

#### In Brief

Maxinkuckee Players

meet Oct. 5 The Maxinkuckee Players will meet Oct. 5 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St. The Board meeting begins at 2 p.m. followed by the general meeting

Culver BPA bake sale Sept. 27

Comm. High Culver School's BPA chapter will be holding a bake sale Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. until noon at Osborn's Mini-Mart in Culver. The group, which saw great success on a state and national level last year, is up and running into another year and has 31 members, an increase over last year. This year's national BPA competition will be in Dallas, TX.

#### Town Wide Cleanup Day Oct. 11

The Town of Culver is sponsoring its first annual Town Wide Clean-Up Day scheduled for Sat., Oct. 11, from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. A dumpster will be placed at the water tower on Lake Shore Dr. Please know that hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Further details will be published in the Oct.

#### Town Wide Yard Sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Fall Town Wide Yard Sale on Fri. and Sat., Sept. 26 and 27 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Town Hall between 8 a..m and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140 from Thurs., Sept. 11 through Tues., Sept. 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon on Wed., Septe. 24 at the Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's

Mini-Mart.

#### Culver Bible Church hosts ladies study

The ladies at Culver Bible Church invite you to join them for their fall Bible study, meeting each Tues., beginning Sept. 30, 7 p.m., in the church basement. The

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#### Hail to the 'chief'

Former Culver fire chief Lance Overmyer was "honest to God shocked" at a full-house reception Sept. 19 to honor him for his 43 years of service as a fireman, his 65th birthday, and his many contributions to the Culver community (see below).

## A chief and a friend

#### Overmyer honored for years of service

When the man of the hour crossed the threshold of Culver's City Tavern Sept. 19, he had no expectation that a capacity crowd had filled the entire room to honor him; that the Culver Academies board of trustees and Culver town council had created resolutions to celebrate his decades of tireless service and dedication; and that his family and 'extended' family of Culver's volunteer firemen had prepared heartfelt tributes to his life and impact in the com-

That man was Lance Overmyer, whose 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and 43<sup>rd</sup> year as a Culver fireman were the official motive behind the gala event in his honor. Mike Sheskey and wife Susan – longtime supporters of the fire dept. and a host of other Culver area entities – were behind the gathering, in conjunction with Lynn, Overmyer's wife of 44 years, his family, the fire dept., and City Tavern owner Larry Surrisi.

Overmyer first joined the department in 1965, serving as captain from 1980 to 1984, secretary-treasurer from 1984 to 1987, and chief from 1993 to 2006. A graduate of Culver High School and Manchester College, father of four children (and now grandfather of four more), Overmyer also served locally as softball, baseball, and soc-

cer coach, also volunteering with Culver's Meals on Wheels, Jaycees, and Chamber of Commerce.

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## Susanna Circle leads quilted journey through Underground Railroad

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

details the use

of quilts in the

19<sup>th</sup> century

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Patton, quilts hung out to air

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Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church's Susanna Quilters brought history to life Sept. 4 before an appreciative audience of Culver Kiwanians. The longtime quilting group presented a program based on Eleanor Burns' book, "Underground Railroad Sampler," which



Kay Tusing describes quilt block patterns used to aid runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad, part of a Sept. 4 program by the Wesley church's Susanna quilting circle, of which Tusing is a member.

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patterns that acted as signals to slaves, unbeknownst to the average resident of the day. Patton said her interest was fascinated by the quilts being "hidden in plain view."

Like a quilt itself, pieces of the story were shared by members of the circle in succession, each displaying a different sample pattern to illustrate their

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### Maxinkuckee Indiana DNR head Rob Carter (third from right) returned to the lake Sept. 9 for a boat tour

organized by Culver's Richard Ford (far right). Joining Carter – and discussinig concerns over buoy placement too close to the lake's shore -- were several members of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Fund, J.F. New, and Culver Academies. From left, Dan Baughman (Academies), Jeff Kutch (Academies), Chris Kline (J.F. New), Carter, LMEC director Kathy Clark,

## DNR head, LMEC discuss lake

By Jeff Kenney

When Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources head Rob Carter returned to Lake Maxinkuckee this Sept. 9, his visit was a bit more low-key than the extensive tour of the lake and Academy afforded the then-new director last fall. Instead, after a brief gathering at the East Shore home of Richard Ford, who organized this and last year's visits, Carter joined representatives of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Fund, area habitat and ecological firm J.F. New, and the Culver Academies. The group took a boat trip around the lake piloted by LMEC board member Gary Shaffer, in a craft owned by LMEF board Vice President Carol Zeglis and husband

The one of the primary missions of the trip was to illustrate potential environmental issues raised by motor boats traveling too close to shore in unusually shallow areas that still fall outside the regulated line of buoys on the lake, which conform to DNR statutes requiring placement 200 feet from shore. LMEC director Kathy Clark said the DNR regulation distance marks the high speed boating zone and is set primarily as a safety measure between boaters and other water activities that generally take place closer to shore. From an environmental standpoint that

200 feet rule is not always a

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#### **Homecoming Queen**

Senior Shay Lynn Johnson was crowned Culver Comm. High School's 2008 Homecoming Queen Fri., Sept. 12. Last year's queen, Rachael Looney, crowned Johnson during half time of the football game against the New Prairie Cougars. Senior Cody Deery was her escort.

Other Seniors in the court were Beth Wojdyla and Leann Overmeyer escorted by Adam Neace and Danny Day.

Johnson is involved in Volleyball, Yearbook and Cheerleading.

**Р**ното **SUBMITTED** TEXT CONTRIBUTED BY MEGAN M. MYERS Migrating geese flying north in the spring were indicated

by the "flying geese" quilt block pattern, according to Kay

Tusing, who also showed the audience the "birds in the air"

block which could actually indicate what direction to travel

by using lighter blocks to create an arrow shape in the quilt.

Next the "drunkard's path" pattern, explained Sharon Hartz,

reminded slaves to run in a staggering, not a straight, pattern,

even doubling back from time to time in order to confuse

trackers. The tenth and final pattern, said Hartz, was the sail-

boat, which represented the importance of free black sailors,

who could be invaluable in transporting runaways by water.

an entire quilt of the same pattern. She discussed the song, "Follow the Drinking Gourd," a reference to the Big Dipper

constellation, whose north star was important to runaways'

made as part of their Underground Railroad project, noting all the fabrics used are reproductions of Civil War fabrics.

The Susanna Quilters also displayed an entire quilt they

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well known for its bi-annual quilt show, held in conjunction

She said the group will shortly take its tenth annual quilt

retreat for members, who have journeyed together to Brown

County State Park, the Geneva Center, and Paducah, Ken-

There are 21 quilters in the circle, with 15 active members

who meet weekly from 9 a.m. to noon to sew. "We share a

passion for quilting," said Patton, "and have become like sis-

ters. We go on outings and do a lot of fun things.'

with Culver's Lakefest each July.

tucky in the past.

The Susanna

of the Wesley

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named after the

wife of John

Wesley, though

she was prob-

ably too busy caring for her

17 children to quilt much. "We

wanted to honor

group's name),"

said Patton. The

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house and other

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Susanna also

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Judy Patton, left, and Elaine Averill display a full quilt made by the Susanna quilters using Civil War-era

replica fabric in the style of Underground Railroad quilts.

Patton said Underground Railroad quilters usually sewed

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portion of the history. The quilt block patterns, based on actual Underground Railroad blocks, were made by members

As many as 100,000 people escaped slavery between the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, said Mary Baker, who displayed the "monkey wrench" quilt pattern, which she said indicated it was time for potentially escaping slaves to collect tools needed on their journey north to freedom.

Ruth Chandler showed the "wagon wheel" quilt block, which she said indicated the need to pack for the journey. Another block she displayed was the "carpenter's wheel," which reminded slaves the master carpenter in their lives was Jesus. The well-known spiritual, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," which Patton sang for the group, encouraging the audience to sing along, contained a hidden message as well, about the chariot coming to carry slaves "home" to freedom.

The "bear's paw" block, explained quilter Marlene Shoddy, was next in helping slaves to prepare, and reminded them to follow actual animal paws while on their journey, to find the best paths to food and water. Shoddy also displayed the basket block,

of the laundry basket that c o u l d e a s i 1 y hide provisions s l a v e s might gather for their

journey. Mary Hoskins said the "crossroads" quilt pattern guided slaves to one of a handful of crossroads

paths the main being Cleveland - they would

reach o n c e through

the Appalachian mountains. A "log cabin" block indicated safe houses by the colors in its center. Hoskins added. The "shoo fly" pattern represented an actual person who would help escaping slaves hide in churches, caves, or grave-

yards, said Connie Overmyer. She also discussed the "bow tie" pattern, a directive for runaway slaves to dress in a more formal manner in order to blend in with freed slaves in northern cities. Free blacks, she said, would often meet runaways

in a safe place and give them quality clothing to replace the

often tattered rags escaping slaves wore by that point in their

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shallow areas from being stirred and chopped up by boat engines – a practice not healthy for the lake ecologically.

LMEF board member Jack Cunningham pointed out several areas of Lake Maxinkuckee - most notably just off Long Point and in an area just south of the Culver Cove – in which a 200-foot distance from shore is still quite shallow water. He pointed out the lake bottom, clearly visible at a depth of only about four feet, off Long Point, well outside the buoy line.

Clark noted that the LMEF/LMEC recognizes that DNR rules and regulations must be broad in scope to cover all of Indiana's lakes in general policy terms. But for a lake the size (1,864 acres) of Lake Maxinkuckee and with the sometimes wide 5 feet deep shelf along a lot of the western edge, balancing ecological concerns while being careful to not impede public access and enjoyment could require some special thought.

Jeff Kutch, facilities director for Culver Academies, showed Carter and other guests the school's new floating pier, installed this past spring for use in the Academy's summer naval program. He said the new pier is more stable than the previous one, which was 50 years old and built before various changes in DNR codes. Dan Baughman, Academy faculty member and LMEC board member, was also on board to relay the two dives he participated in this season while surveying for the invasive plant hydrilla. The lake has received a clean bill of health this year and will be surveyed again next year in different areas, hopefully with the same results.

Joining the excursion as well were Chris Kline, Culver resident and a consultant with J.F. New, Carter's assistant Charlie White, and Richard Ford, who following the tour also hosted a luncheon for tour guests as well as Academies head of schools John Buxton and wife Pam (past president of LMEF), and Carol Zeglis' husband John.

#### Community Calendar her (with the Thursday, Sept. 25 Overeaters

Culver Public Library

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club mtg., noon,

Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Pubic Library Alcoholics Anonymous

Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Pub-

Town-wide yard sale, to-

Friday, Sept. 26

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day and tomorrow Saturday, Sept. 27

Town-wide yard sale Sunday, Sept. 28

Kiwanis bass tournament Monday, Sept. 29 Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Public Library

Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m.,

Yoga, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Wednesday, Oct. 1

Tuesday, Sept. 30

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Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Pub-

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Cul-

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Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Thursday, Oct. 2

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Kiwanis Club mtg., noon,

Culver Public Library Yoga, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Knights of Columbus social mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake church rectory.

## Everything but the

kitchen sink (and maybe that, too!)... Below: The annual Culver Lions Club community flea market, breakfast, and bake sale -- pictured here last year -- will take place Sat., Oct. 4. The flea market and breakfast begin at 6 a.m., with breakfast ending at noon and the market at 2 p.m. Cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The bake sale will take place 7 to 11 a.m. Lions contributing baked goods should take them to the station by 7 a.m. but no later than 9 a.m. The club is accepting donations of items for the

sale, whose proceeds benefit charitable work in the Culver area and beyond.

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#### **REAL Services menu**

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver

vations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal. Thursday, Sept. 25:

broccoli, bun, applesauce, and milk. Friday, Sept. 26: Chili, shredded cheese and onion, oyster crackers, coleslaw,

Chicken patty, red potatoes,

pears, fruit bar and milk. Monday, 29: Sept. Cheeseburger with onions, bun, corn, green beans, apricots, and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Sausage patty, wheat bread, lettuce and tomato, tomato soup, fruit salad, orange juice, cookie, and milk.

loin, peas, squash, bread, margarine &jelly, fruit cocktail, and milk. Thursday, Oct. 2: Salmon patty & sauce, beets, sweet

potato patty, bread & margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Pork

Friday, Oct. 3: Ham slice, cheesy mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread & margarine, pears, tomato juice, and

### Plan commission talks runoff problems

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

Culver's plan commission, in its monthly meeting Sept. 16, spent some time discussing possible solutions to a water runoff problem originating behind the east side of North Main Street. Specifically, John Zehner, owner of the southern most building on that block – which houses Gladie's Deli - told the commission he is trying to comply with its Nov., 2007 ordinance requiring property owners to capture water on their lots, an ordinance created primarily with individual. private owners in mind.

The alley behind that block of building, said Zehner, is a somewhat unique situation in its drainage issues. All of the rainwater runoff from the rooftops on that side of the street, as well as runoff from properties on Main St. of higher elevation than the alley, diverts into the alley just east of the buildings. Zehner expressed concern that reasonable efforts to catch the large amounts of water occurring during and after rainstorms risks, among other things, water seeping into neighboring buildings' basements.

Lynn Overmyer, in the audience, noted when the alley was paved recently, a curb between her family's Overmyer Soft Water business parking lot and the alley itself was removed. "If that curb was put back up," Overmyer said, "it would drain

the water into the street."

Plan commission president Kelly Young asked Overmyer about a sewer and water study the town plans in the near future, but Overmyer expressed doubt as to whether the alley issue would be given much scrutiny during the study, whose results could also be many months away.

Audience member Kathy Clark said paving of alleys was deemed a bad idea at a plan commission meeting in the recent past, as pavement fails to slow or stop water runoff as it travels.

"It's a bigger long-term problem," Zehner added. "The ordinance didn't contemplate zero lot lines," like those at his property.

Overmyer, who also noted a puddle from water runoff often results in solid ice outside the soft water business in the winter, suggested something be done before winter sets in. Zehner offered to replace the removed curb outside the Overmyer business with temporary curbs, a number of which he said he has at another business he owns, though he added the move would be a temporary fix only.

Overmyer agreed, but noted Zehner would still be noncompliant with the ordinance as it stands. The commission agreed to follow building commissioner Russ Mason's suggestion that town attorney Ron Gifford be consulted and his suggestions followed on the matter.

Also discussed was the difficulty of defining what constitutes an "occupied space," part of the language used in an ordinance intended to forbid residents from renting out accessory buildings such as garages for full-time dwelling purposes. Mason noted some residents have found ways around the existing ordinance due to its language, which includes definition of occupied space as "space where there is routine activity." Mason explained that a recreation building with a pool table or workshop could fall under such a description and be forbidden, which is not the intent of the ordinance.

Kathy Clark said in her work assessing properties, she looks at the presence of a hot water heater and two sinks, one used in a kitchen and one in a bathroom, typical of most living spaces. However, Mason cited a dwelling in Culver with living space but no kitchen, which technically circumvents the ordinance.

The commission agreed to turn discussion of the matter over to a designated committee for further examination.

In his building commissioner's report, Mason said 16 building permits were processed since the commission's previous meeting. He added that the town is now past the number of permits issued in all of 2007, though he said not as many this year

as last are new homes.

The commission also followed up on discussion of five storage buildings on a south shore property which violated ordinances since they sat on a lot without a primary building, prompting Mason – at the commission's direction - to require the buildings' removal. Mason said he was contacted by the property owners' attorney, who filed an appeal claiming the issue should be handled by the Board of Zoning Appeals rather than the plan commission. Commission member Barry McManaway questioned how the matter could be under the BZA's jurisdiction.

Brief discussion was held after commission member Pete Peterson asked other members for a report on a recent town council work session at which council and audience members discussed an impact study pertaining to a planned unit development on Lake Maxinkuckee's southeast shore. Commission member Bobbie Ruhnow, who attended the work session, said she felt opinions and discussion of the PUD should be withheld until a formal public hearing takes place, with Lynn Overmyer noting the council did vote to have an impact study done. Kelly Young said the council, at that work session, also asked the commission to reevaluate the town's permit fee rates.

#### Letter to the editor

Setting the record straight

The Culver zoning ordinance requires that new sidewalks be installed or sidewalks in disrepair be replaced whenever new development occurs. New development is defined as a new primary structure or substantial remodeling of an existing primary structure as determined by the building commissioner. The decision not to allow this type of construction to be eligible for the town cost sharing program was a town council decision. They left the decision as to whether new development occurred up to the street superintendent, town clerk, or building commissioner.

The Loehmer property was completely renovated. It was changed from a duplex to a single family dwelling. Windows were replaced, kitchen cabinets, and heating and air conditioning installed. The Bennett property had a new accessory garage built. The difference is clear. The town council has apparently decided to revoke their original decision to allow town personnel to determine if substantial new development has occurred and make that decision themselves. This is fine. I just want everyone to know that I do not play favoritism in my job. I enforce the zoning ordinance to the best of my ability in each and every case.

Russ Mason Culver building commissioner

#### Death notices

Jane Appel Sept. 14, 2008

Jane Appel 89, died Sept. 12, 2008 in her Indianapolis home surrounded by her family. She was a loving wife and mother, surviving three husbands, Arthur Lathrop (married 1941-70), Jack Thompson (married 1971-81) and Jack Appel (married 1983-1999). Throughout her life she was recognized by her beautiful golf swing, which awarded her five hole-in-ones.

She was fortunate to have spent 81 years enjoying summers at Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver 42 winters in Kona, Hawaii. Her 38 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and their countless friends affectionately addressed her as "Granny." Jane is survived by her children Steve (Alma) Lathrop, Rae (Randy) Wilson, Sally Stephens, Julia Moses, Julie (Fritz) Steck, Jane (Chad) Stephens, John (Lannie) Thompson, Jean (John) Corey, Jim Bob (Susan) Thompson, John (Linda) Appel, Fred Appel and Steve (Claudia) Appel. Her parents Helen and Ray Adams, son Alan Lathrop and grandson Danny Lathrop preceded her in death.

The family gathered for a private service and to celebrate "Lady Jane's" long and fruitful life Mon., Sept. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Kona Jacks Fish Market and Sushi Bar in Indianap-

#### George J. Franz Jr. Sept. 20, 2008

CULVER — George J. Franz Jr., 83, of Culver, died Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:15 a.m.

He is survived by a son, Keith Franz of Culver; a daughter, Nancy Stanford of South Bend; a brother, Robert Franz of Ky.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place Mon., Sept. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. EDT. Burial followed at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the funeral home.

started to date, he made sure I knew where all the fire stations were. If I got into trouble, I could go and tell them my dad was a fireman in Culver and that I needed help, and they would take care of me."

"I remember when the gym burned at the Academy, and dad came home and reassured me none of my friends had been involved. Or that horrible night the grocery store on East Shore burned. All of (the firemen were) standing there draped in ice from the hose spray... the wives took them sandwiches and coffee when dealing with the situation on the west side of town."

"As long as I have been alive," she concluded, "you've been a Culver fireman. A firefighter to the end, no matter if your helmet is hung or retired, or your boots laid to rest. Thank you, dad, for giving us the extended family of these nice (firemen) here. We're proud of you and we love you."

Longtime friend and fellow firefighter Bill Snyder called Overmyer "one hell of a guy. He's top notch; I

can't say anything bad about him."

Lance Overmyer himself addressed the crowd, recalling his entrance into the fire department when then-town marshal Don Mikesell pulled his vehicle over. "(Mikesell) said, 'You're on the fire department!' I said, 'Maybe I don't want to be on the...fire department.' He said, 'You're going to be on the fire department whether you like it or not!' He was my elder, so I said ok."

Overmyer thanked Sheskey for his contributions to the fire department and for the evening's festivities, and expressed appreciation for his fellow firemen. "Firemen are a different breed of cat. I've learned so much from these guys; it's amazing."

Overmyer admitted the event took him by complete surprise. "Thank all of you for coming tonight. If ever one person was honest to God really shocked, it's me. I never expected something like this."

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Sheskey, emcee for the evening, praised Lynn's support of Lance "every step" and noted, "For generations of Culver kids, Lance was 'fireman Lance,' 'coach Lance,' 'Uncle Lance,' and 'chief Lance,' but he was always someone they could call on for help."

In introducing the Academy trustees' resolution, head of schools John Buxton said he and wife Pam have "gotten to know Lance and Lynn pretty well. If you think it's tough being a firefighter, try being a firefighters wife."

the end of a fire hose too long."

Grover presented Overmyer his own helmet, which he said the department retired, all the members having signed it. Fireman Dave Cooper presented Overmyer a large plaque he'd made. "Even today," Grover added, "we still use the changes he made at the fire dept. All of us on the dept. will always know Lance as 'chief."

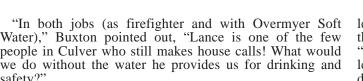
Culver Chamber of Commerce president Mike Stallings also presented Overmyer a plaque honoring him.



#### An 'extended family'

Lance Overmyer with veteran members of the tight-knit Culver-Union Twp. volunteer fire department. Above: Fireman Dave Cooper presents a plaque he made in honor of Lance Overmyer. Above, right: Two longtime veterans of Culver's fire dept., Bill Snyder (right) and Overmyer share memories and accolades. Below, right: Overmyer addresses the crowd, flanked by current fire chief Mike Grover.

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Buxton cited Overmyer's involvement in many fire calls of service to the Academy over the years, most especially the Nov., 1977 fire that destroyed the school's gymnasium and the Sept., 2007 fire at South Barracks.

Town council president Sally Ricciardi recognized Overmyer on behalf of the council, quipping, "I've known Lance my entire life, since he's older than I am!"

"He's always been a friend," she added. "All the citizens of Culver wish him well upon his retirement from active duty."

On behalf of Union Township, Bobbie Ruhnow presented Overymyer a certificate of appreciation and recalled working with him during her 12 year tenure as Culver town clerk. Ruhnow shared the story of Overmyer's "charming town board president Joann Farmer and I, and the whole fire department, into buying a new fire truck. We didn't know you had to get permission from the state first. We bought the truck and then got a call from the state auditor's office, (and) they said, 'You and Miss Farmer and Chief Overmyer just bought yourselves a truck!' Luckily we got out of that."

Current fire chief and longtime department member Mike Grover fondly remembered his own father's service as a fireman and Overmyer's "picking on me (as a child) like he does my kids now."

"He's been involved in (fellow firemen's) personal lives, been to our weddings, and been around our kids when they were little," continued Grover, who shared several humorous tales from Overmyer's past. "One night he came to the station with his shirt on backwards and another night with his wife's pajama top on! He learned you don't look down

Overmyer's daughter Shelly shared recolns of younger brother Lance Jr. and sisters Amy and the Sally, growing up with her as a fire chief's children.

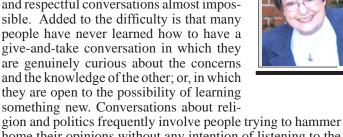
Overmyer's daughter Shelly shared recollections of younger brother Lance Jr. and sisters Amy and the late Sally, growing up with her as a fire chief's children. "I remember all the disrupted dinners," she said, "the sleepless nights and missed events, the sound of dad rushing down the hall and running into the door, which was still closed, head on! When we heard him pull out of the driveway, we hoped and prayed he'd come back to us. When I

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## Didn't her mother warn her not to discuss religion and politics?

Politics and Religion are often taboo subjects in "polite" society. To state the obvious, these are subjects that can elevate emotions to levels that make productive and respectful conversations almost impossible. Added to the difficulty is that many people have never learned how to have a give-and-take conversation in which they are genuinely curious about the concerns and the knowledge of the other; or, in which they are open to the possibility of learning something new. Conversations about reli-



home their opinions without any intention of listening to the other. Yet, we are at a point in our history when numerous people including columnists, clergy, and candidates are raising concerns about the relationship between religion and politics. We need to be talking about it. It is as naïve to think that by virtue of being religious, peo-

ple are endowed with political wisdom as it is to think that religion and politics can be kept entirely isolated from each other. For many of us our faith determines how we live in the world and yet, how we vote should also be influenced by genuine respect for the democratic process. Edward L. Long, Jr. writes that "a particular faith commitment as the primary ground for deciding how to vote can undercut the integrity of the political process by turning faith into a privileged claim that exempts itself from public challenge." People of faith have as much responsibility as anyone to be certain that their vote is based on the candidate's competence and commitment to protecting liberty and advancing the general welfare of all citizens. If people of faith vote for a candidate whose intention is to favor a particular religious group, they are not supporting liberty. Or, if people of faith vote against someone solely because of their religious beliefs, they are not supporting democracy.

The separation of church and state is incredibly impor-



#### Pastor's Corner

By Margie Shaw St. Elizabeh's Episcopal church, Culver tant in that it protects people of all faiths and traditions. We have seen throughout history and in our world today that when the church and the state become bedfellows, abuses of power are almost inevitable.

Then, how should people of faith vote? What questions should they look to have answered? The Interfaith Alliance is an organization that describes itself as "celebrating religious freedom by championing

individual rights, promoting policies that protect both religion and democracy, and uniting diverse voices to challenge extremism." On its website it has listed what it identifies as five important questions for candidates to answer:

- What role will your faith or values play in creating public policy or making appointments?
- What are your views on the boundaries between religion and government? What steps will you take to protect the rights of your
- constituents regardless of faith or belief? How will you speak about your beliefs without mak-
- ing them just another political tool? How will you balance the principles of your faith and your obligation to defend the Constitution, particularly if

the two come into conflict? When we go to the polls we need to bear in mind that if we want a government that

favors our particular faith over a government that vigorously protects all faiths, we endanger our own freedom of worship. For what might happen when the government changes and the faith of the elected is different from your own? In protecting other peoples' religious freedom, we are protecting our own.

#### Nostalgia

#### 75 years ago Sept. 27, 1933

- John Burns, leader of the bandits who robbed Culver's State Exchange Bank in 1920 and killed Russell Saine, has escaped from the state prison along with nine other prisoners, seven of whom were armed. The men forced their way out, gate by gate, by covering the guard; they seriously wounded one clerk. They have scattered in passing cars bound respectively for Chicago, Chesterton, and Wanatah. Daniel McGeoghagen, one of the bandits in the 1933 State Exchange Bank robbery, also planned to escape from solitary confinement when the deputy with the keys could not
- Mrs. Bessie Medbourn Slonaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Medbourn, a pioneer family in Culver, passed away Friday at age 47, a shock to the community in spite of her poor health in recent years.
- The organization oc personnel from the Culver Community Service Corps has been announced by Col. Robert Rossow, commandant of the organization, which is to act in case of bank robberies and other emergencies. A rehearsal of actual duties will be signaled by one long blast of the fire

#### 50 years ago Sept. 24, 1958

- In last weeks story of protests knocking \$30,500 out of the town of Culver's budget, the Citizen omitted the name of local oil man and Democratic leader Herman W. Gardner, whose fervent plea to "get on the ball" at the Sept. Chamber of Commerce meeting set off the fireworks that resulted in a \$30,500 for the taxpayers of Culver. He may now take a belated bow!
- The Rev. William C.R. Sheridan, rector at St. Thomas Episocpal Church in Plymouth, will be the first guest preacher of the year at the Memorial Chapel at Culver Academies Sunday.
- Effective Oct. 1, the ownership and management of Hand's Soft Water Service will be transferred to Earl D. Overmyer. Mr. Hand notes he has been teaching for the past

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two years and he feels the quality of his service to customers has suffered as a result. He thanks customers for their loyal service over the past 12 and a half years, especially those who helped him get "over the hump" during the difficult years of

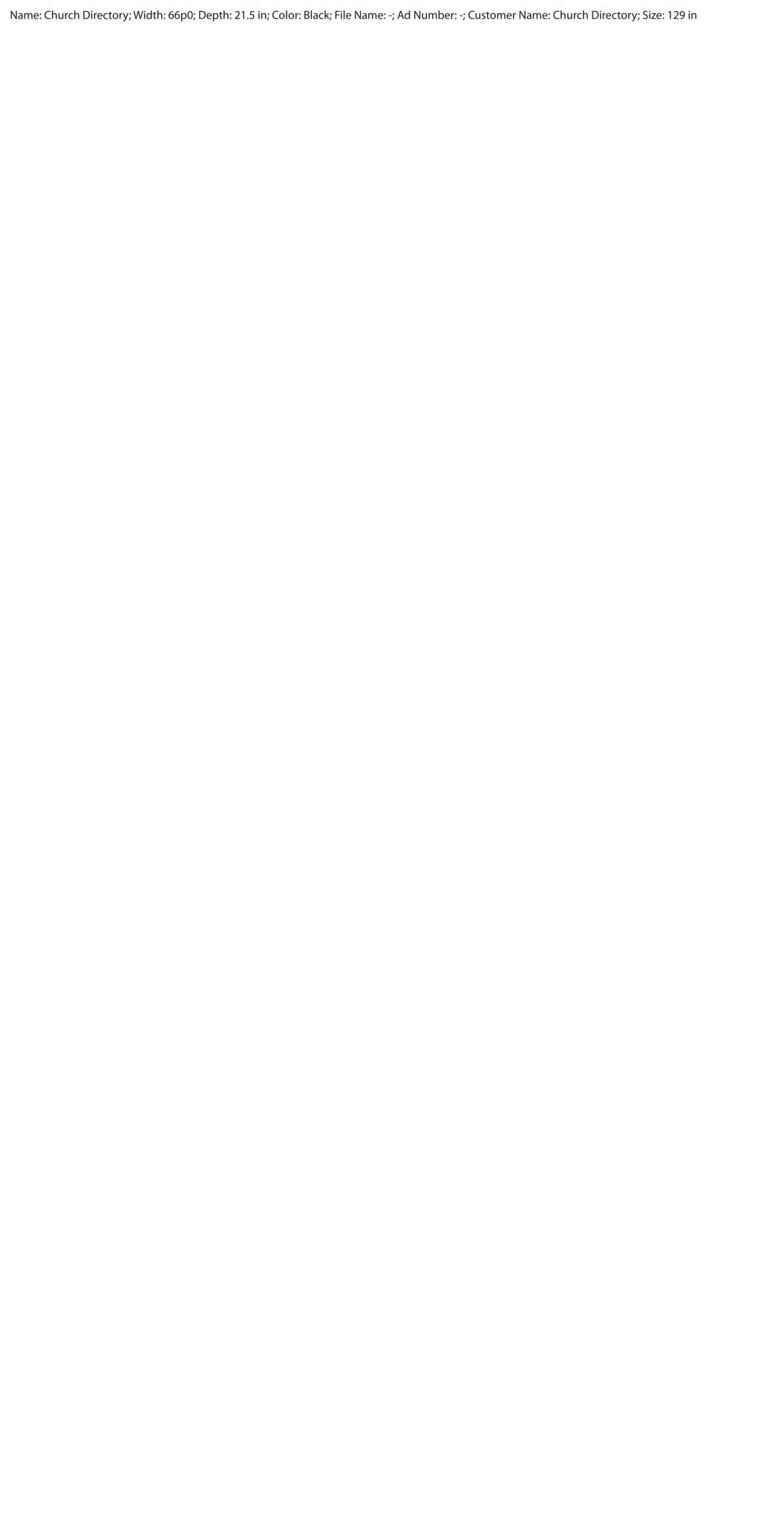
The Culver Boat Company at 636 South Shore Drive has under construction a fine new two-story 26 by 120' fireproof building for watercraft storage purposes. The old building on the site was razed to make room for the new. O.D. Campbell and his son Jack say an additional 40 boats may be stored because of the new building.

The entire public is invited to an open house at the new Methodist church parsonage Sept. 28, says pastor Kendall E. Sands. The new parsonage matches the recently constructed church in its Georgian Colonial design, finished in brick with white wood trim. The parsonage cost \$29,000 excluding furnishings and landscaping.

#### 25 years ago Sept. 28, 1983

- The Culver Chamber of Commerce met at Pinder's in its first session of the fall, with over 60 in attendence. candidates for the November election spoke, as did Dr. Michael Deery, who discussed plans for the new hospital in Plymouth.
- Issues facing Culver as this November's election draws near: no one disagrees that Culver's streets are in great need of repair. Many people feel a number of areas should be annexed -- industrial areas in particular -- while some feel no annexation should take place at all. What should be done with the town park is a major issue. Some feel the property should be sold to a developer to create jobs, while others bitterly oppose such a move. Non-polluting industrial development is needed. Some have suggested the fish hatchery property, which is owned by the town under the park's supervision, should be turned into a campground.
- Culver businessman Robert F. Measles, age 45, died unexpectedly Sept. 23. Having lived in the area for the past 27 years, he was owner and operator of Bob's Marathon Service in Culver and a member of the Culver Eagles lodge.

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## Sports



# Cavs fall to Lions' eleventh-hour onslaught

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor
BREMEN — Bremen's
offense often strikes quickly
with the big play.

Friday against Culver Community, the Lions cashed in on a short field instead.

Bremen, propelled by a pair of squib kickoff recoveries, scored 21 points in the final 2:10 of the second quarter

of the second quarter en route to a 61-7 Northern State Conference football win over the Cavs at Don Bunge Field. The Lions

led just 14-0 prior to the outburst. "(Culver)

had a long return off one of our long ones, so we squibbed it to keep that from happening again,' Bremen head coachRichard Moren said. "We weren't expecting (to recover). We really stress to our special teams that special teams dictate field position.

"We knew coming in that (Culver) played hard,"

Moren added. "The key tonight was field position because we didn't have very far to go to score. I don't think we had that many yards at halftime, but we scored a lot of points because of field position."

Senior quarterback Chris Hueni scored two times through the air and another by land for the Lions. His 4-yard pass to Matt Bahr—deflected by teammate Ryan Hessler—plus the first of Justin Nick's six extra points, put Bremen up 7-0 with 4:23 left in the first quarter.

Hueni scored on a 16-yard keeper on a fourth-and-three play with 32.6 seconds left in the opening frame, and started the second-quarter barrage with a 3-yard toss to David Leeper. Bahr also scored on a 16-yard run off of an inside handoff to give the Lions a 28-0 advantage, following Drew Bennitt's kickoff recovery.

Bremen running back Steven Cornett piled up 135 yards on 11 carries. He scored on a 5-yard blast to put the Lions on top 35-0 at the half, and opened the third quarter with a 62-yard scoring jaunt.

Meanwhile, the Lions' defense, led by Brock Molebash and Steven Krieger, held Culver to just 87 total yards of offense, and 31 of that came on James Dulin's carry during the game's final possession. In fact, Culver's

only score resulted from Robert Molebash's strip of a Bremen ball carrier and 75-yard return in the third quarter.

"The defense has played four good weeks in a row," Moren said. "We've held teams to single digits in

Culver Community's Dennis Davis (32) is wrapped up by

Bremen's Matt Grove during the first quarter of Friday's

four straight weeks. Of all

the things on our goal board

for offense, defense, special

teams, to me, holding teams

to single digits is one of the

big ones. If we can hold

teams to single-digit scoring,

we'll have a chance to win a

"We gave up a kickoff re-

turn last week and a fumble

return this week, so the de-

fense isn't even giving up

points," he continued. "I'm

really proud of our defense.

They've been pitching a lot

of goose eggs. I'm really

pleased with the way the de-

fense has developed the last

In addition to its stinginess,

Bremen's defense forced four

turnovers — fumble recover-

ies from Brock Molebash,

Bahr and Eric Zeltwanger,

and a David Leeper intercep-

tion. Leeper's pick followed

Dulin's long kickoff return

to the Bremen 38 in the first

"We don't have the type

of team that can turn it over

and get away with it," Cul-

ver Community head coach

Andy Thomas said. "When

you turn it over against a

team like that, it will kill

Despite the lopsided score,

Thomas said his young

charges continue to improve.

that played this Friday is bet-

ter than the one that played last Friday," Thomas said. "If

we keep play hard and keep

"I still know that the team

few weeks."

Northern State Conference game at Bremen.

Also for the Lions, Cody Barrier scored on a 76-yard kickoff return, and Nate Leeper scored on rushes of 3 and 28 yards in the fourth

improving, we're going to

"(Bremen) is better than

us, but I don't think they're

six touchdowns better," he

added. "We moved the ball a

little bit in the first half, but

we just had too many turn-

beat somebody.

overs."

quarter. Bremen got a scare when running back Jared Miller down with a knee injury early in the third quarter. Fortunately for Lions, the Moren said initial evaluations indicated nothing serious.

"We think he knocked knees with somebody," Moren said. "He might have a deep bruise, but it looks like he'll be OK."

Bremen heads to LaVille next week, while Culver travels to Knox.

• BREMEN 66, CULVER COMMUNITY 7 At Bremen SCORE BY QUARTERS Culver: 0 0 7 0 — 7 Bremen: SCORING SUMMARY

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First quarter

B — Matt Bahr 4 pass from Chris

Hueni (Justin Nick kick), 4:23.

B — Hueni 16 run (Nick), 32.6.

Second quarter

B — David Leeper 3 pass from Hueni
(Nick kick), 2:10.

B — Bahr 16 run (Nick kick), 1:13.

B — Steven Cornett 5 run (Nick kick), 8.1 Third quarter B — Cornett 62 run (Nick kick).

B — Cornett 62 run (Nick kick), 11:42. C — Robert Molebash 75 fumble

return (Ryan Carter kick), 2:40.

B — Cody Barrier 76 return (Dmitri Adams), 2:30.
Fourth to Leopar 3 run (kick failed)

B — Nate Leeper 3 run (kick failed), 6:37. B — N. Leeper 28 run (kick failed), 2:34

Rushing: 31 carries for 63 yards (DennisDavis12-31, James Dulin4-31, Devin Hogan 6-11, Sam Hendrickson 5-8, Kyle Pugh 3-(minus)19, Parker Woodward 1-1).

Passing: Pugh 3-8-1 for 24 yards.
Receiving: Woodward 1-10, Zoe
Bauer 1-9, Brian Nelson 1-5.
Tackles: Robert Molebash 6.
Bremen stats

Rushing: 43 carries for 316 yards (Steven Cornett 11-135, Chris Hueni 6-59, Nate Leeper 4-56, Drew Bennitt 10-34, Jared Miller 8-15, Eryk Zimmerman 1-7, Matt Bahr 1-6, Braxston Miller 2-4).
Passing: Hueni 8-15 for 58 yards.

Passing: Hueni 8-15 for 58 yards. Receiving: David Leeper 3-38, Ryan Hessler 3-12, Bahr 1-4, Cody Barrier 1-4.

Tackles: Brock Molebash 6. Records: Culver 1-4 (0-3 NSC), Bremen 4-1 (3-0 NSC).

## Cavs, Eagles place at New Prairie invitational

NEW CARLISLE — At big cross country meets like the New Prairie Invitational, which features roughly 200 runners in nine separate races, consistency is what matters most.

In the Class A Girls race

Saturday, Hope Jordan of the Lady Lions broke into the top 10, and the team's number two through five runners all posted times within about a 1.25 minutes of one another to edge out last year's champ Hebron by six points for the division championship with a tally of 128.

Jordan finished about half a minute slower than the time she posted in 2007 but was still able to finish in eighth individually with a time of 20:18 to lead Bremen. Megan Burcham broke into the top 20 with Jordan at a time of 21:27 despite running the last half mile with one of her shoes half off after another runner gave her a flat tire at the race. Anna Zeltwanger finished in 21:58, Stephanie Weldy came in in 22:18, and Paige Fox crossed the line at the 22:46 mark.

Also in the Girls A race Saturday, LaVille finished 19th with a score of 439. Over half a minute ahead of Jordan was LaVille's Elaine Schmeltz with a rapid 19:45 in sixth place Saturday. Emily Langford came in 112th, Jesse Feitz finished in 116th, Allison Webb was 136th, and Amy Clark rounded out the Lady Lancers' top five in 147th

Culver Community, Triton and Oregon-Davis also had runners at the New Prairie meet, but none of them was able to field a full team. Lauren Shaffer finished 42nd for Culver.

Oak Hill dominated the Class A Boys competition with three runners in the top 20 and a team score of 88. The Lions placed 11th in the division, followed by Triton in 15th, Culver Community in 22nd and Oregon-Davis in 30th. Nate Avery paced Bremen in sixth place with a 17:20, while Triton's Blake Lemler crossed the line 31 seconds back to lead the Trojans in 20th. Michael Baughman turned in a 19:54 for Oregon-Davis in 87th, and Jesse Knepp placed 135th for LaVille, although the Lancers couldn't field five runners for a score at the meet.

West Lafayette won the Class AA Boys championship with a 120, while Culver Military just missed a top five team score with 222 points for sixth. Plymouth placed 17th with a 403 and John Glenn was 22nd with a score of 653.

In just his third race so far this season, Alejandro Arroyo led CMA with a third-place result and an impressive 16:34, and sectional-rival Plymouth's Calvin Cook cut a full 36 seconds off his previous best this season at the challenging New Prairie course to finish hot on Arroyo's heels in fourth place with a 16:35.

Chris Trennepohl and Alex Burke ran strong races for the Eagles with respective times of 17:35 and 18:38, and Patrick Shetler paced the Falcons with an 18:45 in 84th place.

The Lady Eagles were out two of their top five runners in the AA competition Saturday as top-running sophomore Waverly Neer entered the more competitive Class AAA race, and

Willow Smith was sidelined pending the outcome of a bone scan on her foot Tuesday. Neer, who was sick prior to the invite, finished second in the AAA class with a speedy 18:51, and several of her teammates also suffered from illness as CGA placed 10th in the AA run, 95 points ahead of Plymouth's girls in 17th.

"Waverly ran up in the triple A race, and I was pretty pleased with her," said Culver Academies head cross country coach Michael Chastain. "She was sick before the race; she was probably only about 80 percent. I was very pleased with Stephanie Burian, and Mary Peter ran well, but we looked a little sluggish. We also had some girls that were a little sick, so that's what we'll chalk that up to. Hopefully we can get over some of these bugs

• NEW PRAIRIE CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

BOYS CLASS AA (Medium-size schools)

Team scores: West Lafayette 120, Edgewood 141, St. Joe 143, New Prairie 160, Bellmont 188, CMA 222, Andrean 253, Rensselaer Central 265, East Noble 343, Kankakee Valley 344 Angola 344, Hanover Central 348, Fairfield 356, Highland 360, Rochester 365, Bishop Chatard 382, Plymouth 403, Peru 434, Brown County 444, Concordia 538, Marian 596, John Glenn 653, Tippecanoe Valley 657, Gary Wallace 696, Hammond Gavit 709, Griffith 726, Northwestern 754, Calumet 781, Twin Lakes 795, Knox 799, Washington 833, Jimtown 869. CMA (222): 3. Alejandro Arroyo 16:34, 27. Chris Trennepohl 17:35, 54. Coleman Zimmerman 18:14: 60. Ramsey Bradke 18:22, 78. Alex Burke

PLYMOUTH (403): 4. Calvin Cook 16:35, 77. Declan Fox 18:38, 92. Andrew Kurtz 18:57, 98. Jordan Winkler 19:05, 132. Derrick Lee 19:53 JOHN GLENN (653): 84. Patrick Shetler 18:45, 102. Matt Havranek 19:12, 116. Stacy Noland 19:29, 174. Jake Kunnen 21:30, 179. Gilberto Munoz 21:43. BOYS CLASS A (Small schools)

Team Scores: Oak Hill 88, Kouts 133, Bridgman (Mich.) 199, Carroll 202, Beecher (III.) 212, Clinton Prairie 212, Wheeler 214, Hebron 240, Hammond Noll 308, Boone Grove 313, Bremen 335, Morgan Township 345, Pioneer 351, West Central 367, Triton 376, TriCounty 383, North Judson-San Pierre 425, Fremont 467, Niles Brandywine (Mich.) 503, Bethany Christian 518, North Miami 551, Culver Community 558, Eastern (Greentown) 616, Winamac 659, LaLumiere 664, Lafayette Catholic 669, South Central 683, Westville 701, LaCrosse 702, O-D 722, Washington Twp. 809.

BREMEN (335): 6. Nate Avery 17:20, 52. Austin Nielson 18:51, 68. Jon Wesner 19:18, 108. Austin Gardner 20:24, 111. Michael Ricketts 20:26 TRITON (376): 20. Blake Lemler (Triton) 17:51, 24. Curtis Nordmann 17:55, 103. Race Berkey 20:11, 116. Nick Nordmann 20:35, 128. Matt

Sechrist 20:52 CULVER COMMUNITY (558): 18. Stephan Vantwood 17:49, 89. Michael Stout 19:55, 132. Josh Wentzel 20:54, 166. Tyler Hughes 22:39, 184. Blake Bennett 23:38

O-D (722): 87. Michael Baughman 19:54, 123. John Strejc 20:47, 156. Anthony David 21:55, 193. Seth Krozel 24:21, 210. TJ Dickeson 24:28 LAVILLE (NO SCORE): 135. Jesse Knepp 21:01, 194. Jimmy Tuttle 24:22

GIRLS CLASS 3AAA: 2. Waverly Neer (Culver Girls Academy) 18:51 GIRLS CLASS AA

(Medium-sized schools) Team Scores: St. Joe 107, Concordia

112, Kankakee Valley 120, West Lafayette 145, East Noble 171, Fairfield 174, Western 218, Rensselaer Central 227, Edgewood 249, CGA 258, New Prairie 259, Marian 287, Andrean 341, Dwenger 405, Bellmont 411, Northwestern 414, Plymouth 463, Highland 548, Angola 565, Lowell 603, Twin Lakes 609, Griffith 609, Rochester 613, Hanover Central 647, Jimtown 664, Peru 695, Tippecanoe Valley 735, Brown County 778, Gary Wallace 826.

CGA (258): 24. Stephanie Burian 21:06, 35. Kaye Sitterly 21:21, 53. Mary Margaret Peter 21:40, 63. Carson Canonie 21:49, 83. Katie Gawor 22:35.

PLYMOUTH (463): 55. Allasyn Slater 21:43, 81. Mae Christiansen 22:32, 93. Katelynn Brashere 22:49, 96. Gabriella Ramirez 22:53, 166. Sarah Griewank 25:07. JOHN GLENN (No score): 110. Amanda Wolf 23:09, 115. Kim Podell

Amanda Wolf 23:09, 115. Kim Podel 23:13, 160. Abby Thacker 24:44. GIRLS CLASS A (Small schools)

(Small schools)
Team Scores: Bremen 128, Hebron 134, Beecher (III.) 157, Bethany Christian 170, West Central 202, Carroll (Flora) 207, Winamac 220, Fort Wayne Canterbury 221, Tri-County

Christian 170, West Central 202, Carroll (Flora) 207, Winamac 220, Fort Wayne Canterbury 221, Tri-County 276, Kouts 277, Boone Grove 286, Fremont 315, Oak Hill 320, Whiting 330, Michigan City Marquette 344, North Judson 353, Lafayette Catholic 360, Morgan Twp. 402, LaVille 439, Bridgman (Mich.) 476, New Buffalo (Mich.) 616. BREMEN (128): 8. Hope Jordan 20:18,

20. Megan Burcham 21:27, 31. Anna Zeltwanger 21:58, 38. Stephanie Weldy 22:18, 50. Paige Fox 22:46. LAVILLE (439): 6. Elaine Schmeltz 19:45, 112. Emily Langford 25:06, 116. Jesse Feitz 25:16, 136. Allison Webb 27:00, 147. Amy Clark 28:08.

CULVER COMMUNITY (No score): 42. Lauren Shaffer 22:27. TRITON (No score): 109. Ashley Kann 25:04, 122. Jessica Calvert 25:46, 160.

Jennifer Strycker 32:51.

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OREGON-DAVIS (No score): 51.

Justyne Kranenburg 22:47, 150.

Megan Hinds 29:08 156. Lauren

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Dehning has the ball...

The Culver Comm. High School girls' soccer team took on John Glen last week, the Cav girls willing 1-0. In the photo above, C.J. Dehning (Culver No. 7) plans her next move to to keep the ball away from the John Glenn defender.

# Finances still the reigning issue for library board

By Alyssa Hyndman Correspondent

The focus of the board meeting of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Tues., Sept. 16 was correction of the organization's funds. The first topic discussed at the meeting was the issue of the fund balances being incorrect. Jim Faulkner, library bookkeeper, said that, as of now, the balance in the LIRF account is \$123,153.70. On the other hand, Faulkner said the balance of the operating fund was "zero or below zero." He proposed the library board should consider transferring \$75,000 out of LIRF and into the operating fund. The transfer was later approved by the board.

LIRF and into the operating fund. The transfer was later approved by the board. Faulkner also said that by Wed., Sept. 24, Umbaugh, a private accounting firm, would be done reconciling the accounts and all the exact figures would be calculated. This action will be extremely beneficial for the library considering the accounts have not been reconciled since 2006.

Next Faulkner presented the monthly report. In addition, Faulkner and interim library director Colleen Carpenter-Rowe presented a supplement addressing the entire target expenses of the library, summed monthly, quarterly and annually. These include everything from utilities to payroll, to the amount spent on purchasing new literature. Faulkner said a fair target amount for the 2009 estimated income would be \$413,000. This estimation brought up questions from the board about the amount of payroll spent in the past. Board member Alfred Nyby pointed out the supplement targeted payroll at \$240,000, but last year \$313,000 was spent. Nyby estimated that the library would have to cut their total weekly staff time from 428 to 300 hours per week.

Other suggestions for cost-cutting included using inter-library loans for requested books, a software report to address what is essential, reducing the amount spent on postage for the mailing of overdue fines, and perhaps eliminating some unused materials.

Another great achievement in cost reduction was the saving of almost \$7,000 in the purchasing of new furniture for the children's room, a reduction made by Carpenter-Rowe. Board secretary Carol Saft also suggested that the cost of the cell phone bill needed checking into. Saft said that from June 16 to July 15, the bill was \$150. She said the cell phone contract needs to be looked into and it should be established whether the calls being made are all business calls, or if the phones are being used for personal reasons.

In her director's report, Carpenter-Rowe informed the board that an ad has been placed online for the position of library director. It was also presented that library board member David Campbell sent in his letter of resignation Sept. 4. The reason Campbell gave was his inability to attend enough meetings. There will be a county council meeting on October 2 to fill his seat. It was also passed that Carpenter-Rowe be given the position of interim director for three months so that other applications can be considered for the permanent position. The board voted that the position would be accompanied by a \$35,000 annual salary. Carpenter-Rowe said she would also be applying for the permanent position.

During the public input, Charlotte Hahn, a member of the Friends of the Library asked about profits made by the Friends of the Library book sale during the Taste of Culver. It was established by Faulkner that the Friends do have their own account and when library finances are in order, the group will receive the full profit from the book sale. Connie Van Horn, another member of the Friends, added a reminder that the Friends are having a book sale during the town-wide yard sale Sept. 26 and 27, and that all donations are greatly appreciated.

The library also held a public hearing Sept. 9 passing its 2009 budget.

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more information, call Karin at 574-772-3711 or Kathie at 574-842-3056.

#### Scarecrow contest

The Culver Chamber of Commerce-sponsored annual Scarecrow Contest is on the way. The entry fee is \$12 payable to CCC Scarecrow Contest, 751 East Shore Dr., Culver, IN, 46511. Registration, to the above address, must be completed by Oct. 6 with a street light post assigned to participants by Oct. 13. Scarecrows are to be put up on Oct. 18 and no later than Oct. 20. Breakdown is Nov. 1 (all materials must be removed by then). Registration forms will be available at Fisher & Co. Clothiers, Culver Coffee Co., and Cafe Max. The public will vote for "best in show" at participating shops around Culver.

Scarecrows must be 5'5 to 6 ft. in height; a name with sign above the scarecrow should be given (no company names or logos are allowed); scarecrows are to be handcrafted with no sharp objects.

Questions may be directed to Judi Dodge at 574-842-4753.

#### Friends of the Library need books

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library organization will hold a book sale at the library, 107 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri., Sept 26 and Sat., Sept. 27. All are invited and books will be priced to sell. The group is still accepting donations of books for the event, which can be taken to the front desk of the library.

#### Cub Scouts popcorn sales launched

Culver's Cub Scout pack 290 has launched its annual popcorn fundraiser. The pack, which meets regularly at Wesley United Methodist Church, will be at the following "show and sell" sites in Culver:

Park N' Shop - Sept 26, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Park N' Shop - Sept 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Walnut church fish fry Sept. 27

The choir of the Walnut Church of the Brethren (19th and Gumwood, Argos) is having an all you can eat fish (or chicken) fry Sat., Sept. 27, 4 to 7 p.m. Adults: \$7, Children (6-10): \$4. All Carry-outs \$7. Prepared and fried by Burns Fish.

#### Park remembrance bricks available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver reminds everyone that Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks are still available. These individual pavers are a lasting way to create a wonderful remembrance of families, relatives or friends. They become a permanent part of beautiful Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

Charlotte Hahn advises that bricks are inscribed in batches of 12 and she has seven orders on hand. With five additional orders in the next several weeks, it will be possible for all of them to be set in the ground before winter.

4"x 8" bricks with 1 or 2 lines for \$50 and 8"x 8"bricks with up to 4 lines for \$100 are available. These donations to the Society for the bricks are

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Bricks may be ordered from Charlotte by contacting her at

574-842-3267. Order forms are also available in the Museum room at the library.

#### Bass tournament fees reduced

The entrance fee for the fourth annual Two-Person Team Charity Bass Tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee has been reduced to \$100 from \$175 in order to encourage greater participation, according to Culver Kiwans Club president Dick Swennumson. The event, sponsored by Collins & Co. realtors, Portside Marina, and Plymouth MARCO Bassmasters, will take place Sun., Sept. 28. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Culver's Kiwanis Club and its charities, with an 80 percent payout to the winner.

#### Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library. Please stop in and see us in the lower Carnegie level of the library during regular library hours.

#### Citizen cell phone

Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at 574-261-7887.

#### Fun at Wesley Preschool

Top right photo: Students in the junior class at the Wesley Preschool in Culver demonstrate their teamwork during the P.E. portion of their day, playing a 'balloon race' game. In front are Cabot Ellert, left, and Ches Michael. Back row, left to right: Alisa Hinds, Nikki Huss and Luci Overmyer.

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Top left photo: Wesley teacher Jill Gavlick leads a 'circle time' song with Adrian Schoufen (right) and Sophia Schuldt (far right).

Bottom left photo: Senior class students Sydney Denham (left) and Emily Heim reach for a balloon during P.E. class.

Bottom right photo: Guest reader Jessica Saunders, wife of Wesley pastor Larry Saunders, shares a story with senior class students (from left) Peter Kenney, Emily Heim, Sam Luttrell, Sydney Denham, and Sophia Schuldt.

Wesley, based at the Wesley United Methodist Church and Culver's only formal preschool program, holds two junior and three senior class sessions per week. The program still has openings in its junior class, according to techers Jill Gavlick and Jennifer Luttrell.

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