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In Brief

Culver Mobile Food Pantry today

The Northern Indiana Food Bank will be open in Culver from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, August 20 to host a Mobile Food Pantry at the train station-depot at 615 East Lake Shore Drive (outdoors on the lakefront side). Items offered include fresh produce, grain products, dairy and protein items, on a 'first come, first served' basis for those in the Northern Indiana area in need of food assistance. Those in need are asked to bring bags or boxes to carry items home. All are asked to please spread the word to those in need. The mobile pantry will be in Culver periodically (there is no set schedule at this time). To volunteer for the Mobile Food Pantry please contact Jessye Gilley at jgilley@bgcpoco.org. Those with questions may call 574-232-9986 EXT: 126 or email lypalmer@feedinamerica.org.

Malware removal at Thursday Tech Time

Thursday Tech Time at the Culver Public Library on Aug. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will focus on Advanced Malware Removal. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Library history event rescheduled for Saturday

A program aiming to help attendees discover the intriguing world of Culver one hundred years ago and learn about legendary philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's contribution to the Culver-Union Township Public Library, has been rescheduled for this Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the library, 107 N. Main Street. The program, "A Promising Future: Founding of the Culver City-Union Township Public Library, 1915," will be presented by the library's Jim Faulkner, and is free and open to the public. Contact Accounting Manager, Jim Faulkner at jfaulkner@culver.lib.in.us, or Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

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The sun sets on another Lake Maxinkuckee summer

ABOVE: A spectacular, golden sky highlights the setting sun over part of Lake Maxinkuckee -- in this case 'round Aubbeaubbee Bay (home of Culver Academies), in the vicinity of Culver Summer Schools' Naval Pier. As Culver Community Schoolchildren have already refilled the halls of their respective buildings, and Culver Academies students are returning to campus this week, the news is unavoidable that summer is winding down in the Culver - Lake Maxinkuckee area, even if many readers are determined to squeeze the last of its pleasures out of it while the opportunity lasts.

Dispute over lake view, fence present ordinance interpretation challenges

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The old "good fences make good neighbors" adage seems to be failing one set of Culver residents.

That is, if discussion at the most recent meeting of the Culver town council is any indication, and the complexity of the matter appears to be a case of an unintended legal complication which doesn't lend itself to an easy resolution on the part of local boards and commissions.

At issue is a fence erected along the back yard of a property in the Winfield Street area of Culver. That, in itself, is legal by all accounts. What is not legal, by Culver zoning law, is for a neighbor to erect a fence which blocks the front yard of their neighbors' property.

That's what Arnie and Cathy Kiran of Winfield Street say happened when neighbor Matt Grant erected a fence which blocks their view of Lake Maxinkuckee, onto which their property faces.

The question of whether the property "faces" the lake or is bordered by it to the rear is a crucial one in the debate, and it's made all the more complicated by the most recent assessment of the Kiran property, which the Kirans note saw a dramatic spike in their property taxes based on the fact that their property faces the lake.

In other words, the told the council, they're being taxed as if their home faces the lake, in which case neighbor Grant's fence has been erected in what amounts to the Kirans' front yard, a notion which might not be immediately assumed to all observers due to the irregular layout of the

lots in question.

Arnie Kiran also told the council he wished Grant would have spoken to his family about any issues, prior to erecting the fence. He also expressed some frustration that Culver building inspector Russ Mason didn't speak to the Kirans once Mason knew the fence was forthcoming.

"The east side of my house is being assessed as 'lake front,'" said Kiran, "but his fence is in his front yard, in my way."

The fence in question is along the west and south border of the Grant property, said town manager Jonathan Leist.

Culver plan commission president Barry McManaway, in the audience, noted that a fence application coming through the proper channels would have raised no eyebrows or concerns on the part of the plan commission or any other town governmental entity, since the fence was located along Grant's back yard, and conformed to ordinance.

Council president Ginny Munroe suggested the matter should be taken up with the plan commission, though another neighbor, Cory Frank, said he'd done just that and was told by the commission that nothing could be done.

"That's why we're here tonight," he added.

McManaway said the conflict is difficult to navigate.

"He has a right to put a fence in his back yard and you have a right not to have a fence in your front yard. That's the way everything is written now."

Town attorney Jim Clevenger,

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Town committee aims to address affordable housing

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If there's one topic in Culver to which conversations circle back again and again, in any discussion of the community's needs, future, and concerns, it's that of "affordable" housing.

What exactly constitutes "affordable," of course, is a matter of debate, but the issue ties into everything from the future of Culver's public school system to employment matters, to the preponderance of "dark" houses on the town's streets outside Culver's busy summer months.

To an extent it's a classic case of supply and demand and Culver being a victim of its own success. As lakefront land prices soar and the town of Culver proper continues to improve itself (and some assert the addition of pier slip rentals in the town park has only increased the desirability of "town" living as a form of "lake" lifestyle), property within the town of Culver is at least perceived as more valuable, and is snatched up by buyers who purchase Culver homes as secondary, "vacation" abodes.

Many argue all of this makes it difficult for those working within the community daily to afford to live within it, and particularly squeezes out the young families which will help sustain the public school system and continue Culver's localized, "all ages" cultural legacy.

Affordable -- or as it's become more officially known, "entry level" housing -- was one of the matters deemed most pressing in Culver's comprehensive plan, which was officially adopted by the town last year, thus allowing the town council to take more formal steps to address the issue.

That effort took form earlier this year as Culver's entry-level housing committee, just about the time current town manager Jonathan Leist was coming on board here, and the group has been meeting regularly since, its most recent meeting having been August 6.

Culver's entry-level housing committee members include, besides Leist himself, Ginny Munroe and Sally Ricciardi of the town council, Culver plan commission president

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'Save Our Tree' campaign in home stretch, seeks donations

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The effort to save an historic mulberry tree in Culver's town park, which began earlier this summer after the tree had been planned for removal, may now be in the home stretch, but organizers are seeking the final few thousand dollars needed to erect a fence around the tree as required by the Culver park board.

According to Ruth Tamminga, lead organizer in an endeavor which has come to be known locally as "Save Our Tree," says that an official price tag has been applied to the fencing planned to surround the tree, which the park board says will satisfy its safety concerns in light of some deterioration of the more than 100-year old tree.

That price tag turns out to be considerably lower -- at \$4,000 in-

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Monterey Days festival returns Labor Day wkd

The annual Monterey Days festival, in its 18th year of existence, will return over Labor Day weekend, with its array of popular offerings back once again on the schedule.

Some highlights of the festival, whose theme this year is "Your Window to the World" in honor of the Monterey-Tippecanoe Twp. Public Library (which is also the parade mar-

shal Saturday afternoon), include Friday evening's Mr. and Miss Monterey Days pageant; Saturday's town-wide yard sales, free carnival rides, kids' painting class, and ever-popular parade; Sunday's games and face painting, free all-ages movie in the park, and live music throughout the weekend; and Monday's car show and longstanding American Legion ox roast

and duck race. Following is a complete schedule, and updates are available online at facebook.com/MontereyDaysFestival.

Friday, September 4

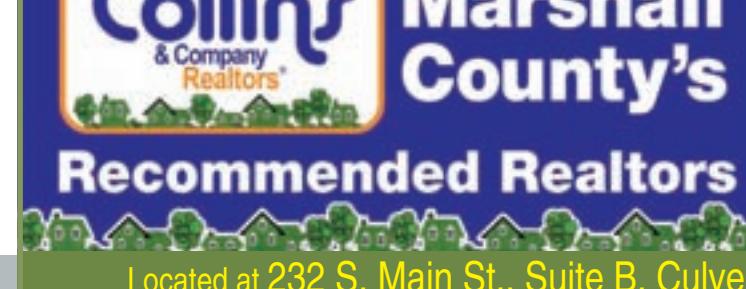
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'Lone Survivor' Navy SEAL Luttrell visits ND team at Culver Academies

The University of Notre Dame football team bid Culver Academies farewell last week after much fanfare throughout their second consecutive training camp at Culver over the course of the week prior. That fanfare increased Aug. 10 with a previously unannounced visit to the Academies campus from former Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell.

In 2005, Luttrell was a part of a four-man SEAL team which encountered Taliban forces in Afghanistan during Operation Red Wing.

Luttrell, the only SEAL to survive the battle, escaped the country with the help of a local tribe, eventually receiving the Navy Cross in honor of his service. The 2007 book and film, "Lone Survivor" (Mark Wahlberg played Luttrell in the movie) told the story.

Luttrell spoke to the Notre Dame team during a practice break, and was given a hero's welcome by the team and others present.

ESPN's GameDay show also spent part of a day last week on the Academies' campus, producing various spots for the program which are available via the GameDay Facebook page.

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cluding not only fencing but mulching and landscaping within the fence -- than the \$8,000 originally estimated.

Four vendors were contacted by the informal committee which has been meeting each Wednesday evening at the beach lodge regarding the tree, and a bid submitted by Lee Swihart of All Star Builders of Rochester was accepted. The fence is planned to be four feet high and approximately 112 feet in length.

Rather than actual wrought iron, as originally proposed (and of course as would be considerably more expensive), the fence will be black powder coated aluminum.

The tree can be seen in late 19th century photographs of the town park, adjacent to what was then the Culver train depot (that structure burned in 1920, with the 1925, present-day brick depot located some distance west of the original). Concerns over safety prompted a vote earlier this year by the park board to cut the tree down, which in turn led to the present effort.

Those wishing to donate to the "Save Our Tree" effort may write checks payable to "Culver Town Park Gift Fund – Save Our Tree," and mail to Save Our Tree, c/o Culver Park, PO Box 189, Culver, IN 46511, or drop them off at the Culver town hall on Washington Street.

Those wishing to donate via credit card may do so by way of an online GoFundMe account at de.gofund.me/zb7y4j8.

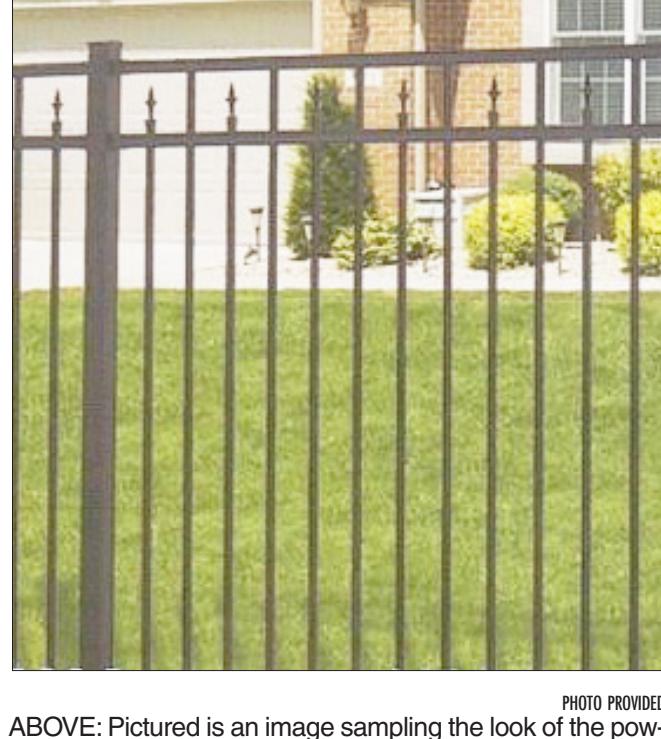


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ABOVE: Pictured is an image sampling the look of the powder coated aluminum fence planned to surround the historic mulberry tree in Culver's town park.

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Golf Guide



Is Golf causing lower back pain?

Brian Natzel
PGA Director of Instruction
The Golf Academy at Swan Lake Resort

Are the mechanics of your golf swing potentially causing lower back pain and uncomfortable disk pressure? Do you want to play 18 holes, but can only tolerate playing 9 holes or less? Is there a simple fix that could potentially get rid of this bothersome

and nagging problem? Just maybe, and for some, the answer is a resounding "Yes!"

One swing characteristic that we commonly come across with many of our students at the Golf Academy of Swan Lake Resort is "Reverse Spine Angle." This characteristic of swing mechanics is the leading flaw causing lower back pain. It is fairly simple to diagnose and actually quite easy to

fix. An easy fix in the golf swing....that's a welcome surprise!

If you have ever experienced lower back pain from playing golf, would like to prevent ever having back issues arise, and would like to increase the years that you can play this great game, please give this some consideration.

How does one determine if a "Reverse Spine Angle" is even an issue? Easy! Record your golf swing with mid iron, preferably a 7 or 6 iron from a face to face position with a camera. Then compare your swing to this video. <http://www.mytpi.com/improve-my-game/swing-characteristics/reverse-spine-angle-v2>

If you have determined that you in fact do have a "Reverse Spine Angle," please contact a PGA Professional, one that is preferably TPI (Titleist Performance Institute) Certified to help fix this sensitive issue and improve your golf

swing mechanics.

Remember, your golf swing mechanics may or may not be the underlying issue. Physical fitness, therapy, or medical expertise may be needed as well. A TPI Certified Professional (whether a golf professional, physical fitness trainer, therapist, or doctor) can help each individual find the appropriate avenues to provide relief.

At the Golf Academy at Swan Lake Resort, Brian Natzel is our Director of Instruction and TPI Certified Professional. We often evaluate students' physical abilities by putting them through a physical screening. We also check for swing characteristics that can cause bad golf shots as well as look for movements that can be hard on the body. Our service is called a "Full Evaluation Lesson." If your experience lower back pain from playing golf, this may be a good place to start.

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Obituary

Donald H. Hirsch

Dec. 23, 1941 - Aug. 15, 2015

MONTEREY — Donald H. Hirsch, 73, Monterey, passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, in the University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.

He was born Dec. 23, 1941, in Chicago, Ill., to Edwin and Rose (Jackel) Hirsch.

Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching NASCAR, and watching sports. He also loved riding his motorcycle, spending time with family, gardening, and traveling. Don was an avid carpenter and remodeled and built many homes over the years.

He was a resident of Lake Bruce and Monterey for the past 25 years and formerly resided in Wheatfield.

Don was a longtime member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, owned the Lake Bruce Resort for many years. He was currently a school bus driver for the Culver Community Schools, and formerly with the Kankakee Valley and Winamac Community Schools. He especially enjoyed driving the wrestling and basketball teams and watching their matches and

games. He also enjoyed driving students on field trips and was always eager to drive whenever he was asked.

Survivors include: Christine Burzynski, Monterey, Beloved Long-time Companion

Donald E. Hirsch, Madison, Wis. Son

Rebecca G. (Rob) Kolanowski, Plant City, Fla. Daughter

Joseph R. (Tina) Hirsch, Kewanna Son

Timothy D. (Wendy Shepherd) Hirsch, Kewan-na, Son

Allen Smith, Hammond Son

Donald Smith, Watseka, Ill. Son

Amanda Hirsch, Granddaughter

Alex Hirsch, Grandson Matt Hirsch, Grandson Jake Hirsch, Grandson Damon (Destinie) Kolanowski, Grandson Sean Kolanowski, Grandson Noah Kolanowski, Great-Grandson

Gerald (Joyce) Hirsch, Fishers Brother

Dale (Connie) Hirsch, Crown Point Brother

Sandy Hirsch, Valparaiso Sister-in-law Patricia Hirsch, Former Wife

Preceded in death by: Edwin Hirsch, Father Rose Jackel Hirsch, Mother

Gene Hirsch, Brother

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, with Rev. Bert Woolson officiating.

Burial will take place in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. EDT Friday, Aug. 21, 2015 at Fraim Mortuary, Winamac.

Memorial Contributions may be given to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

A Scriptural Wake Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fraim Mortuary, Winamac.

Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at www.fraimmortuary.com

Culver resident opens new resale shop in Argos

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Trip to Argos yields more than might be expected

A Culver resident is launching a new business in nearby Argos, and a grand opening is slated for this Saturday.

Cheryl Smith, of Culver, says she and business partner Maria Humphries of Plymouth met online a few years ago, "doing what we do best: selling lightly used quality items for a fraction of the retail price.

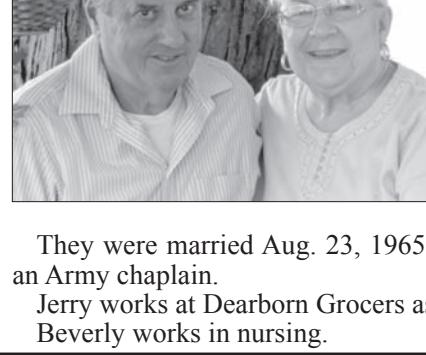
"When we began communicating about our love of thrifting," adds Smith, "we expressed that we wanted to expand into a store front. That's when it all started. We began searching for an affordable space when we came across a couple of store fronts in Argos. We inquired and found Argos is working hard at revitalization. We decided we wanted to be a part of that. Everyone has been very welcoming, helpful, and wonderful to work with."

ReSale 101, the resultant business, was created a couple of months ago. Smith says it will carry a variety of items from home decor, furniture, clothing, accessories, vintage, tools and "whatever comes our way!"

"We are especially excited to offer a seasonal vegetable stand," notes Smith, adding, "We're starting out small but have hopes to expand, possibly offering consignments and limited booth rental spaces. We believe in small town business and have faith in our communities to support that."

ReSale101 will hold its grand opening this Saturday, Aug. 22. The ongoing

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50th anniversary - Pinder

Jerry and Beverly Pinder of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at their home, 12375 Peach Road, Plymouth.

They were married Aug. 23, 1965 at Fort Dix, N.J. by an Army chaplain.

Jerry works at Dearborn Grocers as a warehouse man. Beverly works in nursing.

Briefs from page 1**Special BOGO book sale Saturday**

The next iteration of the Friends of the Culver Public Library book sales -- which take place in the lower-level Carnegie Room -- will take place on Aug. 22, are special "buy one, get one free" events. Book sales take place every Saturday 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. through August 29.

Community invited to Geiselman 90th Saturday

Jeanette Geiselman will be honored on her 90th birthday with an open house at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 North Plymouth Street in Culver, on Sat., Aug. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Cards are fine, but no gifts requested. The community is invited.

Blessings in a Backpack 'Prom' fund-raiser Saturday

A Marshall County "Second Chance Prom" aims to "Unmask Hunger in Marshall County" on Aug. 22, from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Christo's Banquet Hall in Plymouth, with funds going to Blessings in a Backpack, a program aimed at providing food for Marshall County school children in need during weekends, when school lunches are not available. Blessings operates in Culver, among other Marshall County communities. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., and there is a cash bar. There is a masquerade theme, and the event is for age 21 and over only. Formal wear is required; mask is optional.

Town council meeting date changed

The Town Council will meet for their regular meeting Monday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. instead of Tuesday, August 25.

Adult Coloring series at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library is beginning an Adult Coloring Series Wed., Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m. The library is providing the coloring sheets and colors, but attendees may feel free to bring their own. More sessions may be added, based on participant feedback. This program is free and open to the public.

Blood drive Aug. 27 at CCHS

The American Red Cross urges blood donors to give in the final weeks of summer to help prevent a blood shortage. Upcoming blood donation opportunities include Thurs., Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Culver Comm. High School, 701 School St. in Culver.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Benefit, fund-raising site for shooting victim

A benefit event and Gofundme online fund-raiser have been organized for a Culver woman who was shot Aug. 1 in an alleged domestic violence incident in her home. The benefit event to assist the family of Melanie Greer, who was allegedly shot by her estranged husband at her home in rural Culver, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, from 4 to 11:30 p.m. at the Knox VFW Post on State Road 35 (Heaton Street), in Knox. Tickets to the event are \$9, or \$6 for children 12 and under (children 5 and under are free). Those with questions may call 219-508-8892 or 574-207-5139. In addition, an online fund-raising page has been set up for Melanie Greer at www.gofundme.com.

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Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. in August. Classes include Computer Security (Aug. 21), and Smartphone at Tablet Training (Aug. 24 and 28). Laptops are available, or feel free to bring your own.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

L'Max Film Fest Labor Day wknd

The Lake Maxinkuckee "Gift of Warmth" Film Festival will return over Labor Day weekend, combining Friday evening's annual fund-raising event with Saturday's evening of activities, including a movie on the big screen in the park. The entrance "fee" is gently used items of clothing and financial contributions to help children in need families in the Culver area stay warm this winter. Details as to the schedule of events for the festival will appear closer to the event itself, in The Culver Citizen.

St. Mary's CCD registration open

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver is now starting enrollment for CCD classes for grades K-8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration will take place at the church office located at 124 College Ave, Culver. Classes begin on Sept. 9. Those with questions may contact Donna McKee at 574-842-3667 or email dmckee@stmaryculver.org.

Blessings in a Backpack seeks donations

The Culver Blessings in a Backpack program, a not-for-profit which packs food for children to send home on Fridays to ensure nutritious meals are available during the weekend for those youngsters identified by the school as most in need, is seeking donations to support the program.

Financial contributions may be made online at blessingsinabackpack.org (click the tab that says DONATE and be sure to designate Culver Elementary School online or on your check, which should be made payable to Blessings in a Backpack. Checks may be mailed to Dianne Johnson, 306 N Ohio St, Culver IN 46511. The cost to support a student for a full year is \$80 per student, and 100 percent of each donation goes toward food purchase. Any questions may be directed to Dianne Johnson at 812-699-1099 or captianne@att.net.

'Wednesday Weeds'**group meets at park**

Wanted: Wednesday Weeds! A volunteer group will meet at the lighthouse in the Culver town park on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and pull weeds around the park for an hour a week, or more depending on what the group decides. All are welcome to meet and assist.

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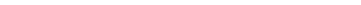
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Five decades of Culver Citizen newspapers online

Newspapers.com in cooperation with the Indiana State Library's Hoosier State Chronicles Digital Historic Newspaper program is posting some 50 years worth of previously unavailable issues of the Culver Citizen newspaper, fully search-able and browse-able for any resident of the state of Indiana. The collection may be accessed by visiting the Indiana INSPIRE database (inspire.in.gov) and clicking the "Search additional newspapers in Newspapers.com" text under the Hoosier State Chronicles logo at the right-hand side of the page.

Wesley Preschool accepting apps

Wesley Preschool is accepting registration forms for the 2015-16 school year. The 3-year-old class, at \$95 per month, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 4-year-old class, at \$110 per month, meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Classes are held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the preschool. Registration forms can also be downloaded from www.culverumc.com/preschool.

Culver Farmers Market

The Culver Farmers' Market is now open at the northwest corner of Ohio and Jefferson Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). The market will operate into October on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Interested vendors please call at 574-842-2648 (ask for Barb). The Culver Chamber of Commerce sponsors the market.

Rarities on exhibit at Academies gallery

A page from the first book printed on the printing press is among a wide array of pieces exhibited at the Crisp Visual Art Center on Culver Academies' campus through June. Several diverse exhibits include works around the themes *Landscapes*, *ART/WORD*, and *Culver Connections*, respectively. The Galleries at the Crisp Visual Art Center are open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment at 574-842-8278.

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An abundance of squash

After years of tending a vegetable garden, I've contented myself with planting flowers and potting up an occasional cherry tomato plant. Our little lot is barely an eighth of an acre — not much room for delusions of garden grandeur.

This year, however, I had a sudden urge to plant zucchini.



HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

Silly me: I forgot that annual veggies usually come in packs of four. So I planted all four. Why not? Between the small space, the tricky summer weather, the rocky soil, and the squash vine borers, I wouldn't see much fruit, anyway.

I was wrong.

There are currently five zucchini on my kitchen countertop, in varying degrees of enormity. The longest one is longer than my first-born was when she entered the world at 19 1/2 inches. I swear, I just turned my back for a second; it wasn't this big a few days ago. We've been brainstorming ideas for this squash, since it's probably too seedy to cook: Baseball bat? Doorstop? Dugout canoe?

So far we've roasted zucchini, fried zucchini, tucked them into omelets and casseroles, grated them for cakes and breads, and presented them as gifts. If I lived in the country, I would probably resort to hurling them over the fence or feeding them to livestock. I live on Main Street, though, and I am determined to make the most of my harvest.

Here are two easy zucchini recipes I discovered recently that are just different enough to stretch out this summer staple a few weeks longer.

Zucchini Butter (or Marmalade)

2 pounds zucchini

1/4 cup olive oil or butter

2 minced shallots, garlic, or combination of both

Salt and pepper

Coarsely grate the zucchini, then drain in a colander for a few minutes. In a deep skillet, heat the olive oil/butter and sauté the shallots briefly. Add the zucchini and toss. Cook and stir over medium to medium-high heat until the zucchini reaches a spreadable consistency. The zucchini will hold its bright green color and slowly caramelized into a nice vegetable jam. Enjoy on toast or as a side dish all summer long! (Source: www.jenniecooks.com)

Thai Green Curry

1 tablespoon vegetable or peanut oil

2 to 4 ounces Thai green curry paste (available at specialty grocery stores – use less if you don't like hot curry!)

2 13 1/2 ounce cans coconut milk

1 1/2 pounds chicken, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 pound zucchini, cut into thick half-moons

Fish sauce, to taste (also available at specialty grocery stores – worth the trip!)

Sugar, to taste,

Soy sauce, to taste

Heat the oil in a 4-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the curry paste. Fry the paste for 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Watch for sputters! Slowly stir in half the coconut milk. Add the chicken pieces and stir to combine. Add the rest of the coconut milk, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through. Add the zucchini and simmer just until tender. Taste and adjust seasonings with fish sauce, sugar, and soy sauce until it is balanced enough for your tastes. Serve with rice or rice noodles. This keeps well for up to 5 days in the fridge. (Source: www.thekitchn.com).

Enjoy! I'm off to float the Yellow River in my dugout canoe...

Marianne Peters is a writer, environmental educator, and director of the Marshall County Solid Waste Management District.

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By Jeff Kenney

It's a bit ironic that this week's "If these walls could talk" entry arrives in the same edition of the Citizen as a lead story on the latest efforts towards "affordable housing" in Culver, since this week's focus is on two Forest Place apartment complexes aimed at providing just that, representing some of the few multi-apartment structures in town (one of the others, and the earliest still standing, by the way, is the Pearl Street complex behind the movie theater building, that complex having come into being after the White Swan floating dance hall was removed from the lake in 1905 and used as the core structure for the apartment building).

As readers may recall, our most recent "virtual" journeys through the history of the buildings of the Culver area has taken us west along Academy Road, and this week we're detouring north onto Forest Place.

The Plaza Apartments, located just southwest of today's Park N Shop, began to take shape in 1978, according to The Culver Citizen, which reported a 20-unit Farmers Home Administration-financed project slated to begin Oct. 1 of 1979. The plan was that of developer Jim Locker of Lakeville along with Tom and Tony Sell of Bourbon and Tom Flatt of Mishawaka.

Rezoning for the project had been approved by the Culver plan commission and town board in July of '78, and part of the preparation for it included paving Forest Place north from Academy Road (it was noted that the driveway leading west from what was then Alford's IGA store -- today's Park N Shop -- would also provide access for emergency vehicles).

The 20 apartments would be housed in two buildings on the half-acre site, with a community building alongside for laundry, a meeting room, and the manager's office.

In the summer of 1979, the Citizen reported 16 one-bedroom apartments would rent for about \$158 per month, and two-bedroom units for \$185 per month, with utilities at an additional \$28 to \$31 per month.

"Persons of all ages can rent the apartments planned for



The Forest Place senior apartments

Culver," reported the Citizen. "The purpose of the FmHA program is to provide housing for 'low-to-moderate' income families in rural areas. Tenants who would have to pay more than 20 percent of their income for rent will be eligible for the federal rent subsidy program," with up to eight of the apartments eligible for such subsidies.

It's interesting to note a similar project was proposed for development in Bourbon, Ind., at the same time, but was denied "due to substantial community opposition."

Also interesting is Locker's comment that he and his partners had a total of three acres in Culver rezoned for apartments and that they planned to build more apartments adjacent, a plan which of course never came to fruition.

That may relate to the note in the Citizen that the FmHa up to that point had only agreed to finance the already-planned units.

While added Plaza units may not have happened, what did come to fruition some ten years later were the Forest Place Senior Apartments, which opened just west of the Plaza Apartments, in 1990.

With a total of 24 single-story, "senior-friendly" units in three separate structures with additional community room and laundry center, the "Low Income Housing" project aiming to give Culver-area seniors (which is to say, age 62 and over, according to the apartments' website at forestplaceapts.com) an affordable, yet clean and safe option (which also allows pets) for residence seems to have succeeded handily.

A similar project in town was added a few years ago in the form of Culver's Garden Court senior living project, on South Main Street (and so on the opposite end of town from our current historical focus), and it will be interesting to see what develops from the efforts of the Town of Culver to secure more "entry level" dwellings in the area, even if nowadays that effort is a response to an unprecedented change in the real estate market absent in the days of those earlier Forest Place endeavors.

Task force results announced

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MARSHALL COUNTY — Marshall County Prosecuting Attorney Nelson Chipman, along with Patrolman Troy Ulch of the Culver Police Department, and head of the Marshall County DUI Task Force, announced today the results of the Sobriety Checkpoint conducted on Friday, July 31.

The checkpoint was conducted in the southbound lane on North Oak Road in Plymouth and ran from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. One hundred forty vehicles went through the checkpoint, while hundreds more were allowed to continue on without interference.

In general, the method consisted of directing three vehicles into a commercial parking lot to speak with the driver and ask for a license and registration. The objective was to conduct the check for no longer than two minutes; most interactions took far less time than two minutes. If all was in order, the person was directed to continue on through the parking lot back to Oak Road. While the three vehicles were in the checkpoint station, literally dozens of other vehicles continued on their way. Once the three vehicles had exited the checkpoint, then the next three vehicles were directed into the checkpoint.

During the three hour operation, one person was arrested for Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated by an illegal substance; one person was arrested for Driving with a Suspended License; and three warning tickets were issued (one for a headlight being out, and two for expired license plates.)

The Marshall County DUI Task Force is comprised of officers from the Marshall County Police Departments, and the police departments of Bremen, Bourbon, Culver and Plymouth. Also assisting at the scene of the checkpoint was an officer from Mishawaka Police Department, the Marshall County Prosecutor's Office, and Lyons Towing.

Chipman said, "One DUI is one too many. The arrest for being under the influence of an illegal substance is probably more reflective of today's society than anything else. It is impressive though that no alcohol was detected at the checkpoint for those three high traffic hours on a main street of Plymouth."

Said Patrolman Ulch, "A lot of preparation and training went into planning this checkpoint. I am grateful for the assistance rendered by officers throughout the county willing to go out of their normal routine and conduct a professional and as non-intrusive checkpoint as the law requires."

Chipman also praised and thanked the officers involved

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2015 CULVER FOOTBALL PREVIEW

CMA's youth is strength in '15, says Dorrel

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — A lot of coaches might view inexperience as a weakness. Not Culver Military Academy head coach Andy Dorrel, though.

Where others might see only negatives, the 18th year CMA skipper sees the bright side in this year's young lineup.

"I think our strength is we're young," said Dorrel.

"We're a young team, and with that they're working really hard, they don't have any preconceived expectations of what we've done in the past, and we've really worked hard to create a fresh experience for the guys in football so it's not like we've done in the past. This year's new. This

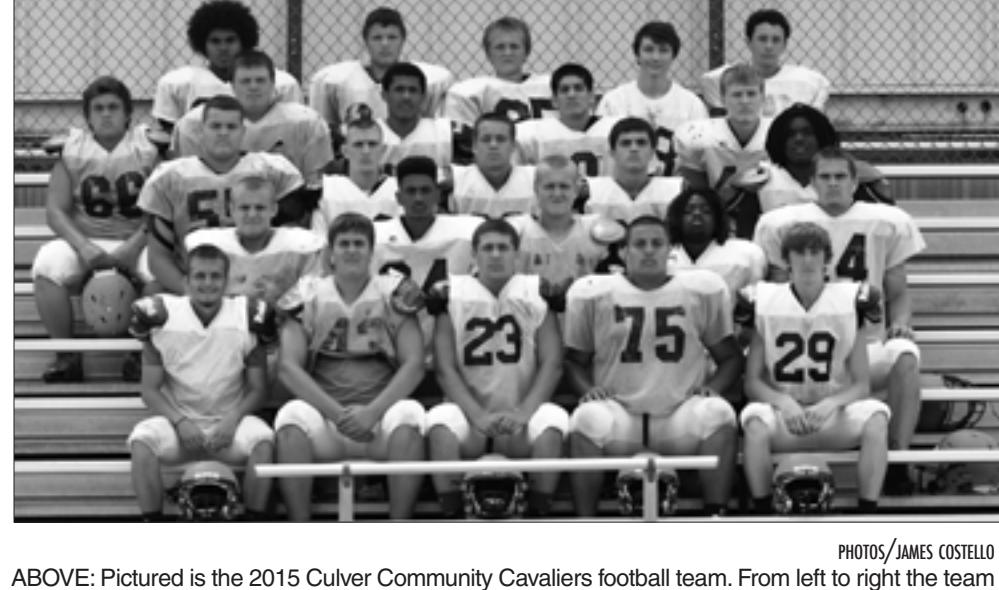
year we're trying to create a model that's unique and their own so then they're building upon establishing a culture that they really believe in and want to be part of. As awkward as it might sound, our youth is going to be part of our strength because the kids are really working hard in practice, and we're really pleased at how they're working to excel."

Of course, the Eagles' roster isn't all new. There are plenty of key returners from last season's 4-7 campaign to help the team's youngsters meet their learning curve.

The team's senior holdovers include slot receiver/safety Ryan Hallenbeck, who came down with five touchdown receptions last

year, as well as right guard/defensive tackle Simon Griffith, who brings both strength and leadership to this year's squad, defensive end/tight end Matt Schmidt, who will lend his explosiveness to the Eagles' lines, X receiver/outside linebacker Ross Thompson, who should be poised for a breakout season, returning starter Vince Reynolds at right tackle and D-line and explosive slotback and kick returner David Pumarejo. Also back is gritty multi-purpose player Zach Moffett, who is ready to make an impact after being sidelined with an injury in CMA's preseason scrimmage last year. Moffett will man the tailback and outside linebacker positions, and he's also one of three

Cavaliers hoping to take a big step forward



PHOTOS/JAMES COSTELLO

ABOVE: Pictured is the 2015 Culver Community Cavaliers football team. From left to right the team is, front row: Westin Bush, Tristan Schultz, Everett Krueger, Sam Castaneda, Austin Bailey; second row: Russel Temme, Nate Carnegie Jr., Chris Zehner, Troy Bolds, Josh Krsek; third row: Marcellus Anderson, Ben Meyers, Lance Beaver, Tyler Hansel, Alecks McBee; fourth row: Noah King, James Fagan, Kia Riale, Ethan Schuman, Cody Russell; fifth row: Alex Steagell, Dalton Reinhold, Brandon Jones, Brandon Jolly, Kaleb Jones. Not pictured is Jeremiah McCarthy.

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — It's Darren Rodriguez's second year at the helm of Culver Community, and after last year's transition period, the Cavaliers head coach is hoping to take a big step in 2015.

The Cavs finished 2-8 last season, the third straight year the team had registered a losing record, and Rodriguez is hoping to snap that streak. This year he says his goal is to finish .500 or better.

"We want to win five to six games. I've told our kids, any year you come into a season, your goal is to be .500 or better," said Rodriguez. "For us, we're going to have to try to win five games. We want to try to get off the past three losing seasons in a row. We want to change that. We want to build a program going in the right direction, and it starts this year. We really feel like we can win five games and hopefully become a .500 ball team."

Helping accomplish that goal is a mixture of returning talent.

Up front, senior offensive tackle Tristan Schultz brings leadership to the offensive line, while sophomores Alecks McBee, a right guard, Marcellus Anderson, a right tackle, and James Fagan, a center, all bring back experience from the 2014 campaign. At the skilled positions, former fullback Everett Krueger makes the move to quarterback in his senior season taking over for graduate Preston Hansel, while junior Josh Krsek moves from the O-line to fullback in Krueger's place. Senior Westin Bush, junior Troy Bolds and sophomores Ben Myers and Kia Riale will all rotate in at wingback, splitting carries with Krsek and one another. Sophomore Cody Russell returns at tight end and brings

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ABOVE: Pictured are the 2015 Culver Military Academy Eagles. From left to right, they are first row: David Pumarejo, Patrick Kelly, Zach Moffett, Ross Thompson, Matt Schmidt, Ryan Hallenbeck, Vince Reynolds, Joe Roesler, Simon Griffith, Brent Raver, Misikupa Sele; second row: Mike Bocker, Mark Ferrino, Carson Bellman, Tommy Pohlhamus, Connor Capino, Jake Young, Anthony Crouthamel, Alex Moser, Ben Snyder, Jake Rich, Jake Rogers; third row: Cale Hensley, Colt Hensley, Ethan Hennessey, Alex Spiros, John Houston, Bill Kuhl, Cade Zrelak, Andrew Griffith, Wills Hetzel, Sebastian Hernandez, Aaron Brooke; fourth row: Ethan Tinsley, Trent Lipsett, Chase Frantii, Alec Stathakis, Evan Neher, Emett King, Angelo Pecorelli.

Eagles currently competing for the starting quarterback spot.

A trio of juniors also makes its return in tailback/middle linebacker Jake Young, who Dorrel says has both "great tenacity" and a nose for the football, center/defensive lineman Ben Snyder, and X receiver/cornerback Alex Moser.

A glimpse at the Eagles' brightest incoming talent highlights slotback/defense back Jake Rodgers, slotback/cornerback Connor Caponi, and Carson Bellman and Mi-

chael Bocker, both of whom are vying with Moffet for chief signal caller duties.

"Our quarterback position, we're confident one of those three will emerge as a starting quarterback, but we also may have a two-quarterback system," explained Dorrel. "We're not afraid to do that, and we're going to try to put our young men in the best opportunity to be successful."

In order to help compensate for the youth of this year's lineup, Dorrel is keeping the focus on fundamentals. Last season, Dorrel and his staff introduced the phrase "execute excellence" as the team motto, and they're sticking with that keep-it-simple philosophy once more this year. Especially at the high school level, a bigger playbook doesn't always yield better results, so the Eagles are emphasizing the details.

"We've really tried to simplify on the offensive side of the ball so we can execute at a higher level," Dorrel said. "We think if we can just focus on the details and really execute at a higher level we're going to be successful. Every coach says that — you know, it's all about execution, but that's a point that we are really hammering on this year with our difference in snap counts and our stems on defense and our checks and things like that. We're really trying to make sure that we execute at a really high level and take

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CMA EAGLES SCHEDULE

Coach: Andy Dorrel, 95-88 in 18th year at school

Aug. 21	Tippecanoe Valley {3A}	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	at Indianapolis Marshall {3A}	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 4	Barrien Springs (Mich.)	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 11	at Western {4A}	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 18	Brebeuf Jesuit {3A}	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 25	Hamilton Heights {3A}	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Indianapolis Howe {2A}	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	South Bend St. Joseph {4A}	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Bremen {2A}	7:30 p.m.

CULVER COMM. CAVALIERS SCHEDULE

Coach: Darren Rodriguez, 2-8 in 2nd year at school, 34-41 in 8th year overall

Aug. 21	North Judson {1A}‡	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	at South Central (Union Mills) {1A}‡	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 4	at Winamac {2A}‡	7 p.m.
Sep. 11	at West Central {1A}‡	7 p.m.
Sep. 18	Triton {1A}‡	7 p.m.
Sep. 25	Knox {2A}‡	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Caston {1A}‡	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Pioneer {1A}‡	7 p.m.
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E. coli spreads close to home

By Shawn McGrath
Staff writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Marshall County is one of three area counties being investigated by the Indiana State Department of Health after three people were reportedly sickened by E. coli infection.

The cases are among a total of six illnesses, including one death, currently being investigated, according to the ISDH. Along with Marshall, the ISDH is working with public health officials in Fulton and Wabash counties to determine the cause of illness in the three other individuals. The ISDH is also monitoring to monitor for illness in family members or others who may have been in contact with all six individuals who became ill.

"Our hearts go out to the

family who lost a loved one to illness," Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Jerome Adams said in a news release issued Friday. "Nothing can ease the pain of the family's loss. We are working diligently to gather information about illness that may be connected to this outbreak so we can prevent others from getting sick."

The ISDH has not identified the person fatally sickened by E. coli, but South Bend television station ABC57 has reported that it was a 9-year-old girl in Rochester.

"E. coli infection is a contagious illness that is spread through contact with feces. While most people with this infection fully recover, some can develop serious complications," Adams said. "We

are working closely with the local health departments, patients, and their families to identify potential sources of exposure so we can stop the spread of this illness and prevent additional infections."

E. coli can be found in healthy animals, such as cattle, sheep and goats. People become infected through contact with colonized animals or infected people, or food and water contaminated with infected animal or human feces. Once infected, people shed the bacteria in their stool, which can spread the illness. Symptoms of infection include abdominal cramping, diarrhea, vomiting, and sometimes bloody stool, according to the ISDH. Symptoms usually begin

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PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

CMA, Plymouth scrimmage

ABOVE: A scene from Friday's Plymouth-CMA football scrimmage at Plymouth. Here, CMA's Michael Bocker finds a hole while Plymouth's and CMA's lines clash around him.

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advantage of the intelligent young men that we get the opportunity to coach and using their brain as much as their physical ability."

While the Eagles' approach isn't anything new, this year's CMA squad will give opponents a little different look on both sides of the ball.

The Eagles may be young, but they're fast. And Dorrel hopes to utilize some of that speed to get around the edges of the defense.

"We're going to be more of a jet-based offense. We've always run jet sweep, but we're going to motion almost every play," said Dorrel. "We're always going to have a jet motion and try and stretch the field and take advantage of defenses not being able to adjust to our speed. We've got five or six guys that we'll put at that slot position, so those guys are going to do a lot of running for us. That's one of the biggest

changes on offense, that we're always going to have a manic, full speed motion, jet motion across the formation."

Meanwhile, with the addition of defensive coordinator Sam Maverick to the coaching staff, CMA will run a different defensive scheme this year as well. The Eagles are loading up front and making the switch to the 4-3.

"Defensively, we've got a new defensive coordinator, Sam Maverick. Sam is going to implement a 4-3 based defense, but it's also multiple, so we do have a new defensive scheme that we are implementing," Dorrel said.

Rather than outlining any broad season goals, as usual CMA is taking it one game at a time. Steady, consistent improvement is the main objective, so the Eagles aren't looking a day past Friday's season-opener with visiting Tippecanoe Valley.

"Tippecanoe Valley has a new head coach, and we've got a lot of young men who haven't played a lot of varsity football, so that being the case right now, that's really the only one on our radar," said Dorrel. "After that, we travel to Indy, we host a team from Michigan and then we get into the really, really tough part of our schedule — Western, Brebeuf, Hamilton Heights, South Bend St. Joe, Bremen — so we've got a really tough schedule, and we're just looking forward to trying to be the best that we can and give ourselves the opportunity to have some success in Week 1. Whether that's a win or a loss is to be determined, but yet we know that what we have to do to be where we want to be as far as trying to execute at the level to be successful is our goal for Week 1. It's the only thing that we're concerned about right now."

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good hands, good speed and solid blocking to his position. And at wideout, junior Nate Carnegie and sophomores Lance Beaver, Ethan Shuman and Tyler Hansel will all vie for receiving yards.

Overall it's a young group, but it's one that Rodriguez has confidence in.

"The skilled positions are pretty young, but I think all in all we definitely have some skilled kids that can do some things and we're pretty excited about what they're going to do for us this upcoming season," he said.

Also helping make Culver's prospects brighter this year is the Cavs' entry into the newly-formed Hoosier North Conference.

Culver makes the jump to the HNC alongside fellow former Northern State Conference programs Triton, LaVille and Knox, so those teams are still on the schedule for 2015. But traditionally bigger programs like New Prairie, Jimtown and John Glenn have been removed from the Cavs' plate in the new league, which was formed largely around the idea of greater parity. Of the nine opponents on Culver's regular season schedule this year, seven are fellow Class A schools and the other two are 2A. Looming on Oct. 9 is a match-up with traditional powerhouse and 2014 Class A state runner-up Pioneer, but the Cavs should generally feel more comfortable in their new conference field.

"I think our kids, the conference is definitely something they're excited about," said Rodriguez. "The new conference should be fun from a standpoint of just a competitive balance — not having to play the 4As and the high 3A teams and just coming in every week and having a chance. Now, you've still got to play Pioneer who is a great 1A team. Winamac has done some really great things the last couple years at the 1A level. West Central has had winning seasons. North Judson has a great tradition and great pride in their program. So a lot of teams have come around now and said 'Well hey, this is going to give everybody a chance.' I know every team feels great about their situation coming into the conference, and we're trying to kind of pull back and say well can we play somebody else who can play that position on defense so that we may not have to start the other kid, and he can be a backup and kind of rep in and come in for the other kid and get him a little break here and there," explained Rodriguez. "That's kind of our thought process. That's what we'd like to do. I think right now we have a handful of kids that will play both ways, but we also have a group of kids that will just play one side of the ball. In key situations when we need to get our best 11 kids on the football field we'll do that. That's kind of what as coaches we've kind of put together and tried to look at and see what's best for us."

If the Cavs can improve their winning percentage this year, Rodriguez is hoping the numbers on his roster might also start to improve. He hearkens back to his time as a head coach at West Central. In his first two years at the helm there, the Trojans scuffled to back-to-back one-win

seasons. But from 2010 to 2013, the team recorded four straight winning seasons — including a 10-win campaign in 2012 — and the program's erstwhile coach began to see better turnout at tryouts.

"The numbers game is a huge factor in the season," he said.

"I think every team battles it a little bit. Even when I was at West Central, my first year I think we had 24 kids. As the years kind of went on and as you kind of start winning some games and doing some things, the roster hopefully expands. I think towards the end I had a roster of 35 to almost 40 kids so there are times when it will get bigger, and I think winning can do that."

All in all, it's been a solid start to the season.

While there is a mixture of old and young players, they seem to be gelling well, and Rodriguez says his seniors are doing a good job providing the kind of leadership he wants from them. And after spending a full offseason with his athletes, players now have a greater familiarity with the coach, his methods and his expectations.

"It's definitely been smoother," said Rodriguez of the start to his second year. "Any time you take over a program and you're only there for two months and then you've got to get ready and get into the season, there are a lot of things that kind of have to develop. They've got to get to know me; they've got to get to learn to trust what I'm trying to do. And I've got to get to know them. So I think the whole year of being in the weight room and doing our weight program, which was different than (previous head coach Andy) Thomas' weight program — I'm more of a rep guy to build strength and he was more of a get stronger but more endurance-type strength — I think our kids kind of caught on to those things. I know we've definitely gotten stronger from top to bottom on our roster, and I just think the kids feel more comfortable with the terminology, what we're running, how we're running it. Even though it was pretty much the same style of offense, there were some things that were still different in terms of what we were doing. From that standpoint, I feel that the kids are better at understanding what we're doing and have a better grasp, and hopefully it shows come Friday night."

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The new ReSale 101 shop on Michigan Street in Argos.

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sumed as a "section" of the Argos newspaper for around a year prior to the return of the Citizen in 1978.

Like so many small Indiana communities, Argos has obviously undergone considerable changes in the past half-century, from a bustling town on what had been the only thoroughfare between Indianapolis and Northern Indiana (the Michigan Road, today's Michigan Street in Argos and Plymouth), to a community challenged to redefine itself in the past decade or two as industry moved away or shut down.

Efforts at revitalization have surfaced in Argos within the past few years, including some which won't be visible to the naked eye of Culver visitors to the area (such as development of a "shell building" to entice outside developers, and talk earlier this year towards a possible "solar park" to generate electricity within the community). Some, however, are hard to miss, from the opening of the much-expanded public library on Argos' main drag (in a former department store), to possibly its most remarkable addition, that of a large, diverse and attractive town park.

Add to that park this summer's new addition of a "splash

pad," and Argos is certainly a viable alternative option for Culver families seeking something different for an evening or weekend joint within easy travel distance.

The sprawling Argos park encompasses a large tract of land which includes a 1.3-mile paved pedestrian and bicycle path, a wetlands and pond nature viewing area, two playgrounds (not counting the splash pad) and a warmup-exercise lot, shelters and pavilions, and is contiguous with the town's elementary and high schools, Little League diamonds, and soccer fields. All of this is adjacent to a row along Michigan Street including an ice cream stand, churches, medical facilities, and the like. All of this is not to mention the older municipal park on Argos' south side, which has a different assortment of play equipment for kids.

Among the businesses operating in Argos do include a Do It Best hardware store (an option, in addition to Monterey's hardware, for Culverites not wishing to venture to Plymouth), some "chain" businesses, pub, and of course ReSale 101, to name a few.

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hours for the store will be Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. However, Smith adds,

if the store's proprietors are working outside of these hours, the doors will be open.

A Facebook group, ReSale101,

Argos Indiana, includes updates on open and close times and dates, new item posts, and any public announcement updates.

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however, said the Culver zoning ordinance does allow the plan commission to interpret the ordinance.

Munroe expressed sympathy for Frank and Kiran's dilemmas.

"I think the ordinance is allowing (Grant to erect the fence), but in the meantime it goes against the principle."

McManaway said the plan commission would like to know more than what has been presented to date, adding that the matter will be placed on the agenda for the Aug. 18 plan commission meeting. He also said involving the Board of Zoning Appeals may be the answer to the issue.

Lake Shore Drive sinkhole

In other discussion, Leist, during his town manager's report, said he had been in touch with Phend & Brown, the company that handled last year's storm water project on Lake Shore Drive near the Culver Elementary School, regarding the ongoing problem of a sinkhole in the street at that site. The company, he said, is "questioning their responsibility."

A previous manifestation of the hole appeared during the project's one-year warranty, and the company repaired the problem. The current sinkhole, in the same location, is now outside the project's warranty.

Leist said town utilities manager Bob Porter is calling in Zehner Excavating to do the work, which will be documented and photographed.

"(Porter's) best guess is that maybe they hit a tile, causing everything underneath to drain and create a sinkhole. Our intent would be to force them to pay for the work. Their contention is that it's probably the result of peat and concrete they found as the pipes were being installed originally. They offered to come (repair the sinkhole), but if they found it's not their fault, the town would pay for the work."

Munroe noted no documentation of the aforementioned peat find had been documented by the company during the work stage of the project.

Fire department false alarms

Leist also reported that the Culver Fire Department had three more false alarm calls over the weekend, a follow-up to discussion at the previous meeting of increasing fines for repeated false alarms at the same site, which fire chief Terry Wakefield argued at the time was costly in fuel and other expenses, not to mention time and effort. During that previous meeting, it was suggested that a more recent ordinance than the 1980s one known then, had established higher rates than had been thought.

A 1996 ordinance, he said, fines third-time false alarms at \$100 each. Leist said he and Wakefield were considering \$250 for the third-time offense, \$350 for a fourth time, and \$500 for the fifth.

Noting Culver's EMS and, in in-town cases, police department also answer the false alarms, council member Sally Ricciardi suggested fines collected go into the town's general fund.

A public hearing is planned for Sept. 8 on the matter.

Water project

A contract has been signed by the council and contractors for the water plant and water tower projects slated

for the near future in Culver, noted Clevenger. Foundation work towards a new water tower should be underway by later that week, he said, with Michiana Contracting starting work on the water plant within the next few weeks.

The council suspended the rules and approved on second and third readings an ordinance formally establishing the Culver EMS as a town department.

Other discussion, actions

Leist also discussed the previous week's entry-level housing committee meeting, explaining two developers sent proposals to develop housing in Culver, but only one had many details. He said Culver Academies-owned property north of Culver was still an option for some housing development.

A public hearing is expected Sept. 8 regarding the town's special events policy, said Leist. The draft version includes an option to charge \$10 to \$20 per hour for manpower in assisting in such events such as additional police. The lower amount would apply if the event is a charity event or a non-profit entity is sponsoring it.

Kathy Hart, Culver EMS director, said her department handled 45 emergency calls in July, including eight in the town of Culver, 15 to the township outside of town, eight to Monterey, and 14 to Culver Academies.

The town's oldest ambulance needed air conditioning work and a bracket replacement, at \$710 total, and two batteries at \$200.

On behalf of Culver's park board, audience member Patty Stallings said recent heavy rainfall caused flooding in the bottom level of the park's beach lodge. The board is seeking two bids to "dig down" and repair or replace affected areas. In September, a new product is planned to be applied to coat the deck at the lodge, as well as new safety rails around the deck.

Starting the week of Sept. 16, there will be no lifeguards at the beach due to the lack of availability of students to occupy the guard chairs; concessions and bathrooms will be open, however, said Stall-

New audiology business among Culver native Berger's new adventures

PHOTO PROVIDED

RIGHT: Becky Berger at the home of the new Berger Audiology in Plymouth.



By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Rebecca (Becky) Berger, a familiar face and name in Culver, has had a busy summer this year -- that is, if embarking on a 481-mile bike ride across Iowa and opening her own business in Plymouth count as "busy."

'Biggest party on two wheels'

The former endeavor was a reoccurring event. Berger, the wife of Culver's Easterday Construction owner Kevin Berger, headed out last month on her 13th expedition on RAGBRAI, the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, which has been in existence since 1973 and includes tens of thousands of riders in what has become known as "the biggest party on two wheels."

Berger made the 481 mile trip across Iowa, dipping her rear tire in the Missouri river in Sioux City on the west side of the state and then dipping her front tire in the Mississippi river in Davenport on the east side of the state.

She has been joined on the ride by fellow Culver grad

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ings.

So far this summer, 3,507 children swam at the beach and 5,595 adults, said Stallings, despite the preponderance of rain in the month of June.

Stallings also discussed a sanitary sewer problem at the beach lodge recently, due to the failure of one lift pump in the building and the backup pump not having worked "in years." As a result, temporary portable restrooms were placed near the building and the lodge closed to the public for a time, with a large amount of cleanup necessary afterwards.

Approved was a claim of \$2,405 requested by town clerk Karen Heim for VS Engineering towards the Safe Routes to School grant-funded sidewalk project currently being planned.



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Culver program supports children of active-duty personnel, wounded veterans

By Jon Garrison, Culver Academies Communications

From the solemnity of the Veterans Day and Gold Star ceremonies to the pageantry of the Garrison and Retreat parades, Culver Academies and Culver Summer Schools & Camps have always valued and honored the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

And, while it isn't as visible, the Culver Supporting Our Troops program is one of the strongest commitments. Now in its fifth year, the scholarship program hosted 14 children of active-duty soldiers and wounded veterans during this summer's six-week camp session.

Culver works with several military support organizations, including the Wounded Warrior Project, the Navy SEAL

Foundation, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Combat Casualty Assistance Visiting Nurse Program, and the Yellow Ribbon Fund, to select the campers, Culver's Chief International Officer Tony Giraldi '75 said.

The concept evolved from a 2010 dinner conversation among Giraldi and Oklahoma alumni Jud Little '65 and Whitney Kolb Alvis '96. Little and Alvis have been active supporters of Culver. Both are past presidents of The Culver Legion and now serve on The Culver Educational Foundation's Board of Trustees. Little was just honored as the 2015 Graduate of the Year in May.

Because the deployment of a parent to a combat area can be so difficult on a family, the program is a way of saying

"thank you" for their sacrifices. "The military parents are making a sacrifice, and the children are making an emotional sacrifice," Giraldi explained.

The first Summer Schools & Camps scholarships were given out in 2011. Funding for the program primarily comes from alumni, current and past parents, and friends of Culver. Anyone can donate to Culver Supporting Our Troops, which is part of The Culver Fund, Giraldi explained. And the more donations received means more children will benefit.

And the military families aren't the only ones benefiting from the program, Giraldi said, calling Culver Supporting Our Troops "one of the most satisfying things I have ever done." This story appears courtesy of news.culver.org.

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three to four days after exposure but can appear from one to eight days after exposure.

Symptoms typically last five to 10 days. While most people have mild symptoms and get better on their own, a small number of people will develop severe complications that require hospitalization. Young children and elderly adults are at highest risk for serious illness due to E. coli. In rare cases, individuals infected with E. coli will develop a complication called hemolytic uremic syndrome, or HUS, that can lead to death.

Handwashing is the single best defense against E. coli.

Wash your hands with soap and water after using the restroom, before eating or preparing food, after diapering children, following contact with animals, and after assisting someone who is ill. Adults should supervise children to make sure they are washing their hands properly for at least 20 seconds while using soap and warm water. People should not take food into areas where livestock are housed, such as petting zoos or fairs, and children under age 5 should avoid direct contact with farm animals.

Anyone with confirmed E. coli infection should not go to school or daycare until they are symptom-free and have two

negative stool tests to prevent the spread of illness. Parents and caretakers of ill individuals also are at risk of contracting E. coli and should see a health care provider if symptoms develop. Adults infected with E. coli who work in food service or health care settings should not attend work while ill. People with diarrheal illness should be evaluated by their health care provider.

For more information about E. coli, visit the Indiana State Department of Health's E. coli page at www.in.gov/isdh/25489.htm

Monterey from page 1

Saturday, September 5th

8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Town-wide Yard Sales
9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Craft & Food Booths Open
10:30 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. (FREE) Carnival Rides
10 a.m. DJ by RuffKutt Entertainment (Jerry Thompson)
11 a.m.- Karaoke Contest (Kids up to 15) By RuffKutt
11 a.m.-3 p.m. Methodist Church Potato Bar
11 a.m. & 1 p.m. 1,2,3, Come Paint With Me (kids under 12 at 11 Adults at 1)
11:30 a.m. Loehmer's Hardware Pedal Tractor Pull (kids)
1 p.m. Karaoke Contest (Adult 16+) by RuffKutt
1 p.m. Mini Excavating Rodeo (Methodist Church Lot)
3 - 3:30 p.m. Cake walk
3:30 p.m. Pulaski Co. Sheriff K9 Demonstration
5 p.m. MONTEREY DAYS PARADE/PIE IN FACE CONTEST
6 - 7 p.m. Main Street Square Dance By Tippecanoe Twirlers

7 - 8 p.m. Main Street Open Street Dance. Presented by: RuffKutt.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Hillbilly Cart Run register@ firehouse by 6 p.m. must by 18

8 - 9:30 p.m. Live pro wrestling- behind Post Office

Sunday, September 6

8 - 10:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
9 a.m.- 10 a.m. Religious Service in Park Pavilion: Eugene and Cheryl Berg
8 a.m. -10 p.m. Craft & Food Booths Open
10 a.m. MDF Bike Tour begins 10 a.m.. Sign in starts 9:30 a.m. at town hall
10 - 10:30 a.m. Turtle/Frog Races (bring your own)
10:30 - 11 a.m. Potato Sack Race
11 a.m.-? Twist and Smile Balloons/Face Painting
11 a.m.-? Three On Three Basketball (register 11 start at 12)
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. New Vision Band (Country Gospel Music) (Main Stage)
1:30 - 2 p.m. Kalita Magic show (Park Pavilion)
2 p.m. Fireman's Water-ball Challenge (Registration

starts 1 p.m.)

3-3:30 p.m. Watermelon Eating Contest

3 - 4 p.m. Sentimental Journey (Big Band) (Park Pavilion)

4 p.m. - ? Hot Shot Basketball Contest

4 p.m. Ice Cream Social (Main St. Stage area)

4:30-5:30 p.m. Festival Auction (Main Stage) (donated vendor items)

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Battle of the Block (Methodist Church lot)

6 p.m. Pie Bake Off

6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. The Nightshift Band Concert (Main Stage)

8:30 p.m. - ? Free movie in the park- all ages. Bring a lawn chair.

Monday, September 7

8:30 a.m. Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast (Pageant Tent)
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Car Show
10 a.m. Corn Hole Tournament (Registration starts@ 9am)
11 a.m.-? COLLINS TASCH POST#399 OX ROAST/ BINGO/SAL DUCK RACE

Housing from page 1

Barry McManaway and fellow member Bill Harris, Kevin Berger and Jerry Chavez of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, Tom Yuhas of the Culver Redevelopment Commission, Kathy Lintner representing Culver Academies, Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vickie McGuire, and Ryan Meek and Jason Huffman of Elkay.

"One of the most helpful things we did, early on, was to define our audience," explains Leist. "Essentially we're targeting people who are already working in Culver but do not live here -- whether it's the (Culver) Academies, Elkay (also known as Medallion Cabinetry), or the community schools -- to get them to lay down roots in Culver and stay here year 'round."

Leist says the committee is "looking at a combination of rental and purchase and single-family homes that would be owned."

The group put something of a microscope on price point, which meant examining the average wages at each of those "big three" employers in Culver, so that consideration of rental properties, for example, included aiming for housing in the Marshall County median rental price, which Leist says is around \$700 per month. In the area of purchase price for housing, the committee ended up orienting towards something at or under \$150,000.

"I haven't found data on our rental costs versus the rest of the county, but there are numbers out there for actual sales in Culver versus the rest of the county and we are notably higher for new homes and average sale price," Leist says, affirming that those numbers pertain to in-town purchase prices as opposed to the obviously higher lake prices.

"Having the representation from the three largest employers in the area has been really helpful," says Leist. "They have told the story of how (Culver's housing status) affects their ability to recruit employees, and the challenges when they can't afford anything in Culver and as far as travel distances, especially during the winter."

Leist says the employers were willing to share some basic

salary information which helps the committee know what sort of programs the town might qualify for.

"The income tax credit program through the state is low hanging-fruit going on in a lot of towns," adds Leist. "It gets a little harder from there to come up with numbers and make it work, especially in Culver where a lot of prices tend to be higher than the rest of the county."

"We've been looking around at every state housing agency and meeting with anyone who would, and looking to end up with housing that people at our local employers can afford."

In the area of home ownership, Leist admits that newly built homes at \$150,000 or less are probably not single-family houses, though duplexes could be an option.

"We have a few really nice ones in town and we could follow the model of those built in the last 15 to 20 years," he says.

The committee may be able to get two or three programs going simultaneously, which could see 24 to 36 units up and ready for occupancy in the next two years. There are, notes Leist, a few opportunities available with utilities close by for either new builds or rehab projects with state assistance.

One point of clarification Leist said the committee feels needs to be made is that the current Planned Unit Development by Construction Management & Design on State Road 10, which aims to build some 30 new houses starting in the upper \$200,000s price-wise, is not associated with the entry-level housing endeavors of the town of Culver.

"We get a lot of kickback about it not being affordable housing," says Leist of the PUD. "A lot of people have attached it to our group because of the timing," since the new PUD began its preliminary efforts with town government within a few months of the committee launching its efforts.

"We're happy to see it taking place and I think maybe the more inventory we see developing here, the more some of the older houses might become more affordable," says Leist. "(The town is) happy to take (the PUD) on and be a part of it, but it's not part of an affordable housing program, just to clarify."

One concrete step taken earlier this year towards the committee's goals was putting out an RFP (that's a Request for Proposal) testing

the waters for contractors potentially interested in developing the sort of housing in Culver the committee is seeking.

"I made 4 to 5 contacts with people serious enough to come to Culver and do discussion regarding income tax properties and rental buildings," Leist explains. "We heard from a couple different ones and have seen pictures of their developments in other towns. They're all nice apartment buildings and they all look the same. There's no information really standing out and they're also falling short of our goals. They're all willing to come do these rental buildings but there's no ownership component. We were trying to get them to bid against each other and come up with the best program for Culver."

One holdup has been the wait for the State of Indiana to release its new formula for tax credits and other programs, which has now been finalized.

Developers who do utilize the state's program would need applications in by Nov. 2, with announcement of winning proposals next February.

Up to now, however, the committee has received only one very detailed proposal from a contractor, with the remainder being "just letters of interest," resumes, and the like, with each wanting to conduct a full market survey of Culver before proceeding with any development.

Another question in the air is whether people currently working in Culver would actually move here.

"One employer did offer to do a survey but I asked them to hold off because the (state) application steps include a market study to help determine the number of units," meaning that question will likely be answered when and if the process moves forward. Leist says the committee plans to follow up with some of the developers in the coming weeks.

"One thing we heard repeatedly is, 'Yes it's a small town but if you're making this phone call, there probably is a need, and 24 to 36 units would probably fill up within a couple of years.'

One factor that's likely not a holdup, says Leist, is lack of land.

"We have a couple of sites that are pretty good," he points out. "We have infrastructure in place or near it, but will the (land) price work for a developer? And there's the question of how to get it. I think there's a good possibility that it could happen on a couple of them, so cross your fingers."

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Berger from page 7—

(and sister-in-law) Toni Mersch (familiar to many readers as assistant librarian at the Monterey-Tippecanoe Township Public Library) for the last eight years.

The road to a new endeavor

Becky Berger (formerly Mersch), attended the Leiters Ford elementary school, moving with her family into Culver after her father passed away just before Becky started high school. Active in band, drama and other endeavors at Culver Community, Becky and Kevin Berger saw their first date at the senior prom (Culver area readers may recall Becky's mother, Sara Mersch, then Callahan, and later Rising, who had worked at the co-op in Monterey and later the First National Bank of Monterey in Monterey until she retired).

Becky was the first in her family to attend college, starting at nearby Ancilla and finishing her undergrad at Ball State with a degree in Deaf Education and a minor in Audiology, spending a year during college as an intern at the School for the Deaf in Indianapolis.

While in college she took part in the Maxinkuckee Players theatre group during summers. She says she's "very proud" that she inspired two nieces to follow her lead and attend college.

Since obtaining her Master's Degree, the profession has changed and new audiologists in the field are required to have a Doctorate, which Becky returned to school to earn (that's what that "Au.D." stands for after her name nowadays).

Becky worked various positions as a deaf education teacher, including a move to Athens, Georgia, not so far away from the workplace at the time of future husband Kevin, who was working just outside Atlanta in those days. The two were married the summer before Becky began earning her Masters in Audiology, eventually taking a job with The Hearing Clinic in South Bend, after the couple moved back to this area.

Berger would spend a day or two a week, at various times, in Plymouth and the rest of the week in South Bend (along the way she served as president of Midwest Assistance Dogs and president of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Plymouth).

The Bergers lived for some time in Culver prior to moving to their present house near Pretty Lake Church on S.R. 17, Kevin commuting to Easterday in Culver and Becky to South Bend.

Launching Berger Audiology

While training this year for RAGBRAI, Becky Berger was also embarking on another adventure in her professional life. After 25 years working with The Hearing Clinic in South Bend, she decided to go out on her own and is

opening her own office, Berger Audiology, in Plymouth.

The past month, she says, has been a whirlwind of purchasing and installing furniture, equipment and computers.

"It has been fun, but I've always concentrated on the professional service side of audiology," she explains. "Learning the business side has been a challenge. This is a completely different focus from what I studied when I got my Doctorate!"

Part of the challenge has been learning all of the new equipment. As a new office, Berger has been able to outfit it with the latest technology, including a sound booth for controlled testing in the office as well as portable equipment to do screenings at manufacturing facilities, nursing homes and health fairs.

She will offer the full gamut of audiology services including hearing tests, immittance testing, otoacoustic emissions testing, probe microphone measurements, the sale of hearing aids and hearing aid accessories.

"I wear aids myself and I am constantly amazed at the advances in technology that I can offer," she says. "The new systems that communicate directly with your iPhone are phenomenal."

Berger Audiology is located at 2930 Miller Drive (in the same complex off US 30 as the License Branch). Berger is currently planning a grand opening and has already begun taking appointments for patients.

She will be the only full time Audiologist in Plymouth.

"I'm so pleased by the number of patients that have called to voice their support," she adds.

Exchange students at CCHS

Students at Culver Community High School will get an extra lesson in geography this year when they welcome international exchange students, Thea from Norway and Lisa from Germany.

Thea and Lisa arrived in Culver earlier this month to live with local host families and experience the American way of life for an academic year. They are sponsored by Aspect Foundation, a non-profit organization that strives to bridge cultures through international youth exchange.

Aspect Foundation is always seeking more families who want the unforgettable experience of hosting an international student. For more information about hosting an Aspect Foundation international exchange student, call Denise Sieber at 574-216-0996, the Aspect Foundation national office at 1-800-US-YOUTH or visit www.aspectfoundation.org.

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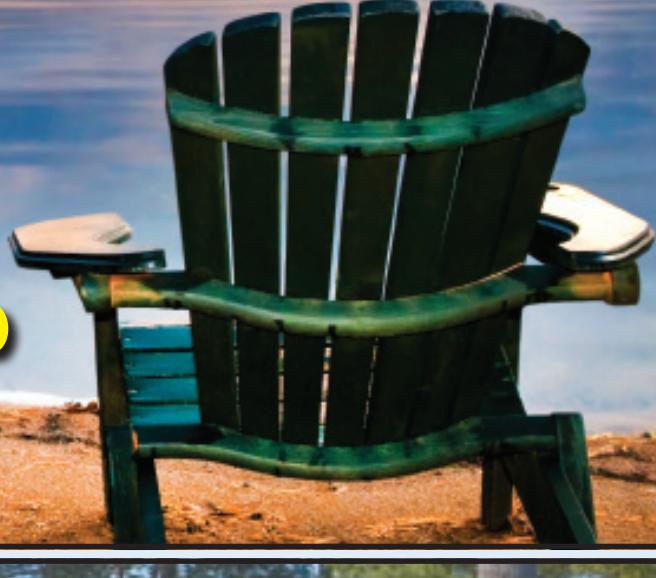
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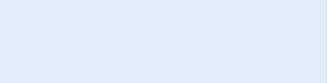
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