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In Brief

Tennis tournament this weekend

The 44th annual Culver Invitational Tennis Tournament will take place this Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7, at the Culver Academies tennis facilities off State Road 10. Cost is \$20 per player, payable at the courts; ages 15 and up.

Divisions include Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced (based on the USTA Tennis Rating Program) in Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Beginner, intermediate and advanced players will be matched at different age levels based on final total registration. For more information, to register, or to contact organizers, visit www.culvertennis.com.

Ecology bike tour Saturday

The Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive in Culver, will sponsora glacial geology and ecology bicycle tour led by wildlife ecologist Carl Strang Saturday, August 6, starting at the Barn at 9:30 a.m. The ride will focus on how and when glaciers created the area in and around Culver, including Lake Maxinkuckee. Riders should bring their own bicycles and helmets, and come hydrated to the event, which is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Bike Barn at 574-842-3606 or email janet@bikebarn-culver.com.

Emmanuel holds VBS Saturday

Emmanuel Church in Culver is holding its Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6. The theme is "Shake it Up," complete with music, snacks, crafts, games, and Bible teaching. Emmanuel Church is at 401 S. Main St. Call 574-216-1516 for more information.

VFW hog roast Saturday

Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will sponsor an "all you can eat" hog roast at the Post, 108 East Washington Street in Culver. Corn on the cob and side dishes will be provided, and carry out will be available. The event will take place Saturday, August 6, from 2 to 7 p.m. DJ Rockin' Randy and karaoke will provide entertainment. Cost for adults is \$8; kids

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Setting the (surfing) record straight

Several readers responded to the cover of the July 14 edition of the Culver Citizen, which featured Scott Bewick atop a paddle board, described by the editor as, "clearly the closest thing to surfing one is likely to experience on Lake Maxinkuckee." Apparently not, and the editor stands corrected, as these photos depict! At LEFT is Matthew Mulvihill, son of Jean Mulvihill of Culver. She writes that in addition to her sons, "their friends all do it too. You create a large wave behind your boat on one side and start surfing with a ski rope. After you catch the wave in the right spot, you toss the rope into the boat and free surf. The boat is set at 10mph." Similarly, Dan Osborn, RIGHT, is seen here 'catching a wave' on Lake Max. He says he's been surfing here for six years.

Van Herk, familiar face in Culver business, explores musical 'Daydreams' on new album

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If First Farmers Bank manager Chad Van Herk has been noticeably absent a few days recently, he's had good reason. He's been in California, in front of a film camera filming a music video in conjunction with his latest -- non-bank-related -- venture: a new album of self-penned and performed tunes.

It's not exactly a secret that Chad Van Herk, a familiar face in Culver's downtown business community, is also handy with guitar and vocals. Besides gigs in the Plymouth area (including the patio at popular Opie's Deli there), in recent months he's serenaded crowds ranging from boisterous partiers at the Edgewater Grille in Culver over Lake Fest weekend, to more subdued but likely just as enthused seniors at Culver's REAL Meals. Now those Culverites who haven't had a chance to take a listen can give the singer-songwriter's just-released second CD, "Daydreaming Days Away," a spin.

Van Herk calls the 14 tracks on the disc "a story of sorts, and through its delivery I like to think of it as a 'mind wash,' allowing the listener to relax a bit with the introduction and title track, then consider the world and all it has to offer as a gift for you to enjoy, cherish, learn from, respect and, from time to time (and ultimately), escape.

"Within the verses," he continues, "one will find anecdotes of angst, love, self- and global awareness, humor, mysticism, self-reflection, and meditation."

Chad Van Herk, a Plymouth High School and Ball State University (Cum Laude) grad, first picked up the guitar



Chad Van Herk in performance.

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Confusion complicates legality of off-road type vehicles in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If you'd be hard-pressed to tell the difference between an ATV, RTV, UTV, and MTV -- and whether any of them constitute a golf cart, or are allowed on Culver's streets under state statute -- you're in good company.

Culver's town council last week sought to untangle the meanings behind those acronyms (hint: All Terrain Vehicle, Rough Terrain Vehicle, Utility Terrain Vehicle, and Marginal Terrain Vehicle are at least some of the options) and their legality.

Discussion began when Culver resident Grant Munroe, who said he owns a UTV, asked about the town legalizing their use on town streets, noting the county passed an ordinance four years ago allowing their use on county roads.

"They're about the size of golf carts," he said. "They're practical, they get good gas mileage. They're currently not allowed on Culver's roads. I've talked to several business owners, and they'd love to have these things be legal. You can put hitchers on them and plows...and can pull up to 1,600 pounds on a trailer.

"There's very little difference between these and what are legal. I'm asking you to revise the ordinance to match the county. You register them like a boat through the (Department of Natural Resources), but there's no actual license involved."

Kevin and Amy Bonine of Culver were also on hand, explaining when they purchased their utility vehicle for work on their property, they were told it was defined by law as a tractor, but when they drove it into Culver to fill its gas tank, were told it's illegal to drive within town limits.

"We just want to get gas," added Amy Bonine.

Culver chief of police Wayne Bean, explaining he had done some research on the matter, gave council members a copy of the state of Indiana's 2007 statute concerning the vehicles, which he said allows individual counties to pass their own ordinances, largely due to requests by farmers to be able to move them from one farm to another as part of their routine labors. However, said Bean, the state's ordinance disallows towns and cities passing similar laws which would grant permission to drive the vehicles on their streets.

"If you open it up to any

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Wind farm controversy to be topic of Aug. 13 meeting

A "town hall" style meeting has been announced by a group called Concerned Property Owners of Southern Marshall County, scheduled for Saturday, August 13, starting at 10 a.m. at the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

The topic is the recently much-discussed (and debated) proposed placement of more than 60 wind turbines in Marshall and Fulton Counties by Florida-based company Nextera Energy, many visible from Culver's town park and other shores. The matter has been controversial due to side effects some claim the turbines can produce in human and animal health, among other concerns, though the company has refuted such suggestions in its presentations.

The group's efforts have been promoted a mass postal mailing to area residents, as well as a blog the group has set up, www.marshallcountyIN-windfarm.blogspot.com.

The public is invited to the meeting.

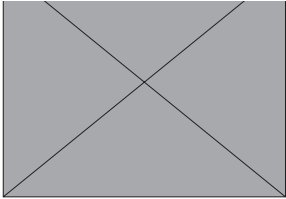
Culver Dairy Queen no more

After 28 years, Culver's Dairy Queen restaurant, on State Road 10, sees its last day of business July 31. A sign posted on the facility's doors said owner Barbara Justice is choosing to focus her energy on her remaining stores in LaPorte following the unexpected death of her husband, Douglas, last year. The sign also noted Justice "did not resign the lease on the building as it would require too many upgrades to maintain the DQ image."

Gift cards and discount coupons issued at the local store will be honored at LaPorte area Dairy Queens, the sign said, and most Dairy Queens honor national coupons.

"Thank you for your patronage over the years," the sign concluded. "I will miss the Culver community!"

Culver's Dairy Queen opened in the summer of 1983, under previous owners.



Letter to the editor

Back pack time

Dear Editor;
The Culver Lions will again collect monies, and supplies for the Culver elementary school systems, to make sure all students have the needed supplies. To give you may contact any Lion, or call Jim Harper at 574-842-2962. Your response in the past has been very admirable, please continue the generosity.

Jim Harper
Culver Lions Club

Lake Fest thanks

Dear Editor,
I wish to express my gratitude to all the people who worked so diligently to put on this affair (Culver’s 2011 Lake Fest).
I've said before how blessed we are to live in this community, where people still have old-fashioned values along with modern technology. To the sponsors of the Lake Fest who start at the end of each year, planning for the upcoming year, gathering sponsors, scheduling events, getting vendors: your tasks seem unending. The organizing of the parade to the fireworks (which are spectacular) is so well though out.
The time, effort, and expense must take it's toll on everyone involved. Maybe we (the citizens of Culver) don't express our gratitude, but I'm sure I speak for many that you are appreciated for all you have done for our community.

Blessings to you all,
Charles "Mick" Henley
Culver

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., Aug. 4: Grilled chicken, multi-grain bread and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

Fri., Aug. 5: BBQ pork, bun, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert, and milk.

Mon., Aug. 8: Chicken Breast and gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, Jewish rye bread, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Tues., Aug. 9: Italian sausage and roast beef, hoagie bun, spudsters, carrot coin salad, cobbler, and milk.

Weds., Aug. 10: Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

Thurs., Aug. 11: Quiche, coffee cake, cubed breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.

Fri., Aug. 12: Chicken and gnocchi entrée, garlic bread, carrot slaw, hot cinnamon apples, dessert, and milk.

Fair news



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Poultry winner

William Baldwin, Union Twp., took Grand Champion Commercial Bird at the 2011 4-H Poultry Show in July. There were 160 pens of poultry which was up from the year before by 14 pens.



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Grand champion market barrow

The Grand Champion Market Barrow was exhibited by Jaclyn Bauer, Union Twp.; the champion crossbred barrow weighed 272.6 pounds

Culver Community School announces back-to-school information

CULVER — Student first full day of school for Culver Community Schools Corporation is Tuesday, Aug. 16. First teacher full day is Monday, Aug. 15.

Culver Elementary School (Gr. K-6) registration will be Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 12 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 3 and Thursday, Aug. 4, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 6:30 p.m.

A back-to-school open house will be held at Culver Elementary School Monday, Aug. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. Middle school (Gr. 7-8) registration will be in the middle school/high school media center Tuesday, Aug. 9 and Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. High school (Gr. 9-12) registration will be in the high school media center Tuesday, Aug. 9 and Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The middle and high school offices will be closed Friday, Aug. 12. During registration, students and parents must pay book fees and get class schedules. If there is an error in your class schedule, please see guidance for assistance.

Orientation for parents of seventh-grade students and students new to Culver Community will be Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. in the middle school gym. Orientation for seventh and eighth-grade students will be Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the middle school gymnasium.

Orientation for grades 9-12 will be Tuesday, Aug. 16 in the high school auditorium at 8 a.m. The bell will ring at 7:45 a.m. for the students to enter the building. Students

must register prior to orientation.

Parents/guardians of all kindergarten students, all seventh-grade students, and all other students in any grade, who are new to Culver Community Schools, must provide a written statement of a child’s immunizations accompanied by the physician’s certificate or other documentation.

Textbook rental for full-day kindergarten will be \$114; first grade, \$116; second grade, \$120; third grade, \$109; fourth grade, \$113; fifth grade, \$111; sixth grade, \$120. Fees for grades 7-12 are dependent upon course schedules. Breakfast and lunch costs are: Grades K-6 breakfast, \$1.15; lunch, \$2.40; grades 7-12 breakfast, \$1.25; lunch, \$2.50; grades K-12, milk 35 cents; reduced breakfast all grades, 30 cents; reduced lunch, 40 cents; adult breakfast, \$1.25; adult lunch, \$3; and adult milk 40 cents

Parents and students will obtain an application for reduced-price lunches upon registration. Income verification is required at the time of application. Applicants need to fill out only one application per family. Application may be made during registration at the individual school offices.

Friday release time will be adjusted this year to allow for professional development of staff. Elementary school will be released at 2:30 p.m., middle school/high school at 2:45 p.m. This information can also be found on the school corporation’s website, www.culver.k12.in.us.

Bike ride will tour historic Culver Academies

Culver Academies is teaming up with the Bike Barn in Culver to present another in the BB's ongoing series of Culver history bike tours on Saturday, August 20, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The tour will begin at the Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive, and journey just down the street to the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop (102 South Main Street) for an introductory tour of the museum and opening remarks by museum curator Jeff Kenney.

Riders will then proceed to the 1894-launched Academies, where they will journey through the early years and continuing development of the school's stately and historic, 1,800-acre campus, which includes the Woodcraft Camp, Summer Naval area, and the many iconic buildings and landmarks which have long made Culver a destination for travelers and the "hidden gem" of architectural and aesthetic charm that it is.

Included will be historical vignettes of places, people, and events, all concluding with a ride back to the Bike Barn for refreshments. Total distance will be approximately five miles round trip.

The event is free and open to the public. Riders will need to bring their own bicycles, and use of helmets is strongly encouraged. All riders ride at their own risk.

For more information, contact the Bike Barn at 574-842-3606 or email don@bikebarn-culver.com. The Bike Barn's website is www.bikebarnculver.com, and the Academies Museum & Gift Shop's website is www.culver.org/museum (the museum may be reached by phone at 574-842-8442).

Textiles, featured at CCC, will benefit women’s organization

Textiles created by Dr. Judi Aubel, whose husband Tom Osborn was born and raised in Culver, will be on display through September 15 at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

Aubel, a specialist in community health and adult learning is part of the Grandmother Project, a global organization working especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to improve the lives of women and children. She says the textiles were "very much influenced" by African colors, shapes, and designs. Most are silk, though some are cotton, and techniques in their creation varied to include dying with tea, tie-dying, and block printing. Many feature embroidery on top of multiple techniques, and a number are collage pieces.

The work displayed is for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Grandmother Project. More information about the Project is available online at grandmotherproject.org. A feature on Aubel's work is forthcoming in The Culver Citizen in the near future.

The exhibit may be viewed during normal open hours at the Coffee Company, which may be viewed online at culvercoffeecompany.com.

The Culver citizen

I was introduced to the community of Culver a little over a year now, when I took the position of Unit Supervisor at the Culver Boys & Girls Club. I have to admit that I did not know much about the community when I applied for the position. I did some research prior to my initial interview on the internet and found out some statistical demographic information, but that was about it. I could tell you that there were around 1,600 people in the town of Culver and the median income for a household was around \$33,000. I knew it had a breathtaking lake, and a rich and storied history, but that was about it. I couldn’t tell you, and it was the one thing that scared me the most, about the people of Culver. No internet article or Wikipedia page I read could tell me, no pun intended, about the Culver citizen.

In the end, I just assumed that anyone living in such a beautiful town couldn’t help but be a great person, and I took the position. Boy was I right with that assessment! As I became more acclimated to the town, and had the

opportunity to meet more and more individuals that reside here, I started to figure out what a truly special place this is. Without question, the people of Culver care about their town, and give freely of their time and resources to ensure its prosperity.



boards or advisory councils, they work at the local food pantry, tend the community garden, or give free haircuts to needy children. The youth get involved as well at the community schools, at the Academy, and even at The Boys & Girls Club through various youth lead groups and initia-

Benefits of walking

We are a society of travelers. Constantly on the move, we have more than likely come to overlook the benefits of our primal form of transportation. Even if you don’t keep a record of the distance you walk during the day, I’m sure you would be pleasantly surprised at the amount this added exercise can supplement your daily activity. Walking is accessible to everyone and limitless in its improvement upon our health. Similar to other aerobic exercises, walking can lower blood pressure, trim your waistline, and improve your mood. However, because walking is a lower impact form of exercise, less stress is placed upon your bones - which could better suit individuals with prior joint and muscular damage.

Last week, one of my friends informed me that she had purchased a simple pedometer to keep track of the miles she walked each day. It was a very encouraging tool to invest in because she was greatly encouraged by the numbers that rolled in. Going to the mailbox, cutting her lunch back a bit replacing it with a fifteen minute jaunt, and strolling downtown to” window shop” started piling up the miles at such an alarming rate that she would lie awake at night pondering new ways to accumulate distance! While not advocating sleepless nights, lying awake



excited with the prospects of grand ideas pressing in her mind is far better than tossing throughout the night from lower back pain due to inactivity and boredom.

By forming a group or hiking off alone, take advantage of the many parks our community has to offer. At a minimum, you could burn up to 1000 calories by semi-vigorously walking 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. The key to reaping the total benefits walking has to offer is keeping track of your heart rate. Purchasing an expensive monitor is non-essential. Check your pulse every five minutes throughout the duration of your walk to ensure you heart rate is between 120 to 160 beats per minute. In other words, a leisurely stroll through the park has many benefits, but cardiovascular exercise would not be one of them.

By participating in one of the easiest, safest, calorie crunching activities a person can join, you could trim down to that ever desired dress or pant size. Simply supplementing your daily routine with a brisk walk for two

tives. It seems to me, that almost every individual in this community gives freely of their resources and time to help make this community strong.

Knowing that we have such dedicated and caring individuals, who are always looking for new and exciting ways to give back, the Culver Boys & Girls Club is opening our doors to potential volunteers. At the Boys & Girls Club we offer a vast array of fun opportunities to meet the interests and desired commitment levels of just about anybody in the community. Our volunteer opportunities range from offering members homework help to playing a rousing game of dodgeball with the members. There are opportunities to speak with members about your career or special interest, or even lead instructional camps for the youth. Whatever your interest is or whatever your availability may be, as long as you are passionate about helping change the lives of youth, the Boys & Girls Club can help you to give back to the community.

For more information on how to help shape the next Culver citizen, call Cory at 574-250-0103 or visit our website at www.bgcculver.org.

Name that Culver ‘citizen’



Last week’s Mystery Citizen was identified by a handful of sharp-eyed readers, including Judi Burns, Fran Wilkins, and Jack Houghton. As alluded to last week, she was an active summer resident here for many years prior to moving here more full-time in more recent years, when she’s been particularly involved in the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Meantime, several readers made it in just after deadline last week in identifying our previous Mystery Citizen, Fred Lane (and one correct “guesser” was missed by the editor!). Among them: Tom Miracle, Cindy Riester, and Jeanette Geiselman. Free parking for all, in downtown Culver!

This week’s Mystery Citizen is a native Culverite who’s lately been involved in -- well, just about everything here!

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.

RIGHT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Agnes Bramfeld, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.



Culver Garden Court progressing, say Berger, Liechty

If you’ve driven down South Main Street, you’ve likely seen the progress on Culver’s Garden Court senior housing facility there. Two of those centrally responsible for its arrival and construction here updated Culver’s Kiwanis Club recently on the project’s progress.

Kevin Berger, head of Culver’s Easterday Construction, the contracting entity on the project, said he’s been trying to get a Garden Court here for several years and through “five town managers,” with one of the issues being the lack of available land here at a workable price.

Other areas, such as Trinity Lutheran Church-owned, and Culver Academies-owned land were considered, but Berger said all were “marginal as far as water and sewer (availability). “Culver’s been better over the last 10 years about extending its water and sewer (for future development). It was not good planning.”

However, said Berger, Garden Court was able to partner with property owner Wade McGee to utilize his land just off South Main, going through the town of Culver to extend water and sewer and annex not only McGee’s 30 acres, but 50 additional, zoned R2, which he said allows multi-family dwellings to be developed there.

“We’re hoping this will address Culver’s issues with housing,” he added, noting there’s hope some people currently living in Culver will take advantage of Garden Court, freeing up currently occupied housing in town.

Culver’s Garden Court is a HUD project, which means an inspector stops by the site every two weeks, in addition to Culver’s building inspector, and county and state inspectors looking over the work.

The new building, which will hold 13 units, has now been framed and concrete poured. Fighting against rain earlier in the spring, and more recently heat prohibiting laying roof shingles, hampered work a bit, said Berger, but “it’s starting to close up.

“It’s a nice, high site. We have probably a better detention basin system than the town requires. The architect designed the leech field to let water go; there’s no ditch or storm drain (but) a buried a stone bed at the edge of the property.”

The project is also “a bit greener than in the past,” he added, with California corners to cut down on studs for greater efficiency, among other attributes.

Easterday plans to “move fairly quickly from here on,” noted Berger. While the project has until February to be completed, it’s ideal to keep it from going through the winter.

In addition to the living units, he said, the building will have an office, community room, and laundry. Half the units will face Main Street, and half will face west, with a porch available for outdoor seating as desired. The minimum age of residency is 62 years old, Berger explained, though an average Garden Court resident is an 85 year old widow.

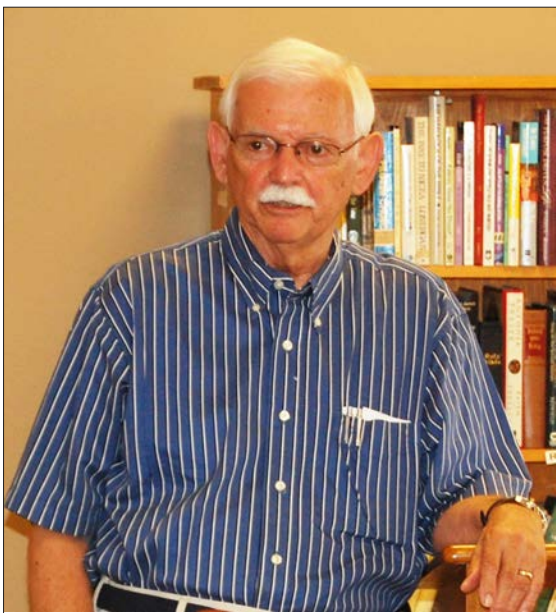
Dr. Ron Liechty, president of Garden Court for the past

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23 years, also addressed the club, noting this is the ninth facility for the non-profit venture, which stated 40 years ago “with a dream of creating housing for low-income people.”

The first Garden Court facility was built 40 years ago in Plymouth, with two more following in that community.

Today, Garden Court has 320 apartments in 11 facilities in three counties, with 182 people presently on wait-



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Kevin Berger, left, of Easterday Construction in Culver, and Dr. Ron Liechty, right, of Garden Court, Inc., discussed Culver’s Garden Court facility recently with the Culver Kiwanis Club.

ing lists, Liechty said.

“So we’ve kept building. But we’ve built differently. We decided we would try to keep persons as close to home as possible, so we moved out into other communities: Bourbon, Knox, Mentone, and Argos. We tried here in Culver for 15 years -- that just emphasizes what Kevin said.”

Garden Court is run by a volunteer board with a development committee to investigate new sites, comprised of the president and vice president of the board, the group’s architect, attorney, consultant, and a representative of the management company which actually operates the facilities. Liechty said the group is already at work on a possible site in Nappanee.

Around \$1.5 million in HUD funds go into a project Culver’s size, he noted, and the monies are paid back over 40 years through rent money.

Real Estate Management, based in South Bend, will handle operation, and will begin to interview potential residents 90 days before the facility opens up. Liechty said Culver’s Garden Court will be done by January.

“The last I heard, we have eight persons on the waiting list from Culver...whenever the building is turned over to us, within days the first people begin to move in.”

Most of the people on Garden Court’s waiting lists, he added, are in Plymouth.

“We try to build something we’d feel comfortable having our parents or grandparents, or ourselves, live in,” Liechty said of Garden Court’s overall approach to its efforts. “HUD has told us in the past to build a box to house seniors. We’ve done more than that. Our management company has received awards for the way they keep things up, so we’re proud to work with them and offer this kind of service.”

Garden Court space re-zoned: now what?

Guest opinion

Editor’s note: This column appeared earlier this year at www.easterdayconstruction.com/blog. It is reprinted by permission of author and Marshall County Economic Development Corporation chairman Kevin Berger.

By Kevin Berger
Chairman, Marshall County Economic Development Corporation

I think the recent annexation, rezoning, and sewer and water extensions in the area west of Culver's South Main Street, part of which is the future home to the Garden Court senior assisted living facility currently under construction, are positive steps towards growth. Now I think there should be a discussion about the future of this area.

The Plan Commission needs to spend a little time forming a vision for this area. The rezonings are a step in the right direction, but I believe they should take the reins, meet with the property owners and look at what should happen. Of course I have my opinions...

1. The Plan Commission should explore expanding their zoning boundaries to reflect the additional area allowed under the 2 mile limits. Culver has not taken in their allowable zoning area to the West in the past due to opposition from land owners. An educational program should begin so that those owners understand the benefits of coming under Culver’s Zoning Ordinance.

The newly adopted Marshall County Zoning Ordinance is much more restrictive than Culver’s Zoning Ordinance and I think some of those land owners would be surprised by the restrictions they are now under which would be removed under Culver’s Ordinance.

2. The Plan Commission and the Town Council should begin planning how infrastructure should be extended to serve the newly annexed land. The Town has taken the first steps in the sewer and water extension project there, but they should be looking at what it would take to serve not only this newly annexed land, but all of the land between South Main Street and State Road 17 and the potential for additional development further south and west.

This should include reviews of available topographic maps to determine where gravity sewers can be used and where the best locations are for lift stations. They should consider where water lines can best be run and how loops can be created to provide redundant service. Stormwater control for this area is entirely different since this area, unlike most of Culver, drains away from Lake Maxinkuckee.

This will require coordination with the Marshall County Commissioners, the Marshall County Surveyor and Marshall County Drainage Board since ultimately the stormwater from these areas will flow outside of Culver into the jurisdiction of the surrounding County. Another important entity that is often left out of these discussions is NIPSCO. Providing gas and electric to this area is an important part of the discussion. The other private utilities (phone, cable, etc.) are important as well, but are generally less constrained by access.

3. Separate but related to the above infrastructure issue is the need to plan and direct the various right-of-ways to serve this area. Looking at the street map for Culver, Mill Street is the last street on the south side of Culver to connect to State Road 17 to the west. The next connection is 19th Road, a County Road, which needs improvement. I believe another connection to State Road 17 is warranted as this area develops and I believe the logical place for this extension would be at the intersection of South Main Street and West Shore Drive on the south side of the cemetery.

This would improve access to town from the South, both for day to day residential needs as well as emergency services. This issue would require coordination between the Town, the County, INDOT and the affected land owners,

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Best deals in (down)town

Culver's downtown merchants once again observed the long-held "side-walk days" tradition, as the south end of the Main Street shopping district was shut down and shoppers strolled for values, last Friday and Saturday.

At LEFT: Alma Posjepal of Culver looks on (left) as daughter-in-law Michelle (center) and granddaughter Lindsay, age 7, examine the wares offered by the Collectors Antique Shop and Bear End.

RIGHT: Darcy Walters browses through the racks outside Diva.



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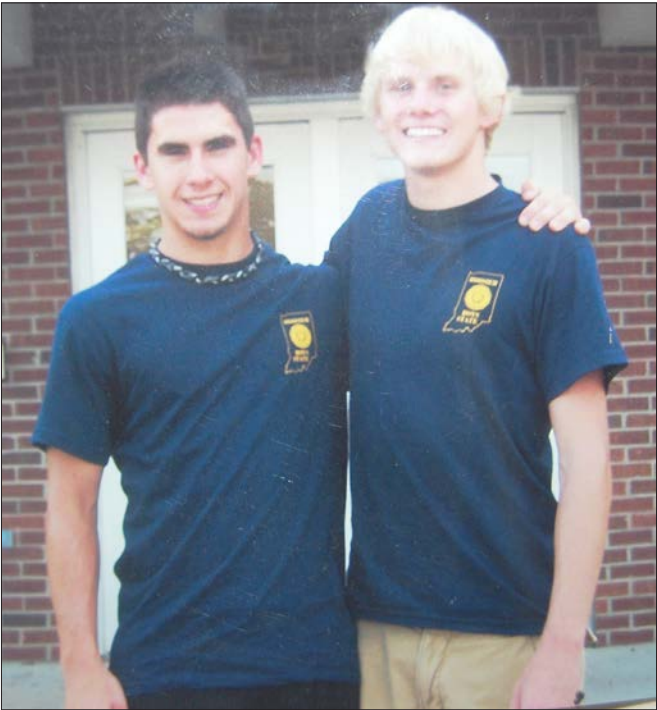
Fresh for Culver's dining tables

Larry Boyne, seen here surrounded by part of Larry's Gourmet Herbal and Vegetable Garden in Culver, has recently begun supplying local chefs with fresh, organically grown vegetables he's cultivated by hand in his southside garden. Boyne, who grew up in Culver, but spent 17 years growing organic herbs and vegetables in Mishawaka prior to returning to the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee, is offering a wide array of items, from varieties of basil, celantro, and oregano, to peppers, onions, cucumbers, and more. He stresses the possibility of keeping away garden pests through natural means without use of pesticides, which he says can cause long-term harm to humans and animals even when deemed "safe." While this is Boyne's first summer providing produce to local eateries, he hopes to continue to expand his efforts and offerings.

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Culver Boys State delegates

Two local students were given the honor of being chosen to participate recently in the Hoosier Boys State program, sponsored by American Legion Post 399, Monterey. Joe Krsek, left, and Cole Flora represented Culver Community High School at the more than 70-year-old program which seeks to "help create an awareness of the issues facing our government and the impact each decision has on individuals—the importance of the political forces in our daily lives that makes our form of government work, (and) provide young men the opportunity to learn about the political and governmental processes in our democratic society," according to the program's website at hoosierboysstate.org. The weeklong program took place at Trine University in Angola, Indiana.



Dehning is DAR Good Citizen



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Cassandra "CJ" Dehning

MARSHALL COUNTY — The local Tippecanoe River-Wythougan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently completed its Good Citizens Award and Scholastic Contest for the seniors in Marshall County high schools. This honor is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship, service, leadership and patriotism to an outstanding degree.

Cassandra Dehning is the daughter of Terri and KC Dehning and is the Good Citizen of Culver Community High School and also the winner for all of Marshall County. She is involved in student government, National Honor Society and numerous sporting and arts programs. She plans to attend Hutton Honors College at Indiana University in the fall.

A spring reception was held to honor these students.

The celebration also included the American History Essay Contest winners. The winners of the essay contest all attend St. Michael Catholic School included Culver's Lucy Battersby, for the eighth grade. The topic of the essay was to pretend the student was Paul Revere writing his memoirs, in celebration of the 275th anniversary of the birth of Paul Revere.



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Frog champ

Pictured is 4 year old Nicholas Sizelove of Arcadia, Indiana, winner of this year's Lake Fest frog jumping contest in his age category, as well as frog jumping Grand Champion for all age groups. He is the grandson of Sandy Master, longtime secretary at Culver Community High School.

Academies name Thompson new AD

CULVER — Matt Thompson has joined Culver Academies as the new Director of Athletics. Thompson comes to Culver from Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, where he spent four years as the associate athletic director, physical education teacher and coach.

Prior to his time at BCDS, he served as the athletic director, Spanish teacher, and coach at the Knox School in St. James, New York. Over the course of his career, Thompson spent time as an athletic administrator and women's soccer coach at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Centenary College in New Jersey.

Thompson holds a B.A. in English from Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, where he was a two-year captain of the soccer team and currently ranks fifth on the school's all-time scoring list. He also holds a master's degree in Sport Management from Georgia Southern University, where he served as the assistant ticket manager for the athletic department.

Thompson is taking over for Al Clark, who is returning to the classroom as a math teacher after serving as athletic director since 1995.

Clark came to Culver Academies in 1976 as a member of the math department and the first boys hockey coach. Clark will continue to coach the boys prep hockey team.

Culver's Zeglis helps kick off United Way campaign `11

PLYMOUTH -- The United Way kickoff for the 2011 campaign will be Friday, Aug. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus. The featured speaker is John Zeglis, retired president of AT&T, chairman and CEO of AT&T Wireless and founder and chairman of the Fort Wayne Mad Ants. There is no charge but an RSVP at 574-936-3366 is appreciated. This year's goal is \$475,000 according to Chad Dreibelbis, 2011 campaign chair. The campaign runs through Thanksgiving.

Lake Fest burnout contest results

2011 Lake Fest Burnout Contest results

Following are results from the Culver Lake Fest 2011 burn-out contest, held Sunday, July 17 on Mill Street in Culver.

Four-cylinder class

Best smoke: Josh Fox, Monterey, Ford Ranger; Best black mark: Travis Cowger, Plymouth, 98 Ford Ranger; Best sound: Travis Cowger, Plymouth, 98 Ford Ranger

Six-cylinder class

Best smoke: Kurt Reinhold, Culver, 93 GMS P/U; Best black mark: Ronald Fox, Monterey, 95 Toyota; Best sound: Dennis Barnette, Grovertown, 89 Astro Van

V8 pick up class

Best smoke: Justin Braasch, Winamac, 94 GMC P/U; Best black mark: Richard Milliser, Monterey, 89 GMC Sierra; Best sound: Nick Fritz, Winamac, 94 S10 P/U

V8 small block class (open rear axle)

Best smoke: Vinnie Carnegie, Plymouth, 90 GMC Suburban; Best black mark: Glen Kletz, North Judson, 94 Ford F150; Best sound: Darrin Kletz, North Judson, 93 GMC P/U

V8 small block class (Posi/limited slip rear axle)

Best smoke: Miach Kunkle, Plymouth, 96 Camaro Z28; Best black mark: James Miller, North Judson, 85 Camaro; Best sound: Dan Shidler, Rochester, 79 Camaro Z28

Big block class

Best smoke: Brandon Nelson, Monterey, 79 Pontiac Trans Am; Best black mark: Chase Siple, Bass Lake, 78 Ford F250; Best sound: Jeremy Singleton, Walkerton, 69 Chevy P/U; Best total destruction of tires: Kurt Reinhold, Culver, 93 GMC P/U. (The winner received a free lube, oil, and filter valued at \$29.95, and free alignment valued at \$49.95 from Plymouth Tire and Service Center).

Best crowd pleaser: Jeremy Singleton, Walkerton, 69 Chevy P/U (the winner received \$50 cash from JMC Engineers and Associates, Culver)

David Crabb, coordinator of the event, thanked the many sponsors for trophies and door prizes.

"This year," he said, "we gave the door prizes to the fans who with out their support and the drivers support this would not have been possible."

He also thanked the town of Culver "for letting us shut down Mill Street," the fire and police departments and EMS for assistance, Medallion Cabinetry for use of its parking lots, the Lions Club "for great food

and drinks," as well as workers Marshal Pranger, Paul Pranger, Chevy Crabb, Sherry Crabb, Brandy Wagner, Bob Kowatch, Luellen Kopwatch, Barb Kowatch, Jacob Kowatch, Dakota Ernest, and Mike Maddox for announcing. He also thanked judges Bob Rans, Richard White, and Nate Carnegie.

Yoder takes reins of MCCF, United Way



The Marshall County Community Foundation and the United Way of Marshall County announced the appointment of Linda K. Yoder as joint Executive Director of the two organizations, both of which help support several Culver-area organizations and endeavors.

Yoder was most recently Vice President of Government Affairs at the Electric Motors Corporation of Plymouth, and before that was the director of the Nappanee Public Library where she had been employed for over 20 years, converting a traditional library into a vibrant and creative community center. She has an extensive record of public service to her communities, including time as Vice Chair of the Elkhart County United Way campaign, manager of the Nappanee Center, director of Nappanee disaster recovery, and close working relationships with the Elkhart County Community Foundation.

"Linda's deeply ingrained sense of public service is exactly what we need to take our Foundation to new levels of support for the people of Marshall County," said Louise Mason, chair of the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Chris Eberly, chairman of the United Way of Marshall County, welcomed Yoder.

"Linda will bring important experience and new ideas to the United Way's campaigning," he said, "which will be essential to enlarge our support for United Way agencies in the county."

Yoder's appointment is effective immediately, and she will now become a full-time resident of Marshall County.

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Helping out the ‘Hoosier Poet’

Marabeth Levett of Culver lends a hand to “James Whitcomb Riley” (as played by Henry Ryder of Indianapolis) during a performance at the David and Ginny Gibson cottage on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee Saturday, on property at which Riley himself stayed with his friend and fellow Hoosier author Booth Tarkington in the early 1890s. Ryder performed a number of Riley’s poems, including “The Blue Above and the Green Below,” a poem about the lake itself, a partial draft of which Riley included in a letter to a friend written from the cottage (the letter was also present, loaned for the occasion by Ted Schenberg). The event was the July program of the Antiquarian and Historical Society, which will be followed in August by a program on Culver’s ice industry, date and location to be announced.



44th Annual Culver Invitational Tennis Tournament 2011

The Tennis Tournament will be held this year on Aug 6th and 7th at the Culver Academies tennis facilities.

We will match players based on their level of play (beginner, intermediate and advanced) or, optionally, based on their reported USTA Rating. We’ve also added an option for a 55 & up age group.

Please join us in this friendly community based competition.

Saturday, Aug 6th

- 9AM Women’s Doubles
- 10AM Men’s Singles
- 2PM Men’s Doubles
- 2PM Women’s Singles

Sunday, Aug 7th

- 9AM Mixed Doubles
- Awards Ceremony (Evening)

*Registration Fee:
\$20 per player payable at the courts*

To register, visit our website,
www.culvertennis.com,
or call any of the Tennis Committee Members

Dave Baker	842-2507
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all of which would take time and should start as part of a long range plan. Along South Main Street, the existing intersections should be examined and a determination should be made as to which of these should be encouraged for development for minor streets into the newly annexed property. Aligning these intersections would promote safer traffic patterns. Depending on density projections, turn lanes may be warranted. All things are more economically planned prior to imminent development.

4. The Plan Commission and the Town Council should look at the existing infrastructure in this area to determine what improvements are needed. Residential development will increase the need for new sidewalks to accommodate children walking to school and residents walking to the downtown business district. Much of the sidewalk in this

area has been neglected and is in unsafe condition. The town has been making progress on correcting accessibility issues, but many still exist in this area. There is no storm-water infrastructure on South Main Street. There are no curbs on this section of South Main Street.

5. The Plan Commission should re-examine the zoning needs. Should additional Commercial Zoning be added to the south side of the downtown business district allowing growth in this direction to serve the new development? (I recently looked at all of the real estate websites and found only one vacant parcel of land for sale that is zoned commercial and it is the seven-acre Cultice property on the north side of Culver on State Roads 10 and 17).

The Plan Commission may alternatively (or also) consider additional Commercial Zoning in or near the newly

annexed land which would provide needed services within walking distance of these residential areas. They should consider additional park land to serve these residents and they may want to consider a municipal set-a-side to accommodate a possible fire substation, another water tower or other municipal needs.

These are functions with which the Plan Commission is charged. They are fortunate to have resources such as the Second Century Committee to draw on for community input.

The newly forming Main Street organization may prove to be a helpful resource as well. The Plan Commission should take take this opportunity to get out in front of these issues before they are forced to react to them.

Named to IUSB Dean’s List

SOUTH BEND — Seth Michael Keller and Jordan Dee McIntire of Culver, and Misty Dawn Rush of Monterey were recently named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' spring dean's list at Indiana University South Bend.

Charlotte Ridenour of Culver was named to the Indiana University South Bend School of Business and Economics’ dean’s list for the spring semester.

Wheatbrook receives certificate

Roberta Wheatbrook of Culver received a technical certificates at Ivy Tech Community College-North Central's commencement exercises May 6.

Centa, Lee on Dean’s List

MUNCIE -- Lauren Centa and Samantha Lee were named to the spring semester dean's list at Ball State University.

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12 and under, \$4. Call 574-842-3886 for information.

Cub Scout Roundup Aug. 31

Cub Scout Pack 290 of Culver will hold its Roundup for the 2011-2012 Scouting year at St. Mary of the Lake church on August 31 at 6 p.m. All boys entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome to join. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. For more information, contact Michelle Coiner at coiner@embarqmail.com or 574-542-2676.

Players show dates this summer

The Maxinkuckee Players will “take the show on the road” this summer when they perform “Nunsense: The Mega-Musical” for performances in several area communities. These include: Bremen, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 7, 4 p.m.; North Judson are: Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 14, 4 p.m.; 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, 574-941-2343.

CBGC seeks new staff members

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will be hiring part-time staff for the 2011-2012 school year. For information on how to apply, contact Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier by phone at 574-250-0103 or via email at cmonnier@bgcpco.org. Employment applications can be printed from our website at www.bgcculver.org.

Culver Pipes and Drums invites public

Culver Pipes and Drums practices every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the train depot across from Edgewater Grill. The public is invited to come watch, or come for free lessons. Bagpipes are available for interested students to use. In the winter practices will move to the Naval building at Culver Academies. Contact Mike Maddox, band manager, at 574-298-6950

Free computer classes for beginners

Culver-Union Township Public Library’s free computer classes this month include Email for Beginners (August 5). Classes are Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

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

Culver Community Schools seeks board

candidates

Due to the resignation of a school board member, Culver Community Schools Corporation is seeking applicants to be considered by the remainder of the board to serve as a replacement.

The applicant must reside within the boundaries of the town of Culver. Interested individuals should address a letter by Monday, Aug. 1, 2011 to Superintendent Brad Schuldt or board president to the following address: Culver Community Schools Corporation, 700 School St. (Location) -- P.O. Box 231 (Mailing Address), Culver, IN 46511. Any questions can be directed to Superintendent Schuldt at 574-842-3364.

Women’s Care Center hog roast, dance

PLYMOUTH -- The friends and family of Women’s Care Center invite the Marshall County community to attend the Center’s Hog Roast and Square Dance, Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Knights of Columbus, Plymouth. Dinner is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with dancing to follow from 8 to 11 p.m. featuring JustUS III from Fort Wayne.

Early bird cost is \$30; at the door is \$35. Tickets are available at Women Care Centers, Plymouth, Monday through Friday, and Bremen, Monday and Thursday.

The Women’s Care Center offers many services to pregnant women and new mothers: pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling and parenting classes. For more information please contact Cindy Casper at 574-936-5141.

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.

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 com-

munity. 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 to 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.