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Bugs, bikes, and a sunny day on Lake Max

ABOVE: The first annual 'Bikes and Bugs' festival drew a crowd for a day of lakeside Americana in Culver's town park Saturday, where an array of vintage Volkswagen vehicles of all varieties and vintages combined with an assortment of vintage bikes provided courtesy of event organizer Chris Chambers, of Rideon Bicycles in Culver. (in UPPER RIGHT PHOTO) Kokomo's City of Firsts Volkswagen Club brought dozens of vintage vehicles though one, pictured at LOWER LEFT, was a local: a 1973 VW "Thing" owned by Culver area artist John Bickel (pictured). There was even a vintage Coca-Cola cooler (courtesy of Chambers, LOWER RIGHT PHOTO) selling vintage-style beverages in 16-ounce glass bottles (the Mexican-manufactured recipe of today even uses old-fashioned sugar, as opposed to corn syrup), all being hocked by the not-so-vintage Fritz Ellert (left -- his dad runs the Coke plant in Plymouth) and Ethan Coyle. A bicycle judging contest was also held (more on that in a future edition) and the VWs took a spin around the area, en masse, before heading home for the day.

In Brief

Missions fundraiser Saturday

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 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.

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).

June 1 is CBGC auction reg deadline

The Culver Boys & Girls Club (CBGC) annual fundraising event, "Building Brighter Futures" will be held Friday, June 13 at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The reservation deadline for the event is June 1. The event is 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

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Berndt is new high, middle school principal

A.D. position open, Bendy replacement and coaching resignations at school board mtg

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Brett Berndt

Culver Community High and Middle Schools will both have a new principal this fall, though for the first time in some years, it will be the same person...and he's a familiar face.

Brett Berndt was voted by the Culver Community School board at its May 19 meeting to transition from his position as dean of students for the high school only, to fulfill both the middle and high school positions.

Culver Community Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire noted an assistant principal's position, which is combined with the athletic director title, is currently being advertised.

Currently the athletic director position is a separate one, which for the past several years has been held by Andy Thomas, also the school's head football coach. Julie Berndt has been middle school

principal in the few years since Monterey Elementary School -- where she had been principal -- closed its doors.

The model in place for this fall was the standard for the corporation for many years in the past, when a single principal oversaw both middle and

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Plan commission approves new bakery, tables wind discussion

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Any expectations of heated debate over proposed changes to the town of Culver's wind ordinance at last week's Culver plan commission meeting were unfounded, though that's not to say there was no hint of frustration on the part of some on the commission.

The discussion, part of the May 20 plan commission meeting, grew from an ordinance on which the commission worked -- including public hearings -- over the course of the past year, which among other topics regulated wind energy conversion systems intended for private use (larger, commercial-use wind turbines were already banned at the county level). The town of Culver currently has no ordinance regulating use of the systems, which are primarily represented by wind mills or wind turbines, and the commission's proposed ordinance dealt with setbacks and restrictions on size and other attributes of the devices.

At a meeting earlier in May, the Culver town council -- the body which approves or disapproves ordinances proposed by the plan commission -- voted to reject the ordinance as proposed (though the council okayed those portions of the ordinance which did not deal with wind energy systems), and also to send a recommendation back to the commission to ban all wind energy conversion devices entirely, a move pressed for by many in the nearly full audience at the council meeting.

However, the council reversed its position at its last meeting in response to concerns raised by Union Township resident Marlene Mahler, who emphasized wind mills are used by farmers for watering cattle where other methods are cost prohibitive, and many such devices are too small to be visible eyesores to most residents.

Plan commission president Barry McManuay, at the May 20 meeting, explained Mahler's concerns to other commission members and asked town council member Bill Githens, seated in the audience, why the council voted to reject the proposed ordinance.

Githens said he felt the issue was "a definition problem."

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Rochester man dead after incident in Leiters Ford tavern

Leiters Ford -- A Rochester, Ind. man is dead after a weekend incident at the Leiters Ford Tavern, according to Indiana State Police reports.

ISP and Fulton County Sheriff's Department officers responded to the tavern around 1:44 a.m. Sunday after a report of a man being injured in the bar.

There, officers found 38-year-old Tony Coleman of Rochester unconscious on the bar floor. He was transported by ambulance to Rochester's Woodlawn Hospital and pronounced dead at approximately 2:47 a.m.

Preliminary criminal investigation by Indiana State Police Detective Tony Frawley showed Coleman had allegedly been consuming alcohol in the tavern and -- appearing to be in an intoxicated state -- was making his way towards the exit when, for an as-yet unknown reason, 33-year-old Zachary Clark of Peru, Ind., allegedly hit Coleman in the head with a closed fist. Coleman fell unconscious. The attack currently appears to have been unprovoked.

Clark had also been consuming alcohol at the tavern and was also believed intoxicated at the time of the attack. He was located near the tavern and transported to the Fulton County Jail. He faces a preliminary charge of aggravated battery. The investigation is ongoing.

Museum, visitor center grand opening slated for June 14

Museum reopens with new name, locale, director, features

Staff report

It's been a long road -- and a long, hard winter of preparation -- but the Culver area museum and research center is readying for its grand re-opening with a new name, new location, and some vibrant new partnerships.

The Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History (formerly the Center for Culver History) will hold a grand re-opening Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. as part of the annual Taste of Culver festival on Jefferson Street between Ohio and Main Streets. The museum itself, along with its new neighboring entity, the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center, is now located within the southwest quadrant of the First Farmers Bank building at the corner of Main and Jefferson.

It's a location appropriately saturated with Culver history, from the remarkable success of the State Exchange Bank which occupied the building for much of the 20th century (and of the bank robbery and subsequent, headline-grabbing capture of the perpetrators via local officers), to the fact that the museum is located in the offices of W.O. Osborn, surely the giant figure looming over the entire Culver community and its progress over the past 100 years.

Those who remember the site, however, will want to take a look. Extensive remodeling and improvement -- by way of Easterday Construction in Culver -- has taken place, bringing to light the turn-of-the-century era wood floor and beautifying the entire look of the space. Those familiar with the exhibits and overall look of the previous incarnation of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver-sponsored museum are in for a whole new experience as well: exhibits and signage are all-new, and visitors will be greeted with a likeness of a Lake Maxinkuckee steamboat of the 19th century which guests will be able board and actually sit in, and from which they can watch historic videos and enjoy vintage images of the area. The boat was sponsored by Rev. Dr. John Houghton and will be named in honor of his ances-

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Visitor Center to market Culver, locally and beyond

Staff report

The much-discussed Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center is about to become a reality, and will open its doors to the community officially at a grand opening Saturday, June 14, starting at 1 p.m. during the annual Taste of Culver festival at Jefferson and Main Streets in downtown Culver.

The Center -- which formally incorporated with a five-member board earlier this month -- has evolved over months of planning and effort. Board members include president Kathy Clark; vice president Mary Kunkle; Chad Van Herk, secretary-treasurer; Rich West; Sue Beggs; Dana Keller; and Jeff Kenney.

Talk of the need to focus and coordinate efforts to market Culver and consolidate information as to its amenities to visitors and locals alike has increased in recent years. However, the Visitor Center itself originated from brainstorming sessions with the commit-

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Audience member Hank Bilsland, a Culver resident and one of the most vocal opponents of wind turbines at the council meeting, said there was "a lot of resistance" to the 140-foot tower height allowed in the plan commission's proposed ordinance. Bilsland distributed wind turbine photos to commission members. He also suggested solar energy systems were a more beneficial alternative to wind energy.

McManuay noted the commission had discussed size restrictions and setbacks "throughout the process" of planning the ordinance, and had intended to make some wind systems legal without infringing on people's rights. He added that, given the restrictions, "there will not be too awful many (wind mills) in town."

Bilsland expressed concern over some areas of town adjacent to areas where the towers could be erected according to rules laid out in the ordinance, though Culver building inspector Russ Mason noted any proposed towers would still have to go before Culver's board of zoning appeals and would not be guaranteed approval.

Commission member Ralph Winters called the council's decision to send back the ordinance "a real step backwards."

"We've talked for some years about wanting to extend our zoning district, and we've talked for several years about being in line with the county (regarding zoning restrictions and regulations). We're going to lose any opportunity to extend our zoning area (without compatibility)."

Winters also criticized those outside the current town limits who are resisting proposals to annex portions of land just outside the western limits into town, suggesting some made their living in the town but don't want to pay their "fair share," even though they expect EMS, fire, and police services to their properties.

Some discussion ensued regarding the sequence of events leading to the town council's latest directive to the commission, though McManuay pointed out the matter wasn't on the meeting's agenda and should be tabled. He added it could be added to the agenda for the June plan

commission meeting. It was discussed that the council and plan commission may sit down for a work session on the matter in the interim.

Sugar Magnolia Bakery

The commission also heard from Kelly Statczar of Sugar Magnolia Bakery and Cafe, which is currently in the works in the former Cultice building at 103 S. Main Street in downtown Culver.

Statczar said she and her husband Troy have been renovating the building, whose space encompasses about 44 by 19 feet according to architect Dave Kaiser, also in the audience. He said the only structural changes in the building will be the addition of windows on its north side. Statczar said the second floor former apartment will likely become an apartment for rent again, though it's currently being used as storage.

Mason pointed out the business will probably need an okay from the town council as well, since its landing and ramp will be in the town's sidewalk right of way.

The plan commission voted to approve Statczar's proposal.

In response to query from commission members, Statczar said the bakery's offerings will run "the gamut," from warm bread in the morning to donuts, pies, brownies, and a variety of breads, with sandwiches offered seasonally. She said the bakery will also offer catering and "to go" picnics, as well as soup and "good coffee and espresso."

The business' moniker, Statczar explained, comes from a Grateful Dead song and was her own nickname going back "a very long time ago."

Statczar acknowledged the limited seating of four stools and a small table dictates largely walk-in business, though she said she believes Heritage Park, located next door, will be utilized a great deal more with the bakery in place. She said she and her three children will handle cleanup of extra refuse generated there.

Regarding a schedule of opening the bakery, Statczar said she had hoped to open by September, but due to the slow process of state approval for the business, it may be next spring or summer before Sugar Magnolia's door is open to the public.

TIF expansion

In other discussion, the plan commission heard from Culver Redevelopment Commission president Kathy Clark and CRC attorney Phil Faccenda, of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP, regarding expansion of Culver's TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district. The district, the area

within a city or a town deemed unlikely to attract private investment without some governmental assistance, allows reallocation of funds from property taxes to encourage investment within the district (the two took the matter to the Marshall County commissioners last week; see article this issue).

No additional taxes will be applied to taxpayers, said Clark, who added there will be a public hearing on the matter.

The plan commission reviewed the CRC's amended (to add property) declaration and signed a resolution agreeing that it confirms with the town's comprehensive plan and plans in general.

Other items

Attorney Jim Easterday brought several items to the commission, including a request -- approved by the commission -- to re-plate six parcels in two lots on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, who intend to build a house in the middle of the combined lots, though present ordinance didn't allow creating a lot of less than standard configuration (since the properties include former railroad property, the lot takes on an unusual shape, according to Easterday).

The commission also voted to send a positive recommendation back to the town council regarding abandoning a portion of Clover Street which was never developed beyond a narrow strip of grass west of Clymax Street. The property owner, according to Mason, would be affected by the 25-foot setback required off Clover Street, and so requests the town abandon the strip, with each half of it going to the property owner on each side. Easement would be granted to the town as needed, he added.

The commission also approved correcting a technical error in the legal description of the Rasmussen subdivision it had already voted upon in February, at Easterday's request.

During his building commissioner's report, Mason told the commission nine building permits had been issued since last month, with the most significant one a major project to add a ground-level entrance to the front of Culver Academies' Huffington Library.

Mason noted the town council discussed, at a recent work session, the feasibility of going ahead with annexation of properties along State Road 17 west of Culver, with no adverse comments from the council. The first step, according to the town attorney, will be putting together an educational plan for property owners in the affected area.

Culver area students recognized by Ancilla College

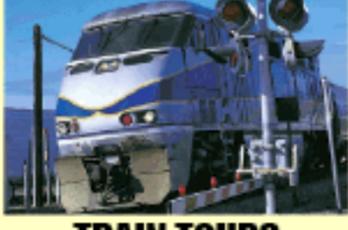
DONALDSON — Ancilla College has announced its spring 2014 dean's list and honor's list recipients. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or above and carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Those eligible for the academic honors list must have a 3.5 GPA for the semester and have completed between six to 11 credits toward graduation during the semester.

Culver area Dean's list recipients include: Matthew Busart, Brittany Pilarski, Adam VanMeter, and Katherine Venckus. Culver academic honors list recipients include: Katelyn Castle, Ramona Gavlick, and Stefanie Hundt.

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Obituary

Beverly A. Merritt

Nov. 6, 1948 – May 22, 2014

CULVER — Beverly A. Merritt, 65, of Culver, went home to be with the Lord at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at home with her loving husband by her side.

Bev was born on Nov. 6, 1948 to Leon and Vera “Boots” (Sheppard) Pollock. On Oct. 29, 1989 she was united in marriage to Ken Merritt. Bev was a homemaker who loved to take care of others. She was loved by many and will be missed by all. Bev will be remembered for her kind and giving nature.

She is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Ken Merritt; her children Aaron (Stacy) McAnally of Culver, Sheyenne Merritt at home, Briar Merritt at home, stepson Kenneth “Nuke” (Sandy) Merritt, Markle, granddaughter Lauren Merritt; brother Dennis Pollock of Florida; sister Karla Shepperd of Culver; nieces and nephews Jennifer (Todd) Wegmiller of Nappanee, Jannie (Mark) Zehner

of Culver, Joshua (Kellie) McCrammer of Noblesville, and April Woodward of Culver. She is also survived by her great-nieces and nephews Olivia, Elijah, and Jackson Woodward of Culver and Zachary McCrammer of Noblesville. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son Shawn McAnally.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 25, 2014 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Faith Baptist Church, 12897 Peach Road, Plymouth. Rev. Paul Whitworth officiated funeral services at 5 p.m. Burial is in the Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Library news

‘Whale Rider’ at book/film group

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group, A Novel Approach, will meet Wednesday, June 4 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book is "The Whale Rider," written by Witi Ihimaera, an amazing story of a New Zealand girl who goes against male tradition to become a Maori tribal leader.

The film stars Keisha Castle-Hugh, an actress of twelve was nominated for best actress in 2014. Many special features will reward all viewers.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

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high school (in those days, junior high and high school), with an assistant principal also acting as athletic director. In that sense, the future direction is that of the past, though McGuire points out that the middle and high school buildings will retain the separate status attained around a decade ago, when a separate gymnasium was built for the middle school and most classes were divided into two physical portions of the building.

McGuire attributed the reordering of positions to the need to shore up the corporation's budget, which has taken some major hits in recent years.

The changes are part of several planned changes in title and faculty makeup within the corporation, though McGuire declined to comment on specifics pending formalization by the board and various faculty members.

Berndt, who lives in the Culver area with his wife Andrea and two daughters, was recommended for the position by McGuire. He replaces longtime principal Albert Hanselman, who announced his resignation last month as well as announcing his acceptance as director of the area vocational cooperative, replacing Jerry Hollenbaugh (he will, in fact, work out of the Culver Comm. Schools administration building, across the street from his current office).

During the board meeting, McGuire said she was "excited" about the hire of Berndt, whom she called "an outstanding leader" and said would be "good for the community."

The school board members also congratulated Berndt. "I am very thankful for the opportunity that has been giv-

en to me by Dr. McGuire and the Culver School Board," Berndt told *The Culver Citizen*. "I will work extremely hard and our staff will work extremely hard to continue to strive for excellence."

He acknowledged that taking on both the middle and high school will be a "huge challenge," but praised the "excellent staff, board, and administration" whom he said will be "up for it."

Berndt is in his 16th year with the school corporation, having spent 12 years as a 7th grade science teacher and three as dean of students, in addition to eight years as a head basketball coach and six as assistant.

Also bidding the corporation farewell was longtime corporation treasurer Tom Bendy, who is being replaced by Sherri Brightenbach (Bendy has taken a position with the John Glenn school system).

Other changes included the resignation of several faculty from coaching positions, including Gina Hierlmeyer, varsity girls basketball coach, Louis Posa (wrestling coach), Theresa Jacobson (softball and girls soccer), and Chad Hollenbaugh (boys track coach and assistant football coach). It was noted these resignations are in areas of coaching only, and not teaching.

McGuire told the Citizen all sports are planned to continue this fall, with different coaches in place.

The board also approved the cost of \$125 for high school student textbooks, the same cost as last year.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 16.

'Fahrenheit 451' at library book club

CUTPL's book club, Hooked on Books will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 1 p.m. in the purple meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book for this month is "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, tied into the Adult Summer Reading Program. Earn extra points for attending this discussion.

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

AHS announces summer events schedule

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver has announced its summer schedule, which includes:

“Broadway Musical Moments” (June 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Building at the Culver Academies). Dr. Charles Webb will lead music with vocalists; with reception after the performance.

Annual AHS meeting (July 12, 10 a.m. at the Culver Public Library), with Jeff Kenney presenting a look at police work and the major crimes of Culver's past.

There is so much that is shady in the story of the Huckleberry Queen (August 16, 10 a.m. at the Culver Library large conference room); stories can only be whispered or told in secret. Come and enjoy Anna Liechty, from Plymouth, as she tells the story of the “Confessions of the Huckleberry Queen.”

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Culver TIF district expansion goes before county

CRC outlines improvements as designed in comprehensive plan

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — Kathy Clark president of Culver Redevelopment Commission, along with Phil Faccenda, the Town of Culver's bond counsel from Barnes and Thornburg, LLP, approached the Marshall County Commissioners with the desire to expand the town's TIF district.

TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. A TIF district is an area within a city or a town that has been deemed unlikely to attract private investment without some governmental assistance. A TIF district basically reallocates funds from property taxes to encourage investment within the district. Property owner's taxes do not necessarily go up in a TIF district.

“The Culver Redevelopment Commission is going through a process,” Faccenda said. “They will be meeting for a first meeting later today, a process of expanding their Culver Economic Development Area One.”

The area is being expanded to pursue infrastructure improvements throughout the town. These improvements are consistent with Culver's Comprehensive Plan. There are three parcels that are part of the plan that are in the county but not in the town. The town currently has no actions taken to annex those parcels into the town. However, there is a possibility in the not too distant future that those parcels may be annexed, according to Faccenda.

County Attorney James Clevenger said during his report, “It will have a very small impact on revenue as those three parcels will have tax revenue directed into the TIF



Todd Samuelson, CPA, Umbaugh financial services, Kathy Clark, Culver Redevelopment Commission and Phil Faccenda, of Barnes and Thornburg, Culver's bond counsel present an expansion proposal for the TIF district, to the Marshall County Commissioners recently.

accounts.”

The parcels include a small residential property to the north of Jefferson Street and a vacant lot owned by Kevin Berger. That property is 24.8 acres in size. The other parcel is south of the cemetery at the corner of Tamarack Road and West Shore Drive.

“We feel like getting Mr. Berger's would allow us to improve the infrastructure there and start some kind of

business or something in that end of town,” said Clark. “It could promote others to let go of their land.”

The town has sewer ran to the southern most parcel and utilities out to state road 17, according to Clark. The areas are ready for development as they would only need to “tap in” to the lines available nearby.

“The ability to capture future improvements of real property would exist,” explained Todd Samuelson, CPA Umbaugh financial services. “My understanding though is that those are going to be enhanced by the infrastructure that the TIF is going to be investing in.”

The property may be improved and cause other surrounding properties to be improved, which may not have happened without the TIF. The TIF would be in place for a maximum of 25 years.

“I think it is becoming a trend across the county for the small towns to acquire land for economic development,” stated Commissioner Kevin Overmyer. “As they realize they need more commercial development to attract business.”

After some questions from the commissioners to clarify the information the commissioners approved resolution 2014-02 between the County and Culver Redevelopment Commission for expansion of the TIF District.



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tee behind the Culver-area museum, which will re-open as the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History (formerly the Center for Culver History) during the same ribbon-cutting ceremony as the Visitor Center on the 14th.

The Visitor Center also owes its existence to funding support from the Marshall County Community Foundation, Marshall County Tourism, Union Township, and the town of Culver, adds Saft.

Those entering the building at its south entrance have likely already noticed changes there: a new glass wall separates the Visitor Center from the rest of the bank, while an entryway to the west beckons visitors to the museum, which occupies the space which was once home to long-time local legend, the late president of the State Exchange Bank, W.O. Osborn.

The addition of the wall allows the Center to be open regardless of bank hours, which facilitates focusing open hours on the flow of traffic to the Culver area.

Carol Saft, newly hired executive director of the Visitor Center, notes the Antiquarian Society voted to allow the Center's committee to take the next logical step in its evolution, that of incorporation, though the center presently still operates under the 501C3, non-profit status of the AHS. The Center will be soliciting information from visitors on the type of information needed during the beginning months to help make the Visitor Center a success.

The Visitor Center will offer two tiers of tourism-oriented benefit to the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee area. The most visible, locally, of course is the brick and mortar side of things. The Center will offer information to visi-

tors about local dining, shopping, activities, and virtually every aspect of interest to those not already familiar with what Culver has to offer. This will include several attractive print publications intended to give guests all the information they could use for a current visit or future trip here.

Secondly, the Center will focus on outreach to those around the state of Indiana and beyond, which will utilize the Internet as its core marketing tool, and will also partner with regional entities such as Marshall County Tourism in Plymouth.

The online facet of the Center's efforts will benefit from a partnership effort with the Culver Redevelopment Commission, whose "Come to Culver" commercials airing on TV station WSBT last year (and in repeat and new viewings later this year) garnered much positive feedback and were even up for state-level media awards. Those commercials led viewers to the CRC-generated cometoculver.org website, which the CRC sold to the Visitor Center recently for one dollar. The Center plans to revamp the existing site to expand its content and upgrade its aesthetics.

And even though the center will be officially open as of June 14, there will be more additions to the space, including enhanced outdoor signage, following that date.

"A lot of good people in our community have worked hard to get this center together," says Clark. "The donors (to it) have our best interest at heart and it's our belief that it will improve our business community and encourage more people to share our beautiful community."

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know the number of guests to expect. Renowned magician Daniel Martin is this year's entertainment. Write to shepherd@culver.k12.in.us or 'Attention Auction,' CBGC, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

\$20 physicals offered to local 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 Center, Medical Office Building #2, 1919 Lake Ave. in Plymouth. Physicians 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.

CUTPL June board mtg rescheduled

The Culver-Union Township Library Board has rescheduled its June monthly meeting date. The new date is Tuesday June 24 at 7 pm. at the library. The regularly scheduled meeting date, which is the third Tuesday of the month, will resume in July.

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.

All proceeds go to four-year college scholarships for local children.

New Senior Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills

The new Senior Men's Golf League at Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver 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.

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 or 574-546-3337 or sites.google.com/site/johnroberts711.

CUTPL Summer Reading 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. An ice cream kick off and sign-up party will take place Monday, June 2

from 2 to 3 p.m. Summer reading 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. This program is free of charge and open to the public.

Wolfe Gallery exhibit hours

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. 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.

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.

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).

"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. For more information, visit www.marshallcountyuw.org, or call the United Way of Marshall County offices at 574.936.3366.

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.

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Lady Cavs break school record at Rochester sectional

ROCHESTER — After CGA upended the then-repeat champion Plymouth girls track team last year, the Pilgrims reclaimed the Rochester Sectional championship May 20. Plymouth easily beat out second-place CGA 154.5-93.5, while Culver Community finished third with a score of 72, and Triton placed eighth with 43 points at the meet.

CGA was led by its own thrower Leah Heckaman, who captured dual championships in both the shot and discus with respective tosses of 44' 7/4" and 140' at Tuesday's big meet. Heckaman is coming off a dual regional championship season last year and looking to



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Pictured are Culver Comm. High School track team members (from left) Justine Dexter, Kayla Shaffer, Denisha Brown, and Mickella Hardy. The girls team won the sectional championship in the 4 x 100 m. relay and set a new sectional record in that event, while several team members set individual school records as well.

to these next two weeks."

The rest of the Lady Eagles squad performed decently, but no one really shattered expectations, said Chastain. The highest finish by a CGA athlete besides Heckaman was Bailee Brekke's secondplace finish in the 400 and the team's runner-up 1600 relay squad of Brekke, Lydia Jaqua, Margaret McKinnis and April Miltich.

"In general, the girls placed reasonably close to where they were seeded coming in," said Chastain. "We thought we could do a little bit better in some of the sprint events and the field. The field events we were a little bit lacking in the vault and the high jump, but we still had some PRs in some events... Overall it was okay."

Meanwhile, Culver Community jumped up three places from last year's team finish with a strong third-place result Tuesday.

The Lady Cavs were led by their sprinter corps as Kayla Shaffer and Denisha Brown went one-two in both the 100 and 200 sprints, Brown won the long jump, and Brown, Shaffer, Justine Dexter and Mickella Hardy claimed the title — and a new school record — in the 4x100 relay with a time of 50.82 seconds.

"That scores a lot of points for us, and they're extremely talented young ladies," said Culver coach Mike Bushman of Shaffer and Brown. "The nice thing is with our 4x100 team, we put Justine Dexter and Mickella Hardy in there, and those are two girls that may not have won the events but certainly could've qualified

for regional if they ran in the 100 and 200 as well. So you throw them in there, and, shoot, that's a really tough team to beat."

Culver's throwers had a stellar night, too, as Hardy

By James Costello
Sports editor

place at state again this season.

"Leah did a very nice job in the shot and the disc. She's still got some things we need to keep working on getting ready for regional next week," said CGA head coach Michael Chastain. "She's been

very consistent most of the season so we're looking forward

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Culver teams place at Plymouth sectional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth boys track team scored 115.5 points to beat out second-place Rochester's tally of 103 and claim its ninth straight sectional championship at home Thursday night.

Culver Academies finished fifth with 65 points, meanwhile, and Triton and Culver Community placed eighth and 10th respectively, with 50 and 15 points.

CMA was led by Eric Burns' dual championships in both the long jump and the high jump with leaps

of 21 feet and 6'02". Neer clocked 2:01.64 to win the 800, while Caleb Nash was second in the vault with a 12'06" clearance, and Alejandra Tumoine Villalobos was second with a PR in the two-mile race.

"We have a very small group of guys, and we were pushing that they do the best they can, whatever that

is, and so we were very honestly overall pretty pleased with everything," said CMA head coach Michael Chastain.

"Eric Burns has been injured and so he's had very little practicing and was still able to win the high jump and the long jump. Caleb Nash did a nice job in the vault — he didn't quite do what we were hoping but it

was a decent performance. Landrum Neer looked very good in the 800; we were very pleased with how smooth he looked."

For Culver, Sam Castandea placed third in the shot put, and Seth Cousins was third in the 3200.

• PLYMOUTH TRACK SECTIONAL
At Plymouth
Team scores: 1. PLYMOUTH 115.5, 2. ROCHESTER 103, 3. TIPPECANOE VALLEY 70, 4. MANCHESTER 66, 5. CULVER ACADEMY 65, 6. NORTHFIELD 64, 7. NORTH MIAMI 52, 8. TRITON 50, 9. CASTON 22.5, 10. CULVER 15
At Plymouth

Sports briefs

Girls tennis

CGA wins 10th straight title

CGA shut out Rochester for its 10th straight girls tennis sectional championship at home May 22.

The Lady Eagles surrendered a total of just seven games to Rochester en route to the championship, moving to 15-4 in the process.

• CGA SECTIONAL
at Culver
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, ROCHESTER 0

CGA, Rochester advance at CGA Sectional

CGA beat Knox 5-0, and Rochester trumped North Judson 3-2 in a pair of quarterfinal matches at the Culver Girls Academy Girls Tennis Sectional May 21.

Defending-champion CGA topped Knox in straight sets on all courts. See Sports page 7

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Griffin Masterson

CCHS top five students

The top five students at Culver Community High School, class of 2014 are (in alphabetical order): Dylan Bennett, Caleb Dehning, Megan Lyczak, Kennedy Thomas and Tim Wireman.

Graduation exercises are Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Albert Hanselman, Principal, will present the class and Dr. Vickie McGuire, superintendent, will award the diplomas.

Dylan Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bennett, was a two-year member of National Honor Society and Cross Country. He was also a four-year member of Band and Spanish Club. For three years he ran track. For one year he was class Vice President, a member of Chorus, Drama, Basketball, Soccer and CAVS Club (Culver Alliance for Voluntary Service). Dylan plans on attending Purdue University and major in Aviation Management.

Caleb Dehning, son of Rev. and Mrs. K.C. Dehning, was a two-year member of Junior National Honor Society and National Honor Society. For four years he was in Band and Drum Major his senior year. For three years he announced and ran clock for soccer. For two years he was president of his class, Chorus, CAVS Club and Softball. He was a one-year member of French Club and announced baseball. He was also DAR Good Citizen his senior year. Caleb will be attending DePauw University and major in Music Performance.

Megan Lyczak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lyczak,

was a two-year member of Junior National Honor Society and National Honor Society. She was a four-year member of Band, Spanish Club, and CAVS Club. For two years she was in Science Club, CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization) and Soccer. She was also a Girls State Delegate her Junior year. Megan will be attending Purdue University to study Psychology.

Kennedi Thomas, daughter of Mr. Randy Thomas, was a two-year member of Junior National Honor Society and National Honor Society, for which she was secretary. For four years she was a member of Band, Spanish Club and CAVS Club. For two years she was in Art Club and Science Club. For one year she played Soccer and Managed Soccer. She was a Girls State Delegate her Junior year. Kennedy will be attending Purdue University.

Tim Wireman, son of David and Patty Ruhnnow Wireman, was a two-year member of Junior National Honor Society and National Honor Society, Co-President his Senior year. He was a four year member of Chorus. For two years he was a member of French Club, CAVS Club and Track. He was a Boys State Delegate his Junior year. For one year is worked on the Caval Crier, and was a member of CYCO and Cross Country. He also was Secretary-Treasurer of his Junior Class and Vice President of his Senior Class. Tim will be attending Indiana University to study Business.

Sports from page 5

North Judson's Carrigan Baxter and Tristan Fletcher stay alive at 1 doubles with their 6-0, 6-1 victory over Rosalie Navarro and Brittany Walker.

• CGA SECTIONAL at Culver
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, KNOX 0

Baseball

Triton tops Culver

Triton racked up 11 hits en route to a 16-3 victory over host Culver Community in a Northern State Conference baseball game May 19.

Josh Krsek doubled for Culver.
• TRITON 16, CULVER 3
At Culver

Boys golf

LaVille tops 3-way

LaVille topped a three-way Northern State Conference field with a team score of 173 at Mystic Hills Monday, while Culver split the meet with a 193-213 win over Knox.

Trent Elliott carded a 43 for Culver followed by Cody Peterson's 46. Caleb Denning shot 53 for Culver.
• LAVILLE 173, CULVER 193, KNOX 213
At Mystic Hills (par 35)

Softball

Triton 4th-inning burst enough to top Culver

Triton refused to relinquish the lead after grabbing it early against Culver, recording a 12-2 victory May 19 at Keyser Field.

The game was decided quickly as Triton exerted its will early with five runs in the first three innings.

Megan Brady couldn't get it done on the rubber for Culver, taking a loss. She lasted just two innings, walked none, struck out none, and allowed two runs. Triton piled on three more runs in the bottom of the third.

Triton survived Culver's surge and put up seven runs of its own in the fourth. Triton scored on an RBI single by Jennings, a three-run triple by Sellers, a passed ball, an RBI single by Megan Berger, and an RBI single by Kreft.
• TRITON 12, CULVER 2
At Bourbon

Plymouth downs Eagles

Plymouth's softball team racked up 18 hits en route to a 19-6 win at Culver Girls Academy Friday.

Chatterria Harris doubled for CGA.
• PLYMOUTH 19, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 6
at Culver

LaVille routs Culver

LaVille's softball team earned a 17-2 victory over host Culver Community in six innings May 21.

Hannah Herbster got the win in the circle. Tiff Craft, Autumn Slough and Taesha Sanders each doubled for the Lady Lancers.

Alecia Rearick doubled for Culver, while Megan Brady took the pitching loss.
• LAVILLE 17, CULVER 2

CBGC Kidstop program launches June 2, offers variety of activities

Kidstop is a Culver Boys & Girls Club-sponsored child care program which begins Monday, June 2, and runs weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is provided every day as well as activities which allow the club to work in cooperation with the Girls Scouts of America, 4-H, and other local youth organization in the community.

Activities include (Mondays) park and picnic trips from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; (Tuesdays and Fridays) beach trips from 1 to 3 p.m.; (every other Wednesday) field trips (see schedule below); and (Thursdays) library visit, 1 to 3 p.m.

Field trips include: (June 11) Oliver Mansion/South Bend Chocolate Factory; (June 25) Chippewa Bowling and Movies-South Bend; (July 9) Roller Skating in



CULVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Warsaw; (July 21) South Bend Silverhawks game (This will be the only field trip NOT on a Wednesday); (August 6) Deep River Waterpark-Crown Point. (Admission costs will be determined, if any)

Other activities are being planned to fill in the remainder of the days.

Kidstop pricing for full lunch rate members is \$12 per day (\$6 for the second child) and free/reduced lunch rate is \$6 per day (\$3 for the second child).

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Culver's Kline among Academies students headed to Europe in ESU program this fall

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

A local Culver Girls Academy senior will join two other CGA seniors and one Culver Military first-classman in taking a gap year to attend boarding schools in the United Kingdom. The four students will be participating in the English Speaking Union program.

They will spend a post-graduate year taking classes at ESU-designated boarding schools. Maeve Kline, daughter of Chris and Kathleen Kline of Culver, will head to Harrogate Ladies College in Yorkshire, England; Eden Brackenbury (Marion, Ind.) will be attending Llandoverly College in Llandoverly, Carmathenshire, Wales; Sarah Stackhouse (Riverview, Fla.) will be attending St. Teresa's Effingham in Surrey, England; and Tosin Bolarin (Westfield, Ind.) will also be in Wales at Rydal Penrhos.

This year, Culver Academies hosted ESU student Hannah Grafton, from Sheffield, England. She will be attending the University of Leicester next year.

Since 1928, the English Speaking Union has offered thousands of young people the once in a lifetime opportunity to spend a gap year in a



The four ESU students are (left to right) Sarah Stackhouse, Maeve Kline, Tosin Bolarin, and Eden Brackenbury. Culver photo/Jan Garrison.

private high school in the United Kingdom. Considered the Rhodes Scholarship for American high school students, ESU winners study a range of subjects not normally offered by American schools.

The ESU program is also as much a cultural exchange as an academic one. Host schools offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities and facilities. There are also opportunities to travel through Europe during the traditional English school year breaks. This increased independence, wider outlook, and increased maturity benefits each student when they do enroll in college.

Culver Academies also participates in the American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST) program. This year, two juniors spent the

school year at Culver. They were Anna Erdi, of Vaszoly, Veszprem, Hungary, and Beatriz Moreno-Torres Garcia, from Zaragoza, Spain.

This story courtesy of news.culver.org

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tor and a woman who could be considered Culver's "founding mother," Emma Dickson.

Houghton will, in fact, be one of the speakers at the grand opening in June.

New (as of early this year) museum director Anna Campbell credits much of the progress to the museum committee, which formed two years ago and began visioning not just the transition from the museum's former location in the Culver Public Library last year, but a new, vibrant center for the community's history with enhanced partnerships and opportunities to tell the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee area's story.

"Rev. Dr. John Houghton is a direct decedent of Bayless Dickson who founded the then Union Town- present day town of Culver," says Campbell. "Here we are over 175 years later reopening a museum that tells the story of a remarkable community. There are several historic families with generations of descendants that continue to call this lake and this land home. Mr. Mike Overmyer, Ms. Julie Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baughn, and Mr. Jeff Kenney all sit on the museum committee and have relatives from here that date that back to the 1800's. It is a blessing to be able to have this museum for the community inside a historic building- opened by historic family members."

Hollowell also brings her extensive background as an anthropologist to the committee, in addition to the expertise of Joan Bess, retired Culver Academies librarian. Bob Kreuzberger, a founding member of the Antiquarian Society whose ancestor was an early businessman here, brings his knowledge to bear, while Mark Damore Jr. helps represent the interests of Culver's business community and area tourism.



Chairing the museum committee on behalf of the AHS board is George Duncan, who Campbell credits for yeomen work in coordinating many facets of the planning and construction endeavors at the museum.

She also expresses appreciation to the bank itself for making the new location possible.

"The museum has fantastic landlords," Campbell says. "The First Farmers Bank and Trust team have been very supportive and has gone above and beyond to help the museum and Visitor Center settle in."

A grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation, Campbell adds, helped make the renovations possible.

One important enhancement the building makes possible is an expansion of storage and work space for museum operations and the many artifacts and other items in the museum's collection. Campbell acknowledges this is an aspect of the museum lacking in glamour to many, but it's one of the most important.

"The Indiana Historical Society has pointed out that most museums should plan on a far greater amount of space for storage and proper care of their archival and artifact material than is actually used for exhibition," she points out. "By utilizing areas of the bank building generously allowed by First Farmers, the museum is able to care for and

properly store the area's many precious historical items in our care, something we feel a great responsibility to do in fulfillment of our role in the public's trust as caretakers. This is actually a far greater benefit than might be apparent on the surface. We're very pleased with it."

Campbell and the museum committee are also pleased that their new digs are next to the new Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center, which will also have its grand opening simultaneously at the Taste event.

Museum representatives in the past have alluded to the variety of positives for both entities in sharing space, as the missions of the two often overlap and shared resources will hopefully help make it possible for both to thrive regardless of the challenges they face in a community as small as Culver.

Campbell emphasizes the endeavor is still an ongoing one.

"We are thrilled to open the museum doors and get the community and visitors into the space to dive back in time," she says. "An enormous amount of effort has been made by many people- the museum continues to be a work in progress. We are raising funds for exterior signage to be installed on the bank building. All donations from the opening will go towards signage. We are excited to showcase our new name -- The Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee Museum -- soon in the future."

Ongoing museum hours will be posted in the near future, says Campbell, and news and updates can be found on the AHS' website at www.culverahs.com, as well as its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AhsCulver. The museum's telephone number is 574-635-0053, a local number even though it lacks the "842" prefix.

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Beach opening day brings changes

It may be hard to tell from the photo ABOVE, but the lifeguard pictured at Culver's town beach on Monday (the opening day for the beach this year) is one of three on duty, an increase (by two) from previous years; one guard is stationed at each end of the beach in addition to the traditional center guard stationed at the swim pier. The additional guards (which will likely be augmented by a third, stationed at the entrance gate for added assistance if needed) are part of safety-oriented changes put into place by new park superintendent Marc Hayden, who started work over the weekend.

An additional safety feature, according to Hayden, involved bringing the swimming area's buoys closer to the beach by several feet, something recommended by the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, who pointed out most beaches place buoys at adult chest height.

RIGHT: Another new addition is that of a computerized Point of Sale cash register system, donated by former Culver hardware owners Dave and Sue Beggs, and being operated here by staff member Crystal Looney. The system will help keep better track of concession, entry fees, and beach pass sales.



Other changes this year include removal of parking fees at the park's parking lot, and removal of fees for swim lessons at the beach, whose schedule Hayden says will be released in the near future.

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home - myths and answers, with preservation architect Kurt Garner, will be the topic at the AHS' annual wine and cheese gathering in September (exact date and details to be announced).

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Kid's FUN RUN

FIREMEN'S 5

5k

Date of Race

SATURDAY, JULY 5

TIME: 5k will begin at 5pm - 3:43pm FUN RUN
- In Honor of the 343 fallen firemen on 9/11-

ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.BREMENFIRE.ORG

Winners Payout!!!
Overall: 1st Prize: \$100
2nd Prize: \$50
3rd Prize: \$25

Separate Awards for Age Levels, Men and Women Winners
For Age Brackets, go to www.hoosierburncamp.org

RACE FEES:
ONLINE 5k- \$25- FUN RUN- \$12 DAY OF RACE/MAIL-IN 5k- \$30- FUN RUN- \$15
Plus \$2.50 processing fee Mail-In Registration postmarked by June 20, 2014

Proceeds will benefit the
Hoosier Burn Camp and
The Bremen Vol. Firemen's Association

ANY QUESTIONS?
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Honoring the fallen



Members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 and others gathered at Culver's Masonic Cemetery Monday for traditional observances of the Memorial Day holiday. Sgt. Joe Dilts gave the lead presentation, emphasizing the importance of making the holiday about more than picnics and parties (PHOTO BELOW), while VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Barbara Linhart read a letter (PHOTO AT LEFT) from the late Mary Lou Wise, a longtime leader in the organization, locally, statewide, and national (Wise died earlier this year). Post Commander Brian Linhart presided over the event, which included the traditional 21-gun salute, laying of the wreath by Linhart, and the playing of "Taps" by Jim Jones.

The closing prayer was led by Judd Rouch.

Members noted it's been a challenging few months for the Post and its two auxiliaries (men's and women's, respectively), which lost nine members between them since Jan. 1. In fact, it's believed for the first time in Post history, all three charters were 'draped,' the formal and symbolic gesture of observing the passing of a member.



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placed second in the shot and Donna Zehner was second in the discus with school record throws of 39'5¼" and 119'9".

"One of the things you want to do in the last meet of the year and most important meet of the year is run your best time, and in most cases we did that," explained Bushman. "Not just the headliners, but ... a

lot of kids doing big things tonight, even not necessarily advancing.

"Everybody stepped up, and that's what you want at a big meet like this."

• ROCHESTER SECTIONAL

At Rochester

Team scores: 1. Plymouth 154.5, 2. Culver Academies 93.5, 3. Culver Community 72, 4. Manchester 63, 5. Northfield 57, 6. Tippy Valley 51, 7.

Rochester 50, 8. Triton 43, 9. North Miami 27, 10. Caston 14.