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The novel's tentative title, she says, is "Nowhere to Hide," and it's expected to be released next summer. Her American publisher is Random House.

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As announced in previous editions of *The Culver Citizen*, the *Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver*, starting this year, will feature its quarterly newsletter in the pages of the *Citizen*, both for the benefit of AHS members, as well as a service to the general community. In addition to monthly, AHS-sponsored historical features in *The Citizen*, the AHS' full-page, quarterly newsletter commences with this edition of the paper.

Annual AHS membership drive underway



Dianne Osborn and Diana Mitchell are the co-chairwomen of the 2015 Antiquarian and Historical Society membership drive which runs November through December. Annual membership is \$50 which includes a year's subscription to *The Culver Citizen*, membership in the Time Travelers national museum discount program, and discounts to AHS-sponsored events.

The AHS maintains Heritage Park located on the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. They also operate The Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History, across from the park. Exhibits in the museum share the legacy of this area from the Potawatomi Indians, founding families, early life on the lake, through the present day.

Museum director Anna Campbell sets up the exhibits, accessions donated items to the museum collection, and markets the museum. She is currently working to make documents, yearbooks, atlases, and archival items available to the public at the museum.

This coming season the AHS will host a concert on June 6 (2015) at the Legion Memorial Building at Culver Academies featuring

Steve Ross, who has been billed as "The Crown Prince of Cabaret." Other AHS-sponsored events include historical talks scheduled throughout the year, and the History Hayride during Culver Fall Fest. The Society also participates in the Taste of Culver, the Gift of Warmth, and the Moonlight Paddle.

The continued success of this organization depends on memberships and donations from the community. Consider becoming a member this year by mailing your check to: The Antiquarian and Historical Society
P.O. Box 125

Researching the past now even easier at the museum

By Anna Campbell, Museum director
The Museum of Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee History is proud to announce that its research materials are now available to the public.

The museum continues to settle into its new home, the next phase of this move is coming to completion. Yearbooks, atlases, homemade scrapbooks, photo albums, local publications, Lake Association books, telephone books, ledgers from past businesses and other archival documents are available at your fingertips. And should you wish to take a document home with you, the museum staff can make copies. Our research area also includes a computer that has hundreds of photos and documents as well as Power Point presentations (created by Jeff Kenney).

Currently, we are working to make the "loose" research files more user-friendly by updating our filing system. These include everything from specific families to businesses, to events and organizations.

Even though the museums winter hours are limited, you are welcome to make an appointment to research outside of regular business hours by contacting the museum director, Anna Campbell at historyofculver@gmail.com.

The museum would like to grow its collection of Tomahawk (Culver High School) and Culver Comm. High School Cavalier yearbooks, preferably pre-1950's and post 1960's to the present day, and Culver area phone books. Should you have these items are interested in donating them the museum, stop in or contact Anna Campbell.

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Heritage Park Bricks

Make your mark on Culver by purchasing a permanent personalized brick. Makes for a unique gift!

Forms are available at www.culverahs.com or in the museum.

4x8 Brick costs \$75

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2015 AHS events roster coming together

The 2015 summer season of Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver events is already gathering steam. They include:

Saturday, June 6: Steve Ross, Cabaret Singer live in concert

According to Ross' website at www.steveross.net, the singer rose to fame as a cabaret entertainer "during his lengthy sojourns at New York's fabled Algonquin Hotel and Ted Hook's Backstage in the late 1970's. He has spent the ensuing decades singing and playing in smart clubs and swank parties all over the world. The Ritz in London, the Crillon in Paris and the Imperial Hotel Tokyo, in addition to festivals in Hong Kong, Perth and Spoleto – these are but highlights of Steve's appearances on six continents. On the airwaves Steve has been the performer/host for radio series for both the BBC and National Public Radio." Ross, dubbed "the Crown Prince of Cabaret" by the New York Times, has also received an array of awards and recognition.



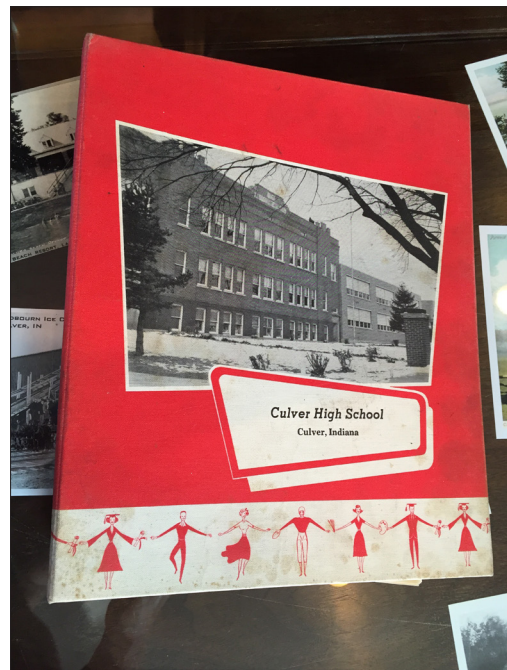
Saturday, July 11: Celebrating 100 years of the Culver Public Library at the AHS annual meeting

A look back at a century of the historic Carnegie library and the people who brought it to Culver and kept it living and thriving through decades of change. Presented by Jeff Kenney.

Saturday, August 15: A History of the Pete Dye family on the lake, and the course(s) he designed

The Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area is home to a remarkable legacy of early Indiana golf courses, including Culver Military Academy's Langford & Moreau-designed course, to Langford's Maxinkuckee Country Club course. The figure towering over golf course design locally and worldwide is longtime Lake Maxinkuckee resident Pete Dye, whose family goes back through the past century on the lake.

Saturday, September 12: To be announced



The Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's winter hours are:

Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Private tours are available upon request (call 574-635-0053).



Deep well of Culver history available on AHS, others' websites

Researchers staying indoors more this winter -- which coincides with reduced wintertime hours at the Museum of Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee History -- can still find a vast array of Culver-related information on the World Wide Web, thanks in large measure to the Antiquarian and Historical Society's website at www.culverahs.com, among other resources.

The site, redesigned a few years ago for cleaner, easier use and research opportunities, is particularly strong in the area of publications. The strongest collections therein are the *Culver Citizen* newspapers and Culver High School and Culver Community High School yearbooks, which span virtually the entire run of the school's annuals. These are fully searchable or can be browsed in the site, though it should be noted that image quality was reduced in order to make it faster and more convenient to access the publications, so those wishing for higher-quality digital images from the yearbooks are welcome to request them by emailing historyofculver@gmail.com.

Thanks to an agreement between the Pilot News Group -- which owns the rights to past editions of *The Culver Citizen* -- and the AHS, a major project to offer fully searchable, downloadable digital version of the paper began a few years ago.

Currently years offered include 1896 through 1908, 1950, 1960 through 1969, 1973, 1979, and 2008 through 2013 join assorted issues from other years, with 1974, 1980, and 1914 currently being processed.

Also available are vintage Culver telephone directories (useful for researching family history and the history of businesses), past issues of the Antiquarian and Historical Society's quarterly newsletters (from the early 1990s to the present), as well as assorted church directories, lake directories, Culver promotional and event materials.

Thanks to the generosity of the Culver Fire Department, our initial photo collection, which mines the department's

extensive photos (and even its earliest record books, dating back to 1903) for a Another important online research tool is Culver Academies' Digital Vault (digitalvault.culver.org), which includes hundreds of thousands of pages of digitized publications besides an assortment of photo collections.

The complete run of the school's Roll Call yearbooks is online and fully searchable, as is almost every edition of the weekly (later monthly) *Vedette* newspaper. The vast majority of Culver Alumni magazines, dating back to the 1920s, are also available for full-text searching (and easy downloading of individual pages as image files). A number of *CMA Messenger* monthly staff newsletters, summer catalogs, and other publications are also hosted on the site, with more on the way, according to museum curator Jeff Kenney.

The Digital Vault can be an important research tool even if one doesn't have a direct affiliation with the school. A number of local residents, of course, have family members past and present who worked there, and earlier publications regularly featured advertisements for Culver area businesses.

A free registration process is required for full access to all publications.

Judi Burns' Lake Maxinkuckee - Culver history site (www.maxinkuckee.history.pastracker.com) is another important research tool for the Culver history buff, including as it does hundreds of pages of material, with a unique focus on the history of various properties -- businesses, private homes, churches, and more -- and their deed records and chronology.

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's website (www.culver.lib.in.us/culver_photos.htm) is home to hundreds of historic photos of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as a number of full publications including Edwin Corwin's seminal "One Township's Yesteryears."

The Indiana University-hosted Sanborn Fire Maps collection (gis.iu.edu/datasetInfo/sanborn.php) includes Culver maps created for documentation for fire-fighting purposes in the early 20th century through the 1920s. The streets,

businesses, churches, schools, and other entities of Culver are documented in great detail (as are those of other Indiana towns, also in IU's online collection).

Speaking of maps, Historicmapworks.com features plat maps of entire counties across the US, including of course, Marshall County and Culver-Union Township. Starting in the late 1900s, there are local maps through the 1960s available. Even more intriguing, users may click, on the homepage, "Historic Earth Basic," and superimpose historic maps on top of present-day Google maps and satellite images, with a slider bar at right to adjust the transparency of each map, a helpful tool for comparing current locations and configurations with those of the past.

Possibly the resource with the farthest reach, in terms of years, is the Library of Congress' "Chronicling America" database of vintage newspapers (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov), some dating back to 1838.

The site is particularly useful for pre-1894 Culver research, that being the year Culver gained its first newspaper. Prior to that, Culver, Union Township, and "Maxenkuckee" (the spelling most often used prior to 1900) news was carried in newspapers from elsewhere, particularly the several Plymouth and Marshall County papers in print at the time, as well as Logansport newspapers. Brief news tidbits of local interest date back as early as the 1850s, in the collection (note that searches on the site can be limited by state -- Indiana, obviously, in this case -- and date range, which can narrow their scope quite usefully).

Lastly, some considerable Culver-related data is available via the work of the late Judge Tombaugh of Fulton County, who spearheaded digitization of obituaries, cemeteries, and news items in that county's purview, many of which include Culver items. It's all available on the Fulton County Library's website at www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy.

CES releases honor roll for first grading period

Culver Elementary School has released its A-B honor for grading period 1.

Grade 1: Michael Brian Allen, Dharma Blankenship, Dillon Brown, Preston Burtzlaff, Ryane Olivia Buschman, Jack Ryan Carroll, Joshua Gavin Carsey, Aurora Summer Caudill, Kadence Creviston, Andre Joseph Cuellar, Owen Darrel, ' Logan Forest, Aubrey Lynette Garcia, Breana Hamilton, Emily Elizabeth Hawkins, Makinzee Elaine Johnston, Braden Keller, Madison Kitts, Brandon Lee Looney, Nathan Alexander Marek, Emmie Aliese Martin, Eva Marie Martinez, Cadin Masterson, Braiden McCarthy, Olivia McDaniel, Myrandace Metz, Ellery Quinn Michi, Anthony James Prater', Myles Rivera, Brianna Lauren Schlemmer, Brady Standfast, Geoffrey Standfast, Jack Standfast, Hayden Christopher Taylor, Izaya Vela, Ambrosia Brianna Watts, Baby Grace Woodcox, Dylan Wyrick, Abigayle Zehner.

Grade 2: Graham Robert Baker, Kassidy Banks, Brynn Berndt, Ethan Binion, Amber Black, Vanessa Cadle, Jake Conroy, Zareck Dare, Madlin Hamilton, Kaden Herrera, Austin Hinsey, Jalynn Hopkins, Zoey Hunnicutt, Reyonica Hunt, Abigail Linnet Kaleta, Chloe Kanschats, Tyra King, Daniel Laba, Katherine Marek, Garrick Metz, Braiden Molebash, , Connor Moon, Jacquelin Ashley Emily Nystrom, Rachel Pietsch, Ashley Nicole Pugh, Adamariz Rajas-Mendoza, Chloe Salyer, Katie Schouten, Annabell Marie Slattery, Mason Lee Wagoner, Olivia Woodward.

Grade 3: Abigail Cameron, Carter Lewis Clingier, Megan Taylor England, Ethan M Fritz, Gwendylan Maree Gilley, Willow Ann Harrington, Reese J Herrell, Emmalee Rae Hillman, Nora Anne Johnston, Avery M Keller, Brady Christian Kindernay, Arwen Blair Kornblith, Carson Ernest Krueger, Derek Anthony McKee, Loghan Matthew Northcutt, Jack A Rodgers, Miah Jordan Shock, Aleksander Poe Stacy, Landon Franklin Stevens, Eriahna Nikole Vela, Anessa Ryanne Wireman, Bryan Aiden Wyrick.

Grade 4: Baleigh Grace Binkley, Jason A Cadle, Ruth Autumn Counts, Chloe Lauren Danti, Cabot Severns Ellert, Trenton Wayne Fritter, Kaylee Maxine-Kay Hamilton, Harrison P Hanley, Alisa Jo Hinds, Gabriella Starr Hopkins, Collin Pierce Hunnicutt, Kali Brynne Kidd, Abbigail Grace Kisela, Kenna Ann Kreischer, Ashton E. Macedonia, Abigail Mia Nufer, Lucile Jean Overmyer, Joseph Thomas Pizur, Addison Elizabeth Pohl, Benton Sayavongsing, Shane Owen Shuman, Kaitlyn Anne Stacy, Linda Sue Thamm.

Grade 5: Ayden Lee Annis, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Savannah Marie Barnes, Sydney Sue Denham, William James Ericson, Alexandria Thor Forest, Kordelia Fulton, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Savannah Grace Hissollg, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Kaydin Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Natalie Mechelle Stevens.

Grade 6: Shaloon Alvarez, Joselyn Marie Bennett, Ashley L Burkett, Ethan Michael Coyle, Damian R Dunn, Francis K Ellert, Olivia A Gilley, Joshua P Havron, Katie M Hoffman, Abigail Ray Anne Johnson, Moira Mackenzie Kaleta, Morgan J Keller, Lillian E Proskay, Wyatt M Ringer, Trayden S Schrimsher, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Shane M Stevens, Adriana Kayleen Tharpe.

Accused killer of Culver Comm. grad to undergo psychiatric evaluation

The Pulaski County man accused of killing his girlfriend, Culver Comm. High School graduate Amber Renee Taylor, age 34, has been ordered by the court to undergo a mental competency evaluation. A psychiatrist was assigned to examine Paul Katschke, of Denham, Ind., by Pulaski Circuit Judge Michael Shurn. Katschke was charged with murder in connection with Taylor’s Aug. 11 death after responders to a 911 call found her dead at the couple’s home. A jury trial is slated for Feb. 9 and the death penalty is not being sought.

Liles from page 1

Fla., for flight training followed by P-3C training in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned his Naval Flight Officer wings in 2008 and reported to the Patrol Squadron One in Whidbey Island, Wash., in 2009.

“Being at Culver taught me the importance of being part of something greater than myself and that it was about serving a cause that’s more important than you. Through the honor code, community service, and the leadership opportunities afforded to me, Culver helped mold the man I am today and continues to play an active role in my life,” Liles said.

“Like so many other Americans, my life was forever changed on September 11th, 2001. As a junior at the time, I watched live coverage of the terrorist attacks from the faculty lounge in the humanities building; I was speechless and full of emotion. I did not know anyone that perished on 9/11, however I shed tears with the rest of the nation that day for the sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers that were lost. Since that day, Culver has had 86 alumni stand up and take the enlistment oath to defend this country like so many other Culver alumni before us. These men and women knew that they were going into harm’s way after they joined, but did so without any reservation.”

From 2009-2012, Liles completed deployments to the Middle East, Western Pacific, and Central America in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terror. As tactical coordinator and mission commander of his aircraft, Liles led successful drug and anti-submarine warfare operations during these deployments.

Liles then reported to the Naval Mine and Anti-Subma-

rine Warfare Command as a Carrier Strike Group training instructor. He has conducted 16 Strike Group and Independent Deployer training events based out of San Diego, Norfolk, Pearl Harbor, and Forward Deployed Naval Forces.

As a Weapons and Tactics Instructor, Lt. Liles has achieved every qualification available to a P-3C Naval Flight Officer. He has flown over 1,100 hours in the P-3C and P-8A. Individual honors and awards include the Air Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expenditary Medal, and Global War on Terror Service Medal.

“I have now served proudly in the United States Navy for over 11 years and not a day passes where I am not reminded of those who sacrificed so much, or are prepared to, so that others may live freely in this country and around the world.

“As such, Veterans Day has always held a special place in my heart. From my first days here at Culver in which we learned the significance of the Legion Building here behind me and the gold stars beside it in remembering all the Culver graduates that have sacrificed their lives for their country.”

Liles added the United States Armed Forces is comprised of 1.4 million men and women with up to 250,000 deployed overseas at any given time. Along with the veterans, it is fitting to remember and honor those currently serving, the families of those who have served and are serving, and those who will serve in the future.

He finished his remarks with a quote from Edmund

Cold, snow a November surprise

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It’s certainly not the first time in history that mid-November has seen January-like conditions, but last the weather conditions of last weekend and the early part of the week were certainly memorable in Culver.

While the area avoided the 12 inches of snow which struck the South Bend area, frigid temperatures and light snowfall blasted the area over the weekend, with residents awakening Monday morning to a skiff of snow and ice on windshields and sidewalks. By Monday night, fierce and bitter winds blew temperatures under 20 degrees across streets and fields.

More cold was predicted for the remainder of this week, though at press time, Thanksgiving week was expected to be somewhat warmer, with temperatures into the 40s.

Historic St. Nick part of all-ages party here Dec. 6



Saint Nicholas, in-person, will return to Culver for a community-wide, all-ages party on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Nicholas himself, dressed more as he would have during the fourth century A.D. (that is, as a Christian bishop), will appear at the party to greet participants and discuss how Christmas traditions concerning Santa Claus evolved from the real-life St. Nicholas.

Multimedia looks at the various ways St. Nicholas has been presented (and his evolution into the figure we today know of as Santa Claus) over the years will be shown, as well as a short animated clip on St. Nicholas’ real life. There will also be refreshments, games, and music, all aimed at a fun and educational look at the real life of the beloved, iconic saint.

Children will also learn about the European tradition of St. Nicholas’ leaving chocolate coins in the shoes of children on Dec. 6, a tradition that began during his lifetime of leaving money in the stockings and shoes of needy families in the city where he lived. St. Nicholas may be demonstrating

that tradition in Culver on Dec. 6 at the event.

St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop in what is today Turkey during the fourth century, has been a beloved figure in Christian and nonchristian circles since his own lifetime, and has evolved in more modern years into "Santa Claus" (a derivative of the Dutch "Sinter Klauss," which means, "St. Nicholas").

Everyone is invited to this free, ecumenical event for all ages. The party will take place in the upper level of the town park beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

Burke: “‘The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.’ This quote reminds me daily that there are millions of men and women doing their part to protect our nation and the world against evil, and as we honor those men and women today I hope that each of you will consider how you can apply your skills and talents to serve something greater than yourself . . . to live out the ideals of Culver in your daily lives.”

Culver Academies’ Veterans Day ceremony recognizes the sacrifices made by Culver alumni during times of war. Since 1925, Culver has recognized the sacrifices of American and Allied soldiers during World War I at 11 a.m. on November 11. The ceremony has changed very little since that original Legion Memorial Building dedication ceremony on Nov. 2, 1924.



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Small saints at St. Mary’s

ABOVE: A number of local youngsters, dressed as Christian saints from throughout history, took part in an All Saints Day party at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver on Nov. 1. The holiday (from whose name Halloween -- or All Hallow’s Evening -- derives its name) was observed by Roman Catholic, Anglican-Episcopal, and other Christian denominations around the world that day. Children took part in games and enjoyed treats and competition.



PHOTO/ANNA CAMPBELL

Making Culver Christmas-y

ABOVE: A truck bearing the decorative wreaths to dress up the town of Culver for the holidays makes its way up Main Street just prior to the “Christmas in Culver” event, earlier this month. The Culver Redevelopment Commission-sponsored decorating involved larger wreaths, sans candles, hung in the downtown area, with smaller wreaths with candles in the center, placed in the “uptown” area along Lake Shore Drive. The CRC is soliciting citizens’ opinions on their preferences between the two styles, for future decision-making. .

It’s You! open for business

LEFT: It’s You!, at 110 South Main Street, was the site of an official Culver Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting earlier this month, on the day of its grand opening which coincided with the annual Christmas in Culver event, which encourages local business shopping for the holidays. Pictured at center are gallery owner Jan Peyser (left, with scissors) and Chamber president Tony Sellers (center right, also with scissors). At left is Larry Brockey of the Chamber, and at right Carol Saft of the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center.

The shop combines Peyser’s own craft as a silversmith (her private studio is adjacent) with fine artisan creations by other artists from across the nation.

Culver through the years

50 years ago - Nov. 18, 1964

Alva R. ("A.R.") McKesson, 73, 456 Lakeview St. in Culver, died on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Haven Hubbard Memorial Home, New Carlisle, Ind., where he had resided for the past two weeks. Mr. McKesson, known to his many friends as "Mac," was a member of the Culver Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Henry H. Culver Masonic Lodge, the Emily Jane Culver Champer of the Order of Eastern Star...and the W.A. Fleet American Legion Post of Culver (Editor's note: Mr. McKesson operated a Ford garage and dealership for many years in

Culver, first on East Jefferson Street -- at the new location of Rideon Bicycles -- but longest at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Lake Street, at the currently unoccupied building which last houses the City Diner restaurant).

Twenty-five years in any gainful endeavor is an accomplishment of note. In the business of coaching it is even more notable, and when ahieved in the same job, it deserves highest commendation. That's the story of Russ Oliver, Culver Military Academy football mentor who just completed 25 years at the helm with no plans for imminent retirement. In fact, after posting one of CMA's more successful seasons with six wins in eight games, he may even be looking ahead to next year with the prospect of 19 returning lettermen. He plans to continue "indefinitely."

The annual Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the

Culver-Union Twp. Council of Churches, will be held at Culver's Emmanuel Evangelical Brethren Church on Weds. evening, Nov. 25, at 8 o'clock.

60 years ago - Nov. 17, 1954

In observance of Veterans' Day, a flag raising ceremony was given Thursday at the Culver Public Schools with the entire student body of 650 pupils attending.

Last week Louis DeAngelis sold his interest in The Culver Tailors and Cleaners to Charles Ricciardi (Editor's note: Ricciardi had already been partner in the venture, which was located on South Main Street at the site of today's Lakeside Auto, a building Ricciardi constructed in the 1940s).

70 years ago - Nov. 15, 1944

All freshmen, juniors, and seniors of the high scool are to be given the opportunity soon of taking the tuberculin patch tests .

90 years ago - Nov. 19, 1924

The motor bus service between Culver and Plymouth has been discontinued due to lack of patronage.

Schlosser Bros., of Plymouth, purchased the lots at the corner of Plymouth and Jefferson Street and plan to erect an ice house and receiving station (Editor's note: the building would become one of Culver's dairy businesses, and is today home to Elizabeth's Garden).

100 years ago - Nov. 19, 1914

A party of four engineers has been working in this vicinity for the past few days taking levels in a preliminary survey for the southern route of the proposed Erie & Michigan canal, which is planned to connect Toledo with Chicago.

Letter to the editor

Thanks for Vonnegut family history

Dear Jeff Kenney,
The 9 October, 2014 treatment you provided us concerning the Vonnegut family history in The Citizen was outstanding! In fact, as editor of the Citizen, you and your staff do a superb job providing a weekly journal and the daily Internet, for the Culver community.

We look for The Culver Citizen every week here in San Antonio, Texas, as well as in Culver every summer. Cheers!

Bob Tanguy
San Antonio, Texas

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Eagles fall to Rochester

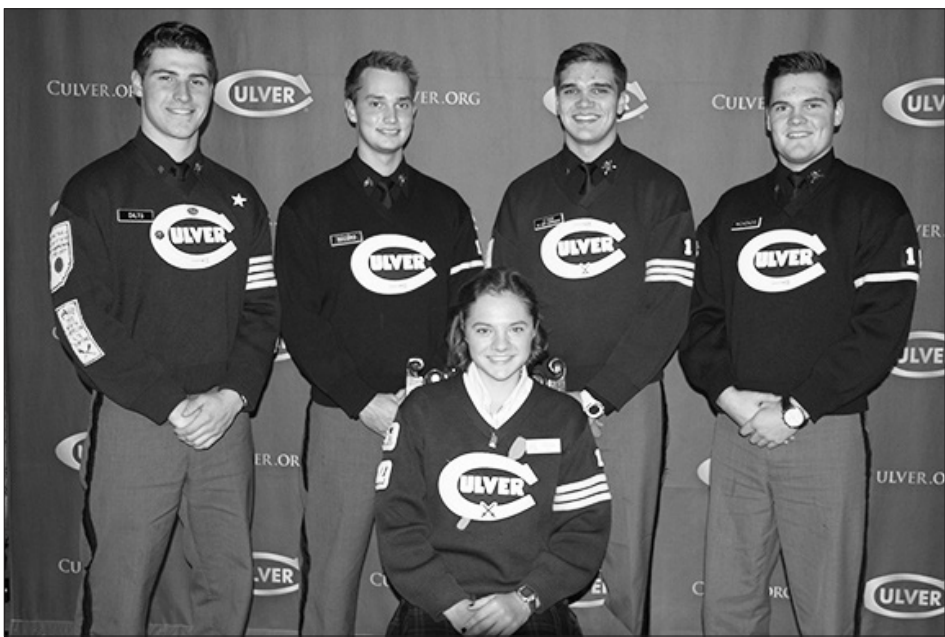
ABOVE: Culver Girls Academy tipped off its basketball season with a 57-41 loss to Rochester at Fleet Gymnasium on Friday. Marie Steiner of Pully, Switzerland, knocked down a game-leading 15 points for the Eagles. Keaton Stesiak and Becky Malchow scored 13 and 11 points respectively for the visiting Zebras. Picctured, from left, are Alexa Garrison (Rochester), CGA's Margaret McKinnis, and Keaton Stesiak (Rochester), looking on as Jordi Blackburne, a CGA sophomore (number 12) takes to the air, guarded by Rochester's Becky Malchow.

• ROCHESTER 57,
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 41
at Culver

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

Five Culver Academies athletes announce college plans

RIGHT: Five Culver Academies student-athletes declared their collegiate affiliations on Nov. 12, the first day of the early signing period for NCAA Division I and Division II schools. Four Culver Military Academy lacrosse players signed. David Dilts, a defenseman from Carmel, Ind., will be going to Syracuse University; Spencer Secord, a mid-fielder from Toronto, will attend Georgetown; Dawson McKenzie, an attackman from Fergus, Ontario, will be attending Princeton; and Max Hood, another defenseman from Carmel, will attend Lindenwood University, a DII school in Saint Charles, Mo. Krista Trefen, of Hotchkiss, Colo., a captain on the Culver Girls Academy rowing team, will be continuing her career at the United States Naval Academy. The Ivy League and service academies do not require student-athletes to sign National Letters of Intent since they do not provide athletic scholarships. Pictured: seated are Krista Trefen, rowing. Standing (from left) David Dilts, Spencer Secord, Max Hood, and Dawson McKenzie, lacrosse.



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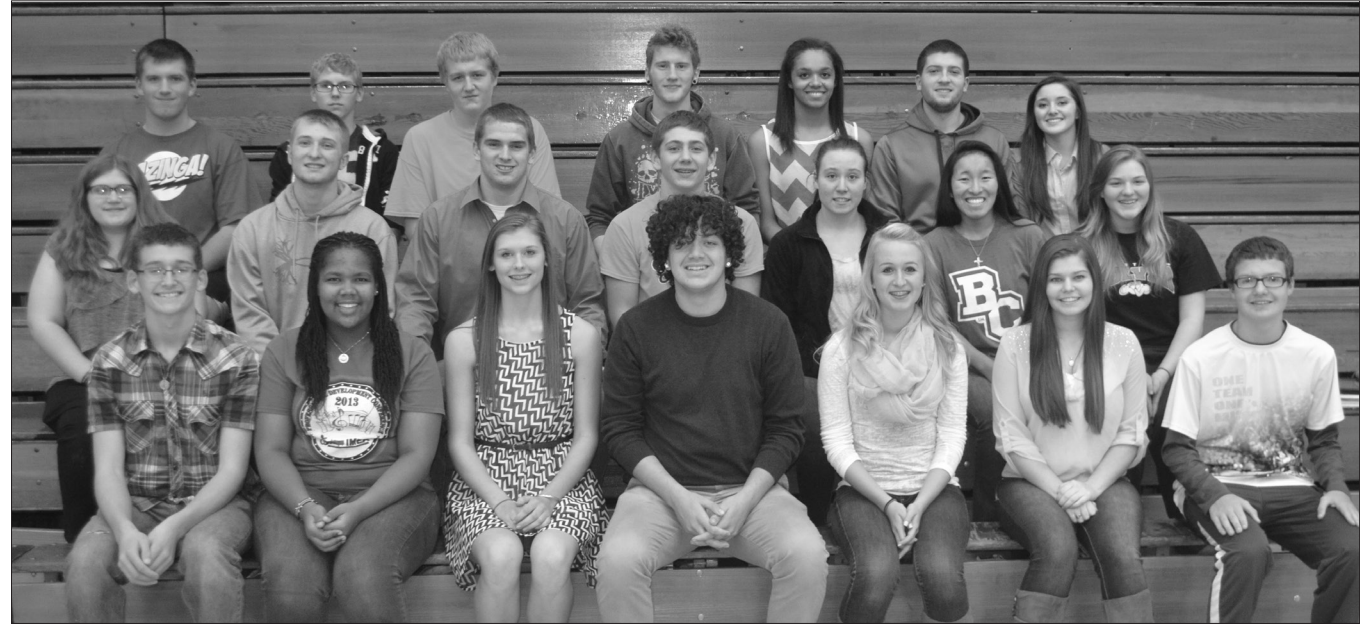
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Culver Community athletic awards

Culver Comm. High and Middle Schools held their fall sports awards recently. Pictured AT LEFT are Middle School Scholar Athletes. Front row, from left: Ryan Tompos, Bailey Howard, Gabe Hissong, Kagnie Hoffman, Alex Temme, Belle Ahlenius, Kenzie Binkley, and Haley, Klimaszewski. Back row: Carter Stevens, Noah Barnes, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Allison Jones, Taylor Noah, Maranda Otteman, and Jenna Moise.

BELOW, LEFT: High School Scholar Athletes. Front row, from left: Cody Rieckhoff, Brianna Kinyanjui, Donna Zehner, Marshall Anderson, Hailey Jones, Janele VanDePutte, and Jeffrey Littleton. Second row: Erin Bendy, Cody Valiquet, Josh Krsek, Everett Krueger, Marissa Howard, Angela Lewellan, Mandy Morrison. Back row: Brandon Havron, Brennin Betts, Chris Zehner, Austin Brissette, Mickella Hardy, Brendon Pinder, Haley Klimaszewski.

BELOW RIGHT: All Conference and Honorable Mention Athletes. Front row: Donna Zehner, Marshall Anderson, Bayli Fearnov. Back row: Josh Krsek, Austin Brissette, Everett Krueger, Tori Shank, Preston Hansel.



Earl is new English, Speech teacher at CCHS



By Morgan Keen, Culver Comm. High School

Miss Casey Earl, the 22-year-old cat and literature lover, joined the faculty here at Culver Community High School this August as the new sophomore English and Speech teacher, as well as the eighth grade volleyball coach. People usually have motivation for doing what they do, and Miss Earl's reason for becoming an English teacher came from a teacher she herself had in eighth grade. "He made teaching come alive," she said. Miss Earl graduated from Ball State University, which she claims to be the, "best teaching college." At Ball State, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary English Education. Just like many high school and college students, Miss Earl participated in sports. Volleyball and Softball were the sports she played, but Miss Earl later gave up softball for something she thought was more important. The kind-hearted English teacher, Miss Earl, said, "I played three years of softball, my freshman through junior years, but I decided to stop playing my Senior year to focus on a group called Natural Helpers, where I taught leadership and anti-bullying." This year is Miss Earl's first time teaching, and she is having a good experience. She has already set many goals for herself for this school year. As a teacher, she wants to grow and learn from her mistakes, as well as getting to know each and every one of her students. With what she has accomplished so far, Miss Earl is already headed down the path to reaching her goals.

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in The Caval Crier, Culver Comm. High School's monthly newspaper, and is reprinted here by permission of faculty sponsor Vickie Benner.

CGA sophomores carry on Dig Pink tradition

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

When three Culver Girls Academy sophomore volleyball players heard that the "Dig Pink" cancer fund-raising promotion started by last year's senior class may not continue, they decided to pick up the challenge and continue the tradition.

Kathryn Kapcheck, Allison Stathakis, and Gabrielle Maiolo worked with the volleyball coaches to make the home game against Knox the "Dig Pink" event. During the game, donations were collected, raffle tickets for two game balls were sold, and the revenue from concessions were dedicated to the event. Each volleyball player wore a pink shirt and between the junior varsity and varsity games, the girls introduced or talked about someone close to them who is a cancer survivor or battling cancer.

"We did it last year and nobody was going to pick it up," Maiolo said. "The freshmen didn't know about, so we saw it as the perfect opportunity for us."

The evening raised \$370, which was donated to Hello Gorgeous, a non-profit organization that provides complimentary, professional makeovers and cosmetic education for women battling cancer. Founded in South Bend, Hello Gorgeous is no stranger to the Culver community. The organization's special mobile unit has been present at earlier Relays For Life and the organization has worked with four Culver Academies staff members, including assistant volleyball coach Lori Elliott.

Maiolo and Kapcheck presented a check to founder Kim Becker on Monday. Becker explained to the girls that Hello Gorgeous works with affiliated salons in various communities.



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ABOVE: Hello Gorgeous founder Kim Baker (second, left) receives the Dig Pink check from Kathryn Kapcheck (left) and Gabrielle Maiolo (third, left) with assistant volleyball coach Lori Elliott.

ious communities. The salons go through specialized training and each salon is asked to perform 12 Hello Gorgeous experiences per year. In just its eighth year of existence, Becker said the non-profit has been able to work with salons across the United States. She said there are affiliated salons in or near Maiolo's hometown of San Diego and Kapcheck's hometown of Mount Prospect, Ill.

While the "Dig Pink" event was conducted during October, traditionally tied to breast cancer awareness, Becker said Hello Gorgeous works with women battling all cancers. The women are first nominated by family and friends. If selected, each woman is treated to a day of spa services such as a manicure, pedicure, facial, and seated massage. The woman is also given instruction in new makeup application and hair care (or hair substitution) methods advantageous to her individual issues.

Before her day is over, the salon staff makes certain the woman understands how to reproduce her new look on her own. She is given a supply of the cosmetics, skincare and nail products used to complete her services. There is no charge for the products, which is what the girls' donation will be used to cover.

Becker said the goal is certify two salons in each community in the United States in order to assist 500,000 women each year.

Maiolo, Kapcheck, and Stathakis, who is from Northville, Mich., plan to conduct "Dig Pink" again next season as juniors, then use the event as their senior service practicum the following year.

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Culver Comm. Schools officials respond to INDOT grades

Culver Community Schools officials have responded to the release of grades for Indiana schools earlier this month.

As announced in last week's Culver Citizen, the Indiana Department of Education-released grades includes an "A" for Culver Elementary, up from its "C" for the 2012-2013. Culver Community Middle School was previously listed as a "D" school and made the jump to an "A" school. Culver Community High School was rated as a "B" school and came in as a "B" school again. The Culver School's Corporation grade went from a "C" to an "A".

Said Culver superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire, "We continually focus on individualized instruction in all grade levels."

At the high school, principal Brett Berndt ayss there are

many factors which contributed to the school's improvement over the years.

"First of all, we have focused extremely hard on the students who need to the End of Course Assessment," he explains. "Each student is put into a remediation lab that allows improvement in the skills needed. Each teacher has the breakdown of the ECA test and can individualize instruction to improve skills. Also, Achieve 3000 has been implemented in the English lab. This focuses on reading comprehension and lexile scores."

A lexile score is a student reading measure that comes from a text or leveled reader; The higher the lexile level for a student the higher the reading ability.

"Secondly," continued Berndt, "we have placed qualified teachers in those subject areas that will improve test scores. Each class will take practice tests with Acuity to predict how they would do on the test. As the test gets closer the English and Math departments will meet with the students during remediation time to cover more essential skills and test strategies."

Berndt added that another area the high school has focused on is dual credit, the college and career readiness portion of the grade.

"We are trying to offer as many classes as possible to receive dual credit," he notes. "The guidance department focuses on this area during the students sophomore year."

Another area is attendance.

"We are tracking students earlier and more often," Berndt points out. "Communication with parents is key. The more students are in school the more instruction is offered, which in turn increases student grades and engagement. This leads to a higher graduation rate as well."

"We also offer credit recovery through alternative education to many students. This allows a student another chance to receive credit in a class. This improves

the chances for a student to graduate with their cohort group.

"Lastly, it has been a team effort. All subject areas are concentrating on improving writing and math skills. This provides more opportunities for students to increase skill levels."

Responding to her school's "A" letter grade, elementary principal Erin Proskey remarked, "Culver Elementary has an exceptional staff committed to ensuring that all students receive a quality education in a supportive, nurturing environment. It is our goal that all children will be successful learners and reach their potential. (Assistant principal Julie) Berndt and I are excited to be part of the most dedicated team of teachers and support staff. They are committed to excellence in teaching and learning and have the highest expectations for our students."

Specifically, Proskey notes that some of the programs and strategies in place at CES to promote student success include Title I services (including daily kindergarten through 6th English and language interventions which focus on comprehension, vocabulary and fluency), grade 4 through 6 math interventions, ENG/LA and Math remediation twice a year and proctored standardized testing to help keep students focused during high stakes tests.

"Together, we strive to create an environment that enhances self-esteem, increases student achievement and promotes a community of caring values and educational support," adds Proskey.

"We are proud of our students and staff accomplishments (and) our parents also share in the success of their children through various activities and parental involvement by volunteering within the school, helping students with homework, supporting discipline procedures and keeping parent/teacher lines of communication open."

She added thanks to the teachers, support staff, parents and students of the school for "their hard word and dedication."

McGuire echoed these sentiments, adding appreciation for the support of community members, supporting businesses, supporting school board, and all other Culver Community Schools stakeholders.

"It really does take everyone working together to provide the academic and social needs of students."

McGuire emphasized the corporation's strategic planning efforts kicked off this week (November 19 at the Culver Community High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.).

"As a team, we can move forward to meet the ever-changing demands of today's education. I invite anyone and everyone to come and learn about what's getting ready to take place at Culver Community Schools."

The state's A-F rating replaced the terms exemplary, commendable, academic progress, academic watch and academic probation. The revised reporting system was touted as being a more transparent way to inform the public. The grades are based on points given in several areas including the student growth model and graduation rates, along with college and career readiness. Grades for the 2012-2013 school year were very favorable for most of the area schools as are the latest for the 2013-14 school year.

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By Tia Romig, Culver Comm. High School

Among the many new faces in the faculty this year, you will notice a new teacher in the chemistry wing, Mr. Samuel Zucker. Mr. Zucker went to York Community High School in Elmhurst, Illinois, and enjoyed being part of the cross country team while a student there. Some of his favorite subjects were History and Biology. Mr. Zucker's

father suggested he attend Valparaiso University. "What the heck is that?!" Mr. Zucker replied. He decided to visit Valparaiso University, and really liked it. When he later enrolled there, he planned to study nursing with the goal to help kids that have had strokes like he. However, after giving a speech about teaching students with special needs, he decided to become a teacher. "After I gave that

speech, I knew I wanted to be a teacher," explained Mr. Zucker. After switching his major, his goal was to become a science and special needs teacher. Mr. Zucker student taught at Merrillville High School. While there, he picked up a few techniques he applied to his own teaching, such as having a more hands-on approach to learning. He


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Culver Community High School honor roll

Culver Community High School has released its honor roll for Term 1 Grading Period 1.

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Grade 10, A honor roll: Erin E Bendy, Brennin Aaron Betts, Daniel L Blocker, Brandon P Havron, Tanner R Hoffman, Hailey A Jones, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Joshua P Krsek

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Culver Community Middle School honor roll

Culver Comm. Middle School has released its honor roll for Term 1 Grading Period 1.

Grade 7, A/B honor roll: Isabelle J Ahlenius, Mikaylah Roze Beem, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Dakota Jack Clark, Trista Rae Fritter, Gabriel M Hissong, Kagnie J Hoffman, Haley N Howard, Grace Maher, Sophie Elise Michi, Noah Riley Parsons, Madison Loretta-Lyn Reeder, Dana T Rodgers, Lilly M Sayavongsing, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Ryan W Tompos, Owen R Valiquet, Nathan L Wood, Robert Coltin Wynn

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tries to make the material fun yet informa- tive at the same time. This school year he plans on engaging students in their learn- ing. He expects his students to be excited with the material, to do their best, and to ask for help if they don’t understand. “I don’t want the students to be afraid of the material,” Mr. Zucker explained. His fa- vorite thing about teaching is interacting and getting to know the students.



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1 of this year and the same date in 2014, with a total of \$4.33 by the end of next year.

Part of the water increase is needed to overhaul Cul- ver's ageing water plant, for whose renovation the town received a \$500,000 grant.

The council took its first steps to put that grant into ac- tion at the meeting as well, following a report by Rowe regarding the timing of the project. He said the goal is to move through the design phase in time to bid the project out by April 30, which will then trigger authorization to begin the bonding process and rate adjustment calcula- tions.

The town could allow the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to release funds for the project by June 30.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger suggested the council ex- ecute both the financial advisor and engineering contracts towards the project as quickly as possible. On his advice, the council approved an agreement with Umbaugh for fi- nancial services through the project.

Council president Ginny Munroe also informed the council that utilities manager Bob Porter is working with consultant Mark Sullivan towards rough estimates for wa- ter tower renovation. The Culver Redevelopment Com- mission, she said, would be meeting the following Mon- day and may be able to help fund various water-related projects as well.

The council also approved, after discussion with Clev- enger, a contract for Sullivan totaling \$283,000 (\$92,000 for design fees; \$8,000 to handle the bidding process; \$25,000 for construction engineering; and \$150,000 for inspection services and oversight of the project).

Clevenger also noted that he spoke with a representa- tive of the Southwest Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy

District and specified that district members -- whose sew- er services tie in with the town's -- would see the same rate increases as town residents, which was reflected in slightly revised language in the rate ordinance.

Town manager search, fire department news

In other action, the council approved moving the dead- line for applications to fill the vacancy in Culver's town manager position to Dec. 1. Munroe noted the council is being assisted in the search by consultant Mitch Ripley.

Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield explained that a re- peater whose current location is believed to be causing malfunctions in radio communication among department members, is hoped to finally be moved to a higher altitude within the week following the meeting, which is hoped to at least help in alleviating the problem.

Wakefield also said the department's ISO insurance rat- ing came in, and that he would share the detailed paper- work on the matter with council members. ISO assess- ments are now conducted every two years, he said, adding that some recent undertakings by the department -- such as training and scheduled equipment maintenance -- have helped with the rating.

An ongoing challenge regarding the rating is the de- partment's lack of an extension ladder sufficient to service the four-story buildings in the Culver area, most of which are located at Culver Academies. Wakefield said he was heading to a factory which manufactures the ladders in Nebraska to investigate the cost, which he believes ranges from \$850,000 to \$1.25 million.

Another factor in the ISO rating is availability of wa- ter, for which the department is helped by the Academy's water supply being better than the town's, not to mention the availability of Lake Maxinkuckee for many months of the year.

Park update

Culver park board president Tammy Shaffer said the board received a quote ahead of its latest meeting, towards HVAC renovations at the beach lodge, which are hoped to be completed by December.

She explained the board had a productive work session with representatives of Culver-based company Sail22 and the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club, with whom the park will partner for a sailing and paddle boarding program.

"They'll sell products down there (at the park) and teach (and offer) classes. The yacht club will bring their eight- week program to the park so it's more open to the com- munity. The yacht club wants to buy a fleet of 10 boats. It looks like a lot of fun," she said.

Park board and tree commission member Tom Kearns reported several trees have been removed from the park, in one case freeing up space to add a second sand volley- ball court near the beach, depending on demand.

On behalf of the tree commission, Kearns explained 23 trees in town right-of-ways would be coming down within the week.

Other approvals, reports

Approved by council was an after-the-fact approval of E&B Paving's patching work on a water tap, totaling \$1,317.23, as well as rental fees for a water pump used at the wastewater plant and Davis Street lift station, at \$7,150.

Council approved town clerk Karen Heim's request to advertise for several open board and commission seats in town, including plan commission, park board, library, and tree commission. Approval was granted for \$1,962.93 for a one-year support contract for the town's meter readers.

A work session regarding salaries was scheduled for Nov. 25.

Heim also solicited public input regarding content of the town's website, which is being redesigned in the com- ing weeks. She asked that residents contact her at town hall with suggestions for information not currently includ- ed on the site, which people would like to see added.

Town marshal Wayne Bean told the council his depart- ment is working towards updating the computers in po- lice cars, one out of three of which currently isn't working (and all are too obsolete to fix, he noted). The department is eyeing "Tough Books" to replace the machines.

Kathy Clark of the CRC asked for public feedback on the two styles of Christmas decorations put up recently, and which style people prefer, for decision-making in fu- ture years.

Attorney Clevenger will investigate whether Culver Community Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire could serve as the school board's representative sitting on the CRC, or whether that individual has to be a school board member. Clark said the CRC currently has no school representative.

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phasizing the history and importance of not only honoring veterans, but lending tangible support legislatively and via service organizations like the VFW and American Legion, to those who have served. He stressed that veterans do not seek any "special status," but only a fair opportunity to enjoy their fair share of the American dream.

Post Commander Brian Linhart led the event's prayer, and Post members followed the formal program with the formal disposal -- by fire -- of American flags (worn out flags may be deposited at the Post on Washington Street, any time of the year or time of day, in the drop-box on the Post porch; disposal ceremonies like the one held at the cemetery are among the few regulated and approved methods of disposal of US flags).

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lege students.

Hayden, Furry, and the board discussed the location of the venture, which would likely rope off a section of the beach currently under-utilized, on the east end bordering the courtesy boat pier. That pier, it was suggested, is expected to add an extension to form an "L" shape which would be used primarily to drop people off from boats. The west side of the pier would be reserved for paddleboard and kayak use, which Hayden said would require a DNR permit, which he's looking into.

Furry noted his company is fully insured for the venture, though board members debated amongst themselves as to whether to require life jackets.

A second tier of the proposal grew from a few years' worth of conversation among members of the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club towards an improved sailing and boating program for juniors, according to Furry.

He suggested the program could be shifted to the beach in order to offer it to a wider range of participants. It would likely take place for 90 minutes each Saturday for eight weeks in the summer. If parents are current MYC members, Furry said, the course is free (couples' memberships are \$115 per year). Otherwise, lessons are \$15 each, though Furry said he would pay for the first five youngsters unable to underwrite the cost, "So it's okay if you don't have the money."

Life jackets would also be provided for free.

Classes would include tying knots, learning parts of the boat, making a child's initials with code flags, and other points.

"I think coming to the park is a win-win," he said. "One is exposure. Two, we can show that sailing doesn't have to be expensive. The visibility here (at the beach) is just great. It's right here, there's easy access, and kids can come down and... don't have to go all the way across the lake."

Furry showed a video of the model of small boat the MYC hoped to add to its junior fleet for the program. The goal, he explained, would be to purchase 10 boats at \$3,000 per boat. Local individuals and businesses may help sponsor the program by purchasing all or part of a boat, with their name or logo on the sail. Furry said he plans to ask the MYC to underwrite three boats.

The boats would be stored on racks in the east end of the park when not in use, and another small trailer -- for sails and other equipment) would be stored east of the picnic shelter there, during the summer months only.

The program would likely start around May 15.

Maryanna Swennumson of the MYC said the club wants to be certain the town and park is committed to the program, due to its expense.

Her husband, Dick Swennumson, said he thought it would be wonderful to offer sailing to members of the Culver Boys & Girls Club. He said a questionnaire soliciting opinions on such a program was sent to some 200 families with children in the CBGC, with some parents responding they were concerned that a stigma might be attached to their child if the child didn't have expensive clothes and the like, when the program was based on the east shore of the lake.

"Having it at the beach removes the stigma," said Swennumson. "It can be viewed as a town program. We have this lake. To be able to teach kids in a safe environment...our town alone can offer that; others in the area cannot."

Board members showed enthusiasm for the program, with member Patty Stallings noting the program "is great for all of us," and member John Helphrey calling it "a win-win for everybody."

During the official board meeting which followed the work session, the board formally agreed to the proposed programs pending agreement from the park's attorney.

In other board meeting actions, the board approved a schematic presented by architect Steve Parks to replace mechanical units pertaining to the HVAC at the park's beach lodge building, as well as some related maintenance and repair. It was noted the cost of the work was not such that it would require advertising it in the newspaper, and a list of possible contractors to handle the work accompanied the proposed plans, which will facilitate use of the lower level of the lodge during winter months.

Also approved, pending examination by park attorney Rachel Arndt, was a request from the Culver Lions Club to renew its lease of the train station-depot on the west end of the park. Town attorney Jim Clevenger, in attendance, noted the current, 15-year lease expires in 2016.

The depot, he explained, was donated to the town in the early 1980s, when it was in poor condition. The town at the time agreed to allow use of the depot by the club since the

Also taking part in the event were members of the Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Member Patty Tolliver invited all veterans in attendance -- including audience members -- to step forward and accept specially-made cards thanking them for their service, from the Auxiliary.

High School welcomes WW2 vet Norris

The Culver Comm. High and Middle Schools hosted a local veteran of World War II, Lida Norris, a 1936 Culver High School grad who was one of over 150,000 American women who served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during the war. After a brief newsreel film from the 1940s explaining the WAC program, *Culver Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney introduced Norris, recounting her story for the students.

Lions had renovated the building.

The depot is owned jointly by the park and town, added Clevenger, who said the club pays no rent for the structure, but is responsible for maintenance and utilities there.

Lions Club representatives asked if the park would consider extending the lease to 25 years rather than 15, to which the park board initially agreed. However, after club members departed, some board members discussed their preference that the original, 15-year lease be adhered to.

The question of whether the park could utilize the depot's restroom for general park use, rather than construct a free-standing restroom or place one in the historic railroad wait station, was also raised. Stallings said she would discuss the matter with the Lions Club.

Helphrey discussed park finances, noting the park budget for next year is \$267,500 as approved by the town.

Year to date expenses as of Oct. 31, he said, came to \$171,136, leaving a balance of \$97,364. The park has an ending bank balance of \$265,800.

Expenses for the remaining two months of the year including salaries, gas, electric, phone, Christmas lights, and the like, come to a projected amount of \$36,400.

Helphrey said there should be funding, given township-derived funds on the way, to pay for the HVAC work at the beach lodge before the end of the year.

Next year's budget, he added, includes \$150,000 for renovation and improvement to the beach lodge and park, though income will also come in from pier slip rentals, concessions, and beach passes as well.

Stallings said sealing of the beach lodge's deck, and replacement of its railing for improved safety is hoped to be completed by spring, with the carpet in the upper level of the beach lodge hopefully replaced by new carpet squares.

Board member Tom Kearns reported that several trees were recently removed from the park, having been identified by the town tree commission arborist as at-risk.

Audience member Jean Rakich said a tree in memory of the late Marilyn Bickel has been purchased by the ladies walking group to which Bickel belonged, and was planted in the park.

Norris would eventually be stationed in England, where she was was assigned to the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Air Force, which was flying B-24 bombers in missions over Germany.

Norris noted that the "media was not kind to us (WACs)," and answered several student questions about her service and most prominent memories.

The school's ceremonies, held in the high school auditorium, were organized by teacher Ashli Faulkner and opened and closed by members of the Culver VFW Post and Monterey American Legion. The school band played a patriotic tribute to each branch of the US Armed forces (as well as The National Anthem) and the choir sang, "In Flanders Fields," as part of the program.


A would-be donor offering to pay for winter-time placement of a portable bathroom in the west end of the park will be contacted, agreed the board, to see if she still prefers to donate the funds even though the board has opted to pay them instead.

Hayden said Susie Mahler of Culver expressed concern that the portable restroom available during the non-winter months not be removed for those using the park during the off-season. Board members felt that keeping the restroom there was, indeed, worthwhile and the park should pay for doing so.

Hayden also reported the ice skating rink is hoped to be installed on the west end of the park by Thanksgiving. He also said a sculptor moving to Culver has expressed interest in temporary use of the lower level of hold classes and do his own artwork there.

The board voted to accept a donation from the Kearns family of new chairs for board members.

Audience member Bill Furry said the Culver Kiwanis Club is contemplating asking permission to use the park and Indian Trails for its 2015 cyclo-cross event, noting the terrain is ideal for the mixed biking and walking/running competition.




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