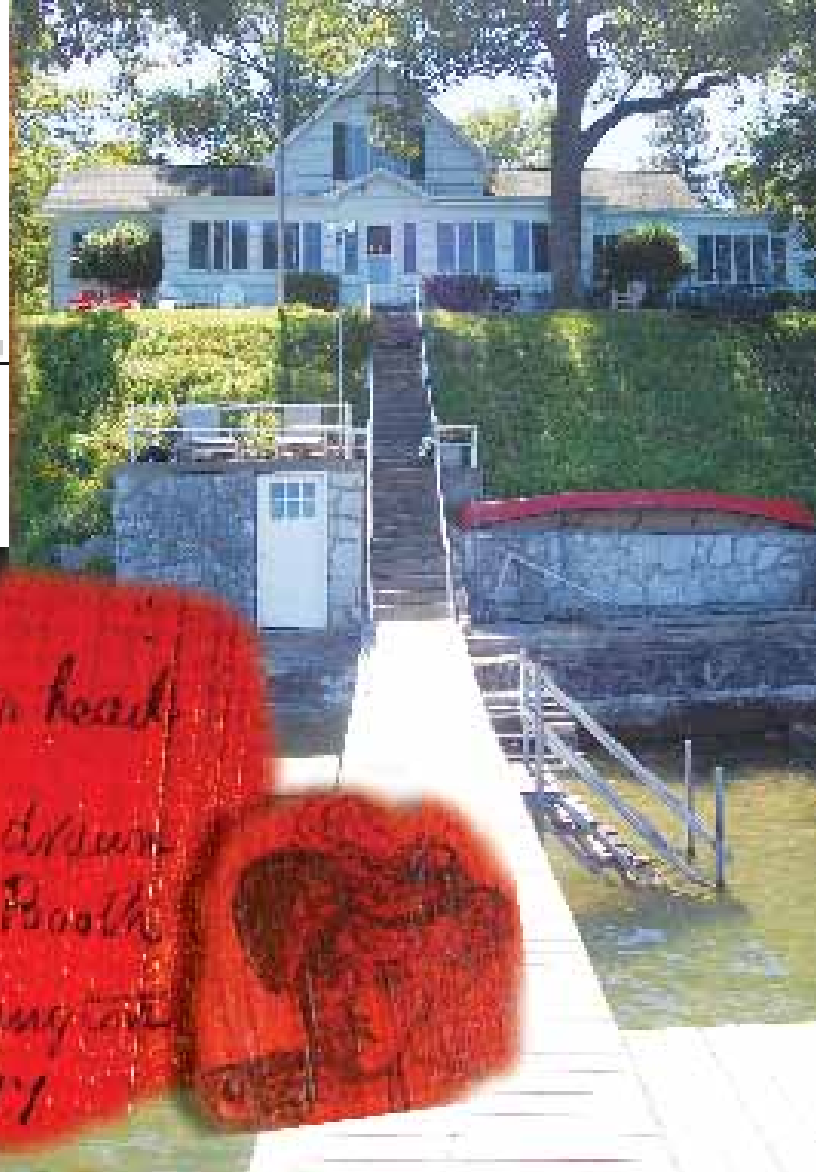


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In Brief

Community meal at Grace July 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, July 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Kiwanis golf outing is July 16

Culver's Kiwanis Club will host its annual Children's Youth Programs Charity Golf Scramble at Mystic Hills golf course Friday, July 16. Registration check-in is at 8 a.m. This year's funds will benefit the Culver Boys & Girls Club and Riley Hospital for Children, as well as Kiwanis' Scholarship Endowment. Entry fees are \$260 per foursome or \$65 per individual. The fees include 18 holes of golf, food, soft drinks, awards reception, door prizes, and favors. Hole and prize sponsorships are also being sought. A hole sponsorship is \$150 per hole. Contact Julie Bess at 574-216-4205 with any questions or to obtain an entry form by July 15.

Yard sale sign ordinance

The Culver Plan Commission wishes to remind area residents of the Culver Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to displaying and placing of yard sale signs.

Sec. 5.3 of the ordinance in item 9 prohibits persons from attaching signs to any utility structure such as street signs, utility poles, fences and trees. Violators can be subject to fines of \$25 per day per occurrence. The Plan Commission appreciates your cooperation.

Culver sewer line jetting

In an effort to assure proper sewage flow, the Town of Culver will be conducting sewer line maintenance during the months of July and August. This process requires pressure water jetting of problematic sewer lines in town. If you have any questions regarding this preventive maintenance project, please feel free to contact Town Hall during normal office business hours at 574-842-3140.

Lake Fest this week

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Hoosier history in its very walls

A look around the historic Maxinkuckee cottage at which acclaimed author Booth Tarkington wrote part of his classic, "The Gentleman from Indiana," located at 1910 East Shore Drive. ABOVE, LEFT: David and Ginny Gibson examine the portion of the wall which Tarkington is believed to have signed at the cottage. INSET IS the sketch of a woman's head with the inscription, "This head was drawn by Booth Tarkington," written in what appears to be pencil in the wood. At RIGHT, a view of the cottage, once known as "the Fish House" (in its 1880s and '90s days as a fishing cottage) from lakeside.

See story below

Indiana literary history a visible part of Maxinkuckee cottage

Legendary Tarkington's Maxinkuckee journey enshrined in walls at east shore

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Gibson cottage at 1910 East Shore Drive has grown a bit since its 1875 to 1880 era construction as a small fishing cottage, but its walls still bear witness not only to its past, but to the presence of Booth Tarkington, one of the great American authors and giants of Indiana's "golden age" of literature, 1890 to 1920.

Tarkington is said to have written at least part of his classic novel, "The Gentleman from Indiana" (1899) -- which first established him nationally as a writer -- at the cottage. Evidence of his presence remains on the walls of the living room of the cottage amid other, similar clues to the cottage's past written by a number of guests there through the years: hand-written notes, signatures, "reliefs" (created by tracing the shape of one's face onto the wall), sketches, and even a poem

about the lake. On the back of one door is still affixed a poster for a European event dated 1896-97. Dated signatures -- alternately in pencil and ink -- date from 1888, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1912, and so on. Present owner David Gibson says signing names as mementos on walls of homes was not uncommon, though he's not sure of any others on Maxinkuckee with comparable markings.

On the south wall of the living room, among other signatures and sketches, resides a small pencil drawing of a woman's head -- hairstyle and attire appropriate to the 1890s -- with a nearby note scrawled, "This head was drawn by Booth Tarkington."

Tarkington's presence at the cottage made all the more sense in light of his family connection to it. His sister, Mary Booth, was wife to Ovid Jameson, whose own sister Mary Jameson Judah owned the

cottage with husband John Mantle Judah.

Judah, one of the few (if not only) cottagers of Jewish ancestry on the lake at the time, served as Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court and was remembered, among other things, to have believed he had the gift of "extra sensory perception," according to papers housed at the Indiana Historical Society and available online. Mary Judah made a bit of a literary splash herself, with stories published in Harper's and other major publications, and a fairly successful book, "Down Our Way: Stories of Southern and Western Character." She died in 1930, and John M. Judah in 1936.

The cottage, however, had become a family cottage enjoyed by the Judahs' two sons Harry and John Victor, whose last names were changed to Brandon at the suggestion of Mary Judah's parents, the Jamesons. Each son was prom-

ised a \$20,000 bequest if the change was made, and one can only speculate that the Jamesons' motive may have been intended to help the boys avoid the anti-Semitism of the day.

As late as 1958, the cottage was in Mrs. John Brandon's name, though in 1960, records indicate it was owned by George Dickinson, changing hands a year later to Frank Osborn. Indianapolis orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frank W. Teague would purchase the cottage in the 1970s. An avid fly fisherman, many of Teague's books on the subject continue to occupy the library at the house. Teague died in 1993 and his daughter, Katherine "Kitty" assumed ownership along with her husband, Indianapolis realtor Joseph Schaub. The couple had three children who grew up spending summers on the lake: Joe, Steve, and Betsy (to be named by page B2 and sharing his last name).

Lake Maxinkuckee and the 'golden age of Indiana literature'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As anyone who dropped by the "Golden Age of Indiana Literature" exhibit at the Center for Culver History over the past several weeks knows, Indiana produced a bumper crop of literary figures between 1890 and 1920, when in fact Indiana ranked second in the United States in producing highly acclaimed literature. A surprising number of these figures had very distinct connections to Lake Maxinkuckee.

In today's technological, almost "post-literate" culture, it's almost difficult to grasp the success of some of the novels which not only impressed critics of the day, but were popular hits with audiences as well, even though they were often far

Dan Adams marks 30 years of stage life

Founding member of Maxinkuckee Players reflects on group's three decades year in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Dan Adams as 'Tevye' with Beth Webster in the Players' 2008 performance of 'Fiddler on the Roof'

If he continues his involvement with the Maxinkuckee Players in Culver, Dan Adams says he'll have been involved in the group for literally half his life. But then, this summer the enduringly popular Players celebrate their 30th year of entertaining area audiences, and Adams is the only member who's been involved in every production since the curtain first opened for the players at the Culver Community High School auditorium in the summer of 1980.

For his part, Adams had already been in Culver since January, 1972. A graduate of Ball State who grew up in Upland, Indiana (between Marion and Muncie), Adams says he had his Culver Community Junior-Senior High School interview January 3, found out he had a job teaching junior high math on the 6th, found an apartment on the 7th, and moved to Culver on the 8th. He'd never been to Culver before his interview, but "now its home. I don't want to leave," he says.

Adams had been involved in theater and drama in high school, which he says helped him immensely to overcome shyness. That's why, when late CCHS English teacher Mimi Kalt (later Weirick) called Adams and other teachers to fill needed roles in the school's spring, 1980 production of "Finian's Rainbow," Adams initially turned her down.

"(Involvement in theater in high school) made a big change in my life," he told Kalt. "I hate to use a teacher in a role when you could find a student and make a big change in their life. A week and a half later, she called back and said she really had beat the bushes, but I couldn't find anyone to do it. So I said I would do it. She said, 'Good. I

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Medallion completes Global Safety Week

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Medallion Cabinetry's Global Safety Week ended with an employee picnic at the Culver town park with many fun activities for the family and guest speaker, Officer John Duhnovsky (above, left), local D.A.R.E. officer talking with employees' children about being safe and what to do to avoid child abductions.

The safety of Medallion Cabinetry employees supports one of the company's values, that employees are its most important asset, according to Donna Louk, Human Resources Manager. During the week of June 14, all employees participated in various daily safety activities including safety on the job and at home. "All Elkay facilities throughout the United States, Mexico, and China participated in the Global Safety Week, which provided a week filled with safety and wellness education and activities for employees and their families," explained Louk. "Employees should never jeopardize their health and well being while working. Employees' families and friends count on them to work and come home safe each day. One of our activities included employees bringing in family photos for the 'Others Count on You to Be Safe' board."

Guest speakers from LaFree Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy and the Fitness Forum also assisted, and Medallion conducted its annual wellness screening, which included a full blood screening and health profile for employees and spouses.

Legacy from page A1

The Schaub sons -- avid sailors continuing in the family tradition of involvement in the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club -- still spend summers at the lake with their families, according to David Gibson (Kitty Teague Schaub, very active on the lake with the Yacht Club among other endeavors, passed away in December, 2006).

Present owner Gibson, whose father formed the Gibson Insurance Group in Plymouth in 1933, returned to the area in 1970 and over a period of time sold his interest in the Group to his junior partners, though he still keeps an office in Plymouth. In the years since its founding, Gibson Insurance had expanded to South Bend in the 1980s, and opened an Indianapolis office in 2008. The Gibsons were (and are) friends with the Furry family on the East Shore, and Gibson recalls visits to Bill Furry's house as a young boy during the days when the Maxinkuckee Playhouse was located just behind Furry's family cottage on East Shore Lane.

The Gibsons' Maxinkuckee connection continued when -- in 1977 -- he and wife Ginny bought a 22 foot Catalina sailboat from the Culver Marina, which they kept at the Marina and used during visits to the lake. In 1980 and 1985, larger Catalinas followed, and the family's "cottage was basically at the Marina," smiles Gibson. "We'd go to parties and go stay on the boat."

The Gibsons had kept an eye out for property on Lake Maxinkuckee, he notes, but "it was always priced just outside your reach. Finally when I retired from the agency, we were in a position to consider it. We pretty much made up our mind we wanted to be on this side of the lake."

David and Ginny Gibson purchased 1910 East Shore Drive in July, 2007. With 116 feet of lake frontage, the former "Fish House" (as it was known in the late 19th cen-

ture) sits on a point of sorts, giving a view of the lake at the sides as well as the back of the house. The Gibsons also already knew their neighbors, the Beckers (who happen to be related to the Furrys as well). "It's a great neighborhood," adds David Gibson. "Everybody can walk back and forth from house to house."

At the time of their purchase, however, neither David nor Ginny Gibson knew much of the storied history of the place.

Booth Tarkington returned to the cottage after the time he spent writing "The Gentleman from Indiana" there. Certainly he was back in August, 1890 at age 21, according to Susannah Mayberry's book, "My Amiable Uncle: Recollections about Booth Tarkington," published in 1983. At Maxinkuckee, she writes, "his spirits were enlivened by his meeting with Geneve Reynolds. They played tennis and argued 'spiritedly' about Robert Browning and George Meredith." Tarkington grew rather attached to the young lady, other biographers suggest.

Quite likely, Reynolds was the unnamed girl Tarkington had in mind when he wrote in 1941 to niece Mayberry on the topic of overly giddy summer romances of one's youth: "I remember a dreadful period in my own youth when I was like that (after a summer at Maxinkuckee) through the whole month of September, an object of commiseration by everybody in our neighborhood."

Tarkington, in fact, followed Reynolds to Purdue University for two years (he would be married twice in his life, but never to Reynolds) before transferring to Princeton for another two years. Tarkington went on to become a literary celebrity, world traveler, leading voice of his day, and even Indiana State Representative for one term. Of the many novels, stories, and other writings he published prior

to his death in 1946, Tarkington may be best known for his 1918 novel, "The Magnificent Ambersons," which in 1919 won the Pulitzer Prize. and was turned

into a classic movie in 1941 by famed actor and director Orson Welles (of "Citizen Kane" fame).

Further evidence of Tarkington's Maxinkuckee presence exists in a letter dated July 29, 1890 to Mrs. R.E. Jones from none other than the legendary "Hoosier Poet," James Whitcomb Riley. In it, Riley includes lines from his new poem about the lake, "The Blue Above and the Green Below," and he encourages his friend to reply to him "Care (of) Booth Tarkington, Maxinkuckee, Ind." (the letter was loaned for copying to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver by Ted Schenberg of the west shore).

So, like many of his literary and society contemporaries, Tarkington considered Maxinkuckee a second home in his younger days, to which the wood paneling on the walls of the Gibson cottage remains a testament.

The Gibsons respect the house's history, and have become involved in the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, whose board Ginny recently joined, while David sits on the board of the Culver Club.

Unfortunately, like many of the old Maxinkuckee cottages, the old "Fish House" was built as a summer cottage only, and not to withstand harsh Indiana winters even by the winterizing standards of the day. As such, the Gibsons have faced the challenge of how to make their property a year-round, permanent home, and they say it's likely the cottage -- built in such a way that winterizing it would be less practical and cost effective than building a new home -- will have to come down.

But, says David Gibson, "We're considering building a new cottage on the site and incorporating many of the historical parts of this, house including some windows and the interior finish in the new home."

So those scrawled bits of history along the paneled walls, including Tarkington's, evocative as they are of a 'golden age' not only of Indiana literature but of Lake Maxinkuckee history, will be carefully preserved, which exemplifies the spirit of one of Booth Tarkington's better-known quotes:

"Cherish all your happy moments," he wrote. "They make a fine cushion for old age"

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Death notices

Hyland

Keith W. Hyland
Sept. 3, 1926 — July 10, 2010

KNOX — Keith W. Hyland, 83, of Culver, passed away Saturday, July 10, 2010. He is survived by his stepsons: Donald Lessaris of Tampa, Fla., David W. (Linda) Lessaris of Greenwood, Ind. and William Lessaris of Clearwater, Fla.; two nieces; a nephew, Harvey Alan (Kay) Hyland of Culver; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nine great-nieces and nephews. Visitation took place from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, 153 E. Washington St. Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the funeral home. Interment took place at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Triplet

Gary Triplet
July 12, 2010

INDIANAPOLIS — Gary Triplet, 47, of Indianapolis, died July 9, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Carmen Triplet; daughter, Catherine "Catie" Triplet; mother, Jean Triplet; sister, Gina (Andy) Hupprich; several aunts and uncles; and a niece. Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 at Stevens Mortuary & Family Center, 5520 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14 at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 5301 W. 16th St., Speedway. Burial took place at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Greenwood. Condolences may be made to the family online via the website: www.stevensmortuary.net.



3rd-4th grade tournament champs

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Coach Marlo Anderson's third and fourth grade boys soccer team went undefeated in the 15th annual NCSC tournament June 5 and 6 in Argos. Culver went 3-0 and outscored their opponents 15-4 including a shutout. On the season Culver finished with a 10-1 record including six shutouts and outscored their opponents 49-10. Pictured front row, left to right: Dakota Bennett, Justin Bennett, Adrian Craig, Nikolas Vela, Pat Schmiedlin, Fisher Shea. Back row: Coach Marlo Anderson, Lucas Vela, Marcellus Anderson, Jack Schmiedlin, Cody Russell, Coach Rhapsody Craig, Coach Patrick Mulvihill. Not pictured: Caleb Sheridan and Trent Jones.

Community calendar

Thurs., July 15

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

Fri., July 16

Culver Kiwanis golf outing, 8 a.m. registration, Mystic Hills golf course
 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets
 Miss Maxinkuckee pageant (Culver Lake Fest kickoff), 6 p.m., beach lodge area
 "Gong Show" talent contest, 8 p.m., town park
 Culver Lake Fest begins (see www.culverlakefest.com for details), town park
 Moonlight Serenade, 9 p.m., west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee

Sat., July 17

Culver Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.
 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Lake Fest including bass fishing tournament, fun run and walk, Lions Club breakfast, kids games, live music, vendors and food, and more; all day,

town park (see www.culverlakefest.com for details)
 Culver Lake Fest parade, 10 a.m., through Culver
 Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel
 Council Fire, 9 p.m., Culver Academies Bird Sanctuary

Sun., July 18

Culver Lake Fest concludes (including breakfast, L'MAX bike ride, burn out contest, etc.), all day, town park and other locations (see www.culverlakefest.com for details)
 Moonlight Serenade, 9 p.m., east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee

Mon., July 19

Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tues., July 20

Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co.
 Boat making competition (with prizes - summer reading youth program), 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

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OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

Weds., July 21

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Community garden work session, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets
 Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Thurs., July 22

Culver Academies Summer Camps homecoming weekend begins
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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denser in content and style than what would today be considered "light reading."

Take the case of Maxinkuckee's earliest literary 'golden age' giant, Lew Wallace (1827-1905), whose literary career technically predates the 'golden age' in question. A former Indiana state senator, Civil War Major General, military judge at the Abraham Lincoln assassination trial, US minister to Turkey, and other credits, avid fisherman Wallace made his way to the lake prior to the 1884 completion of the railroad here. In those days, the Allegheny House was a popular fishing hotel built in the 1850s in the Maxinkuckee Village on today's 18B Road (it's owned by Paul Cromley nowadays). Wallace, who called Lake Maxinkuckee "the most beautiful place in the world" (in an article in the Chicago American in 1905), completed early chapters of his hit novel, "Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ" (published in 1880) at the hotel.

That would have meant the world to 19th century audiences. The book was the best-selling novel of the entire century and has never been out of print. The movie adaptation, starring Charlton Heston, won an unprecedented 11 Academy Awards and was the best-selling movie of 1960.

As mentioned in the accompanying article this issue on Booth Tarkington on the lake, James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916) also frequented Maxinkuckee's shores during the 'golden age.' Known as "the Hoosier Poet," the "National Poet," and the "Children's Poet," Riley also created of Little Orphan Annie, toured the country with Mark Twain, was called upon to read his poems at national civic events, and found time to write a poem ("The Blue Above and the Green Below") about the lake to boot.

Of all the golden age authors, none so overtly wed his writing with Lake Maxinkuckee as this man, Meredith Nicholson (1866-1947). Nicholson was influenced by Anthony Hope's hit 1894 novel, "The Prisoner of Zenda," but wanted to set an adventure fantasy in a more domestic locale. He toyed with using Notre Dame as the site of his novel, but a wintertime stay in a cottage at today's 762 East Shore Drive provided the setting. The resultant novel, "The House of a Thousand Candles," was published in 1905 by Bobbs-Merrill of Indianapolis. It went on to wild success, becoming the best-selling novel of 1906 in the entire United States. Advertising campaigns and slogans adapted the "thousand candles" theme across the US, and the book inspired at least one stage play and three Hollywood movie versions.

The house itself was presented a historic landmark award in May, 1984 by The Marshall County Historical Society. Still standing and owned by Creighton Hippenhammer (who wrote an in-depth article about the house and its literary impact in Traces Magazine's summer, 2007 edition), it was built in 1881 and is one of five built by the Vonnegut families at about that time.

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REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thurs., July 15: Sliced Turkey, lettuce, tomato slice, rye bread, potato salad, fruit salad, orange juice, and milk.

Fri., July 16: Pepper Steak with onions and peppers, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, roll, peaches, and milk.

Mon., July 19: Country fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Tues., July 20: Meatballs and noodles withgravy, mixed vegetables, salad with tomato wedge, western dressing, roll and margarine, pears, and milk.

Weds., July 21: BBQ ribs, potato salad, corn on the cob, wheat roll and margarine, fresh fruit medley, and milk.

Thurs., July 22: Chicken breast patty, bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

Fri., July 23: Smoked sausage and bun, sauteed peppers and onions, peas, carrot slaw, apples, and milk.

An update on Culver schools

--from a departing board member's perspective

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While Culver Community Schools students are enjoying their summer vacation, work at the school continues, albeit on a somewhat slower summer schedule. As I near completion of my second and final term on the Culver School Board, I write this letter to update Culver Schools' patrons on my view of the current status of our Corporation and encourage those with an interest in our kids' future to run for the open, at-large seat on the School Board this fall.



GUEST EDITORIAL
BY CHRIS KLINE

As a reminder, the purpose of the Board is: 1) to set and evaluate school policy; 2) to hire and evaluate Administrators to implement our policies and 3) to be responsible stewards of the taxpayer dollars which support our public schools.

The current Board takes these responsibilities very seriously and is committed to our kids' education and future. In fact, I am proud to say that our School Board will be recognized as an "Exemplary Board" at the State School Board convention later this Fall, one of only a handful of Boards in the State to achieve the highest level of distinction recognized by Indiana State School Boards Association. While we as a Board may not always agree with each other on specific issues, we have established an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect through which we can have productive discussions and make effective decisions.

So what would a prospective Board member have to look forward to in 2011 and beyond? Here is my take of the current "state of Culver schools."

A great place to start for those who are looking for the latest information on our schools is by visiting our freshly redesigned web page, www.culver.k12.in.us. The continually-updated website contains a comprehensive calendar of activities for all four buildings, a searchable School Policy manual, School Board minutes, links to useful education websites, and is the portal through which parents and students can communicate with teachers and administrators. Indeed it is now common for teachers to post assignments on line, for students and parents to check grades on line, and for teachers and Administrators to communicate directly with parents via email. As a busy father of four kids in our school system, I can't overstate the usefulness of our school's investment in technology.

Other highlights include:

Student achievement.

As measured through standardized tests, Culver students are performing well, but there is definitely room for improvement. As judged by the Federal No Child Left Behind benchmark, Culver Schools have made "annually yearly progress" as measured by the ISTEP each of the past four years. As measured through the State's PL 221 standards, Culver is currently on "Academic Watch," but expected to be upgraded to "Academic Progress" this fall. In general, Culver students perform a little better than the State average on math exams and a little under the State average for English exams. Of course, we are not content to be "a little better than average" and our teachers and administrators are implementing a variety of innovative programs to improve student achievement at all levels and for all abilities.

Financial performance.

Given the precarious financial situation many schools and other public institutions currently find themselves, Culver Schools' financial standing is indeed a bright spot. Our Corporation continues to have

the lowest tax rate when compared with any of our area schools. Unlike many area schools, Culver has not had to RIF any teachers during the recent State budget cuts nor have any major programs been cut. (A list of the budget cuts we have made is available from the Superintendent's office.) While it is likely the State's support for public schools will continue to be reduced, thus requiring our Corporation to keep all budget options on the table, we are well positioned financially to navigate through these difficult times.

Experienced, effective administrators. Culver is fortunate to have a group of experienced administrators who are committed to our students' success. From the Superintendent and his staff to the building principals, our administrators are active and engaged in our school. Our See Schools page B

Name that Culver "citizen"

At press time, only readers Sandra Middleton, Linda Kose Hall, and Betty Kose Knaus recognized last week's Mystery Citizen, Edith Strait. Retired from a lengthy teaching career, including at West High School and Culver High School, Mrs. Strait (who your editor believes still lives in Culver) graced the cover of the Pilot News and Culver Citizen in 2008 when, at age 102, she voted in the Marshall



County primaries. She had voted, she believed, since 1928. In fact, Betty Knaus recalls Mrs. Strait's yearbook signature: "s.e.b.s. (small evening basting stitches)." A true home ec teacher!

This week's Mystery Citizen is part of two Culver area families with plenty of history here, and has made many contributions through her work and life over the years as well.



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Edith Strait, then



and now Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Yet another thoughtful reader has submitted a photo (BELOW) of our small but well-traveled local paper on another of its cosmopolitan travels around the country and the world. All are encouraged to submit their guesses, as to the famous location at which this photo was taken.

Guesses as to the location of this week's photo -- and submissions of other photos of the Citizen on its many journeys -- may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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Culver faculty members recognized

Award winners, retirees lauded at Commencement Convocation

Eight instructors with Culver Academies – including two retirees – were recognized at the June 6 Commencement Convocation for their dedication and service.

Faculty awards were given to Culver residents Richard Battersby, Matt Boland, Dan Cowell, Janet Kline, John Oberwetter, Dominica Petulla, and Andy Strati.

Janet Kline, John Oberwetter, and Plymouth resident Jan Weaver were also recognized as retiring members of the faculty.

The top three faculty awards and those honored were:

The Major General Delmar T. Spivey Award for Teaching went to math instructor Matt Boland.

Established in 1967, the Spivey Award is named for Culver's sixth superintendent. The award recognizes and encourages superior teaching among younger, promising members of the faculty and the winner is selected by the Academic Department chairs.

Boland joined the Mathematics Department in 2007. He earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University. He earned his teaching endorsement from the University of Nebraska. He also completed a Master's Degree of Education at Adams State College. His areas of study and teaching interest include mathematical pedagogy, math history and literature. Mr. Boland is the head junior varsity volleyball coach.

Wellness instructor and head trainer Dan Cowell, a 24-year veteran of the faculty, was named The Kaser Scholar. Given by the parents and classmates of Mark B. Kaser, valedictorian of the Class of 1975, following his untimely death at Culver's 1976 Commencement, the award is presented to a member of the faculty whose scholarly interests, enthusiastic teaching, sympathetic understanding and wise counsel combine to inspire students and kindle a zest for life and learning.

Cowell was hired in 1986 as an athletic trainer and Wellness instructor, but during his tenure has served many roles. He brought the American Red Cross Bloodmobile to Culver in 1988 and continues to serve as co-chairman. Cowell was the first director of the Outdoors Challenge Course (1995-98) and in 2000 became the director of the Siegfried Fitness Center. He held that position until 2005, when he returned to teaching and athletic training.

A graduate of John Carroll University, Cowell completed his master's degree at Miami University of Ohio. He later obtained a master's degree in athletic training from California University of Pennsylvania.

John Oberwetter, who retires after nine years on the faculty, was the recipient of the John R. Mars Faculty Merit Award. The Mars Award was established in 1983 by the Board of Trustees to honor the 10th superintendent and to perpetuate the example of his positive relationship with students throughout his 43-year career (1941-84) as an instructor, coach, counselor, and administrator. The award is presented to the member of the faculty or staff who has established the most positive and constructive relationship with students and best exemplifies the ideals of Culver and Dean Mars.

Oberwetter joined the English Department in 2000, has been associated with the Humanities program since then. He earned his bachelor's degree in history at Columbia University's School of General Studies. He became an English teacher at a junior boarding school in Connecticut and then earned his master's degree in curriculum and teaching at Columbia University's Teachers College in 1990.

Oberwetter has sponsored the Film Club, Amnesty International, and the senior class. His wife, Shelley, is a mathematics instructor at the Academies.

Emeritus Faculty

As a way of honoring long-time service to the Academies, the Board of Trustees established emeritus status in 1983. Such status is conferred on faculty/staff who are retiring and who have served at least 20 years at Culver. In June, Janet Kline and Janice Weaver retired with a combined 59 years of service.

Janet Kline has a combined

tenure of 32 years of service in both the prep school and summer programs. In 1977 she founded the Girls Woodcraft Camp and served as its director for eight summers. Kline joined the Academies as a CGA counselor in 1982 and also taught psychology and leadership. She joined the Admissions Department as an associate director in 1984 and served there for 17 years. In addition, she also taught psychology and assisted with the College Advising Office. Kline returned as director of the Woodcraft Camp for five summers beginning in 2000, the same year she assumed duties as an associate director of College Advising.

Kline's ongoing work with students previously earned her the John R. Mars Award for establishing positive relationships with students, and she is the first faculty/staff member ever to twice be voted the Ralph N. Manuel Award for Teaching Excellence by Culver students in 2010 and in 2003.

Janice Weaver joined the Science Department in 1983. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind., before earning a master's degree in chemistry from Indiana University. During her career, she has taught chemistry, an elective geology class,

and served as an adviser to Science Research Honors students. With the transition to an Active Chemistry curriculum in recent years, she worked as a field test instructor and adviser, teaming with engineers, teachers, and curriculum specialists to help plan a better way for students to be introduced to science and chemistry. Weaver implemented what she had learned into her classroom. She has also been involved in Indiana University's Princeton Earth Physics Program (PEPP) and operated an on-site seismograph which was used to monitor activity in the New Madrid fault zone. Data from the Culver seismograph is shared with researchers at Indiana University and other schools.

Williamson Fellows

The 2009-10 Williamson Fellow honorees were Dominica Petulla and Andy Strati. The Williamson Fellowship was established in 2004 by J.D. Williamson '63 and his wife, Judy, as a way to reward faculty who have an impact on the education and personal development of Culver students. This award includes an honorarium to motivate and retain bright, young teachers. Williamson Fellows are highly motivated, participate in many extra-curricular activities, stand out as student mentors, and rise through the ranks of the academic leadership systems.

Petulla joined the Department of Modern & Classical Languages in 2005. She earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in Spanish from the University of Madison-Wisconsin. Petulla is currently working on a second master's degree in ESOL from the School for International Training. She previously taught Spanish in California, New York, and Wisconsin. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Petulla also is a scorekeeper for the volleyball teams and a co-adviser to the CGA Honor Council.

Strati has been a member of the Humanities Department since 2005. He earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education at Manchester College with an emphasis in American History and American Government. Strati spent 15 years teaching and coaching at high schools in South Bend and Goshen. He currently teaches American Studies and International Relations. Strati is the offensive coordinator for the varsity football team and is an assistant coach for freshman boys' basketball. Additionally, he is co-adviser of the Culver Military Honor Council. His wife, Rebecca, works in the Huffington Library.

Manuel Awards

The Manuel Award is presented annually to the male and female faculty or staff member who, in the opinion of the student body, best exemplifies the ideals of Culver. Manuel was president of the Academies from 1982 to 1999. Janet Kline becomes the first two-time winner, having also been selected in 2003, and is joined by Humanities instructor Richard Battersby.

Battersby joined the Humanities Department in 2001. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Lancaster University in the United Kingdom, and a master's degree in history from the State University of New York. His areas of study and teaching interests include American and European history. Battersby served 16 years in the Royal Air Force as a flight commander and instructor, and an aide to a four-star general at NATO headquarters in Brussels. In addition to his classroom responsibilities, he is a member of the Faculty/Staff Affairs Committee and an assistant coach of the Quiz Bowl team. He is married to fellow Humanities instructor Catherine Battersby.



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From left: Dan Cowell, Janet Kline, Richard Battersby, Janet Weaver

Efforts to alter golf cart ruling held up at state level

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

Editor's note: Culver-area readers may be interested in this follow-up to coverage of last summer's controversial golf cart legislation in Indiana, which forbid driving the vehicles on roadways except those municipal streets on which local ruling has officially allowed their use (as is the case in Culver).

PLYMOUTH — On a day when every other county government in the state of Indiana had the day off, the Marshall County Commissioners conducted business as usual.

The day after the Fourth of July was a day off for many people around the state, but Marshall County employees were hard at it and the Commissioners were as hard at it as anybody, conducting a full slate of business in their regular first Monday of the month session. The day even included a State Legislator explaining a bill that's stalled in the Indiana Assembly.

State Representative Nancy Dembowski came before

the Commissioners — at their request — to talk over the status of House Bill 1078 regarding the use of golf carts on public roads. The legislature has previously passed a bill that bans the use of the vehicles on all public roads in Indiana, but allowed for cities and towns to pass their own ordinances to allow the use of golf carts if they so desired with the stipulation that the speed limit of the road not be greater than 35 miles per hour and that the driver of the vehicle hold a valid driver's license.

The bill did not allow county government to do the same, creating problems particularly in areas around lakes and golf courses where the vehicles are widely used for transportation. Dembowski had introduced legislation that would rectify the oversight and allow county government to adopt ordinances of their own regarding the vehicles. The bill was supposed to pass through the legislature for implementation on July 1, but hit a snag.

Dembowski told the Commissioners that the bill is officially listed as "still in committee" in the Indiana Senate.

A member of the house Transportation Committee,

Dembowski had attempted to contact the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee — Senator Thomas Wyss — to discuss the holdup. Wyss's office informed Dembowski that he didn't have time to discuss the issue.

"I really don't know what the issue is with this Senator," said Dembowski. "I don't think it's political. I worked with several colleagues across the aisle on bringing the bill forward."

President of the Commissioners Kevin Overmyer commented that the Senate action of essentially killing the bill left counties in Indiana with no "home rule" in the matter, "...we don't have any authority in our own county?"

Dembowski said she would be reintroducing the bill — which passed by a 91-1 vote in the House — to allow counties to make their own rules regarding golf cart usage in the next legislative session. Until then it will remain a violation to operate a golf cart on a county road and police will continue to issue tickets for the infractions.

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Superintendent and two of our principals have recently been recognized by their peers as leaders at both the regional and state level. Particularly during times of reduced budgets, administrators have to make difficult and unpopular decisions or recommendations to the Board to enable us to continue to operate within our means. The Board has a high degree of confidence in our Superintendent and administrators to make good decisions in the interests of our students.

Committed teachers and staff. Spending a few hours in one of our classrooms is probably the best way to see the commitment of our teachers and staff. Another example of our teacher's commitment to our Corporation is their agreement earlier this summer to give back the salary increase we had previously negotiated.

Facilities and infrastructure. We have continued to invest and upgrade in our Corporation's aging infrastructure. Though old, our buildings are in good shape and are being effectively maintained for the long haul. In order to save money, we have reduced summer programming (and the accompanying utility bills). Patrons can take a first hand look at our buildings during the "Back to School" nights later in August or by making an appointment with the building principal.

Challenges

Notwithstanding my generally positive assessment of our schools, we continue to face a number of challenges.

State funding support. State revenues continue to fall short of projections. The five percent cut Culver absorbed in our 2010 budget may need to be replicated in 2011 and

the prospects beyond 2011 aren't good either. The fat is gone; future budget cuts will require hard choices regarding classroom size, extra-curricular programs, pay and benefit levels, etc.

Extra-curricular programs. One of the key indicators of successful performance in the classroom is student participation in extra-curricular activities. Culver Schools offer a range of athletic and other activities to enable students to stay active and explore new opportunities. To date, we have not had to eliminate any extra-curricular programs; however, additional budget cuts could hit these areas hard, and it may be necessary for individuals and businesses within the community to step in to fill the gap.

School size. Culver's total K-12 enrollment has been hovering around 1,100 kids for the past several years, down 10 percent over the previous 10 years. Schools which dip below 1,000 enrollment can become candidates for consolidation. As state funding is now more directly linked to school enrollment, it is critical for our community to address the population/jobs issue comprehensively. If we are not attracting full time, year round residents to our community, our schools will suffer.

Income level and special needs students. Culver Schools' demographics would challenge any group of educators. More than half our students are on free or reduced lunch. Statistics show that this group of kids can be the most at risk for failing in school. Culver has always taken the view that low income students can and should excel at every level. Our teachers and administrators are trained to provide the type of curriculum and educational services

to be responsive to our demographics. Likewise, with 17 percent of our students requiring some type of Special Education service, Culver, especially our Superintendent, has helped lead a thorough revamping of the JESSE Cooperative. It will be vital for future Boards to evaluate the effectiveness of our educational efforts for both cohorts of students.

With summer in full swing, the true pleasures of life in Culver are evident at every turn. Little League games in the evening, the Town Park bustling with activity, Lake Fest excitement building — indeed it's a great time to be living in Culver. As we enjoy all this community offers, I encourage those who care about the community and our kids, to give serious consideration to running for School Board. The deadline for filing for this fall's election is August 20, 2010. Further, I would encourage those with an interest to attend the August 9 regular Board meeting and to talk with any of the Board Members, Superintendent, or other administrators about any questions you may have.

I am extremely proud to have served as a School Board member. I hope to take the lessons I've learned as a board member and apply them to my next challenge, running for (and hopefully, winning) a seat on the Marshall County Council.

Chris Kline is a native Culverite who has served two terms on the Culver Community School board and serves as Regional Director at JF New in Walkerton. He and his wife Kathleen live in Culver with their four children.

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Culver's 26th annual Lake Fest debuts this Friday, including the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant at 6 p.m., the new "Gong Show" local talent contest at 8 p.m., as well as the traditional fun run and walk, fishing tournament, L'MAX bike ride, kids' games, Saturday morning parade, live music, food, car show, burnout contest, and more. Details are available online at culverlakefest.com

Moonlight Serenade

Fri., Sunday

Culver Academies Summer Naval School band will once again entertain area listeners -- and carry on a more than five decades-old tradition -- via the annual Moonlight Serenade on Lake Maxinkuckee. On the evenings of Friday, July 16 and Sunday, July 18, the three-masted square rigger the RH Ledbetter will take to the waters with the band on board, and traverse the west shore Friday night and east shore Sunday, playing popular classics along the way. Area residents are encouraged to head to the town park or other sites along the route, and lake residents encouraged to continue the tradition of lighting flotillas on piers and elsewhere to welcome the serenaders. The music will begin at 9 p.m.

Culver Coffee beer

garden Saturday

The Culver Coffee Company will once again sponsor its Lake Fest Beer Garden Saturday, July 17 from 1 to 11 p.m., this year with a Jimmy Buffet-Hawaiian theme. From 1 to 4, the band Khaki Limbo will play Jimmy Buffet songs, and from 7 to 11 p.m., the band Strange Arrangement will play various covers to dance and sing to. Food and drinks include beer, wine, Larry's famous smoked

chicken wings, pizza, and more. The event will take place in the parking lot west of Brockey Insurance and Culver Coffee Company, 630 E Lake Shore Drive. The \$3 entrance fee will be waived if you wear a Hawaiian outfit. Questions may be directed to 574-842-6326.

'Wizard of Oz' onstage next weekend

The Maxinkuckee Players will present their production of "The Wizard of Oz" onstage at the Culver Community High School auditorium starting this Friday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Other performances include Sunday, July 25: 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 28: 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 30: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 31: 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 1: 4 p.m.).

Native American history bike tour

July 24

The Bike Barn at 103 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver, and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver will sponsor a Native American History Bike Tour of several of the Culver area's historic Native American-related sites, led by Jeff Kenney of the Society. The tour will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 24, starting at the Bike Barn. The event is free and open to the public.

Included in the tour: part of the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee occupied by chief Nee-Swau-Gee, and the Twin Lakes area north of Culver for a visit to the site of Chief Menominee's village and the first church in Marshall County. Musician and author George Schricker will be on hand for a brief musical performance including some of his songs about area Native Americans. All are asked to bring their own bicycles

and helmets. Call 574-842-3606 or email don@bikebarnculver.com with questions.

Second grant round of 2010 begins

The Marshall County Community Foundation announced it will now accept applications for the second grant cycle of 2010. Organizations desiring to apply for a grant should contact the Marshall County Community Foundation office at 574-935-5159 or visit the website at www.marshallcountycf.org for an application. Applications from website must be used and signatures are required.

Grant applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Aug. 2. Applications will be reviewed by the grants committee of the community foundation and will be acted upon by the Board of Directors during their September meeting.

Grant requirements include: Humanitarian, Cultural, Educational, Recreational, Environmental, and must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status.

For further information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, president, Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159.

Susanna Quilters display this month

The Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church will offer a display of their personal quilts at the Culver Public Library in downtown Culver, for all to see and admire, through the month of July. These quilts are for display only, not for sale. However, the Quilters will have a booth at Culver's Lake Fest on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with several quilts for sale and a variety of small items.

L'MAX registration

Flynn completes Basic Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Nicholas A. Flynn, a 2007 graduate of Culver Academies, Culver, Ind., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Flynn completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

open, volunteers sought

The L'MAX bike takes place as part of the Culver Lake Fest on Sunday morning, July 18 with sign-in from 7 to 11 a.m. This year, a Bike Barn mechanic will be on duty at the Culver beach lodge, the site of sign-in. L'MAX riders may choose from four distances to enjoy the day of the ride: 10 miles, 30 miles, 63 miles, and 100 miles, all starting at the Culver beach lodge, which will also serve as an SAG stop. Organizers Don Baker and Janet Halling are also looking for a few more volunteers willing to drive SAG wagons along the routes, or staff the SAG stops. Those interested, or with questions, may call 574-216-7180. Registration is open now, with forms available at the Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive, or online at www.culverlakefest.com. Before July 15, entry fees are \$20 per individual or \$40 per family, and after July 15, entry fees are \$25 per individual and \$50 per family. Free t-shirts are only guaranteed to those who register before July 15.

Miss America, historic dresses Aug. 14

Miss America 2009, Katie Stam, will be in Culver as part of "Wedding Dresses Through the Ages," sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, Saturday, August 14 at the Culver Cove. Young ladies from the Culver Community High

School will model some 36 wedding dresses dating from as far back as 1888 so far, and as current as 2009. The event includes a silent auction whose proceeds will benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The silent auction begins at 12 p.m. that day, and the style show at 2 p.m. Around 120 businesses in the Culver area, Marshall County, and as far as South Bend and Mishawaka have contributed to gift baskets for the silent auction. Tickets to the event are \$35 and may be purchased in Culver from the First National Bank of Monterey (Culver branch, 1049 Lake Shore Drive), the Culver Coffee Company (634 E. Lake Shore Drive), and Fisher and Company Clothiers (111 S. Main Street). Questions may be directed to Lois Broeker at 574-842-4005.

Jet ski, golf cart raffled for charity

Culver's Kiwanis Club this summer is raffling off a 2010 Ultra LX jet ski (with lift and trailer) valued just under \$14,000 as well as a 2010 EZ-Go ST Sport golf cart valued at more than \$7,000. Raffle tickets are \$20 (one ticket) and \$50 (three tickets or multiples thereof). If enough tickets are sold by noon on September 6 (Labor Day Monday), a drawing for each item will take place at the town park in Culver. Proceeds will benefit Kiwanis and other local or-

ganizations assisting in the raffle, including Culver's Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Fest committee, and the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available at Osborn's Mini-mart and Park N' Shop in Culver, or from any Culver Kiwanis member.

Children, caregivers invited to meals

Carin Clifton, Food Services Director for Culver Community Schools, reminds area residents of the FREE breakfasts and lunches provided via the school this summer. Any child 18 and under (or those with disabilities involved in a special education program, regardless of age) can eat FREE at the Culver Elementary School and other sites listed below. No income guidelines are required, and one doesn't have to be in the school district to enjoy a meal. Caregivers may purchase a lunch for \$3.25 and/or a breakfast for \$1.85, so, says Clifton, "Stop by and enjoy breakfast or lunch."

Sites and dates are: Culver Elementary School (through August 13) breakfast, 7:45-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Culver Community High School (August 2 through 12) breakfast, 7 to 7:30 a.m.; lunch, 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Monterey Elementary School (August 2 through 6) breakfast, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:45 p.m.

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Academies competition may lead to real-life entrepreneurship

Marshall County student among winners

By Jan Garrison

Shifting Winds, the winning team of the Culver Academies' School for the Entrepreneur's Miclot Opportunity Assessment Competition in May, may still be celebrating its win and the \$3,000 cash prize that comes with it. But the four team members also have a lot more work to do.

That's because, after making their presentation to the judges, Shifting Winds members Luke Kucera '11 (Plymouth, Ind.), Michael Geiger '11 (Culford, Conn.), Drew Phillips '11 (Aliso Viejo, Calif.) and Tyler Ledford '12 (Fulsom, Calif.) were approached by a potential investor who wanted a more comprehensive business plan. Pretty heady stuff for a high school business competition, but it was that high level of business savvy shown by the seven teams of students that brought people indoors for nearly three hours on a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon. The Roberts Auditorium audience was standing room only for the second annual session, which asks students to show the market viability of their business ideas.

Shifting Winds presented a plan to build a 40-turbine wind farm on an Indian reservation in South Dakota. The original idea grew out of planning for a Spring Break in Mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. While the spring trip did not happen, it didn't kill the idea.

Pine Ridge was significant, team members said during the 10-minute presentation, because of its wide expanse of open land, average wind speed, large power transmission lines cut through the reservation, and it supports a community college. With all 40 turbines operational, the wind farm would supply the electricity for the reservation, sell the excess to utilities, and train workers for the long-term operation and maintenance of the wind farm. Seventy percent of the profits would go to the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The schedule called for the Tribe to take control of the wind farm by 2030. The program would start by constructing one large-scale turbine to generate electricity for the school. This would help Pine Ridge residents to understand the viability of the program, reduce energy costs for the school, and create local jobs. Plus the demonstration project will show how the wind farm fits into the ecological sensibilities of the Oglala Sioux. Kevin Kucera, who works in the development department, and served as a mentor for the team, said the boys will spend the summer in developing a business plan summary and other related business start-up requirements for the potential investor.

The total investment would be \$150 million, with potential annual profits ranging up to slightly over \$22 million. The second place team was Safebreath, a commercialized blood alcohol level testing system to be used in police departments, medical settings, restaurants and bars. Sky Strycker '11 (South Bend, Ind.), Nik Kasper '11 (Dayton, Ohio), and Lawrence Dann-Fenwick '11 (Lake Forest, Ill.) said the commercial units would sell disposable, biodegradable tips that customers would buy from a vending machine with the blood alcohol monitor attached.

Governments and medical settings would buy the disposal tips for their existing monitors. The tips would be either plain or could be customized with the company name or logo. These tips would also be biodegradable, making them greener than existing tips. Safebreath received \$1,000 for its business plan.

The third place team of First Steps received \$500. First Steps is combination of parental concierge services, online and inperson advise and tips, and a children's furniture rental business.

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have a part picked out for you: Og the leprechaun.’ Now also in that play were Mike Schwartz, Latham Lawson, and Judy Patton. I said, ‘Why are you having me play the leprechaun when you have Latham?’”

The play was a hit, Adams recalls, and the idea arose to have a civic theater group in the summer. After advertising in the paper soliciting interest, a core group met and formed the Maxinkuckee Players board, and the basis of the Players’ first production, “Paint Your Wagon” began to come together, even members felt they were initially flying by the seat of their pants. (Editor’s note: the genesis of the Players and its history through the past three decades will be explored in more depth in a later article celebrating its anniversary).

Through his years of involvement with subsequent performances, Adams notes his profession as a teacher was central in his being able to make the time commitment each summer of four nights of rehearsals plus work on sets Saturdays, each week.

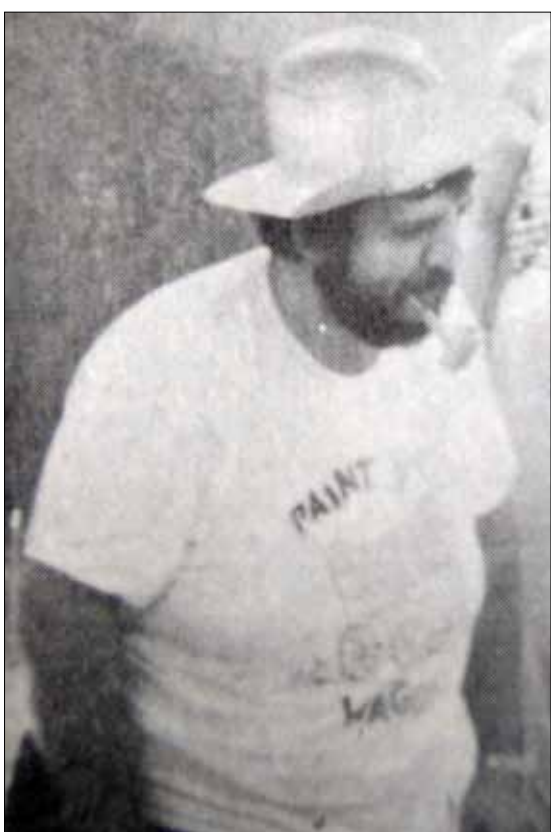
“It’s very tiring. Sometimes you’re pulling your hair out thinking, ‘How will I ever get this done and learn these lines?’ Then you get up onstage and don’t remember your lines during practice. But it’s amazing how it comes through....it has to get to the point where it flows and you don’t think about your lines. If you think about them, you’re in trouble!”

Of all the many productions the Players put on, Adams was off-stage for only one, “Nonsense” a few years ago, which had a cast of just nine actresses, though Adams ran the spotlight during performances.

“I tried to convince them to put a part of Sister Mary Moustache in there,” chuckled the moustached Adams, “but they didn’t!”

Adams has also been involved with various offshoots of the Players’ summer productions, such as the crowd-pleasing Maxinkuckee singers, though he notes the Singers and Players are quite different operations under different directors; the Singers, too, are “a more consistent group” and sing almost throughout the year, particularly in spring and the winter holidays. The Singers began, he adds, 27 or 28 years ago after a Players variety show led to an invitation for members to sing at a Plymouth fundraiser.

Ironically, as a child Adams was left out of a singing



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO
Dan Adams in the summer of 1980 during the Maxinkuckee Players’ debut production, “Paint Your Wagon.”

trio his parents and brother formed “because I couldn’t carry a tune! I sang in the church youth choir, but was never featured. I guess in high school somebody mentioned, ‘You’ve got a good voice.’ I was working at Taylor University in the cafeteria and I was horsing around singing, and a girl said, ‘Wow, you have a two-octave range!’ I didn’t even know what that meant!” In college, the first time I ever sang solo in front of a group, a college friend was getting married and wanted me to sing the Lord’s Prayer. I was scared to death, and there were only about eight people at the wedding!”

Things have certainly changed: each summer, Adams is now singing onstage with the Players for more than 2,000 people during productions, and that’s not counting his work with the Maxinkuckee Singers.

Dan Adams noted he’s also been involved from the beginning with set design

for the Players, even though he doesn’t consider himself either artistic or a builder. “But I have some ideas of what I’d like to see. Luckily we some great members who are artistic, who say, ‘I see what you mean.’”

He’s also been assistant director “three times or so, but it’s just not my forte...I like putting my two cents in, but not being in charge!”

Reflecting on his years with the Players, Adams says his favorite role may have been the one he played twice, that of Tevye in “Fiddler on the Roof,” which allowed him not only to bring differing attributes to the role due to the intervening years between productions of “Fiddler,” but also making line memorization easier the second time around, since he’d already learned them the first time. “The older I get,” he adds, “the harder it is to memorize lines.”

He also greatly enjoyed the role of Gaylord in the Players’ production of “Showboat.”

“Ann Bigley was our musical director; she taught me a lot of things about how to project and get some power out of my voice...Judy Patton played Magnolia, and she and I got to sing a song called, “Your Love” out of that one, and it’s very powerful. We could sing at the top of our voices and put everything into it -- it’s one of my favorite songs.”

Comedy, says Adams, is the most fun to do. “Any scene where there’s comedy and you can get the audience laughing...you’re at the height of your glory.

“I can see the audience when I’m on stage,” he adds. “Some people say they can’t, but I purposely see if I can find the audience. (During the performance of ‘Once Upon a Mattress’), one of my best friends in high school, I could hear him laugh, and I and knew where he was sitting. I love making eye contact with people in the audience if I can.”

Adams recalls memorable moments from past productions such as the Players’ inaugural show, “Paint Your Wagon.”

“The chorus was supposed to sing, ‘You got a dream, boy, got a song; paint your wagon and get along.’ Tim Overmyer was supposed to give them a note, and he hit the wrong note. They started singing terribly! My line was, ‘Did you hear that?’ Ned Overmyer said, ‘Did you hear what?’ We still laugh about it. The little mistakes make live theater live theater.”

Also memorable: the time during a performance of “Little Mary Sunshine” when the “rock” head came off a tomahawk and then-middle school principal George Miller, in the audience, caught it in mid-flight. Miller happened to also fall victim to a flying croquet ball, though luckily, Adams smiles, it was a Nerf ball.

Among the toughest productions he remembers was “Finian’s Rainbow,” “because of the racial stuff. It gets into black and white issues...a senator has to turn black.

“Then we did ‘Showboat.’ We didn’t want it to be black-face, but we didn’t have any black person audition for it, and it’s a central part of the play. Those were tough because of the personnel. Hopefully we did it tastefully enough that it wasn’t offensive to anybody.”

Difficult from a technical standpoint was the play, “Carousel,” adds Adams. Luckily, late Culver Marina owner Jack Campbell was a collector of carousel items and loaned the Players some of his horses. For “Brigadoon,” a small bridge leading offstage into the audience proved a challenge, though it came off splendidly. Audiences may recall the seemingly magical transformation of Cinderella’s house dress to a ball gown, Adams says, something which was achieved by having the actresses’ sister -- tired in ball gown -- take her place onstage and lip sync to “Cinderella’s” voice via microphone offstage.

This summer’s production of “The Wizard of Oz” may prove to be the most challenging, technically, yet, Adams explains, for its special effects requirements, from green smoke surrounding the wicked witch, to fire flung at the scarecrow, and a great deal more. There are, in fact no less than 27 sets required for this summer’s play.

“Every play we’ve done, I could probably tell you my favorite parts...there’s always something special about every one we do.”

And, of course, interaction with a diverse troupe of performers, which changes at least somewhat with each production, is another plus for Adams. “I’ve met so many people.”

In thirty years worth of productions, Adams says he “can’t imagine my life without some sort of performing.

“When you’re tired you say, ‘I won’t do it again,’ but once it’s over you start thinking what to do next.”

Meantime, the Players plan some vibrant celebrations as the year moves on, to mark the milestone the organization has achieved, which will be announced in more detail at a later date.

Dan Adams is hopeful the Maxinkuckee Players will be a continuing legacy, and towards that end has encouraged productions involving more children and young people, something which seems to have been quite effective.

“It’s helped immensely,” he says. “It also helped get some of the parents involved, even if they’re not onstage.

“I would love to see, when I’m 92, that the Players are still going on,” adds Adams. And if the first thirty years are any indication, perhaps at that age he’ll be onstage with them.

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Culver Academies Shifting Winds team members Tyler Ledford, Michael Geiger, Luke Kucera (of Plymouth), and Drew Phillips. Kucera, from Twin Lakes/Plymouth, was Team Captain and was also Captain of the Varsity Hockey Team, an Officer in BEAM, and will represent Marshall County on an upcoming REMC Washington DC trip this summer.

Anticipating the growing trend of people living farther away from extended families, and both parents working, First Steps would match expectant parents with trained “professional parents” (generally empty nesters) who can help them navigate the first five to seven years of a child’s life. These people would help the new parents baby-proof the house, how to correctly connect a carseat, and other basics. This would be combined with a furniture rental business that would allow families to lease cribs, high chairs, and other baby/child furniture rather than purchase them. The profit would come from the monthly fee for the concierge services and rental fees. Team members were Austin Welch ’11 (Winnetka, Ill.), David DeVries ’11 (San Diego, Calif.), and Joel Florek ’11 (Marquette, Mich.).

The Miclot Opportunity Assessment Competition has been endowed by Culver parents Andy and Sharlene Miclot (Austin, Texas). The business plan project is a chance for students to pitch their concepts to a panel of judges, much as they would a proposal to bankers and/or venture capitalists for financing. Serving as judges were Patrick Barry, investor and former director of the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Notre Dame; Marsha Ralls, president/director of The Ralls Collection, Inc., in Washington, D.C.; Don Kempf, president and co-founder of Giant Screen Films, Evanston, Ill.; and Zoe Damacela, of Chicago, the national runner-up in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Competition. She is

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Culver Kiwanis charity bass fishing tourney winners

CULVER — Plymouth’s Rich Paton and Knox’s Dave Morrow led the field with a total of 9.89 pounds for top honors as over \$1,600 was raised to support the Culver Kiwanis children’s charity fund at the Culver Kiwanis-Collins Realtors Children’s Charity Bass Tournament.

While Paton and Morrow received the top prize of \$654.62, Plymouth’s Chris Collins finished in second place with partner Fred Field with catches weighing 9.64 pounds for the runner-up prize of \$386.88 at the tourney, while Harold Chaney and Dick Martin came in third with 8.93 pounds, and Ron Moake and Ron Crawford rounded out the top four with catches totalling 8.65 pounds.

Several other prizes were given out as \$2,163 and \$300 in gift certificates were paid out at the charity tourney.

Mark Lester won the Ramlin’ Man Travelin’ Award after driving nearly 127 miles to fish at the tournament, and he and son Bob Lester finished eighth as the highest placing parent/ child team over 17 years old, while Clifford Reffitt and Braxton Rentschler tied for eighth as the highest placing parent-child team under 17.

Brian and Renee Hensley took sixth as the highest placing man-woman team at the tournament.

Herb Noonan, born in 1945, was named most seasoned angler, and Jim Hippensteel and Bobby Nelson grabbed big bass honors with a 3.45-pound bass.

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