

VFW dinner Friday

Culver's VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary will host its Friday meal July 8, featuring smothered pork chops, rice pilaf, green beans, and dessert (the open menu will still be available), from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The public is welcome.

Kiwanis Charity Golf Scramble July 15

Culver's Kiwanis Club will hold its 14th annual Charity Golf Scramble Friday, July 15, at Mystic Hills Golf Course (SR 117 and 20 B Road in Culver). Registration check-in is from 8 to 9:30 a.m., and shotgun start is 9:30 a.m. Team registration due by July 13.

There will be an awards reception and lunch in the clubhouse immediately following play. Men and women are invited to participate in this scramble. Cost is \$260 if entering a foursome (payable to Culver Kiwanis Golf Outing). Teams will be formed for players wishing to participate but unable to fill a foursome. Individual entry is \$65 per golfer. Contact Julie Bess, 865-603-2241 or 574-842-8646 for more

Community meal at Grace July 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, 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.

BIRD returns July 9 BIRD (Building, Inspir-

ing, Recreating, and Discovering), the joint community service group of Culver Community and Culver Academies dents, will once again offer community service to the people of Culver this summer. Those wishing to volunteerr on the group's July 9 workday may contact Kevin Van Horn at 574-952-1237.

Lake patrol golf outing July 9

A golf outing to benefit the Lake Maxinkuckee Association Lake Patrol will be held Saturday, July 9, at Mystic Hills Golf Club. Registration and range balls is at 1 p.m.; Florida scramble starts at 2 p.m.; awards and cocktails at

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Riding the Maxinkuckee breeze

Always a thing of beauty to behold, a promenade of white sails drifted across the horizon of Lake Maxinkuckee over the June 18 weekend, as the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club hosted the 2011 C Scow Nationals here. Andy Burdick and Chris Impens on Team M / I-45 clinched their regatta victory Sunday during the last race, Burdick having also won the 2010 Nationals with crew, Jim Gluek, according to Sail22.com, website of the company which organized the event. Sail22 is also owned and operated by Ed Furry and wife Becky, both of Culver (and recently married here as well!). The three-day races drew 55 teams, who enjoyed use of Culver Academies' waterfront facilities. Top five finishers, besies Burdick and Impens, included A Jim Tews and Jenny Jaessing; Paul Reilly and Aaron Mann; Brian Brickler and Mike Tyriver; and Will Haeger and Brad Roble.

More photos from the event may be viewed online at sail22.smugmug.com/Sailing-Photography/Scows.

New addition to downtown offers 'younger, fashionable clothes'

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

They say when one door closes, another opens. In downtown Culver this week, it's more a case of when one store closes, another opens.

As reported in a recent edition of this newspaper, The Collectors antique store and The Bear End teddy bear shop may be winding down their many years as fixtures in Culver's downtown, but a new offering for Culver area shoppers has debuted in the form of Civvies, located

at 114 South Main Street (the former site of The Bear End).

Culver resident Julie Brooks is partnering with friend Julie Workman, of Starke County, in the venture, which officially opened Saturday.

Brooks moved part-time to Culver -- her family was originally from the Phoenix, Ariz. area -- eight years ago. Having put two boys through Woodcraft and now into Culver Academies here, she says she's been looking for an opportunity to stay here and "be part of the community."

"We love Culver," she says. "This (type of store) seemed

lacking in the town: a place to shop and pick up younger, fashionable clothes."

Workman has been involved in retail in Culver for many years now, though like Brooks she's never opened her own business. She "thought it would be fun to have our own shop," she explains. "And I got to have a good partner."

The idea for the store, say Brooks and Workman, had been festering for about two years. The two friends discussed it CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY while biking around Lake Maxinkuckee during evenings, Civvies business partners Julie and began to get more serious about it during the past eight Workman, left, and Julie Brooks. months. As discussions ensued, the two credit Culver resident Michele Jansey with suggesting the name "Civvies" for

"Everyone is welcome," says Brooks. "We have a lot of different price points, which is something we wanted to make certain: that we had something for everybody."

Civvies currently has over 45 different vendors' items in stock now, and Brooks says the goal is "to keep things really fresh, and find really talented people who may not be in the big

Offerings range from well-established vendors, she adds, to some See Civvies page 5

Funding helps bring Southwest upgrade to fruition

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana Finance Authority's State Revolving Fund Loan Program has provided funding to the South-West Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District in the amount of \$2,400,000 to make needed improvements to its wastewater system.

Ted Schenberg, Vice Chairman of the Conservancy District, said, "Lake Maxinkuckee is the second largest natural lake in Indiana which is enjoyed by thousands of Indiana residents each year. With the completion of our wastewater system, Lake Maxinkuckee will be fully surrounded by sanitary sewers, thus ensuring the quality of this important lake for generations to come. The District and the citizens of Indiana greatly appreciate the efforts of the IFA and the SRF in helping make this project a reality.'

The loan will finance the construction of a new public sanitary sewer system. The proposed collection system will utilize low pressure grinder pump technology. The project will include an upgrade of the Culver lift station with two new pumps and motors, replacement of the existing float switch system with a level transducer system, replacement of the piping within the lift station, and replacement of the control panel.

The new collection system will provide a positive means to address failing septic tanks and leaching effluent which was polluting the lake. Small lot size prevents expansion or improvements to existing septic tank systems. The collected wastewater will be pumped to the Town of Culver for treatment.

"The SRF Loan Programs provide Indiana communities with a unique opportunity to save money while addressing much-needed wastewater improvements," said Kendra York, Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana. "Governor Daniels is very focused on the health of Hoosiers. We are pleased to provide an economical way for communities to offer a cleaner environment and excellent quality of life See Southwest page 5

Author to Culver audience: Maxinkuckee was Vonnegut's 'peace'

Last Saturday's annual meeting of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver seemed fitting on a number of levels. First, it was held in the very cottage (formerly the Shirk-Robinson cottage, today the Bramfeld, and once the summertime "home" of composer Cole Porter as a youth) on whose porch the organization first formed, 20 years ago on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, in the summer of

Second, the spark for that initial effort to preserve and share Culver's history, said AHS president Jim Peterson, was lit by a suggestion from the late Catherine Rasmussen. who died in January, 2010. Further, the meeting's featured speaker was Mary Jane "Maije" Failey, a close childhood friend of late author Kurt Vonnegut, who also happened to be Rasmussen's cousin.

In introducing Failey, former summer resident Nancy Baxter -- whose Indianapolis company, Hawthorne Publishing, was responsible for Failey's recent book about



Author Maije Failey, right, accepts a gift from Sherrill Fujimurra of the AHS as Willell Hierage Kurt Vonnegut." Nancy Baxter (left) looks on.

Vonnegut, Cheek to Cheek: The Young Kurt Vonnegut in Indianapolis and Beyond" -- said Failey was given nickname "Maije" at Lake Maxinkuckee by Mary Glossbrenner, another summer resident CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY dianapolis gang and part of an "Inwhich included Failey told the

audience her mother first rented a cottage for the summer on the lake in 1937.

"We loved the dances at the Academy and the boys," she recalled, adding she particularly loved the Dunn cottage on the east shore, where Wesley Dunn introduced her to C Scow sailboats, of which she became enamored. She said the Dunn cottage was also central to a "sweet little romance people love to hear about" centered on a weekend there and revolving around Failey and another girl, Dunn, Vonnegut, "the moonlight night and all the glamour of Lake Maxinkuckee and youth.

The title of her book, Failey explained, had its genesis in Vonnegut's height of six feet, three inches, and Failey's of less than five feet.

She described Vonnegut as, "The prince of tragedy, the court jester of mirth, and the purveyor of 'and so it goes,'" a phrase made famous in Vonnegut's tragicomic, nowclassic novel, "Slaughterhouse Five," about the horrors he experienced during World War II and the bombing of Dresden, Germany.

"For the rest of his life," she noted, "his peace was Lake Maxinkuckee. Everything came back to this lake. This was where everything related. His mirth was his happy, zany times with his family here, Kurt being the youngest of three: Alice, Bernard, and Kurt. He swam all the way across the lake in his birthday suit, with Alice and Bernard rowing alongside in a rickety rowboat to protect him and cheer him on...there were five See Author page 8 Vonnnegut cottages in all."

Council tackles curbing controversy, business signs

By Jeff Kenney Citizen editor

Culver Town Council president Ginny Munroe, along with street department supervisor Bob Porter, will reexamine an Ohio Street property in hopes of resolving recent contentious disagreements between some property owners on the street, and the town, over placement of curbs, part of a sweeping project to replace curbs and gutters, repave, and add or replace sidewalks on several blocks of

At the Council's June 28 meeting, Ohio Street resident Julie Clark said she's unable to back her van safely out of her driveway following changes in her driveway configuration resulting from curbing there. She added her attorney has suggested she request a letter from the town that

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it has "taken part of my driveway and (is) refusing to give in back."

Munroe, explaining she's visited the property driving, on foot, and held a meeting there in recent weeks, was under the impression Clark wanted the driveway further towards the property line than she was seeking at the current meeting.

Clark acknowledged she misspoke about specifics at a previous meeting, and clarified she hoped the town would redo part of the work, and where. Munroe said she and Porter would, with the new specifics in hand, revisit the

Culver's Chamber of Commerce will work out specifications on sign placement it hopes will be allowed on sidewalks in town, at least on a seasonal basis, follow-

> ing Chamber member Mike Stallings' request that the Council consider the mat-

> Stallings noted current ordinances forbid "sandwich board" style signs, such as one recently placed outside newly-relocated Gladie's Deli on Lake Shore Drive. Culver building inspector Russ Mason, following ordinance, informed the restaurant the sign would have to go, and Chamber representatives were advised to take the matter to Culver's Plan Commission, which deferred it to the Council.

"We're here to promote business," said Stallings, adding the Chamber doesn't feel such signs create clearance or safety concerns on sidewalks, especially since some businesses place tables and chairs outside their locations, also on the sidewalk. It was suggested by audience member Susan Beggs that a permit could be issued allowing requesting businesses to place the signs. Council members expressed openness to the idea, and agreed to wait to hear back from the Chamber on the matter.

Sean and Jeanette Surrisi, residents of Coolidge Court, asked the Council about permitting legalities -- particularly for outside use -- regarding alcohol at the nearby banquet facility on Lake Shore Drive, the site of a recent gathering which the couple said spilled out into the street. Munroe added she had questions about selling and serving food on the same property on weekends, in the form of barbecue sales in the parking lot just west of the building, which has become a banquet space for the nearby Edgewater Grille. Some discussion of alcohol-related permitting legalities followed, and Council agreed to look into the matter.

Parking concerns in the area of the Edgewater Grille and Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive were also discussed, with Mason adding a request made at previous meetings that the Council consider adding a crosswalk in the area, which becomes busy and congested during the summer. Discussion between Council members and Culver police chief Wayne Bean centered around the challenge of finding an appropriate location for the crosswalk.

The Council approved on second and third (thus final) readings the rezoning of property on the south side of Culver, west of Main Street, surrounding the new Garden Court development there, as R2, which allows construction of multi-family units there.

Council voted for an easement suggested by Porter on property on the south side of Culver on land owned by the Hartel family, which would allow the town to reconfigure storm water to ease flooding during heavy rain events in the area.

Also approved was a total of \$3,600 for removal of sludge from the sludge bed at Culver's sanitary sewer plant, a necessity prior to work commencing to improve the facility. Allied Waste will remove and haul away the sludge.

Council voted in favor of drawing up an easement -- at a total cost of \$100 -- allowing the town to have access to a portion of property owned by Council member Ralph Winters, at his request. The area, on the north side of Culver, was the site of an incomplete storm water project from the past. Winters had offered to donate the land to the town to allow access to the storm drain there; he recused himself from the vote.

During his department head report, Chief Bean noted the police department's new truck has arrived, and is having necessary equipment installed. Culver Fire Chief Mike Grover thanked those who supported the department's annual golf outing recently, which he said was a success.

Winters noted the Council may be called upon to make decisions in the next year in support of a revival of Culver's triathlon event, which a Culver Academies faculty member is coordinating for next summer in conjunction with Culver's Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, Chamber, and other entities.

Munroe noted the Council met recently to sift through the many applications it received for the position of Culver's town manager, for which members will be interviewing chosen applicants in the near future.

L'Max bike tour part of Lake Fest July 17

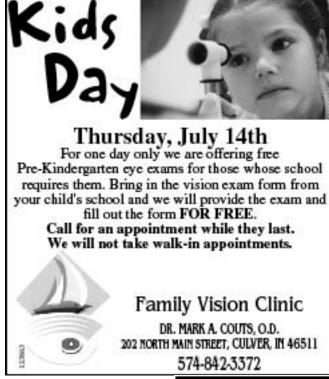
Join bike riders of all ages for the fourth annual L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour on Sunday, July 17. Whether you're looking for a short trip around the lake or an all-day adventure, L'MAX has it!

What could be better than an early-morning bike ride around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee? You get 10 miles of fresh air and beautiful scenery, and maybe you'll even see some deer out by the golf course. Need more? Set your sights a bit farther and cruise along 30 miles of country roads to the historic Chief Menominee Monument and back. Or, for a real treat, extend your ride to savor the serenity and natural beauty of the Ancilla College campus and nine charming lakes along our 63-mile loop. For die-hard cyclists, L'MAX offers a one-of-a-kind 100-mile route, which incorporates an additional 37-mile tour around Bass Lake.

The L'MAX Bike Tour has something for all ages and abilities. Plan your solo challenge, or bring a group of friends and family for a custom-fit tour of the rolling hills and countryside surrounding Lake Maxinkuckee.

All routes begin and end at Culver's Beach Lodge and are fully supported with rest stops and refreshments along the way. Rider check-in begins at 7 a.m. Registration forms can be found at the Culver Lake Fest web site, www.culverlakefest.com.

Bike Barn Culver will be sponsoring the event and will also provide a mechanic on





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He is a resident of Union Township and recent graduate of

• Ben Newman is the son of Herb and Janet Newman.

He is a Union Township resident and graduate of Culver

Culver High School and Scill Center.

10-year 4H-ers from Culver, Union Twp. recognized

ARGOS — The 10-year 4-H members will be recognized Sunday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the arena.

Those honored as 10-year members and their parents:

· Jaclyn Bauer is the daughter of Tedmund and Amy Bauer. She graduated from Culver Community High

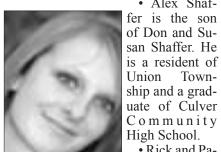








Community High School.



Alex Shaf-

• Rick and Patricia Smith are

the parents of

Town-

ABOVE, left to right: Jaclyn Bauer, Cameron Curtis, Ben Newman, Alex Shaffer, Jessica Smith.

Jessica Smith. Jessica is a resident of Union Township and a graduate of

Moonlight Serenade July 15, 17

Culver Academies Summer Schools and Camps will once again revive a more than 60-year-old tradition when the annual Moonlight Serenade returns to Lake Maxinkuckee waters. Aboard the RH Ledbetter, Indiana's largest sailing vessel on inland waters, the Culver Summer Naval band will serenade the audience with pop and traditional music. On Friday evening, July 15, the boat will

• Cameron Curtis is the son of Scott and Amy Curtis.

school and is a resident of Union Township.

travel the east shore of the lake, starting at sunset. On Sunday, July 16, the west shore will be serenaded. As in the past, audiences may listen from shore or follow along (at a safe distance) by boat, while cottagers are encouraged to festoon piers with lighted flotillas, also a longstanding

Corn roast, Firemen's Fest July 23

A longtime annual tradition, the Culver Lions Club's corn roast, held in the town park, will take place Saturday evening, July 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. Fresh-roasted corn on the cob, hamburgers, and more are part of the cost of the meal. The annual Firemen's Festival is also part of the lineup. Taking place outside the fire station on Lake Shore Drive, the event includes games, play activities for children, and much more.

This year's event will also feature the "Lions Club Vision Van" during the corn roast. Everyone is welcome to have their vision screened at the van for no charge.

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 7: Pepper steak, stewed tomatoes, scal-

oped potatoes, potato dinner roll, cobbler, and milk

Fri., July 8: Macaroni and cheese, ham, peas, cauliflower, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

Mon., July 11: Sub-sandwich, hoagie, bun, mayor, letuce, tomato, cheese, vegetable soup, peaches, , and milk. Tues., July 12: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Texas toast and margarine, applesauce,

Weds., July 13: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetable blend, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Thurs., July 14: Chicken and noodles with gravy, lima beans, carrots, snowflake roll and margarine, pears, and

Fri., July 15: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, peas, wheat dinner roll and margarine, birthday cake, and milk.

Library news

Free computer classes for beginners

Culver-Union Township Public Library will begin a new session of its free computer classes in July. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours.

This will be a special session of classes for total beginners. Classes will concentrate on learning to effectively use the computer, and will feature a large amount of hands-on time with the computer. Learn proper techniques and build skills, starting with the basics. Pre-

sentations cover only essential skills, with no extra information that may slow progress. Classes for July and the first week of August include Computers for Beginners Part I (July 11 and 15), Computers for Beginners Part II (July 18 and 22), Internet for Beginners (July 25 and 29), Email for Beginners (August 1 and 5). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, r e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

How to avoid identity theft and scams

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations," hosts the Indiana Attorney General's office for a talk on Identity Theft and Scams.

Protecting your identity begins by reducing the number of places where your personal information can be found. The Attorney General's office representative Christopher Anderson will speak on how to avoid scams and prevent identity theft. The program is free and open to all, and takes place Monday, July 18 at 6 p.m.

For more information on this event, e-mail jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us or dial 574-842-

Obituary

Frank Milton Stubblefield Jr. June 24, 2011

CULVER--Frank Milton Stubblefield Jr. of Culver passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his fer is the son family Friday, June 24, 2011.

> He was an active volunteer in both the Culver community as well as the Culver Military Academy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Frank Milton Stubblefield Sr. and May (Price) Stubblefield, and his wife, Allene "Chris" Stubblefield.

Frank is survived by his children, Frank Milton Stubblefield III (Carol Malone), Werner William (Susan) Stubblefield, John Price (Michele) Stubblefield, and Kathleen (John) Sweeney; grandchildren, William-May Bollinger "Bo" Stubblefield, Joseph Werner Carlson "Sam" Stubblefield, Madalyn (Matthew) Stubblefield Schepers, Gabrielle Lynn Stubblefield; great-grandson, Liam Christopher Schepers; sister, J. Susan Schwerdtfeger; and two nieces.

Memorial services will be held at the Culver Military Academy chapel Thursday, June 30 at 11 a.m. Memorials may be given in Frank's honor to the Culver Educational Foundation or St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Culver. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.odomfuner-

Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrange-

Taste of Marshall County

The Marshall County Ag Day Committee is holding its fourth annual Taste of Marshall County at the Marshall County 4-H Fair Sunday, July 10. Taste of Marshall County will allow those that attend to taste several food items raised in Marshall County and learn about Marshall County agriculture while enjoying these tasty tidbits. Taste of Marshall County will be held in the entertainment tent by the open class building from 7 pm to 9 pm. Marshall County 4-H Fair is located on West Walnut Street in Ar-

The CCHS Class of 1981

wishes to express it's graticlassmate Susie ing our 30th Cafe Max All of the effort that ning, notifyhosting and appreciated! was had by all Your generosity ity ensured that was a huge suc-You, Susie!!

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WELCOME Dr. Ron Kawauchi

Michiana Hematology Oncology is proud to welcome Ronald H. Kawauchi, M.D. to the Advanced Centers for Cancer Care. Dr. Kawanchi is board-certified in medical oncology and hematology. He earned his medical degree from SUNY School of Medicine at the State University of New York, graduating magna cum laude. A distinguished oncologist, clinical instructor and researcher, Dr. Kawauchi is now providing advanced cancer care for patients in Plymouth and surrounding communities.

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Juice

Choosing my all-time favorite drink is an extremely easy decision. It's the smooth tasting, vitamins A, B, and potassium loaded, readily available healthy choice – grape If you are seeking out the near perfect beverage,



Heartbeats and Footprints

By Dana Neer

look no further than the grape. Each summer my mother practiced the fine art of canning fresh picked grapes. All year long our family not only experienced the delicious flavor, but also the healthy benefits of fresh juice. It seemed as though the nutrients from the fruit immediately spread to our bodies, engaging muscles and energy. Our society is so quick to reach for soft drinks, sports drinks and made-to-go drinks that we neglect the very drink that our bodies cry for out the most – juice.

The American diet leaves many with an inefficient immune system, starved for nutrients and bombarded by toxins. Without a functioning immune system, a human would have a very short life expectancy. Dr. Nathan Tracy states, "There are thousands of pathogens, bacteria, viruses, and toxins that will quickly harm an unprotected person. Our bodies would be as vulnerable as a rich country without walls or defense if it were not for trillions of soldiers in our immune system cruising through our veins, arteries and capillaries, battling invaders."

It requires good nutrition to create and equip our bodies to manufacture our immune system potential. In all, there are 75 basic nutrients that the cells need to keep our bodies healthy, and a combination of fresh (raw) fruits and vegetables will provide these nutrients. On the other hand, a steady diet of dead foods (cooked) and food toxins retard the immune system causing many to become ill and fatigued. In a healthy person the immune system combats toxins, viruses and cancer cells before they gain a foot hold in the body. Fresh raw foods preserve enzymes and vitamins in their original form. Raw fruits and vegetables take about 15 minutes to digest, whereas cooked food takes up to 5 hours. Most raw vegetables digest in less than two hours. If the food is juiced, the nutrients are available within minutes! How about that for immediate results! If you are an athlete desiring to achieve better performances, or if you simply aspire to feel better and have more energy throughout the day, fresh fruit and vegetable juice can be the single most important addition to your life.

How much juice should you drink? First of all, make sure that you drink 100 percent juice. Many times juice beverages are hiding out in the healthy sections of the store, disguised as the real deal. Read the front label of the bottle before purchasing. Remember, if you are eating five servings of fruit a day, you will not need to drink a lot of fruit. Mix it up and enjoy all the varieties available. Here are a few guidelines: A small child ages one to five should drink between six

and 12 ounces per day.

Older children should drink between eight and 16 ounces per day.

Teenagers and adults should drink between eight and 24 ounces per day.

Enjoy the benefits of fresh juices on a daily basis and you will soon notice energy levels improve within a short amount of time!

Dana Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counelor at The Culver Academies. He can be contacted at Neerd@Culver.org.

Points of commencement

On my way back home from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, I usually cross the Ohio River on US 30, which brings me from a little tongue of West Virginia over into East Liverpool, Ohio. Not very far to the northeast of the bridgehead,



Its still the lake water

By John Wm. Houghton

and a little bit north of the point in the river where Pennsylva-West Virginia, and Ohio come to a corner,

a granite historical marker commemorating the "initial Point of Beginning." (It's not the actual initial Point of Beginning: I think that's now under water, what with dams on the Ohio and all.) "The initial Point of Beginning" sounds as though it should have something to do with religion, or perhaps the Big Bang Theory—but in fact, it's related to surveyingand so, in a somewhat roundabout way, to the founding of our village, under the name of Uniontown, one hundred and sixty-seven years ago.

Land in the early years

After the Revolutionary War (from 1781, to be precise) and before the adoption of the Constitution in 1789, the United States of America joined with each other under the Articles of Confederation. The Second Continental Congress had actually adopted the Articles in 1777, but they required unanimous ratification by the thirteen states, and Maryland refused to go along until the states with land claims on the far side of the Ohio agreed to give them up (Pennsylvania and Connecticut, for example, claimed land all the way to the Pacific coast). Once those states had done so, Congress had to decide what to do with the newly federal land. Predictably, the cash-strapped Congress of the Confederation decided to sell most of it. The Congress set its plan in place with the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

The Northwest Ordinance is the more famous of these two—people have sometimes described it as the most important thing that the Congress of the Confederation accomplished—but it dealt with the questions of territorial government: who was to appoint the governors, how states could be organized, and so forth. The Land Ordinance took on the more basic question of how to sell off parcels of land no European had ever seen.

Property descriptions in the thirteen colonies had mostly been of the "Starting at the big rock next to the elm tree and running due north to the middle of the river" variety (what surveyors call "metes and bounds"), but in the huge territory northwest of the Ohio, that system was obviously impossible; no one yet knew where the big rocks and the

Congress instituted in its place a strictly geometrical system of six-mile-square "townships" (these congressional townships are not to be confused with the political subdivisions of the same name, such as Union Township), each one divided into thirty-six mile-square "sections, each section encompassing 640 acres. It's all very rational, though modern students of the system are often thrown a bit by the numbering. Section number 1 is in the upper-righthand corner of each township, then Section 2 is immediately west of it, and so on up to Section 6; but then Sec-

tion 7 is immediately south of Section 6, and the second tier of sections is numbered from west to east, rather than east to west. It's the pattern of plowing: you followed your ox down to one end of the field, and then turned and plowed your way back. In fact, the word for the pattern is "boustrophedon," from the Greek words for "ox" (bous) and "turn" (strephein).

Allowing for some adjustments to deal with the Earth's pesky tendency to be spherical, rather than flat as a sheet of Congressional paper, this system imposed across the Northwest Territory (and eventually across much of the rest of the United States) a grid whose consequences are still with us today, in property lines, in the regular pattern of county roads, and even, I suspect, in our Midwestern tendency to build houses that sit straight to the compass points, rather than cater-cornered. In any case, though, if you are going to draw a grid, you have to start from somewhere, and the first 'somewhere' in what became the Public Land Survey was the initial Point of Beginning, east of East Liverpool.

Uniontown to Culver

Now, as to what this has to do with Uniontown: the Land Ordinance not only provided for the way in which townships and sections were to be surveyed off; it also made special provisions for some of the 36 sections in each

The four sections at the centers of the four quarters of the township (8, 11, 26, and 29) were not to be sold: since each was surrounded by six other sections, the hope was that development of those neighboring square miles would raise the value of the reserved lands, as well. Section 16, on the other hand, was reserved for the support of public schools. It could be used as land on which to build a school or, as was I think more common, it could be sold and the proceeds used to construct a school.

The congressional township that Culver sits in is the 32nd one north from the east-west baseline and the first one east of the north-south Second Principal Meridian (the baseline and the meridian intersect about seven miles south of Paoli, in Orange County—that is the Point of Beginning for most of Indiana): abbreviated, we are in Tp. 32N, R. 1E. More particularly, most of the town falls into Section 16 of that township—the north edge of the section is 17th Road, the west edge Tamarack Rd. / School Street, the south edge about halfway between Madison and Marmont Streets, and the eastern edge more or less along the line of the north-south section of Academy Road.

The east-west portion of Academy Road runs pretty much right along the midline of the section, and the center point is just about at the intersection of Academy Road and Lake Shore Drive.

Obviously, the problem with this is that a good sized chunk of the southern half of the section is taken up by lake water. Thus, before the section could be sold off for the benefit of the school, the property had to be surveyed in detail, so that a compensatory parcel could be found

I noted in an earlier column that the appraisal was made on April 13, 1839, and the surveying done on the following May 3 and 4; one bill addressed to John Houghton as School Commissioner does refer to advertising for sale of school lands in other years (December of 1837 and May of 1838), but it is not clear that either of those sales was for our Section 16. The surveyors divided the fractional section into several lots, including one that ran east-west starting at about Coolidge Court, roughly in the area between Academy Road and Lake Shore Drive: apparently, they thought this would make a good site for a town.

Culver pioneers' Points of Beginning

John Houghton had been elected School Commissioner in August of 1836, the first election after the organization of the county: he also served as County Treasurer from 1836 to 1850. Born at the Manor Farm in Swanwick, England, in 1790, he came to the US and married Rachel Lo-

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Name that Culver'citizen'



Last week's Mystery Citizen has been around a while, which helps account for the number of correct guessers as to his identity. I think it helps that he's had a great impact on many people, as well. Among those who recognized Jim Miracle (a World War II vet who taught for decades at Culver Academies and Woodcraft Camp), were Bill Githens, Phyllis Lindvall, Tony Zurbrugg, Pete Trone, Mary Baker, Jim and Barb Jones, Barb

Linhart, Marilee McCormack, Betty Voreis, Jim Taber, Bryce Lindvall.

This week, our Mystery Citizen is a familiar face for most

of her life in Culver, and has had

various roles in community businesses.

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.



week's Mystery Citizen, Jim Miracle, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

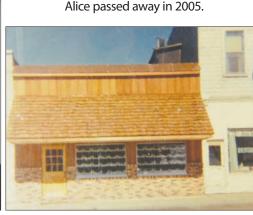


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A hero and Culverite at 90

The Culver community recented joined local Pearl Harbor survivor and World War II veteran Jim Dewitt (seated) and family in celebrating his 90th birthday. Dewitt, who with fellow WWII Culver vet Ted Strang will be hailed as this year's Lake Fest parade marshal, may be best remembered by many locals for his ownership of the Lake Shore Lanes bowling alley on Lake Shore Drive (PICTURED LOWER RIGHT) from 1953 to 1978 (photos of the place, and of Dewitt's early years, were on hand to help celebrate). Pictured AT LEFT with Dewitt are children (from left) John Dewitt, Kathy Patrick, Jim Dewitt Jr., and Karen Noll. Dewitt lost his parents as a young child and spent nine years in an orphanage in Mexico, Indiana, later graduating from Cromwell High School and meeting future wife Mary Alice Banks at age 18.

Following Dewitt's departure from the Navy (LOWER LEFT) after the war, in 1946, he and Mary Alice were married, later purchasing a grocery store in Wawaka, Indiana prior to their purchase of the bowling alley. Many remember with great fondness the tenderloins as well as other treats (the bowling alley burned down shortly after the couple retired in 1978). Mary Alice passed away in 2005.



Dewitt's service to his country was celebrated with an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, accompanied by Jim Jr.

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"just getting into Nordstrom's. We're investigating bringing in some fashions you might not be able to find in other places."

In addition to clothing, accessories, jewelry, and a few gift and home items (including a bit of furniture) will be available.

"We want to keep carrying a lot of different lines and see what people are interested in," says Brooks.

All the items are hand-picked by Brooks and Workman, who have selected up-and-coming designers from as far away as Spain and as close to home as Indiana.

Those whose last visit to the site was during its reign as The Bear End are in for a surprise at the new look of the place. Building owner Don Mackey brought in a company from South Bend, Brooks explains, to remove layers of various floor coverings and reveal the original oak floor beneath. Chris Chambers, she says, was part of the process in transforming the walls from teddy bears to their current "blank canvas."

Additionally, Mackey added a dressing room to the space and a wall so the store is no longer a "walk-through" into The Collectors.

Brooks and Workman hope Civvies will brighten dreary winters as well as offering summertime shopping options, and help foster Culver's local economy, while saving shoppers travel fuel money in the process.

"A lot of times town is often overlooked in the winter," notes Brooks. "It's a beautiful place and a lot of great people live here. They still have a busy life (in the winter) and want new pretty things."

Civyies will be open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays from 10 to

Civvies will be open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 to 6, and Sundays from 10 to 3. The hours will change after Labor day, so customers are encouraged to call then for updated times.

The store's website, shopcivvies.com, is under construction but will soon be available, as will Facebook and Twitter pages. Civvies may be reached by phone at 574-635-0011 (that's a local number, by the way) or by email at shopcivvies@yahoo.com.

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for current and future residents of our State."

Governor Mitch Daniels created the IFA in 2005 to more effectively manage State-related financial programs such as the Wastewater and Drinking Water SRF Loan Programs under one entity. Since the inception of the IFA, the SRF Loan Programs have loaned more than \$1.3 billion to local communities at below-market interest rates, saving utility customers more than \$515 million in interest.

For more information about the SRF Loan Program, visit the IFA Web site at www.in.gov/ifa/srf.

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6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. Individuals and teams are needed and welcome. Email lakedir@culcom.net to register and with questions.

Lake Assoc. hog roast July 23

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its annual hog roast and auction Saturday, July 23, at the Culver Marina at 6 p.m.

The live auction features several spectacular items, plus there will be a silent auction and a \$500 door prize. This is a great family evening open to the public. Buy tickets at the door or from any LMA board member.

Culver museum seeks volunteers

The Center for Culver History in downtown Culver is looking for volunteers to welcome visitors to the museum. Volunteers may work as little as two hours a month (more if you want). "This is your history!" Those interested, please call Chris at 574-780-6598.

Players show dates this summer

The Maxinkuckee Players, who usually perform at the Culver High School Auditorium, will "take the show on the road" this summer when they perform 'Nunsense: The Mega-Musical" for performances in several area communities. These include: 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 22 at the Argos High School auditorium. Opening night tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. All other shows are for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under. Other shows in Argos are as follows: July 24, 4 p.m.; July 27, 7:30 p.m.; July 29, 7:30 p.m.; July 30, 7:30 p.m.; and July 31, 4 p.m. Showtimes in Bremen are: Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 7, 4 p.m. Showtimes for North Judson are: Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 14, 4 p.m. Showtimes for Culver are: Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 21, 4 p.m. All shows will take place at local time. For questions or group tickets, contact Becky Liechty, 574-941-

Culver's Conley at Summer Sensation

LaPAZ — Women's Connection is sponsoring Sum-

mer Sensation Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at Occasions Banquet Hall,

Cost is \$8.50 all inclusive. Carole Bowgren will speak on "Beware of Rose-Colored Glasses," and Vickie Conley of Culver will show old jewelry and silverware. Please RSVP by Friday, July 8 to Edna at 574-936-9341, Marge at 574-784-3569, Marilyn at 574-546-3271, or Mary at 574-842-3224.

Free summer movies at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host free summer movies in conjunction with its Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations," every Thursday at 10 a.m. Movies are family-friendly new releases rated G, PG and PG-13, and are free and open to all.

Reading group meets Tuesdays

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church's Summer Reading Group meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 515 State Street in Culver. "Introduction to Spirituality," led by Father Tom Haynes and "The Wired Word," moderated by Judy Becker, will be offered. For more information, call and leave a message for Karen at 574-806-2260

EMS seeks volunteers

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, Inc., are looking for men and women willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance, and become Basic and Advanced EMT's. CUTEMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well and in the area at different times of the year. Contact the office at 574-842-2773,

cutems@culcom.net.

Summer food program

Culver Community Schools' summer food service program is offered free to children (ages 1 through 18), and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or a breakfast for \$1.50. For dates, times, and locations, contact Carin Clifto at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

Comm. garden volunteers needed

Those interested in volunteering to help out in Culver's Community Garden may contact Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329 or Connie Richie at 574-542-4810 for work times. Your help will be appreciated.

Conservancy Dist. sewer line

The Southwest Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District has a new website that will track the construction of the sewer system going in from Venetian Village up to the southern town limits. Go to www. SWLakeMaxCD.com view timely details. This part of the project should be complete by the end of this summer. If you have questions, you can contact your area representative by calling 574-952-2963 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com anytime.

Friends raffling doll house

A hand-built doll-house, completely furnished and detailed (and valued around \$500, with over 100 hours of Friends' work to complete it) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be September 3. For tickets call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038).

Swim for Kids Sake seeks volunteers

The second annual Swim For Kids' Sake open water swim will be held August 27. Those interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering are encouraged to contact Mallory Mead, Race Director, at 317-997-6753 or mallory.mead@ hotmail.com. The greatest area of need for volunteers is for safety and support craft and pilots. For more information, and to view results, visit the Swim For Kids' Sake website at swimforkidssake.com.



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Culver coaches and a football legend

Culver football coaches Andy Thomas (Culver Community High School) and Andy Dorrel (Culver Academies) chatted with two-time Heisman Trophy winner and Ohio State graduate Archie Griffin June 28 at the College Football Hall of Fame Gridiron Luncheon in South Bend.

Griffin currently leads the Ohio State Alumni Association and makes frequent and he said just to go up and tell them there appearances supporting the game of football, says Dorrel.

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Harvey, Howe go from rivals to roommates

Offensive linemen to represent Culver, Plymouth respectively at North-South All-Star Football Game

By James Costello Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — From rivals on the wrestling mat to allies on the gridiron, Culver's Jeremiah Harvey and Plymouth's Damon Howe have come full circle.

The Marshall County heavyweights, who

clashed several times in last winter's IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament culminating in a championship showdown under the spotlight at Conseco Fieldhouse in February, have both been selected to man the offensive line for the North at the 2011 Grange Insurance/IFCA North-South All-Star Game next month.

Even more than mere teammates, the former wrestling rivals will be rooming together as the annual all-star classic kicks off July 15, an unusual arrangement since both are offensive linemen, and OL players are generally pared with defensive linemen prior to the game.

"It was pretty funny because what they had us do, they split us up into offense and defense and me and Harvey were both towards the back of the pack," said Howe. "They said 'Offense line up on one side of

the room and defense line up on the other side of the room and everybody select your roommate.' I started walking over there, and I asked around and everybody already had a roommate. I talked to the coach and said 'Hey, Coach, I don't have a roommate,' and he said just to go up and tell them there were no more roommates. I go up there and I hear the coach go 'Hey, he doesn't have a

roommate.' I looked to see who it was, and it was Harvey and I just started laughing."

"In wrestling, we were kind of rivals, but when we're not in wrestling me and Damon get along," said Harvey. "We're pretty cool, we joke around. I see him around sometimes; I saw him just the other day, and we talked

about each other's seasons.

"I think it's pretty cool for me and Damon to work together in a different sport," he added. "I don't think Damon is irritated with me or anything. We're pretty chill, and we work good together."

The North-South All-Star Game will take place on Friday, July 15 at North Central High School in Indianapolis

with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. The South leads the series 23-21 and both Howe and Harvey are looking to chip away at that advantage while representing their respective programs among the best in the state.

"I kind of look at this as an opportunity for myself, Culver and my community," Harvey said. "I've got to put us on the map and show what Culver is doing that's good."

"I'm the type of player that's real competitive," said Howe. "I want to play against the best. It want to be with the best. It's going to be a good experience to go up against the best and see if all my previous hard work has paid off and see if I can really compete against the best in the state."

But while the duo is hoping to capture a win at the July classic, both Harvey — listed at 6'2" and 280 pounds — and Howe — listed at 6'1" and 290 — say that just being selected is an honor.

"To be considered one of the best in the state of Indiana is a great honor," said Howe. "It's something I've been working for my whole high school career, and it's just nice to know all of my hard work has paid off in being able to play in the North-South All-Star game with the best of the best in Indiana."

"This is truly an honor to play this game," said Harvey. "I think it's going to be pretty huge for Culver for me to play in it, too, and I'm just looking forward to playing in it."

Proceeds from the North-South game benefit Camp Riley and The Indiana Football Hall of Fame. Howe has signed his letter of commitment to play for the University of Findlay in Ohio, while Harvey is considering offers from Ball



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO

Jeremiah Harvey on the move during his Culver Community High School football days.

Culver middle school honor roll

Culver Community Middle School has announced its Honor Roll for quarter 4.

A Honor Roll, grade 7: Cheyenne Durbin, Madeline Justis, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Clare

A Honor Roll, grade 8: Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimaszewski, Angela Lewellen, Dustie Pier, Tatum Schultz, Madelyn Strycker, Megan Yeager

Allyn, Aaron Becker, Daniel Bettinelli, Tyler Binkley, Courtney Black, Megan Brady, Gavan Compton, Caitlyn Cowell, Shannon Deery, Justine Dexter, Mitchell Elliott, Tom Faulkner, Danny Flenner, Renae Johnson, Tevin Jones, Cecilia Kenney, Hunter Kephart, Maria Lindvall, Anne Nowalk, Brianna Overmyer, Rebecca Rainey, Tatyana Romero, Micaylah Rose, Kelsey Shaffer, Abigail Surrisi, Cody Valiquet, Kenneth VanDePutte, Joshua Vela A/B Honor Roll, grade 8: Marshall Anderson, Katie

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East shore of Maxinkuckee featured on July 23 bike tour

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is once again partnering with the Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive, this time to present a tour-by-bicycle of the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, on Saturday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m.

The tour, to be led by Jeff Kenney of the Society, will A/B Honor Roll, grade 7: Machayla Allen, Addyson begin at the Bike Barn and of some of the Culver area's most historically significant

toric cottages to share infor- was one of the Maxinkuckee homes fre-

best-selling book in America in 1906, "The House of a Thousand Candles," was based; the home at which Booth Tarkington wrote part of his debut novel, "The Gentleman from Indiana," the cottage which Cole Porter called home during summers growing up here; the home of the family who built the auto which won the first Indianapolis 500 race. Discussed will also be many other properties of historical, architectural, and cultural significance along the shore.

Riders are encouraged to bring their own travel along the east shore, PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER bicycles, bring their own helmets, and hystopping outside several his- The Shirk-Robinson cottage, pictured above, drate fully before the ride, which should last between 60 and 90 minutes and cover around mation about the history of during his childhood, and will be among the the people and properties stops on the bicycle tour.

to ric cottages to share infor- quented by famous composer Cole Porter during his childhood, and will be among the provided at the end of the ride, which is free and open to the public. and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Bike Barn figures. Among the stops will be the home on which the at 574-842-3606 or email janet@bikebarnculver.com.

High-flying 80th

Jim Peterson, president of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, recently cel-

ebrated his 80th birthday in the usual way:

cake, ice cream...and jumping out of an air

Peterson's family arranged for a skydiving ses-

sion for Peterson in Wisconsin with Skydive

Midwest, where he jumped from some 14,000

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Culver area IUSB grads

SOUTH BEND -- The following is a list of May Culverarea graduates from IU South Bend:

Susan Shoop (Master's Degree); Joshua Behnke, Jordan McIntire, Jason Weedling (Bachelor's Degree); Seth Keller (Associate Degree)

Pokrajac on Dean's List

in the air.

Christine Pokrajac, a 2007 gradutate of Culver Girls Academy, daughter of Ron and Cindy Pokrajac, has been listed on the Deans list from Ball State for the spring semester, 2011. She will graduate with a degree in Health Science next month.

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gan, probably in Fayette County, Indiana, in January of 1822. They were among the pioneers who came to Maxinkuckee in July of 1836. Their eldest child was Emma Houghton; born late in 1822, she would have been 14 at the time of the emigration to northern Indiana.

Also among the pioneers were Platt Bayless Dickson, his wife Elizabeth (née Brownlee), and their two daughters and four sons, including son Bayless Lewis Dickson, born 1818. The Dicksons settled near Rutland, where they ran the first brickyard in Marshall County. In August of 1843, Bayless would marry Emma Houghton: but in 1839, aged 21, he bought the western quarter of section 16 (some records say the western half, but I believe that is an error, stemming from the official description of the property as "the western one-half of the western one-half of section 16"). It seems unlikely that the purchase originally reflected any particular relationship with Bayless's future father-in-law, the school commissioner and county

treasurer, but certainly in the three decades after the marriage the property changed hands several times between Bayless, his father-in-law, and his three brothers-in-law, John W., James E., and Thomas K. Houghton (and, in part, eventually, my great-great-grandfather Thomas, who was a first cousin to Emma and her brothers).

Having bought his school lands and married his bride, Bayless established one more Point of Beginning. On June 8, 1844, he platted out a new village, filing this description: "Uniontown is pleasantly situated in the southwest quarter of section 16, town 32, range 1 east. It is laid out in such a manner that it presents to the eye a view of Lake Maxinkuckee, and is surrounded with as good a country as can be found in northern Indiana. It has the advantage of three state and two county roads running through it. The streets are all 66 feet in width and the alleys are 16 1/2 feet." By 1851, Bayless had conveyed the property to his brother-in-law Thomas, who had it resurveyed: and this time the survey explicitly stated that the "point of commencement" for Uniontown was the south-east corner of Section 16. Of course, the south-east corner is actually someplace in Lake Maxinkuckee, but J. B. N. Klinger, the surveyor, later filed an affidavit to correct the typo, from south-east to south-west, and so, someplace in the alley west of Main Street, 132 feet north of Marmont Street, we can stand at the place from which Culver officially began.

A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.







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Top 10 Reasons to go watch the Miss Maxinkuckee Pageant

10. Where else could you see 23 beautiful girls of all ages with a setting against beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee?

9. You can sit in the comfort of your own chair in the shade of the park's trees while feeling the cooling breezes off the lake

8. You can watch the pageant and be feet away from all

Miss Maxinkuckee 2011 contestants

Pictured are contestants in the 2011 Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, to be held Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m. TOP LEFT: Princess Miss (left to right): Rylie Prosser, Luci Overmyer, 2010 Princess Miss: Megan England, Paige Chumley

TOP CEŃTER: Little Miss (left to right): Haley Wieringa, Lillian Proskey, Abigail Johnson, 2010 Little Miss: Lindsey Proskey, Kennedy Creviston, Madison Brewer, Natalie Stevens

Proskey, Kennedy Creviston, Madison Brewer, Natalie Stevens TOP RIGHT: Junior Miss (left to right): Paige Good, Shannon Deery, Madison Diaz, 2010 Junior Miss: Grace Lorenz,

Machayla Allen, Cora Dodge, Maija Cole, Donna Zehner (not pictured) RIGHT: Miss Max (left to right): Kaitlyn Comiskey, Abbagail James, Patrice McBee, 2010 Miss Max: Ashley Zehner, Starr Howard, Andrea Canacci, Shakkira Harris, Chelsea Salser (not pictured).

Top 10 reasons to attend the Miss Max pageant July 15 kinds of good food from the various ventheir hero could be YOU!

dors at Lake Fest

7. A good reason to come and cheer on your little daughter, granddaughter, friend or neighbor

6. Get your chair set in a good spot so you have good seats to watch The Gong Show after the pageant

5. You get a chance to see the cute costumes the girls will be wearing during the Theme portion as well as hear who the girls feel are their personal heroes. Who knows,

4. See the latest prom fashions

- 2. Lister to small prom fashions
- 3. Listen to great music before the pageant as well as during the intermission
 - 2. See who our celebrity judge might be!
- 1. What better way to kick off your weekend of Lake Fest activities then to go to the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant on Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m.!

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The Great Depression of the 1930s, Failey said, caused suffering for the Vonnegut family. Kurt was taken out of the private Orchard School in Indianapolis, where his family lived when not at the lake, and where their fortunes had been made, and put into public school there.

Kurt Vonnegut and his wife Jane spent their honeymoon in the former Vonnegut cottage on the lake, she added, which by then was no longer owned by the family, though the then-owner allowed them use of it for the week.

Failey also said Vonnegut often employed names of Indianapolis of Maxinkuckee friends for fictional characters in his famous books, such as "Mrs. Greenleaf," based on Anne (Marmon) Greenleaf of the east shore.

"Any one of you could be in his books," Failey told the audience.

She said publication of her book has brought contact from former classmates offering Kurt Vonnegut stories to tell. One was a call from former summer resident Carol Baxter Sommerville, who told Failey the story of a card Vonnegut sent her in response to a letter she'd written about his Maxinkuckee days.

"Thanks for the archival material of a Culver that is no more," Vonnegut wrote. "There should be a wailing wall at the Academy for people such as us (who remember it as it once was)."

For all her affection for Vonnegut, Failey said she and many of Vonnegut's other friends struggled with his divorcing his wife Jane, leaving her and the couple's children, and moving to New York, which is where Failey said "he really started" his career. She said she found peace in learning, more recently, of Vonnegut's words in a letter to Houston, during the period Jane was dying of cancer.

"She is surely consoled by her deep religious faith, her adoring children, her second husband...and the knowledge that her first husband loves her too."

Failey said of Vonnegut's phrase, "and so it goes," to her meant, "period, get over it -- it's the cork in the bottle of grief...and disappointment. That was his favorite saying."