bustling summer-time economy -- more or

less fell away by the warmer months, so Samuelson and Adam Rippe were tapped to carry the club on.

### The path to service

"Right now we're assisting with public endeavors and doing what we can to get our name out and serve the community," says Samuelson of the current direction of the club.

But the road to community involvement wasn't sought by Beard Clubbers. Instead, it came to them.

When last autumn rolled around and Lakehouse owner Mark Damore Jr. was donating time and Halloween decorations to the popular Culver Fall Fest haunted house at the beach lodge, club members were sequestered to help out, which they did.

Since then, it's been a polar bear-style plunge (a first-time effort, admittedly, which didn't

aim to raise money for charity as members expect for next year), bringing Santa -- and lots of holiday cheer -- to local kids at the Grille's yuletide brunch, providing extensive labor for this year's Easter egg hunt in the park, and sponsoring a Little League baseball team (proceeds came from sales of Beard Club t-shirts).

Generally speaking, volunteers are often most directly pulled into community service during other stations in life: the parent who coaches Little League or volunteers with the PTO; the retiree who can focus energy on service endeavors about which he or she is passionate; the advocate for a particular sub-group in a given gender, ethnicity, or age group.

Many people at the life-stage of the majority of Beard Club members are simply having fun -- or moving up the career or educational ladder, leaving little time to volunteer. So after that first haunted house volunteer effort, why didn't the Beard Club revert to its former, largely social identity?

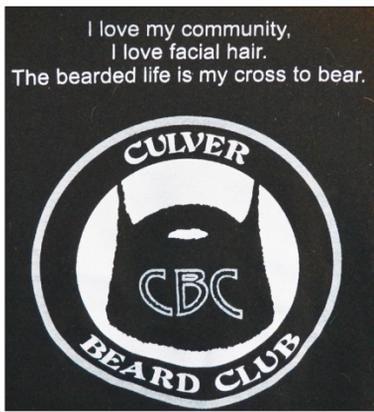
Tim Yuhas notes his own connection to volunteering really began last fall when he worked a cyclo-cross event at Potato Creek State Park.

"When it was all over, everybody came up to me and said, 'Thank you,' or, 'Tell that guy with the Mohawk he did a really good job and thanks a lot,'" he recalls. "I thought of the Beard Club as just guys getting together to drink. But for me (moving towards community service within the club) was a selfish thing: I wanted something to do, and had said it for so long, that somebody needs to do this...to give us something to do. But the whole club just said, 'We're just going to do this!' You have to make it happen. Nobody will GIVE you something to do."

Richey says he volunteered for a number of things while living in Fort Wayne in the past.

"That's harder to do in Culver," he says. "But I really missed that karma of volunteering and doing something good for somebody else besides myself. It's nice to be able to volunteer for your community and in your community with your own idea."

Member Tucker Anderson agrees. "You realize that you made a part of what you're volunteering for, happen," he says.



ABOVE: From the back of Culver Beard Club members' "official" t-shirts.

### An untapped Culver demographic

Yuhas rightly points out that many people in their age range leave a small community like Culver, as college or career or both often take them to larger urban areas.

"There's a huge gap," he says. "Kids who are 18 to 20, as soon as they're done with school, they get out of town, and the majority don't come back."

In that sense, the Beard Club presents a creative response to being in a minority age demographic in a small town not exactly oriented towards the sorts of offerings many unmarried 20-somethings might find attractive.

But it also provided an outlet for members to realize a level of effectiveness -- an ability to directly impact the lives of others through service -- which may be elusive in larger cities.

"That's the difference between this and going to Potato Creek (to volunteer)," Yuhas says. "We're literally getting people out. We left before the Easter egg hunt (and after helping hide hundreds of eggs for local youngsters) and there's 50 parents in line...the lot was full!"

Richey adds that club members were amazed at the response they got from the kites they purchased to give to kids at the egg hunt as part of the morning's activities -- kites they were surprised to run out of quickly.

"Hiding eggs was probably more fun for me than it was for them," chuckles Samuelson (several club members had stepped up to wear the Easter Bunny suit Yuhas wound up donning during the event, when he water-skied, in full costume, onto the town beach; by then, he says, the suit was too wet to peel off and give to another member!).

Richey sums up the club's increasing involvement in service: "We wanted to create a culture and demographic that represented the younger crowd and get them involved in our community."

"We don't have any problems with the other clubs," he adds. "We love that they exist and we want to help them out. But we want our own identity."

### Focusing the mission

Recently the mission of the club has not only gained more focus (on "fun, fundraising, and community," notes secretary-treasurer Josh Richey) but yes, some more formality. Members are working up a mission statement and in process to become an official non-profit organization.

Around 15 regular members attend weekly club meetings, and sights are set on some 20 brainstormed projects (they're in process now for the Indiana Dept. of Transportation's 'Adopt a Highway' program, for example). Proceeds of another t-shirt drive may go to sustain the club but also to send some kids to the Culver Boys & Girls Club, he adds. There's talk of beard painting to raise funds at Lake Fest, and of simply being an able-bodied presence in support of other organizations' efforts.

And just to be clear: those interested in joining not only don't need to sport a beard, but don't need to be in their 20s (or any particular age, for that matter), or even be male (there are female members already).

Potential members, however, do need to be prepared for late-night meetings, as most members do work during the day and possibly evening. And they need to be old enough to sit at a table where members are having a few beers.

In fact, says member Tim Yuhas, there's been talk of holding one meeting a month at 4 p.m. instead of late at night, with the thought that parents or local kids might want to interface with the club as well.

Richey adds the club is endeavoring to be more active in social media and other means of outreach and information for those potentially interested.

Another unusual facet to the Culver Beard Club's existence here: it's comprised largely of year-round locals, and due to the nature of the employment lives of many members, if anything it's actually strongest during Culver's "off" (that is, non-summer) season.

In the darkest depths of one of the toughest winters to hit the area in recent years, members say they looked forward to each meeting.

And they're thankful for the support of Damore and the Lakehouse's Crystal Moore and Dana Keller, who they note have gone out of their way to stay open, even during otherwise "dead" hours on an otherwise "dead" night in the off-season.

"We're just really grateful to everybody who's been standing behind us and helping us as we grow," says Samuelson. "The nice thing coming out of this is the help and belief in this group from local businesses and organizations. We appreciate the community embracing us as much as they have; we want the community to know we care."

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