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In Brief

Community meal at Grace tonight

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, March 22 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.

Hydrant flush

The town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 9 to 13. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color; however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

Comm. Lenten services

Upcoming Culver Council of Churches Community Lenten services include Grace UCC in Culver (March 25 with guest Pastor Father Tom Haynes).

Easter egg hunt March 31

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, March 31, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, for ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here, so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

High school orientation March 22

A high school orientation meeting for all eighth grade students and their parents will be held Wed., March 21, at 7 p.m. in the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria. Important registration information will be provided concerning your child's high school career. All parents and their eighth graders are encouraged to attend. Please call 574-842-5690 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. with questions.

VFW Men's Auxiliary chicken dinner

Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a smoked, half-chicken dinner Saturday, April 14 from 1 p.m. until sold out, at the VFW Post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Cost is only \$7 per dinner and proceeds will benefit the group's Culver Community High School Scholarship

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A heaping bowl of 'Soup for the Soul'

Culver Elementary 6th graders -- uniting former Monterey and Culver students for the first time for the event -- spent last Wednesday evening serving soup, bread, and hand-made bowls and other items to hungry diners by way of the "Soup for the Soul" event at the school, which raises funds for various causes. Among those was 16-year-old Oregon-Davis sophomore James David (UPPER LEFT PHOTO), who is awaiting an expensive, South Carolina-based bone transplant for the talus bone in his foot. Student Logan Kephart, center, serves James and his grandmother, Jeanette Czekala. LOWER LEFT PHOTO: Ron Cole, left, and daughter Maija Cole (seated at right) eat while Tanner Caldwell and Jarrod Shepherd (standing) serve them. LOWER CENTER PHOTO: Ben Myers and Dillon Salyer handle some dishwashing chores (Austin Wood is visible in the background). UPPER CENTER PHOTO: CES librarian Carol Jackson, left, and 6th grade teacher Todd Shafer serve up soup and desserts. PHOTO AT RIGHT: Dad Tim Shuman surveys some of the soup bowl offerings with his 6th grade son Ethan and Ethan's younger brother. 6th grade teacher Missy Trent, a principle organizer of the event, says \$4,000 has already been raised through the event, with more donations coming in.

Downtown revitalization meeting includes heated parking debate

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Many merchants and other occupying entities of Culver's downtown area seemed generally pleased with a special recent meeting to discuss a major revitalization project there, but the March 8 meeting was not without controversy.

Representatives of entities on the two blocks of Main Street making up the primary business district gathered at the town hall for an update on a project whose funding was secured late in 2010 through the Indiana Department of Transportation. According to Lori Johnson and Qasim Asghar, representatives of the DLZ engineering firm contracted that year to design the project, work will include sidewalk enhancements -- making the blocks in question, between Washington and Madison Streets, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant -- new lighting, "bump-outs" at crossings for pedestrians, and other changes. Electrical outlets will be made available at every tree and light-post as well.

Sometimes heated debate, however, centered on the issue of parking, with several business owners suggesting a shift away from parallel, and towards angle parking should have been considered.

Asghar noted no parking spaces would be lost with

the present design, and explained sidewalks will be seven to eight feet in width, similar to their present size.

Sue McInturff of the Diva gift shop suggested narrower sidewalks could accommodate increased parking, and Susie Mahler of Cafe Max, who said she had researched the matter online, emphasized six-foot sidewalks would allow for angle parking.

"In my experience," Johnson responded, "when you start narrowing the sidewalks, five to six feet is not a comfortable width in a downtown area where you have commercial traffic. Most places are expanding width, not narrowing."

Tammy Pesek of the Corndance Cafe said she agreed, but Culver's small population offsets that concern.

"All my customers drive (to the restaurant)," she said. "And all my customers complain about parallel parking."

Pesek also noted Culver has a higher age range population and said there's very little public parking overall in the downtown area.

Town council member Ed Pinder noted placement of tables and chairs on downtown sidewalks -- which had been requested by several businesses in recent years and ratified by council ordinance last year

-- would be impossible if sidewalks were narrowed. Mahler said she would "throw them (outdoor tables and chairs) away for angle parking."

Council president Sally Ricciardi pointed out five-foot sidewalk width is "the same width as your standard sidewalk throughout town. One person can pass another, but if two people are walking together and a third person has to pass another, they have to move. People will smash into a building or on the curb."

"I'd prefer to have room for people to walk safely down our commercial streets," said Kathy Clark of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council.

Some debate centered on just how much space would actually be required per angle parking spot and how many parking spaces would be gained or lost by way of either proposed parking solution. Asghar said implementation of angle parking would only gain the downtown two parking spots, though Mahler argued a higher number. There was some disagreement as to just how many feet of leeway would be needed per spot in angle parking.

Asghar and Johnson said the design would have to be started over from scratch and an environmental impact study newly conduct-

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Death penalty sought for Bell in Leiters Ford area murder



Roy Bell

A death sentence request has been filed in the case of Roy Bell, one of three area men accused in the shooting death of Wilma Upsall near Leiters Ford in November. Fulton County Prosecutor Rick Brown filed the death penalty request in Fulton County Superior Court Wednesday.

81-year-old Upsall died as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted during a burglary allegedly involving Bell, William Scroggs of DeLong, and Jason Miller of Plymouth. The latter two have also been charged with murder. Upsall was tied to a chair with telephone cord prior to being shot to death by Bell, allege prosecutors. The three were the subject of a massive manhunt Thanksgiving weekend in the Culver and Monterey area.

8 departments assist in multiple-county vehicle chase

CULVER — Marshall County Police department officers and Culver Police department officers were led on a chase Saturday night around 10 p.m. when a driver in Culver failed to yield on a traffic stop.

Law enforcement attempted to stop driver Domingo Robles near Jefferson Street and South Ohio Street in Culver, and pursued Robles northbound on State Road 17. Officers made several attempts to stop the vehicle using stop sticks, but were unsuccessful. The pursuit continued down State Road 8 and around southern West and northern Union Townships. Robles then headed back southbound on State Road 17 and continued into Fulton County. Officers were eventually able to box Robles in and take him into custody.

Departments involved in the chase included the Culver Police Department, Marshall County Police Department, Argos Police Department, Knox Police Department, Ke-wanna Police Department, Starke County Sheriff's Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, and Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

Robles was booked in the Marshall County Jail for resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, reckless driving, and driving while suspended — prior.

Multiple departments assist in Culver grass fire

A Sunday afternoon grass fire kept firefighters from Culver, Monterey, Leiters Ford, and Argos busy March 11. The fire started due to a resident burning on their property, and spread across the adjacent field, located along South Main Street. According to Dave Cooper of the Culver fire department, one of Culver's grass trucks was inoperable and another not functioning properly, leading to calls to nearby departments. He notes both trucks have since been fixed and are ready for service again.

Wind and the dry conditions added to the speed and growth of the fire, said Cooper, who noted nothing was lost but grass and corn stuble.

Culver firemen were also part of the widespread response to the previous day's massive fire at the Liberty Depot former manufacturing plant on Liberty Street in Plym-

Culver firefighters recall volunteering at tornado-ravaged town, consider Culver's twister-readiness

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Six Culver men -- five volunteer firefighters and one local resident -- spent the March 10 weekend in southern Indiana assisting communities there with cleanup after tornados devastated the area March 2. They returned with sober thoughts on weather phenomenon and how the Culver community would handle such a disaster.

Firemen Dave Cooper, Ken VanDePutte, Jerry Siler, Bob Cooper Jr., Brian McIntire, and friend Rick Kersey started their journey Friday afternoon after word came in late Thursday that arrangements had been made for them. The fire department was canvassed to see who wanted to, or was able to come along, and efforts were underway to gather supplies and other donations from Culver. Cooper's sister coordinated three vanloads of donations through her Plymouth-based church, in addition to items donated from various big box stores in Plymouth, all of which made up the caravan of one Culver fire pickup, VanDePutte's own pickup, and McIntire's enclosed trailer.

The town of Henryville was already "saturated with volun-

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Reinhold, others lauded in DARE grad ceremony

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Elementary School 6th graders gathered in the school gymnasium recently for the annual DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) awards program, during which top student essay writers were recognized, with student Reilly Reinhold lauded as top winner. CES principal Chuck Kitchell read Reinhold's essay -- explaining the impact of the program on her life and how she will integrate its message into practice -- for the gathered audience of fellow students, teachers, and parents.

Culver police officer John Duhnovski, DARE instructor for the past several years, thanked Culver town marshal Wayne Bean, CES social worker Deb Stevens, 6th grade teachers, and Kitchell for their support of the nine-week program, during which students learn about the health effects of marijuana, inhalants, cigarettes, alcohol, and tobacco. Topics included resisting peer pressure, building healthy relationships, and the definition of a drug.

"I'm really encouraged by what I have read (in student essays)," Duhnovski commented. "The program has helped

your children."

The featured speaker for the event was Marshall County sheriff Tom Chamberlin, who said the community's children are "our greatest resources," and urged students to put into practice what they've learned. He also discussed good and bad choices and focused on the population of the Marshall County jail, where he said over 3,100 people "made the wrong choice" in 2011.

"Our current daily population of 102 men and women are being housed (in the jail) for making a bad choice," Chamberlin continued. "They're not bad people, but they made bad choices and they're paying the penalty. So often in conversation with jail inmates they tell me, 'I made a mistake. I listened to the wrong person. I knew it would get me in trouble, but I let them talk me into it.'"

Chamberlin also suggested students "look at your parents, the church you go to, the school, the community...one person can make a difference."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: Culver Elementary 6th grader Reilly Reinhold, right, looks on as CES principal Chuck Kitchell reads her winning essay. LEFT: Marshall County sheriff Tom Chamberlin addresses DARE graduates.

Downtown from page 1



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Qasim Asghar of DLZ Engineers points out features of Culver's downtown revitalization to an some of Culver's downtown merchants at a recent meeting.

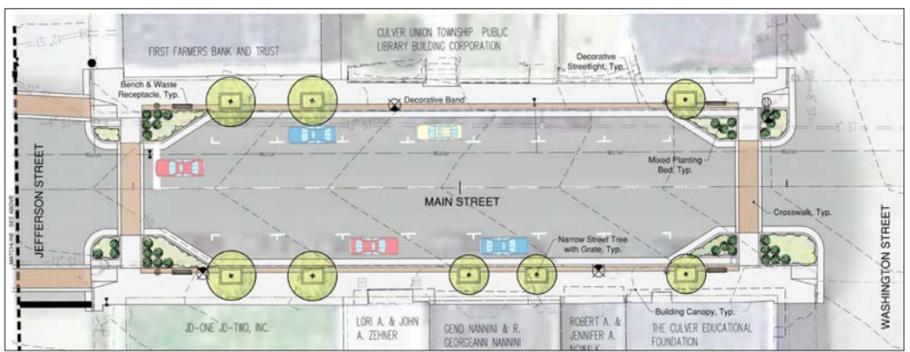


IMAGE PROVIDED

A design sketch from DLZ shows proposed changes in the streetscape on North Main Street.

ed, if parallel parking were replaced with angle.

Council member Ginny Munroe suggested the greater need the discussion identified was for a parking area accessible to the downtown.

"If we have to pay \$30,000 for a redesign," she said, "I'd rather use that money for parking for the downtown."

Kathy Berindei of JMC Engineers suggested the town-owned parking lot just south of CVS Pharmacy on Ohio Street could be paved and graded as downtown parking, though it was argued on a busy weekend the lot is filled with vehicles of employees working at the downtown businesses.

Pesek said the discussion focused disproportionately on the busiest weeks of the year, which tend to be fair weather periods when customers will walk to businesses.

"I'd like to see more business (the rest of the year by

providing more parking)," she said.

Pinder said Culver's downtown has "always had a parking problem and always will."

Chad Van Herk of First Farmers Bank noted trees are "part of the beautification" and would have to be eliminated from the plan if sidewalks are narrowed.

"I like the idea of angle parking," he added. "I don't see 18 spaces per side (as some suggested was possible). But the lack of sidewalk will make it less attractive to walk on, and you lose trees."

Mahler asked council members why downtown merchants weren't contacted before planning was completed, for input on the design.

"I thought we had an input," Mahler said. "This is really just an informational meeting telling us what has been done. Say it for what it is."

Ricciardi said angle parking had been set aside by the council earlier in

the process, given the narrowing of sidewalks. She added that restaurants will still hold more people than downtown parking can handle, regardless of which estimation as to the number of parking spots is used. Utilities manager Bob Porter also said he doubted the narrowing of sidewalks would pass the federally-mandated requirements as to the historical nature of the downtown, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In other discussion, Asghar explained the construction process should take about two months, and Johnson said the process could be broken into stages to minimize impact on businesses and avoid busiest customer periods. Some business owners discussed whether spring or fall construction would be better.

Also discussed was the possibility of a large outdoor clock placed on the "bump-out" nearest Heritage Park. A podium or sign explaining the historical significance of the downtown will need to be placed nearby, it was noted.

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Letter to the editor

Tragedy in a small town

My friends and family, many of who reside in and around big cities like New York and Chicago, appear to be waiting for the end to my "small town experiment". In gentle worried tones, they ask whether I've made any friends, what there is to do for fun, the not-so-subtle implication being, am I aware that I'm squandering my youth? It's absolutely true that I represent something of a demographic oddity in Culver—being young, liberal, and unmarried.

Yet living here has been a continual discovery, causing me to daily reevaluate my preconceptions about small towns and the people who reside in them. I've lived in a variety of environments—big cities, small college towns, and off-the-grid farming communities. And I've never felt more connected to my fellow humans than I do here, a place where, on the surface, I have very little in common with my neighbors.

The recent tragedy that struck the Schumerth family has brought me clarity on this subject. Like so many, I walked around in a daze after hearing the news. It's always a shock to read about yet another horrific school shooting, but typically, I stash such incidents in some dusty recess of my brain between the latest civilian casualties in whatever war we happen to be fighting and the unfathomable national debt numbers.

But this was different—I couldn't sit around waiting for the media to explain the unexplainable—to paint a picture of undiagnosed mental illness or lax gun controls or unchecked bullying. Instead, I worried about how a dear friend would deal with the loss of her brother, and how her family would hold up to inevitable media scrutiny.

Taking a cue from a formidable expert on Culver social graces, my grandmother Agnes, I poured my worries into a casserole. Upon seeing the Schumerths' tables and counters heavy with similar offerings, I realized I was far from alone in my manner of coping. This point was made even clearer at the luncheon following Shane's memorial. There was a colossal spread of comfort food—mac and cheese, chicken wings, jello salad, and green bean casserole, not to mention several tables of desert. Much of the feast was composed of food brought to the family by concerned neighbors.

Luckily, there was no shortage of people to eat the food. Standing in line outside Grace United Methodist, I heard one man marvel that he'd never seen the place so packed in 50 years of attending there. After the pews filled, guests were seated in the choir area and the basement. Still others stood along the walls and in the entranceway.

The service focused on the cherished memories of friends and family of Shane. I heard about a loving big brother, so concerned for the success of his younger siblings that he supplemented what he saw as sub-par class material with his own lessons. A beloved friend with such a big heart that he once did his best to save an injured squirrel. It was hard to reconcile the picture being painted with the story on the news.

When you read about tragedy impersonally, you can identify and categorize it, judge its causes, and ultimately, simplify it into something understandable. Instinctually, we detach ourselves from horror and suffering in order to retain our sanity and continue to go about our lives. This is a practical coping mechanism for dealing with the information overload of the modern world.

The difference in living in a town like Culver is, when something horrible happens here, it inevitably affects someone you know. And because horrible things don't happen very often, everybody stops and takes notice. They take some time out of their daily routine to consider how they might help. They reflect upon how the people they know might be affected.

In a well-known psychological experiment conducted in the late 60's, psychologists demonstrated that the more people present at a given emergency, the longer it takes for any one person to step in and assist. It was dubbed the bystander effect, and among other theories, it suggests people are more likely to take responsibility when they believe they are truly needed. When the pool of possible helpers is too large, people assume that someone else will step up, or that if no one is helping, there must be a good reason for it.

Not only is Culver small enough that people can see where they are needed, but it seems to possess a rare kind of groupthink that sets a standard of neighborliness, exerting pressure upon individuals to do what's right. It's enough to make a bleeding-heart liberal all warm and fuzzy.

Rachel Meade,
Culver

Max Move 2012 April 14

The Culver community would like to extend an invitation to all interested individuals to participate in the second annual Max Move, held April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The goal for everyone who participates is to move around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee at their own pace, enjoying one of the area's most beautiful natural resources. *This is not a race*, but instead, an opportunity to be with friends and family while participating in a fun wellness event.

If your goal is running, walking fast, walking leisurely or just strolling, we will facilitate this event to cater your needs. If you have never ventured around the lake and are a bit apprehensive that you will get half way around and not make it back, no need to fear, we will have a chase car to return you to the starting line if that should happen.

In addition, we will provide sage stop refreshments and bathrooms for you at miles 2.5, 5 and 8, courtesy of the Thews, Hermanson and Osborn families opening their homes for us!

The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus at 9:00. This is event is free of cost, but please arrive around 8:45 to register. Parking is located at the hockey rink or around the oval near the flagpoles.

Those with questions, please call Dana Neer at 574-842-8080.

Council updated on completed sewer plant, town manager, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A major overhaul of Culver's wastewater treatment plant is all but complete after several months of work, Culver's town council affirmed in signing a substantial completion certificate regarding the project.

Mark Sullivan of Commonwealth Engineers, who have been handling the largely grant-funded effort, presented the final pay claim of \$43,510 (which the council also approved) and noted, "We're essentially complete with the project."

Also approved was a new, \$2,100 auto-dialer to increase alarms in the event of potential malfunctions at the plant, and addition of a new hydrant at the site at \$523.

The \$1.3 million project included replacement of the headworks -- which dirt and grit -- addition of an equalization tank, replacement of the old reed sludge bed with a bag system, and other upgrades.

Council also approved, at the request of utilities manager Bob Porter, a \$1,952 bid from Living Waters for replacement and installation of the plant's chlorine monitor, which recently failed.

Porter reported Karl "Chip" Shoffstall has accepted an offer to take on the position of wastewater plant supervisor.

In other discussion, town clerk Karen Heim noted 16 resumes have been submitted in the latest round of advertising for Culver's town manager position, for which an April 2 deadline was named for submission of resumes.

During her clerk's report, Heim also noted \$37,000 was lost from the clerk's budget due to a higher-than-actual estimation in the town-filed budget versus that which the Dept. of Local Government and Finances approved.

"The year we're working off of now is 2008, when economy tanked, as far as property taxes," Heim said, referring to the criteria the DLGF uses to determine budgets. "Now it's okay because we have no town manager, so we're saving money there. Also with not having a full-time deputy clerk in the office. We will have to look at what other money we can save."

Council approved Mike Stallings to continue handling backup of its computer files, and also thanked Culver's firemen for their recent trip to southern Indiana towns devastated by tornadoes, to volunteer to assist there.

Audience member Barry McManuhay noted water in his South Ohio Street home was rusty following the extinguishing of a large grass fire just south of the area. He was assured the water was safe to drink, in response to his query.

Death notices

Day

Lois A. Day
March 14, 2012

CULVER — Lois A. Day, 77, of Culver died March 14, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Francis M. Day of Culver; sons, Dean (Pat Wright) Day of Stillwater, Mass., Dale (Shellie) Day of Pretty Lake; daughter, Linda (Sandy) O'Dell of Las Vegas, Nev.; brother, Don Yeoman of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m. at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Culver.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Baker

James A. Baker
March 17, 2012

CULVER — James A. Baker, 59, of Culver died March 17, 2012 at 11:26 p.m. in Donaldson.

He is survived by his mother, Beatrice Baker of Culver; son, Ben Baker of Rochester; daughter, R. Jill Gavlick of Culver; sisters, Vickie (Richard) Zehner of Monterey, Debra (Joe) Reinhold of Culver, Julie (Roger) Romig of Culver; two grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Odom Funeral Home and one hour before services Wednesday.

Services were Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Odom Funeral Home. Burial is in Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the DeLong Gospel Light-house Church.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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REAL Meals 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., March 22 Sausage gravy and biscuit, breakfast potatoes, hot peaches, Danish, juice, milk.

Fri. March 23: Beef stroganoff, peas, cauliflower, fruit, bread and margarine, milk.

Mon. March 26: BBQ chicken, broccoli, succotash, honey wheat bread/margarine, fruited jello, cupcakes, milk.

Tues. March 27: Ham and beans, cornbread and margarine, spinach salad and raspberry vinegrette, cobbler, milk.

Weds. March 28: Chopped steak and gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, rye bread and margarine, dessert, milk.

Thurs., March 29 Pulled pork, yellow kaiser bun, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, pears, milk.

Fri. March 30: Tuna salad, with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese with ranch dressing, black bean and corn salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

IUSB announces dean's list, graduates

SOUTH BEND — Indiana University South Bend has announced Aurora Lindvall of Culver has been listed in its School of Education dean's list for the fall 2011 semester. Misty Dawn Williams of Monterey was added to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list for the fall 2011 semester. Culver's Ashley Newman was listed as one of the school's December, 2011 Bachelor's degree graduates.

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Who was Shane Schumerth?

Editor's note: In the wake of the tragic shooting death of Dale Regan, head of the Episcopal School in Jacksonville, Florida, and self-inflicted death of former Culver resident Shane Schumerth, Shane's brother Chris responded to an invitation for the family's reflections on Shane and the March 6 incident with the following writing.

Given the tragic events at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville on March 6, it is certainly fair for the impacted communities to have questions about who Shane Schumerth was and why he would do what he did.

My family has been hesitant to give interviews because we understand the power of story-shaping, and we did not want someone else who did not know Shane to manipulate our words into their own message of choice. But as my one of my sisters said, we cannot spend our lives hiding from what happened.

This is no public relations campaign, no journalist trying to advance his career. Just a man trying to come to grips with the death of his older (by eleven months) brother. When I heard the news about what happened, my younger brother and I were a week away from visiting him for spring break. I figured if anyone could give this question an honest shot, it might be me.

But like so many questions, perhaps the first step to answering who Shane was is to pose another question: which Shane Schumerth are we talking about?

Do you want to hear about the Shane who was my little league teammate? Are we talking about the Shane who read the Bible cover to cover as a child in church because he was mostly bored by the singing, prayers and sermons? The talented musician who taught himself guitar? The Shane who shaped so much of my own music taste over the years? The 4.0 student during his first two years of high school? Shane as the scrappy starting defender on my high school soccer team?

The Shane who loved to remind me--and I mostly believed him--that he was both more intelligent and creative than I was? The Shane who would beat me nine times out of ten in Chess and Scrabble? The Shane who, during his college years, returned from a year in Spain fluent in Spanish but with hardly an academic credit to show for it? The Shane who would drive several hours out of his way, no questions asked, to pick up my younger brother from college on breaks? The Shane who one time was so concerned about a paper my youngest sister was working on that he called her on the hour throughout the night to ensure that she was making progress? The Shane who bought my other sister a laptop computer when she needed one in Ecuador?

Or do you want to know about the Shane who could not understand why playing his electric guitar at 2 a.m. was so universally unacceptable to roommates? Why completing his singing exercises in a car with others was not greeted with open arms? The Shane who arrived so perpetually late almost everywhere he went?

It's true that Shane struggled socially. It does not surprise me that his students have referred to him as "awkward" or a loner. The friends he tended to feel safe around were often quiet like him but plenty loyal to each other.

Like everyone else, Shane wanted to feel loved and accepted. So many of us who did know him recall his many quirky phases, which I can now see were attempts to correct his struggles. In high school, it was protein shakes to become a better athlete. In college, he planned to start a rock band. About a year ago, it was braces to straighten up his teeth from a soccer accident as a child. Then, it was acting classes to improve his confidence.

But for all Shane's frustrations, he demonstrated no propensity toward violence in his entire life. Fits of resentment here and there, yes, but no violence. No fights

in school, almost no teenage mischief to speak of, no criminal record. We had no idea Shane had purchased a weapon, and about the last time I remember him firing a gun was when we shot clay pigeons as Boy Scouts. I have no idea how he learned to fire an AK-47, and frankly I'm a little appalled that it's apparently quite easy to purchase one. One person from Jacksonville who reached out to us this week told us of remembering how concerned Shane was one time for an injured squirrel and how he could not do anything else until he had helped that squirrel. That was the way Shane was: sensitive and timid even.

But that does not mean Shane was emotionally and mentally healthy. His mind has always been active, but it often pulled him in competing directions. One of the best examples I can think of is that Shane came back from Spain adamant that the United States needed a universal healthcare system. By the 2008 presidential election, he was the biggest Ron Paul advocate I knew. To add to the contradictions, on the day he took Ms. Regan's and his own life, quoted on his Facebook information were these words from Jesus: "Let he who has not sinned throw the first stone."

I'm no medical expert, but at the very least, I know Shane dealt with a deeply-rooted depression, nagging insomnia, crippling anxiety and significant paranoia. He sought out treatment in counseling contexts at least twice, but didn't last past the second session either time. The paranoia was especially concerning to us, as he settled into a pattern of establishing a social community through church and various extracurricular activities, only to retreat at the first sign of tension or exposure. Then, he would seek out a different social community and do the same thing all over again.

He accused his conspirators of a range of wrongs, including "playing mind games with me," "sexual harassment," "usury," and "trying to fry my brain." It became a rare occurrence to find enough common context to converse decently about something very basic. In the span of just a couple years, he went from speaking with my parents every day on the way to school, to not speaking with them at all for the last three months of his life, and declined an invitation--citing financial reasons--to join the rest of us in Ecuador over Christmas break. At times, he accused us of being part of the conspiracy. "Why won't you talk honestly about this, Chris?" he demanded of me in a recent phone call.

A few years ago, one of my sisters placed a book about mental illness in my hands and told me to think about Shane as I read it. It did not take long for me to make some of the same connections that she had, and it kick-started dozens of conversations within my family about how we could best help him. We read more about mental illness and even consulted with mental health professionals. We spoke with others who medicate for similar symptoms.

But bridging between our own recognition and his proved predictably difficult. His talent, intelligence, youth and tame past masked functionality extremely well. Unfortunately, the first big meltdown of his life also killed his heartbeat beyond any hope we had for diagnosing and treating what we think was an illness that was at least partially outside of his control.

So who was Shane Schumerth? My family has a lifetime of an empty seat at Thanksgiving meals to remind us to keep asking that question. He was all of the above and so much more. One man who knew him in Jacksonville described him as "a sick man trying to get well" rather than "a bad man trying to be good." The truth about him, like all of us, is complex and nuanced, and I count myself as one of the many who did not understand or love him well enough.

Where in the world is *The Culver Citizen*?



No readers identified the locale of last week's "Where in the World" photo (LEFT), which depicted Ruth Birk and Kib Brady on a recent trip to South Africa at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, with



Table Mountain in the background.

Your editor continues to be astonished at the distant lands *The Culver Citizen* visits alongside its loyal readers! Besides recent "excursions" to Alaska and Minnesota, among other sites, we now see *The Citizen* has made it out of country yet again (how's that for a hint?) in this week's photo (and more photos

have arrived since!). A free pass to ice skate at the town park through this April for the reader who guesses this week's location. Guesses (or your own photos of the paper in some faraway locale) may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

Name that *Culver 'citizen'*



Last week's Mystery Citizen, town of Culver utilities manager Bob Porter, has worked for the town now for more than 15 years and is a regular face, of course, all over. Readers Elena Lyman, Sandra Kelso, Glennie Cooper, Greg Stacy, Jill Neidlinger recognized him and can enjoy their grand prize of parking for free downtown.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also been quite visible for a number of years here; there may be times you're unhappy to see him, but most Culverites wouldn't want to be without him.



G u e s s e s
LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Bob Porter, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen. Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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Culver receives pair of All-NSC basketball picks

Culver Community earned one boys pick and one girls pick for the 2011-12 All-Northern State Conference basketball teams. Trent Elliott was named for the fifth-ranked, 3-4 boys team, while fellow Sophomore Kayla Shaffer was nominated for the Lady Cavs. Jacoda Anderson was honorable mention for the boys, and Tatum Schultz made the HM list for the girls.

PHOTOS/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Comm. sports banquet

Culver Comm. Middle and High School athletes were feted last week at the annual winter sports awards banquet. TOP PHOTO: High School All Conference athletes. Front row, left to right: Jacoda Anderson, Trent Elliott, Matt Hurford. Back row, Tatum Schultz, Kayla Shaffer. MIDDLE PHOTO: High school scholar athletes. Front row, left to right: Katie Blocker, Janele VanDePutte, Jerrod Betts, Allen Betts. Second row, Madelyn Strycker, Kayla Shaffer, Distie Pier, Tatum Schultz, Aspen Kitchell, Summer Turney, Angela Lewellen. Back row, Brendon Pinder, Mickella Hardy, Justin Croy, Trent Elliott, Micah Budzinski, Dylan Bennett.



LOWER LEFT: 8th grade scholar athletes. Front row, left to right: Kelsey Shaffer, Margaret McKinnis, Shannon Deery, Caitlyn Cowell, Maddie Justis, Megan Brady, Brianna Overmyer. Back row, Addy Allyn, Cody Valiquet, Everett Krueger, Teeno Hite, Daniel Bettinelli. LOWER RIGHT: 7th grade scholar athletes. Front row, left to right: Josh Krsek, Brennin Betts, Matt Martkovitz, Allie Harris. Second row, Makayla Felda, Trista Vela, Katie Garland, and Hailey Jones.



CGA's Cvitkovic named IBCA Underclass All-State

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy sophomore Andriana Cvitkovic has been named to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's Underclass Girls All-State first team, the association announced Friday.



FILE PHOTO

Culver Girls Academy's Andriana Cvitkovic passes out of the middle during the Lady Eagles' New Prairie Sectional semifinal game with Marian. Cvitkovic was named to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's Underclass Girls All-State first team last week.

LaVille senior forward Jesse Feitz were both named to the association's senior honorable mention list after putting up 17.05 and 13.05 points per game, respectively, in their final high school seasons.

NorthWood was honored with a pair of honorable mention picks, meanwhile, as senior De'Yahna Styles and sophomore Morgan Olson were each given distinctions after averaging 8.58 and 15.77 points respectively leading the Black Swish to the Class 3A Sectional 21 championship.

All total, the IBCA honored 15 seniors and 15 underclassmen with first team picks, while an 88 additional seniors and 91 additional juniors, sophomores and freshmen were recognized as honorable mention all-state.

The IBCA all-state teams are selected in a process where all IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to vote for top players from schools on the traditional regional structure of the non-class tournament format. A representative from each of those 16 regional areas and six at-large representatives then meet to review those votes and finalize the selections.



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PHOTOS/KEN VANDEPUTTE AND *DAVE COOPER
TOP PHOTO: Culver firemen Ken VanDePutte, Dave Cooper, Tim McCarthy, Jerry Siler, Brian McIntire, and Bobbie Cooper pause from their volunteer work in Henryville with the unidentified owner of the property where they assisted with cleanup.
CENTER PHOTO: Some of the damage in the Henryville area.
BOTTOM PHOTO: The chilly covered wagon in which the men slept the first night of their trip.

for the night: a prairie-style, canvas-covered wagon, which thankfully was accompanied by an electric heater.

In spite of the 29-degree temperatures that night (so cold a blanket Bobby Cooper placed in a crack was frozen to the canvas), the group agrees in light of the many people rendered homeless by the disaster, they felt little inclination to complain about the arrangements.

"We decided, 'Let's not complain around a lot of people because there's a lot of people a hell of a lot worse off than us.' The next night, we went from the prairie to a heated building (with) 24 beds. There were four children and 20 adult guys -- probably 16 were snoring!"

Every possible need was provided for, he adds, from toiletries to food, showers to (had they needed it) clothing.

"I could have gone down there with just the clothes on my back," says Bobby Cooper. "They had everything."

It's hard not to marvel at the American spirit of charity and neighborly assistance reported by Culver's volunteer group. Bottled water stations, a Little Caesar's semi handing out pizzas to volunteers and residents, a Tide semi trailer -- even an individual on one street corner barbecuing and handing out food -- were common sights, says Dave Cooper.

State police kept rubbernecks at bay, and a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew helped keep order, he adds.

As they worked -- mostly cutting and removing downed trees -- some of the men listened to the big event of the weekend hundreds of miles away in Plymouth: the Liberty Street Depot fire which some Culver firemen helped fight, by way of a scanner app on their cell phones, says VanDePutte.

Of course, the sheer volume of destruction was intense. The town of Marysville was virtually destroyed and may be removed from the map altogether. Other specific scenes stick

with the men: the array of damage done by softball-sized hail, the devastation to the school, the fact that the tornado -- despite assumptions that twisters avoid water -- rolled right across three or four ponds nearly the size of Culver's Hawk Lake.

"More than anything, it was just amazing," reflects Dave Cooper. "When you come in, you look down and you can see where there used to be houses, trees, and neighborhoods -- it looked like just a dirt field with twigs."

And in spite of the devastation, residents and others routinely thanked the men for their efforts, shaking hands, offering lunch, and wishing blessings upon them.

Gavlick among Ancilla students inducted into PTK

DONALDSON -- Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, has inducted Culver's Jill Gavlick, among 16 other new members from Ancilla College for the spring semester. The March 11 ceremony included remarks by Culver's Francis Ellert, Secretary of the Ancilla College Board of Trustees and Plant Manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Plymouth.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in Ameri-

"Weather was always exciting for me," says Bobby Cooper somberly, "but after seeing that down there, I could go my whole life without seeing something like that again."

What about Culver?

In addition to the charitable nature of their trip south, the VanDePutte notes the firemen also felt the endeavor "would be a good training exercise. To see it and be part of it makes you think, if that came through here, what would you do?"

Among challenges particular to Culver in the event of a weather or similar disaster are security, notes McIntire, since Lake Maxinkuckee is known for its wealth. And, he points out, it's difficult to know when many lake residents are here and when they're away, making it difficult to be sure whether everyone is accounted for. Further, says VanDePutte, the dense population at Culver Academies when school is in session.

McIntire points out the initial disaster response would come from the local fire, police, and EMS agencies. Marshall County Emergency Management Agency director Clyde Avery "does a great job," he adds. Avery would be called to determine if the disaster response should go to the next level, says Bobby Cooper: first county, then state, and eventually federal. The State of Indiana, he explains, provides a command center, vehicle, EMS task force, and various aids the community can utilize in the event of a major weather disaster, fire, or terrorist attack, should Avery deem such a response merited.

The Culver area has made strides recently, in concert with the county, to enhance tornado protection in particular, with several sirens added in the township and town, and a coordinated siren system in sync with county dispatch and Culver Academies' sirens, aiding in alerting residents of dangerous weather. Culver's fire department, as in years past, continues to "spot" for funnel clouds when they've been reported as potentially on their way, say the men. Trucks are sent south and north to respective sites on State Road 17, as well as to a position at the west to watch. This also prevents all the department's equipment from being in a single building which could be destroyed by a tornado.

"The surrounding counties do a really good job of communicating...what's coming," adds Bobby Cooper. McCarthy notes firemen keep their eyes on TV weather warnings, and their radios are set off alongside everyone in all of Marshall County, if a tornado warning is sounded.

Siler warns that residents should still go to their basements if the tornado siren -- one long, three-minute blast -- sounds, even if television reports say the storm is 40 miles away.

McCarthy also reminds that even without a confirmed tornado in the town of Culver, damage at various points has been tornado-worthy.

And, adds McIntire, "just because you've never had one doesn't mean you won't."

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outh. The fire, which burned for more than 24 hours and required some one million gallons of water, was deemed the largest in the city's history and was battled by every fire department in the county, as well as some from out of county.



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'Grand Liberty Tour' equine performance here April 21, 22

For the second consecutive year the Academies' Horsemanship Program will be hosting a national trainer/performer for an equine performance open to the public.

On April 21 and 22, recent Cavalia star Sylvia Zerbini will be bringing her Arabian horses and "Grand Liberty Tour" to the Vaughn Equestrian Center for performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday (April 21) and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday (April 22).

General admission tickets are priced at \$10 and are available through the Eppley Auditorium Box Office at (574) 842-7058.



"Culver's Horsemanship program is all about teaching our students leadership using the horse as a tool," said Mark Waller, Culver's director of Horsemanship Instruction. "Sylvia will be showing the ultimate in leadership skills with this concept."

Performances by Zerbini and her 10 Arabians, a third of them stallions, showcase the heart-and-soul of liberty work. "At liberty" (loose) is a captivating style of horsemanship in which the trainer directs horses much like a conductor leading an orchestra. More than just an exhibition, Zerbini will also explain how she does it.

Fluent in French and English, Zerbini coined the phrase Grande Liberté (French for "Grand Liberty") specifically for liberty exhibitions involving more than six horses – her specialty. Using only body positions and a handful of verbal cues to communicate with her horses on stage, Zerbini has inspired horse

CITIZEN PHOTO/LYDIA BEERS



LEFT: Andy Hartley, PHS assistant principal; Kathy Lintner, Culver Academies dean; and Dr. Ron May, president of Ancilla College speak to Leadership Marshall County Class XVII participants Wednesday at Plymouth High School. They formed a panel to talk about dual credit opportunities at the public and private school level as well as the college level.

Class hears about history, future of Marshall County education

By Lydia Beers
Staff writer

PLYMOUTH — If you were a student in Marshall County schools in the 1800s, you probably would have written an essay on how to build a cellar. And you might have done so in a "school" that was really a neighbor's home.

"Name the points of building a cellar" was one of the questions Marshall County Historical Museum director Linda Rippy read as an example of actual 1800s-era classwork during her presentation Wednesday to Leadership Marshall County Class XVII.

The group gathered in the studio theatre room at Plymouth High School to hear about education past, present, and future in the county. They were amazed to see old photos of schools that existed over the years in the area, most of which they had not heard of. "Marshall County was originally composed of swamps and wetlands," said Rippy, showing the audience photos of old one-room schoolhouses that existed in the area.

In one photo, the schoolhouse was completely flooded with water — but children were still attending school. Rippy explained that at one time, only a few hundred people lived in the county, and school was sometimes held in church buildings or neighbor's homes. Following Rippy's presentation, Triton Elementary School principal Jeremy Riffle talked about how public school teaching requirements have changed over the years. He pointed out that more and more responsibility is being placed on schools as less in the way of values and life skills is taught to children in the home.

Christine Cook, also from the Triton School Corporation, discussed state standards for public schools and focused on how standardized testing will be changing in

the next few years. Soon, tests will have "innovative" questions, requiring students to not only have memorized information, but also be able to use a computer program (or several at once) to apply skills and knowledge in an interactive and visual way. The challenge for school administrators and teachers when it comes to this new way of evaluating students, said Cook, is that the new requirements do not come with any extra funding for equipment, or time to train teachers.

"Sometimes, it's a challenge for teachers to even fit the basics into the school day," said Cook. "No, I won't say sometimes — it's a challenge all the time." But this new way of testing will encourage students to have the skills that employers are looking for, as Plymouth High School assistant principal Ken Olson mentioned later in a presentation on Plymouth's New Tech school, the Plymouth School of Inquiry.

The LMC group also heard from Culver Academies dean Kathy Lintner, president of Ancilla College Dr. Ron May, and PHS assistant principal Andy Hartley about dual credit opportunities at the private, public, and college level. Bob Ross, of Triton School Corporation, also talked about requirements students need to graduate from high school.

Class XVII will meet only once more before their May graduation. The next session, in April, will be on workforce development.

Leadership Marshall County is a Marshall County Community Foundation program, designed to help county residents learn more about the area and how to get involved in the many offerings of various communities in Marshall County. To learn more about Leadership Marshall County, visit www.marshallcountycf.org.

lovers and owners to learn about liberty training.

In addition to her signature "Grand Liberty" presentation, which features eight Arabians at once, Zerbini will demonstrate training techniques with two 3-year-old stallions. This entertainment-meets-education event also will include a meet-and-greet with the trainer and performer, who's been featured on CNN, in The Miami Herald and Los Angeles Times, and in countless horse magazines.

In between acts, the audience will be entertained by the Culver Rough Riders, who are comprised of members of the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes.

Last year, equine extremist Tommie Turvey played to two sold-out performances at the Vaughn Equestrian Center. Turvey also served as an artist-in-residence, working with the Academies horsemanship students during weekly classes.



PHOTO/TONY STRAW

Giving us the (eagle) eye

Tony Straw sent in one of the more striking — and certainly the closest-up — photos of one the bald eagles "vacationing" on Lake Maxinkuckee this past winter. At least two pairs of the great birds have been nesting here of late, and for whatever reason, more readers have managed to snap photos than ever before in the past. In this case, Tony was able to get quite close to the eagle, which even engaged in a bit of a "stare-down" with him as he photographed away.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce endorses Culver's Ellert for House



Indianapolis, IN – The Indiana Chamber of Commerce announced today its endorsement of Francis Ellert for the Republican primary election to the Indiana House of Representatives, District 17. The endorsement was made by Indiana Business for Responsive Government (IBRG), the non-partisan political program of the Indiana Chamber.

“Francis Ellert is a dynamic, positive, and accomplished small businessman who cares deeply about his community, state, and family,” said Jeff Brantley, vice president of political affairs for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. “The voters of Marshall and Fulton Counties will be very well served by Francis Ellert as their next state representative.”

“I am excited to receive the endorsement of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. I am running for state representative because I want to focus on economic growth and job

creation for our part of the state and to be an effective advocate for conservative Republican values,” said Ellert.

“As a small business owner in House District 17, I am pleased that Francis Ellert has received the endorsement of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce,” said Sam Schlosser of Plymouth Foundry. “Francis Ellert has been a great business and community volunteer. He’s the kind of leader who can get things done.”

Ellert is a graduate of John Carroll University and works as plant manager for the Coca-Cola distribution center in Plymouth. He has volunteered extensively throughout the area for numerous organizations and in 2010 was named “Volunteer of the Year” for the Marshall County United Way. Francis and his wife Susan have been married for 18 years and have four children.

House District includes all of Marshall County, northern Fulton County.

The Indiana Chamber has been the state’s leading business organization for 90 years, representing over 800,000 Hoosier workers through nearly 5,000 member companies across Indiana.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Nominations solicited for Leader of the Year award

Leadership Marshall County (LMC), a program of the Marshall County Community Foundation and the United Way of Marshall County, requests nominations for the Leader of the Year Award which recognizes an individual who exemplifies outstanding leadership in Marshall County. The award recipient will receive an engraved plaque and an award check in the amount of \$500 to the not-for-profit organization of their choice.

Any individual meeting the selection criteria and award requirements will be considered. Individuals may be nominated by any resident of Marshall County. Nomination forms are available on the Marshall County Commu-

nity Foundation website at: marshallcountylmc.org.

The recipient will exemplify outstanding leadership; exhibit a passion for community service; possess the ability to encourage, develop, motivate and influence people; display the ability to identify and address community problems; must be a current or former resident or employee in Marshall County, Indiana; and must be of good reputation.

Submit Nominations by April 6 to: Leadership Marshall County, c/o Marshall County Community Foundation, P. O. Box 716, Plymouth, IN 46563 or email at: LMCinfo@marshallcountycf.org. For further information contact Linda Yoder, Executive Director at 574-935-5159.

Indiana Historical Society specialist's visit productive for museum

Indiana Historical Society's Local History Services collections specialist Tamara Hemmerlein advises Center for Culver History museum director Rachel Meade in collections care.

Hemmerlein's day-long personalized workshop at the museum recently was made possible through a grant from the Hoosier Heritage Alliance, and included over a hundred dollars worth of professional preservation materials.

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Fund.

Plan Commission opening

Culver's Plan Commission is accepting letters of interest to fill a Republican position on the politically balanced board. Interested persons are asked to submit letters to the town hall, in person or by mail at 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN 46511, by Monday, March 26.

Open registration for Wesley Preschool

Open registration for Wesley Preschool will be held Saturday, April 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Wesley Methodist Church Preschool room, 511 School St. (enter on south side, across from Elementary soccer field). Seniors are to be age 4 by Aug. 1 and juniors are to be 3 by Aug. 1. Registration requires a \$40 supply fee at time of registration. Please call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with any questions.

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 and Friday mornings at 10; each lasts two hours. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. Microsoft Excel (March 23); Microsoft PowerPoint (March 26 and 30); Microsoft Publisher (April 2 and 6).

For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.

Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League baseball and softball registration takes place March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and April 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Culver-Union Township Library. Any questions or concerns, contact Donna McKee at 574-216-6180 or Crystal Keller at 574-216-0771; any softball questions may be directed to Raeanne Stevens at 574-216-5016 or Dee Schrimsher at 574-220-4300.

Baked potato supper March 23

Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver will sponsor a baked potato supper Friday, March 23 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the railroad station-depot at 615 Lake Shore Drive. Price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, and tickets may be purchased at the door. Price includes a baked potato with all the trimmings, pies, cakes, coffee, and lemonade. Carry-outs are available.

VFW fish fry March 24

Culver VFW Post 6919, at 108 E. Washington in Culver will hold its annual “all you can eat” fish fry Saturday, March 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.. Cost is \$4 for children 12 and under and \$8 for adults. Meal fundraiser profits will benefit Culver community organizations. The fish will be prepared by the Tyner IOOF Lodge. Carry out orders are available: call 574-842-3886. Doors are open to the public.

IOOF breakfast March 24

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge 373, Culver, will hold an “all you can eat” pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., March 24, from 6 a.m. to noon at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. Rebekah Country Store will also be selling items.

Kindergarten round-up April 26

CULVER — Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2012-13 school year. Kindergarten roundup will be held Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergar-

ten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2012. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents.

During this meeting, parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, to verify the date of birth, and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come April 26, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 to make other arrangements.

Band uniforms needed

Culver Community High School's band program is accepting donations to replace its existing, 25-year-old uniforms with a newly-designed set of 40. Each uniform costs \$390, and the total funds still needed are around \$4,000. Anyone interested in helping may do so by way of the band's spring fund-raiser, or by bringing donations to band director Jason Crittendon at the school, or mailing them to the school at 701 School St., Culver, IN 46511.

'Catholicism' screened, discussed at Coffee Company

The acclaimed PBS documentary, “Catholicism” is being screened and discussed Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Each session lasts until 10:45 a.m., and anyone is welcome to join in the conversation.

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The New Anti-Semitism

Who are its advocates? What are its goals?

The Holocaust, in which over six million Jews were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their enthusiastic collaborators, happened over 60 years ago. So terrific were the events that – even today, about two generations later – nobody would wish to identify himself with them. Yet, a new anti-Semitism is now rearing its head. It is important to be aware of it.

What are the facts?

Who are the new anti-Semites? The new anti-Semites do not publicly proclaim their desire to bring about a second Holocaust or to subject the Jews to mass murder or annihilation. The hatred is aimed against the state of Israel, which, according to the new anti-Semites, represents all that is evil in the world and which is the main violator of human rights and guilty of virtually every other abuse that can be conceived. This poison is now so widespread that a poll taken in Europe not too long ago found Israel to be the greatest menace to the peace of the world – far ahead of such murderous regimes as those of France or North Korea.

The leaders and instigators of this new anti-Semitism are concentrated on the political left, its most active and vocal spokesmen being found in our prestige universities. Such is the anti-Zionist (anti-Semitic) focus of the left that, almost incomprehensibly, it includes a fair number of Jewish professors and other “intellectuals,” not just here in the United States, but even in Israel, too!

Those on the extreme left call for the abolition of the State of Israel outright, although they do not tell us what they propose to do with the over five million Israeli Jews. They would presumably be left to the tender mercies of the Arabs, who would, of course, have no greater joy than to emulate or perhaps even to “improve” on the Nazi model and to give “final solution” to the Jewish problem – once and for all. That isn't going to happen, of course, not because anybody in the world would lift a finger to prevent it, but because, fortunately, Israel is a very strong and most capable nation.

A death wish for Israel. In deference to “world opinion” and also to the wishes of the United States, Israel has allowed itself to be pressured into innumerable concessions to those who are sworn to destroy it. But it seems clear that, when the chips are really down, a most decisive response on the part of

Israel can be expected. With the possible exception of Catholicism during the Punic Wars, almost 2500 years ago, no country in the world, no country in recorded history, has ever been threatened with extinction. Israel is the one exception. Fueled by the extreme left, the “legitimacy” of Israel is a constant topic of discussion. The abolition of the “Zionist entity” gets serious attention, even in the hallowed halls of the United Nations. Iran feverishly pursues the Holy Grail of atomic weapons. Its president and the ayatollah, who is their “supreme leader,” have publicly declared, not once, but repeatedly – that Israel is a “tumor” that must be excised and that it must be wiped off the map of the world. Neutron-range missiles (so far, fortunately without atomic warheads) are being paraded through the streets of Tehran, with signs attached to them, shamelessly giving their destination as Jerusalem. A few eyebrows are being raised around the world, but otherwise nothing, except ineffective sanctions, is being done about it.

Because the memory of the Nazi Holocaust still lingers after all these years, the new anti-Semitism is disguised as the socially more acceptable “anti-Zionism.” It is pursued and propagated by the radical left. Every leftist demonstration – be it about perceived injustices at home, against globalization, for or against whatever else – does inevitably include appeals against “Israeli subjugation of the Palestinians,” the “occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel,” or simply asks for “death to Israel!” Sadly, quite a few Jews, having been subjugated with leftism from their early years, participate in such demonstrations.

While the propagation of the new anti-Semitism by prestige universities started in Europe (mostly in England), it has found fertile ground in the universities of the United States. The active and enthusiastic participation in the new anti-Semitism by some of America's clergy is a sad and shameful reality.

Surely, not everybody who criticizes Israel is an anti-Semite. The actions of Israel, just as the actions of any other countries, are subject to examination and criticism. But the viciousness, volume and consistency of this criticism against Israel is such that it cannot be considered as anything but anti-Semitism – the new anti-Semitism, disguised as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism. The foolish professors and the hypocritical preachers are besotted by their leftism and by their hatred against Israel and America. Overt vilification of America has to remain muted – it's somewhat dangerous to be too outspoken about it – but Israel, perceived as the satrap and the handmaiden of the United States in the Middle East, is an easy target. Nobody should be fooled. Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism in whichever way it may be disguised.

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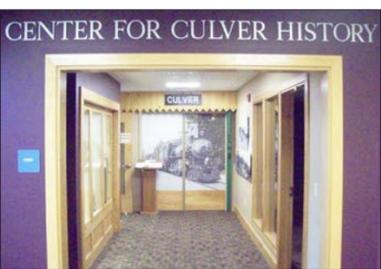
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As announced in previous editions of *The Culver Citizen*, the *Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver*, starting this year, will feature its quarterly newsletter in the pages of the *Citizen*, both for the benefit of AHS members, as well as a service to the general community. In addition to monthly, AHS-sponsored historical features in *The Citizen*, the AHS' full-page, quarterly newsletter commences with this edition of the paper.

Community-wide meeting on museum's future to be held May 12

Fate of Culver's heritage, collected history will be primary topic



PHOTO/RACHEL MEADE

By Rachel Meade
As a result of the October, 2010 library board vote, the Center for Culver History museum and research center must vacate its current home in a year and a half. Beyond that point, the future

of the museum remains uncertain, and there is a real possibility that it will have to close its doors. In that case, the Culver community's collected historical heritage of over 1,000 photographs, documents, interviews, and artifacts faces an uncertain fate, including the possibility of being rendered inaccessible to the people it reflects. That would be a great loss for Culver— educationally, culturally, and in terms of publicity and tourism.

The Antiquarian and Historical Society (AHS) hopes the Culver community won't let that happen, and is planning a "town hall" type event on the morning of Saturday, May 12 to bring Culver-wide residents together to save its heritage.

The purpose of the meeting will be to open a discussion regarding the relevance of the museum to the community's needs and to actively allow the community to become involved in the preservation of its own unique history. The AHS hopes to discuss realistic and attainable options for the museum's future location and to begin the process of determining its future directing body and professionalizing its operations. Interested community members, including current AHS members, will be encouraged to join a working group to oversee the preservation and future direction of the museum.

The meeting will be moderated by Jeff Harris, Director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society. Harris' professional and practical experience and education will help keep the discussion grounded and produc-

tive.

The AHS wishes to emphasize that the purpose of the meeting is not to rehash the Library Board's decision, but to move forward.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone with a vested interest in preserving the history of the area is strongly encouraged to attend and make his or her voice heard. The AHS requests that clubs and organizations send at least one representative to the meeting.

The Center for Culver History has been a vital community resource for the past six years, preserving and presenting countless historic memories. The museum regularly works with school groups, as well as local clubs and organizations— offering tours, lectures, and other programming.

The research center provides free access to historical records and files. These services are often utilized by genealogists and academics from outside the Culver area, who come to our town specifically to research notable former residents such as Kurt Vonnegut and Cole Porter.

In addition, the museum serves an even wider public through the many materials it has digitized and made available online. These include books, photographs, maps, newspapers, and yearbooks, some of which are also text-searchable. Culver has many far-flung enthusiasts, due to the international and inter-regional makeup of the seasonal lake population and the Culver Military Academies and Summer Schools & Camps. These online historical tools provide them with access to this unique town's history.

Thus far, the AHS has been able to fund the museum and its research services, through the generous donations of AHS members, the space provided by the library, and a start-up grant from the Marshall County Community Fund. However, faced with the challenges of finding a new space, the AHS recognizes a need for increased community involvement and a reorganization of current museum management— a process that will begin at the forthcoming meeting. Details on the time and location will follow in upcoming editions of the *Citizen*.

Culver's Civil War Veterans: Peter Spangler



Peter Spangler was one of Culver's longest-living civil war veterans. He is pictured here in 1930.

By Rachel Meade
As part of the One Book/One Town civil war themed events taking place across Marshall County, the Center for Culver History is currently showcasing Culver's veterans. The exhibit highlights several notable veterans and displays civil war letters and photographs. Residents seeking to research ancestors' participation in the war can look through lists showing veterans of Marshall County and Union Township, as well as accessing information on the regiments and burial locations of local soldiers.

Peter Spangler, one of Culver (then Marmont)'s longest-surviving civil war veterans, is featured in the exhibit. Spangler cast his very first vote for Abraham Lincoln and died at the age of 90 in 1933. According to an interview with the *Culver Citizen* given at the end of his life, he enlisted alongside neighbor Jake Myer, and fought in 11 states, traveling almost entirely on foot. He fought through the end of the war and said his most cherished war memory was his participation in General Sherman's raid of Atlanta and subsequent 300 mile "march to the sea," deep within Confederate territory. The trail of devastation left by this campaign was a devastating blow to the Confederate forces.

In January 1864, he was sent to Culver on furlough. Four months later, back in Alabama, he wrote to his sweetheart back home, the woman he would later marry and start a

family with. The full letter is on display at the museum.

"I received a letter from Parker saying that you were very angry at me, yet it is no fault of mine. This is the third letter I have written to you and have not received any answer yet.

"Now Hattie it is possible that you have not got my letters, then you have a reason to feel as you do, yet I have no reason to think you got them for I believe you would have answered them...

"It is possible that you have went back on me, If it is so, please write and let me know yet. I hope and trust it is not so. O Hattie as though I had not a friend in the world, I wish you and I was together today. I would fall upon my knees before you and ask pardon if I have done anything wrong, I could not think what was the matter. Margaret wrote to me that she thought you would marry Van Schoek. I told Marg if you did it, it would be alright with me. Well, Hattie, if he is your choice then marry him. We are a long ways apart...

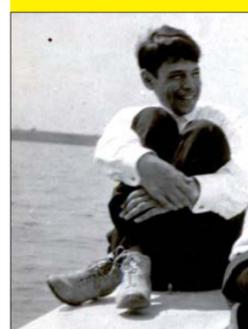
"We have no lease on our lives. Death reigns here daily. I know not when I shall be called upon to go, we [ought] to live [so] when we are called upon to go we might go in peace....Now Hattie I will close this letter for this time hoping when you read these few lines you will think of me as one who loves you."

"Ever a true friend,
Peter Spangler

Peter's fears were apparently unfounded—just months after returning home, he married Hattie (Harriet Ann Bogardus). They raised three children together, and lived in the Allegheny House in Maxinkuckee Village, (later called Spangler's Inn), a Fisherman's Inn where General Lew Wallace is said to have written the first chapter to *Ben Hur*. Peter also worked as a stonemason and helped construct many of the buildings of the Culver Military Academy.

Cole Porter Radio Hour concert highlights vibrant summer of historical events

The AHS events committee has spent a busy fall and winter planning an exciting slate of summer activities. One of the most anticipated highlights is a production of **Cole Porter Radio Hour**, performed by the critically acclaimed vocal music ensemble, **Encore Vocal Arts**.



PHOTO/AHS ARCHIVES
Cole Porter on Lake Maxinkuckee.

The event will take place on Porter's birthday, June 9, in the Legion Memorial building at the Culver Academies, and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. The production, a musical revue of Porter's life and works, will combine a 16-voice choir performance of his best-known songs with short vignettes written by an actor portraying the composer's life. As a child, Porter spent many

happy summer days vacationing on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Tickets will be required for the Cole Porter production, Ledbetter Cruise, and farm tour and will be discounted to AHS members. Ticketing information and other event particulars will be announced as dates for the events approach.

April 4, 11, 18, and 25: People's University Class on Culver's History

The Center for Culver History will host a free, four-week introductory class about Culver's history, Wednesdays in April. Classes will begin at 4 p.m., and take place in the small meeting room adjacent to the museum. Subjects for lecture and discussion will include the glacial formation of Lake Maxinkuckee, history of area Indian tribes, the tourist boom of the early 1900's, and bygone industries and businesses of Culver. Additionally, participants will learn how to conduct oral histories related to the themes of the class. Subjects will be enhanced by optional hiking trips at historic sites in the area, to take place outside of class hours. Call the Life Enrichment Center in Plymouth to register (866-936-9904).

April 18 - May 22: Indiana Maps Traveling Exhibit

The Center for Culver History will feature an Indiana Historical Society exhibit, *Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye*. It examines four ways people have used maps through the years: as documentation, as tools, as political images and as art. Some of the maps included in the display are an 1833 tourist pocket map of Indiana, Thomas Kitchin's 1747 map of French settlements in North America, and a circa 1880 scale model map of the University of Notre Dame. The Center for Culver History will showcase maps from its own collection as well.

May 12: Community-Wide Museum Meeting

The AHS invites interested residents to attend a meeting to discuss the future of its museum. Details on time and location on this page.

June 9: Cole Porter Radio Hour

Encore Vocal Arts will perform the Cole Porter Radio Hour at the Culver Academies' Legion building.

July 7: AHS Meeting and history presentation

Jeff Kenney will present a historical lecture via PowerPoint at the Culver Union Township Public Library.

August 18: Ledbetter Cruise

The AHS is planning a cruise on the Culver Academies' three-masted schooner, the R.H. Ledbetter. The event will also include a tour of the Academies' Naval Building.

September 17: Historic Farm Tour

The AHS will be traveling into the 1850's for a historic farm demonstration, hayride, and noontime dinner at the Childs' farm September 17. Learn how rag rugs were woven, meals cooked over an open fire, and farmers worked without modern machinery.



PHOTO/STEVE METZGER

CCHS yearbook students dive into Culver history

The Culver Community High School Yearbook class took a field trip to the Center for Culver History, Friday, Jan. 13. Museum Director Rachel Meade and Acquisitions Manager Steve Metzger led the group on a guided tour of the museum, culminating in the yearbook display. Yearbook advisor Tina Stacy and her students were especially interested to see some features of older 1920's yearbooks, such as class wills and prophecies and discussed incorporating historic yearbook features into their upcoming issue. Students then divided into teams to work on several volunteer projects. These included scanning old yearbooks for eventual use on the AHS website (culverahs.com), which already hosts a decade of newspapers.

Pictured above, Meade (left corner) leads students (clockwise from left) Courtney Littleton, Beanna Powers, Jaclyn Rocco, Mitchell Maes, yearbook advisor Tina Stacy, Cally Jo Klausing, and Cassie Back, in a museum discussion.

Annual Membership Dues

The annual dues letter has just been mailed to members. Although members now receive *Culver Citizen* subscriptions, the annual dues have remained at \$35, including the immediate, live-in family. In addition to supporting the goals of the society, the museum, and annual events, membership this year will also provide you with a 10% discount on society merchandise and a discount to attend the several functions, mentioned elsewhere, for which there must be a charge.

A decision will be made by early fall on whether or not to continue with the *Citizen* subscriptions. You are invited to express your opinion on the dues form.

If you would like to join the society, please use the form below. Donations, large and small, sent along with dues, have always gone a long way to support all that we do and we encourage you to continue that practice. Dues may also soon be paid online via Paypal.

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PLEASE MAIL THIS DUES FORM TO: AHS, P.O. BOX 125, CULVER, IN 46511
(Checks may be made payable to: AHS)

Name: _____

Culver Address: _____

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____ CHECK HERE if you would prefer to continue receiving the *Culver Citizen* next year rather than mailed correspondence (i.e. Newsletters, meeting announcements, etc.) from the society.

Enclosed please find my 2012 dues in the amount of \$35. Additionally, I am pleased to include with that, a donation to the Society of (please check the amount):

_____ \$50.00; _____ \$65.00; _____ \$100.00; _____ \$500.00; _____ \$1,000.00;
_____ \$ _____