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## In Brief

### Spanish class for children

A Spanish class for children will take place Thursdays June 28 through Aug 2 at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Activities are aimed at children aged 5 to 10, but older children are welcome. Registration is \$20 for the first child, \$15 for additional sibling(s). No child turned away due to lack of money. Please call 574-274-7097 or email parefamily@att.net for registration information.

### Burn ban extended

A burn ban remains in place for Marshall County due to dry conditions. Marshall County Commissioners recently discussed the upcoming July 4 holiday and fireworks with Marshall County Emergency Management Agency Director Clyde Avery. State statute restricts any municipality or county from banning fireworks during the holiday season, but given dry conditions the possibility of fire hazards was discussed. The Commissioners will look again at the situation as the July 4 holiday approaches.

### Safe Routes sidewalk work underway

Residents are advised that construction has started on Culver's INDOT "Safe Routes to School" project, with completion planned for July 31. Work will be on School, Ohio, Main, and Davis Streets. Streets and/or sidewalks may be temporarily inaccessible during this time. Questions may be directed to Culver's town hall at 574-842-3140.

### Lake Patrol golf outing July 6

A golf outing to benefit the Lake Maxinkuckee Association Lake Patrol will be held Friday, July 6 at Mystic Hills Golf Club. Registration and range balls are at 1 p.m. Florida scramble starts at 2 p.m.; awards following at the Mystic Hills Club House. The event is open to the public. Individuals and teams are needed and welcome. Email lakedir@culcom.net to register and with questions.

### Vacancies at Culver schools

Culver Community Schools is currently seeking to fill several open positions, including Culver Elementary assistant principal, social studies and English teachers, and an

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## Swan Lake?

This pair of swans made a pleasing addition to the already eye-catching scenery around the Culver Academies Naval pier last week. For several days, the birds – rarely seen in summertime, though glimpsed from time to time during the winter months – added to the colorful landscape of sailboats and, of course, the three-masted R.H. Ledbetter, the largest inland vessel in Indiana. The Ledbetter will be highly visible around the lake next weekend, when Culver's Naval band plays on its deck for the annual Moonlight Serenade Friday and Saturday (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS).

## Only sanctioned SUP race in Indiana kicks off this weekend on Lake Max

This weekend's Lake Max Challenge Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP) event, Indiana's only World Paddle Association Sanctioned race, is drawing racers from all the Midwest and Hawaii, according to event organizers Ed and Becky Sail22 in Culver. What's that mean? Simply, elite pro racers and recreational racers will earn ranking points for the World Paddle Association rankings and Midwest SUP circuit, which allow racers to compete at national and world competitions.

If you haven't tried to SUP yet, Sail22 has that covered too, with local board shops and board companies offering demo boards for Lake Max Challenge visitors to try out for free.

The Challenge kicks off Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Culver Beach Lodge, where demo boards will be available for anyone wishing to give it a try before race day. From 7 to 9 p.m., a get-together for participants and their families will take place at Sail22 Headquarters, which is also the Furrys' home at 15882 18B Road in Culver. A special treat from Papa's restaurant and live music from Chad Van Herk, as well as light appetizers, will be offered.

Early Saturday morning at 7:15 a.m., anyone is welcome to come to a yoga session on the beach with Shaina Lampton of Bottom Line Training

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## County will seek public input on golf cart ordinance

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH - Marshall County residents will have a chance to make their opinion known on the Commissioners proposed ordinance to allow golf carts on county roads.

The measure was brought before the Commissioners in early June. At that time the ordinance allowed golf cart traffic only on roads with reduced speed limits or in neighborhoods surrounding area lakes and golf courses.

The measure was adopted by the Commissioners on first reading but subsequently County Attorney Jim Clevenger was asked by the board to revise or prepare a second version of the ordinance that would allow golf cart traffic on all county roads to be considered for the two further readings of the ordinance.

Clevenger presented a revised version of the ordinance for consideration on Monday, and stated that he had not received input as of yet from Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin.

Commissioner Jack Roose stated that he had received numerous calls from his constituents asking for the change to allow traffic on all county roads, stating that he "... wasn't sure that limiting that traffic is fair to everyone in the county."

Commissioner Greg Compton expressed concern about possible accidents by having slower moving vehicles on some county roads where the speed limit is 55 miles per hour especially those where traffic ahead was not visible for a longer distance.

Clevenger stated to the board that he would feel better about any ordinance if the Commissioners were to have a public meeting on the matter to allow input.

"I think we should schedule a public meeting on the matter," he told the Commis-

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### Lake Max Challenge schedule of events

**Friday, June 29**  
• 5 to 7 p.m. - SUP board demos and SUP yoga with The PaddleSUP at the Culver Beach Lodge.  
• 7 to 9 p.m. 0 Beer and munchies with live music by Chad Van Herk at Sail22 Headquarters, 15882 18B Rd., Culver  
• 9 p.m. on - Support a local restaurant!

**Saturday, June 30**  
• 7:15 a.m. - Yoga on the beach with Bottom Line Training's Shaina Lampton.  
• 7:30 to 8:30 am - Registration and packet pick-up at Culver Beach Lodge.  
• 8:30 am - Racer instruction meeting  
• 9 a.m. on - SUP demos and SUP yoga.  
• 9 a.m. - First race with subsequent races to follow.  
• 11 a.m. on - BBQ avail-

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Artist Sammie Starkey's drawings of her cousins at the historic Ball Cottage on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, layered over stationery from the Aubbeenaubbee Inn, which operated prior to the family's purchase of the home.

## Local legacy of famous Ball family celebrated through art exhibit, home tour

The Center for Culver History will host an art opening for a collection of mixed-media work created by longtime summer resident Sammie Starkey, of the Ball family, Wednesday, July 11.

The work is a collection of 12 collages composed of family memorabilia (such as letters and journal entries), layered under the artist's ink drawings based upon family photographs. The works tell the story of five generations of Ball family history, beginning with the original five brothers who first started the Ball Corporation in Muncie (makers of the iconic Ball jars and namesake of Ball State University). The narra-

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ABOVE, from left: CHS reunion attendees Lida Bell (Cowan) (Thompson) Norris '36; Dollis (Zechiel) (Dillon) Studebaker '39, Elaine (Kaiser) Scherer '67; Elizabeth Davis '35, and son Paul Davis

## CHS reunion attendees span multiple decades

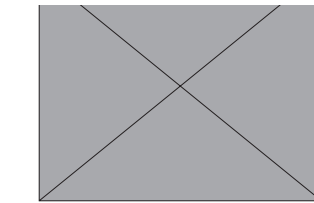
Alums of Culver High School gathered Friday night at what was once their gymnasium and community building (today's Culver Elementary gymnasium) to reconnect and celebrate. Special focus went, of course, to the returning 50th class of 1962,

but a number of classes were represented, including a special table section for those with the greatest longevity, class members from the 1930s.

Primary event organizer and emcee for the evening Tom Curtis introduced Elizabeth Davis of the class

of 1935 and Lida Bell Norris of the class of 1936, a member of the Women's Army Corps in the European theater during World War II. Dollis (formerly Zechiel and Dillon) Studebaker, of the class of 1939,

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## Native American art treasures on display this summer

In honor of the community-wide observation of the Woodcraft Camp's centennial this summer, the Crisp Visual Arts Center, located on the campus of Culver Academies, is opening to the public a special exhibition of Native American-related artworks from the Culver collection. Spanning the early 1800s to the recent present, the collection includes original sculpture, paintings, photographs, art prints, and textiles, both by and about Native Americans. Included are photo portraits of the Indians who came to Culver to teach at the Woodcraft Camp, such as the Blackfoot Chief Bull, along with biographies of each.

The beloved Sculpture, "Appeal to the Great Spirit" (seen at left) by American artist Cyrus Dallin, which for decades adorned the campus' lakeshore, is also part of the exhibit, as are hand-made Native pieces from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The exhibit, which is dedicated to longtime Indian Lore "Chief" Dick Zimmerman will be open to the public each Sunday in July (7, 14, 21, 28) and Aug. 4, during which Bob Nowalk of the Visual Arts department will give guided tours.

The Crisp Center is located along Academy Road east of the Eppley Auditorium.

## Public invited to a host of Woodcraft centennial -related events

The community-wide celebration of Culver's Woodcraft Camp centennial continues this summer, including the new Indian-related art exhibit at the Crisp Visual Arts gallery each Sunday (see article this page), and special Council Fire programs each Saturday evening as follows:

**June 30:** "The Passing of White Dog" (how a religious leader passes on his heritage); **July 7:** "Nanibojou" (the puppet show: how dance came to the Indians); **July 14:** "Pilgrimage to Lake Maxinkuckee" (the three principal tribes in the Culver area); **July 20:** "Totem of the Beaver" (the centennial pageant -- to be held on the Academies football field, a special Friday night performance starting at 9:15 p.m. with awards followed by the show. The story tells about how the ideals of our Indian heritage were transferred to Woodcraft. It's suggested the audience arrive at 9 p.m.); **July 28:** "The Little White Beaver Saga" (combines three short shows into one: how Little White Beaver is of service to his tribe).

All Council Fires start at 9 p.m. Parking is available at the lot near the intersection of State Roads 10 and 117, or adjacent to Culver Academies' tennis complex.

The celebration culminates the weekend of July 20 with the **centennial pageant**, the **Lake Fest parade**, when longtime Woodcraft Indian Lore director **Dick Zimmerman** will be parade marshal and 100 Council Fire dancers will perform during the parade, and on Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m., the Summer Schools Garrison Parade (at the Riding Hall terrace).

A special exhibit on the famous founders of the camp, and on its history overall, is on display this summer at the **Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop**, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver.



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ABOVE, LEFT: Thelma (Hodges) Moorehead '57, currently residing in the Virgin Islands, chats with Gary Dillon M.D. '61, of Piercetown, Indiana.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Martin Mahler and Thomas Houghton, both class of '42, share a moment. Houghton and his wife drove all the way from Maryland to attend Friday night's reunion.

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was also introduced. Curtis pointed out her son, Gary Dillon, M.D., was a member of the Indiana Legislature, both in the House and Senate, and daughter Cheryl Dillon Boswell attended Purdue University to become one of the first women in the U.S. to double major in the computer science field. Curtis also noted class of '42 member Tom Houghton and his wife drove to the reunion from Mary-

land, "another example of the greatest generation. These people just don't stop!"

A plaque was prepared for Gloria Baker Banks, who could not attend the event, to thank her for "40 years of service in putting these things (reunions) together," added Curtis.

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able in the Culver Town Park

- 1 p.m. (or half hour after last race) - Awards and BBQ
  - 2 p.m. on - After party at The Lakehouse Grille
- All activities are open to the public.

## Ring found on D-Day beach is mysterious legacy of unknown Culver soldier

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, at 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, has recently become home to a unique and fascinating historical mystery.

The museum was contacted earlier this year by John Carr Pierce, who described -- and offered to send to the museum -- a Culver Black Horse Troop ring found on the beaches of Normandy on June 7, 1944, the day after the D-Day invasion.

The ring, said Pierce, was found by his grandfather, Dr. Alexander Webster Pierce, a M.A.S.H. surgeon who served for four years overseas during the war and retired as a major. He was awarded a Purple Heart, among other commendations.

Dr. Pierce, said his grandson, went on to serve as the head of the Texas Pediatric Association; currently a memorial pediatric clinic exists at the hospital in Wichita Falls, in his name.

John Pierce noted his grandfather's character was



such that he most certainly would not have stolen the ring or brought it back as a "war token."

"This was the only item that he brought back," Pierce continued, "and I am sure that he would be happy to learn that it should be returned to to whence it came."

Dr. Pierce passed away some years ago, in his grandson's hands during 17-year-old John's visit one summer.

While John Carr Pierce has no direct association with Culver, he noted he attended a military academy in San Antonio as well as The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, graduating from Centre College in Kentucky.

Museum staff and Academies historian Bob Hartman have no theory at present who the owner of

the ring might have been. While it's reasonable to assume the wearer was a Culver Military Academy graduate who fought on D-Day -- which would narrow the field of possibilities considerably -- even that much cannot be certain. The ring bears no name or other inscription indicating to whom it belonged, so for now its exhibit at the museum simply tells the story of Dr. Alexander Pierce, and the ring gives mute testimony to the sacrifices of the soldier who presumably once spent youthful days at study, work, and play here in Culver.

"I think (the ring) might have served as a reminder of the horrors of war," said John Carr Pierce, referring to his grandfather's having kept it over the years, "yet still the dedication of our military service members, past and present."

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop is open Thursdays through Mondays. Check [www.culver.org/museum](http://www.culver.org/museum) for exact hours.

## Kids art camp July 16-30

A one-week kids' art camp will meet daily the week of July 16 through 20. Activities are targeted toward ages 5 to 10, but all are welcome. No previous art experience is necessary; just be prepared to have fun and get messy as we explore the works of famous artists and create our own "works of art." Register by July 11. Cost is \$20 per child.

The class will meet in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Church Mon. and Tues., 10 a.m. to noon, and Wed. through Fri., 2 to 4 p.m.

## Moonlight Serenade next weekend



Culver Academies Summer Naval School band will once again entertain area listeners -- and carry on a more than five decades' old tradition -- via the annual Moonlight Serenade on

Lake Maxinkuckee.

On the evenings of Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7, the three-masted square rigger the R.H. Ledbetter will take to the waters with the band on board, and traverse the west shore Friday night and east shore Sunday, playing popular classics along the way. Area residents are encouraged to head to the town park or other sites along the route, and lake residents encouraged to continue the tradition of lighting flotillas on piers and elsewhere to welcome the serenaders. The music will begin at 9 p.m.

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Co., or to try yoga on a SUP with Janina Schmiede of The PaddleSUP. Special SUPs will be provided for the yoga sessions and Janina will offer more SUP yoga throughout the day.

Onsite registration is \$10 more on the day of the event and begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Culver Beach Lodge. All race participants receive free beach access for the day. A race participants' meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. with racing commencing at 9 a.m.

Racers can take part in a Beginner, Elite or Kids' race category, or race in the Lake Max Challenge category, which is an SUP race all the way around Lake Maxinkuckee. Chad Van Herk will play again on the beach from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beach Lodge. The Lakehouse Grille will offer Lake Max Challenge specials and host an after-party with live band in the evening.

After the racing, the Lake Max Challenge is excited to have Slater Trout, a standout SUP pro from Hawaii, providing a Beginner and Elite SUP clinic for racers who want to improve their skills. Each clinic is \$50 per person to participate and has a maximum of 20 people.

To register for the Lake Max Challenge and clinic please go to [www.lakemaxchallenge.com](http://www.lakemaxchallenge.com)

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sioners. "I really feel we should get the input of those who have an interest in the matter."

Compton and Roose both agreed with Clevenger and the Commissioners will add a public meeting on the ordinance to their first meeting in July.

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Obituary

Hugh B. Lee Jr.  
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TERRE HAUTE — Hugh B. Lee Jr., 94, of Terre Haute died Sunday morning, June 17, 2012, in his residence. He was President of Mineral Resources, Inc. of St. Louis and Terre Haute. Earlier in his career Hugh was Vice President and head of sales for Maumee Collieries Company of Terre Haute and was head of sales and Chairman of the Executive Committee for Peabody Coal at St. Louis. He was born July 29, 1917, in Timmons, Ontario, Canada, to Hugh B. Lee Sr. and Ruth A. Horton Lee.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Eleanor “Relly” Ray Lee; a son, Charles B. Lee Sr. and his wife, Barbara, of Terre Haute; three daughters, Eleanor Lee Swanke of Culver, Elizabeth Lee Kern and her husband, W. Michael, of West Hartford, Conn., and Cathy Lee Patterson and her husband, Sid, of Middleburg, Va.; a sister, Virginia Lee Brierley of St. Paul, Minn; a sister-in-law, Edyth Lee of Las Cruces, N.M.; a brother-in-law, Charles Ray of West Terre Haute; and eight grandchildren, Eleanor Fox and her husband Frank, Charles B. Lee Jr. and his wife Gayle, Stephen H. Lee and his wife Jamie, Amy E. Lee, Jason B. Kern and his wife Lissa, Krissy Mok and her husband Rich, Catharine Andricos and her husband Steve and Jack Stark and his friend Becky. Also surviving are 12 great-grandchildren, Eleanor Leigh Fox, Julia Lee, Sam Lee, Stephen Lee, Zachary Lee, Taylor Lee, Kendal Lee, Devon Kern, Tai Mok, Peter Mok, Jason Mok and Olivia Andricos; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, David Lee.

Hugh was educated at Wiley High School, Terre Haute and received his bachelor’s degree in 1937 from The Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Navy where, as an Ensign, he became the shipping transportation & supply officer for the 7th Fleet at Tsingtao, China, at the end of World War II. Hugh was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Country Club of Terre Haute, Maxinkuckee Country Club in Culver, Keeneland Club in Lexington, Ky., The Union League Club of Chicago and Terre Haute Aero Club. He was awarded a Kentucky Colonel and served on the board of directors of Deaconess Hospital and Goodwill Industries both in St. Louis. Hugh was an avid traveler throughout his life having visited six continents. He also loved to golf and made 3 holes-in-one including one at St. Andrews, Scotland, and one at Cypress Point Golf Club in Monterey, Calif. Hugh and his family have spent many memorable summers at the Hord Cottage on Lake Maxinkuckee.

There will be no public services or visitation. A private gathering will take place at a later time. Arrangements are under the direction of Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home, 605 South 25th St. The family kindly requests that memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Y.M.C.A. of Vigo County, c/o Hugh B. Lee, Jr. Memorial Fund, 951 Dresser Drive, Terre Haute, IN 47807.

Bush graduates

Dylan Wade Bush of Culver graduated on May 20 from Manchester College, with a bachelor of science degree in educational studies and psychology. He is a graduate of Culver Community High School.

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Adams, Zimmerman will take center stage at AHS annual meeting

Indian lore and two local authors will take center stage at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's annual meeting Saturday, July 5, starting at 10 a.m., in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library.

Culver author Marcia Adams' latest novel, "Glowing Fire - Adventures of A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl & A Potawatomi Indian Boy," was released late last year, but this is the first opportunity for the public to hear her discuss the second book in a planned trilogy centered around the adventures of a 19th century girl in the Lake Maxinkuckee area, and her first public book signing. Copies of the book -- currently available in the Antiquarians' Center for Culver History museum at the library -- will be available for purchase.

The program is part of the AHS' joining the community-wide celebration of Culver's Woodcraft Camp's centennial this summer. Specifically, Adams will discuss her research



Dick Zimmerman, left, and Marcia Adams.



on the prevalent theme of local Potawatomi Indians, correlating with the Woodcraft Camp's longtime themes of Indian lore and history, perhaps best exemplified by its weekly Council Fire Indian dance programs in the Bird Sanctuary.

Joining Adams on the program -- which will also include election of officers and other AHS business -- will be MAJ Dick Zimmerman, director of Indian Lore at the Woodcraft Camp for more than 40 years, and a staff member there for more than 60. Zimmerman will

discuss the Indian Lore program, with special emphasis on Council Fires, Indian dance, and related topics. Zimmerman is author of a forthcoming hardcover book on the history of the Woodcraft Camp, which will be released later in July.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information on the AHS, visit culverahs.com, facebook.com/AhsCulver, or email historyofculver@gmail.com.

Library news

‘Ladies Detective Agency’ at book-film club

Culver Union Twp. Public Library's book and film group, "A Novel Approach," will meet Wednesday, July 11 at noon in the library’s small meeting room, located in the lower level of the library.

The book is "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith. The film stars Jill Scott as Precious Ramotswe, Anika Noni Rose as Grace Makutsi and Lucian Msamati as Mr. JLB Maticoni. Follow just a few of Ma Ramotswe’s mysteries as she travels through her beloved Botswana in her little white van.

Copies of the selection are available at the Circulation Desk and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Adult Summer Reading weekly prizes

Culver-Union Township Public Library’s “Dreaming of a Good Book” Adult Summer Reading program is rolling out weekly drawing prizes. A \$10 gift certificate to Culver Wings was given to Mary Triplet on June 20 and Angie Nelligan won a \$10 gift certificate from Subway on June 13.

Be sure to sign-up for the adult summer reading program to be included for the drawing prizes!



Five generations

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Five generations of the Ricks and Hanselman families recently celebrated the birth of Darius Ricks.

Pictured from the Ricks family (LEFT PHOTO) are: seated, great-great-grandparents Kenny Ricks, holding Darius, and Mary Ricks; standing, great-grandfather Jim Ricks, father Dylan Ricks, and grandmother Patricia Herrell.

Pictured from the Hanselman family (RIGHT PHOTO) are: seated, great-great-grandparents Ruth Hanselman, holding Darius, and Al Hanselman; standing, great-grandmother Janet Ricks, grandmother Patricia Herrell, and father Dylan Ricks.

Letter to the editor

On class basketball

Dear Editor,

It was great to grow up and be able to participate in single-class basketball. To experience David vs. Goliath situations was really great – how satisfying to beat Plymouth, Elkhart, etc. – a once-in-a-lifetime plot.

High on the wall of the “Old Gym” we could read the words penned by the noted sports writer Grantland Rice: “For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He’ll write not that you won or lost but how you played the game.”

I was, and still am, a firm supporter of single-class basketball.

It is for those participating in the current system to evaluate its merits.

Ralph Pedersen  
Culver High School class of ’45

Middleton White honored



Susan Middleton White, formerly of Culver, was honored recently at a reception by the Purdue University School of Pharmacy upon her retirement as director of the Student Pharmacy. She had been director for over 20 years. She plans to continue working on her Doctor of Pharmacy degree, which she will complete in Dec., 2012.

White is a 1975 graduate of Culver Comm. High School. Her parents are John and Sandra Middleton of Culver. She lives in West Lafayette with her husband and two sons.

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., June 29:** Pork loin, broccoli, black eyed peas, cornbread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, milk.

**Fri., June 30:** Sub sandwich: turkey and ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, carrot coin salad, cobbler, milk.

**Mon., July 2:** Beef and peppers, rice, seasoned beets, peaches, peas and carrots, bread, milk.

**Tues., July 3:** Chef salad, lettuce, diced turkey ham, cheese, tomato, egg, cottage cheese, fruit cup, salad dressing, crackers, holiday treat, milk.

**Wed., July 4:** Closed for the holiday.

**Thurs., July 5:** Pork fritter, bun and mayo, diced red potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

**Fri., July 6:** Spaghetti, tossed salad, western dressing, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, milk.

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## If these walls could talk: 107 N. Main, the Culver Public Library

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

In three short years, the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will have a major celebration, I'm sure, of its centennial. My intent isn't to jump the gun on telling the library's story, but in our virtual "walk" up and down Culver's Main Street downtown, we've reached the door of that stately institution. As usual, I'll limit my writing here to the development and changes in the building itself, more than offering a thorough history of anything and everything about the library.

To be technical, to stand at the threshold of today's Culver Public Library is to consider what historically was two separate structures: the original library, which is represented by the old Carnegie portion of the building (the southernmost section), and the next door north, which for half of the 20th century was occupied by the Methodist Episcopal church (replaced in the mid-1950s by today's Wesley United Methodist Church on School Street) and later a variety of businesses, including Norcen Insurance.

For this week, we'll concentrate on the old portion of the building.

The property on which it was to be located went through a series of owners, though Lottie and George Voreis seem to have been long-lasting and later owners of the land. There are sketchy records of a log cabin on the site, which would have been neighbor to the Methodist Church, in one structural form or another, since 1868. The Exchange (later State Exchange) bank building would have bordered it to the south starting around 1907. Early postcards are tough to make out, but by the time both the bank and the church were there, the in-between (future library) lot looks pretty vacant. What would become the library's parking lot, to the west of the building as it is today, was occupied by houses, at least by the later years.

The Culver Citizen of April 2, 1914, announced, "The first step has been taken toward securing a Carnegie Library building in Culver. A committee of seven was appointed at the Commercial Club Meeting the other night to correspond with the State Library Association to get information and to solicit the people of Culver and Union township for donations of books as a nucleus for a library. For an indefinite period the use of three rooms above Dr. Tallman's office will be donated for the library and reading rooms by S. C. Shilling."

Of course, steel magnate Andrew Carnegie was already famous for building public and university libraries, a phil-

anthropic endeavor which resulted in 1,689 of them in the United States alone, between 1883 and 1929. Most towns near to Culver either already had Carnegie libraries, or soon would have by 1914, and while Carnegie libraries nationwide varied widely in style, nowadays the architecture of those few that remain often gives them away as Carnegies.

The initial Culver library board was stacked with familiar local names of the day -- Holt, Stahl, Parker, Norris, Easterday, and Osborn -- and their application for a \$10,000 grant was approved.

Books were solicited from the community, an unmarried lady sought as first librarian (Zola Moss was chosen), and by the end of 1914, 1,500 volumes already graced the shelves of a temporary library.

In November, \$1,450 was spent to purchase the lot, with the aforementioned log cabin bought for \$10 (the late Frank Butler is referenced in an Antiquarian and Historical Society newsletter on the subject as saying a bachelor had been living there who frightened local children!). Notably, eight summer residents also pledged to support the library, including members of the Perry, Marmon, Robinson, Coffin, and Mueller families.

Contractors were chosen and bricks from the Western Brick Co. of Danville, Ill. employed. Next time you're in the Center for Culver History museum, head to the north door and take a close look at the bricks. Not uncommon for the day, they were hollow. The original roof was Spanish tile.

The library opened in 1915, around the same time Main Street was paved with brick for the first time.

As was common of Carnegie libraries, the entire lower level was designed to accommodate meetings and gatherings, with a raised stage on the north end of the room, and even a projection window on the south, and a ticket window set up to handle entrance to events, just inside the south, ground level entryway. These components remain today as part of the museum. The upper level of the building was devoted to book stacks and circulation area, as it was through the 1990s, with a tight spiral staircase uniting the two floors.

The first library card was issued to longtime Culver schoolteacher Edna Stahl on Jan. 26, 1915.

The late Mary Powers, in an interview I conducted while working at the library, said the library contained the first public restroom in Culver,

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## Swimmer's itch and the drought

Making the rounds this week has been the news that a number of local youngsters have been bombarded with "swimmer's itch" from swimming in the shallow water at the public beach in Lake Maxinkuckee. My own children -- or at least three of them -- were among them, so the sad news is that several local families are avoiding the beach, at least for a few days.

Initially, many of us suspected sand fleas were the cause of the itchy bumps -- in some cases between 150 and 200 of them per child! -- afflicting kids (our specific circle of affect were kids enrolled, like my daughter Esme', in the town park's swimming lessons last week). But apparently Kathy Clark with the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental



### View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

Council, along with the state DNR and at least one area physician who examined one of the children, are certain it's swimmer's itch.

In case you, like me, didn't know, swimmer's itch "is a short-term, immune reaction occurring in the skin of humans that have been infected by water-borne schistosomatidae." This according to our old internet friend, Wikipedia.

Basically, these little parasites tend to use freshwater snails and waterfowl as hosts, and spread into (usually) shallow waters. The good news is, the symptoms generally last about a week. The bad news is, there doesn't seem to be much the town park can do about them, at least without potentially harming the Lake Max ecosystem, and the best prevention for area swimmers is apparently to avoid the beach.

Now, I'm not out to cause any lost revenue to the beach, so let me say I assume this, too, shall pass, and we can all go back to swimming, perhaps even by the time you

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## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen was recognized by several readers, some who doubtless remember him from years past, and some who know him more recently as (in many cases) literally a "household" face. He's Mike Jenkinson, who handles plumbing and other duties around town as part of Mike's Maintenance (the "Mike" in the business name is Grover, however, not Jenkinson). Among those who knew him: Monica Hyland Lindsley, Jean Eskridge



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Jenkinson, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

Groning, Tim McCarthy, Trent Bennett, Marizetta Kenney, Luke Dunfee,

This week's Mystery Citizen has been active in several local roles, but may be best known by many as a regular organizer of certain annual events.

Guesses may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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# Longtime CES faculty Hopple takes assistant principal position in Plymouth



Craig Hopple

By Lydia Beers  
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth School Board has welcomed Craig Hopple to the Lincoln Junior High for the 2012-2013 school year. Hopple will assume the duties of assistant principal of the school. Hopple comes to Plymouth after being in the Culver Community Schools for 21 years. He taught sixth grade from 1991-2005 in the same elementary school that he attended as a student. In 2005 through the current school year, he served as the assistant principal.

"The exciting part for me is for my family," said Hopple,

noting that his wife Hillary is a teacher at Menominee Elementary School in Plymouth, and his three children attend Plymouth schools. The family also lives in Plymouth. "We will all be on the same school calendar," said Hopple. Hopple's challenges in his new position at Lincoln Jr. High involve learning a new school corporation's standards, and picking up on some of the differences in curriculum relating to technology. "We incorporate so much more technology in Plymouth," said Hopple. "It's an exciting opportunity for me." Hopple is currently going through training with other administrators at the superintendent's office. He said that his children are excited that they will now be able to see him more, including his daughter who will be in 8th grade at Lincoln Jr. High. "(My family) is excited about it, they think it is a good thing," said Hopple. Hopple's goal for his first year, he said, is that every student at the school will be a better person academically and socially and feel better about themselves when they leave at

the end of the school year. During his years in education, Hopple also coached high school track (10 years), middle school track (5 years), high school basketball (14 years), varsity assistant basketball (1 year), and middle school assistant football (5 years). For the past seven years, he has been a volunteer coach in the Plymouth community for girl's basketball, baseball, soccer, and Upward Boys basketball.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Manchester College, Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Purdue University, and principal licensure from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, graduate of Marshall County Leadership, and a member of the Indiana Association of School Principals. He was named Coach of the Decade by The Pilot News.

*Correspondent Carol Anders contributed to this article.*

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## A tour of the sewer

Few Culverites give much thought (perhaps understandably) to the final destination of their wastewater, but thanks to a recently-completed grant via the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, to the tune of around \$1 million, things are in tip-top shape at Culver's wastewater treatment plant on the south end of town.

The plant was open for public traffic last Wednesday, where plant supervisor Chip Shoffstall — pictured above — gave tours and explanations. Among improvements at the facility were the replacement of outmoded reed beds for sludge filtering, with more up-to-date and efficient bag systems. Shoffstall walked visitors through each step of the treatment process, which concludes with treatment of filtered water with chlorine, then dechlorinization before being released into a creek beyond nearby Hawk Lake. He noted the facility's laboratory tests daily for e coli, chlorine, and ammonia, as required by the state..

Shoffstall also had some numbers to report: that particular day, which fell on a week between regular programs at Culver Academies, the plant was taking in around 303,000 gallons of waste and pushing out some 200,000 gallons of treated water. He said he expected numbers to increase by around 100,000 gallons this week, with the start of Culver Summer Camps. As homes belonging to the Lake Maxinkuckee Southwest Conservancy District hook up to the plant in coming months, numbers will also rise, he noted.

## Family from page 1

tive continues with artworks chronicling the life of Starkey's Great-grandmother. Starkey's discovery of her great-grandmother's poetry and sketch-filled journal inspired her to create the collection. The later pieces illustrate the family's history in Culver, which began with Starkey's grandfather, William Ball, who graduated winter school in 1943, and subsequently bought the Ball cottage, in which two generations of cousins have grown up together every

summer.

The Ball family regrets that this will be their final summer at Lake Maxinkuckee, as their home is up for sale. The family will provide refreshments at the opening, which will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. At 8 p.m, the family will open up their 1900-era home for a post-show moonlight toast and tour. The home is located at 1746 East Shore Drive.

## Buffet tribute band in Plymouth Saturday

Encore Performing Arts will host Parrots of the Caribbean from Dayton, Ohio (potcband.com), Friday, June 29. Their music offers the sounds and antics similar to Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Refer Band. All 'Music in the Park' concerts are in Centennial Park in the Young Amphitheater. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the performance at 7; tickets are \$10 for adults and children and K-12 students are free. Call 574-935-4987 or visit [encoreperformingarts.org](http://encoreperformingarts.org).

## Itch from page 4

read this. At least I hope so. Nothing gets the kids worn out and sleep-ready like a few hours at the beach. So we aim to be back at it this week.

There seems to be some suspicion that these things are caused by the much-talked-about drought we've been experiencing this summer, which would make sense. I gather rain would disperse these little critters pretty effectively. It would also make sense since I really have no recollection of getting swimmer's itch as a kid (though maybe the parasites these days are attaching to our old friends the zebra mollusks, which the lake didn't have in my childhood).

On reflection, my wife and I have concluded the kids have probably run into them before. They've had inexplicable red, itchy bumps that didn't last long, from time to time over the years, and we've always just scratched our heads and forgotten about it once the rash cleared up. Live and learn.

Sadly, there seems to be no end in sight to the drought, with weather forecasters calling for temps around 100 Thursday and the 90s all weekend (speaking of weather, congrats to Culver's TV personality, weatherman Erik Larson and his wife, Savanna, on the recent birth of their son!).

I may not have been paying attention between my childhood and this summer, but the last time I remember a

drought getting this severe was in the mid-1980s. Among other memorable attributes was that the R.H. Ledbetter, Culver Academies' three-masted ship, had to be taken out of the water early, which seemed unprecedented at the time. As someone pointed out to me the other day, though, that was in August. It's awfully early for a drought of this magnitude, and of course it's affected farmers' crops noticeably.

The more immediately impacting aspect of that mid-1980s drought was plea from the town for people not to use water unnecessarily, something some folks heeded -- by refraining from copiously watering their lawns and gardens -- and some didn't. There must not have been a burn ban, because I recall our having a small bonfire in our driveway, as we had for a few years before, an ingenious idea of my sister's which was new when I was 8 or 9 years old. I know we had a few large buckets of water at hand in case the fire got out of control, and I remember watching nervously as at least one floating ember came precariously close to landing on the dry leaves of our maple tree. We all survived, however, and none the worse for wear.

Another apparent result of the drought: what appears to be increased aggression among some wild animals....if "aggression" is the word. We were all shaking our heads last weekend to learn that my mother-in-law and father-in-

law were awakened in the night by a clawing sound, only to find a raccoon trying to break into their window screen, where strawberries and other edibles were laid out for baking the next morning. What was stranger was that the raccoon made a second attempt after being shooed away, and almost succeeded in tearing the screen open on his third attempt. The raccoon was enjoying the delights of raccoon heaven shortly thereafter, but it was certainly an odd experience. The next day, another area (rural) resident told us he'd trapped some 50 raccoons so far this summer, as opposed to under five in a typical summer, and that he'd seen pretty aggressive behavior from them, especially when he got between them and their water supply one night.

Pulaski County health officials recently encouraged residents to take steps to close chimneys and fire places, as reports of bats in houses were on the rise. Raccoons carrying rabies were also reported to be on the increase. I don't know that that phenomenon is attributable to the drought, unless more wild animals are congregating and squabbling at watering holes or over food.

Much as I've enjoyed leaving my lawn unmowed longer than usual -- you know, just to preserve the poor, dry grass, of course -- here's hoping for some steady rain to get started, and stay on schedule, in the coming days.



# Academies honors its top faculty/staff members

In addition to student awards, the end of the 2011-12 school year also was a time for recognizing the dedication and service of the Culver Academies' faculty and staff.

The Academies top three faculty-staff honorees were:

- J.D. and Emily Uebler, recipients of The Major General Delmar T. Spivey Award for Teaching.
- John Buggeln, Ph.D., named the Kaser

From left: Elizabeth Adams, John Buggeln, and Emily and J.D. Uebler

- Elizabeth Adams received the John R. Mars

## Faculty Merit Award

The husband-wife team of **J.D. and Emily Uebler** joined the Humanities Department in 2010-11 and reside in Culver. Named for Culver's sixth superintendent, the Spivey Award recognizes and encourages superior teaching among younger, promising members of the faculty. The recipient is selected by the Academic Department chairs.

Emily Uebler directs the Writing Center and teaches Advanced Placement Language and Composition/American Studies and an Expository Writing Seminar. She serves as a faculty co-sponsor of The Quill, Culver's literary magazine. She is currently a doctoral student at Indiana University in the Curriculum Studies Program.

Emily Uebler was described as "having had a strong impact on students in terms of her deep understanding of academic skills, her patience, and commitment to improvement."

J.D. Uebler is an instructor of Western Perspectives and the ninth-grade chair of Humanities. In addition, he coaches varsity baseball and freshman basketball. Uebler is an adviser for the football team's academic support program, and serves as the public address announcer for varsity football games. J.D. Uebler was described as "confident, poised, caring, and kind in the classroom."

The director of the Global Studies Institute, **Buggeln** also is a Humanities instructor. A resident of Valparaiso, he joined the faculty in 2003 and took over GSI in 2008.

Parents and classmates of Mark B. Kaser established the award following the untimely death of Kaser, the valedictorian of the Class of 1975, a year later. The award is presented to a faculty member whose scholarly interests, enthusiastic teaching, sympathetic understanding, and wise counsel combine to inspire students and kindle a zest for life and learning, qualities personified by Kaser.

Buggeln's curiosity is unbounded and he thirsts for knowledge. He is at home in Humanities, where his diverse interests allow him to teach an integrated history and literature course "with broad brush strokes of art, religion, philosophy and leadership," Dean of Faculty Kathy Lintner said.

He has taught 10th grade Humanities and coordinated and taught in the 11th-grade American Studies Program. He has furthered the work of the Global Studies Institute



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by directing the Culver in China Program, developing video conferencing exchanges, and advising students doing advanced research in history and global studies.

**Adams** joined the Academies in August 1995 and serves in the Admissions Office as the International Student Coordinator. Her responsibilities include working as a liaison between the Department of Homeland Security and Culver's 160 international students to ensure their immigration paperwork is in compliance. Adams is certified with SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information) and has attended regional and national conferences on immigrations trends. She also is actively involved with the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors, having hosted an Indiana meeting at Culver and presented at the regional level.

A resident of Knox, Adams and her husband are parents of two CMA alumni.

**The Mars Award** was established in 1983 by the Board of Trustees to honor the 10th superintendent and to perpetuate the example of his positive relationship with students throughout his 41-year career. The award goes to the member of the faculty/staff who best exemplifies the ideals of Culver and Dean Mars, who died in August 2011.

## Manuel Award to Erwin, Schumerth

The Manuel Award is presented annually to the male and female faculty or staff member who, in the opinion of the Academies' student body, best exemplifies the ideals of Culver. The recipients for 2011-12 were **Jacquie Erwin**, Ph.D., and **Steve Schumerth**, both of Culver.

Erwin joined the English Department (now Humanities) in 1994. She has taught British literature, Shakespeare, first-level English courses for international students, linguistics, and the AP English literature course. Erwin also serves as an assistant speech coach and facilitator for the Multicultural Awareness Retreat. She and her late husband, William, a 1969 CMA graduate, are the parents of two Culver alumni.

Schumerth joined the Student Life Staff in 1987, serving as Battery C counselor for 16 years. He currently teaches the senior Servant Leadership Practicum and Leadership Skills courses. Schumerth has coached JV baseball, basketball at all levels, and freshmen football. Four of his children have graduated from the Academies.

The Manuel Award is named in honor of Ralph N. Manuel, president of the Academies from 1982 to 1999.

# Plan Commission, CRC on rezoning, sidewalk damage, clock

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

At the June 19 meeting of the Culver Plan Commission a decision was made to hold a public hearing at the Culver Union Township library to consider adding an A-1 district to the Culver Zoning Ordinance. A great deal of interest in the issue was expressed at a recent town council meeting. Russ Mason, building commissioner, recommended the change. The A-1 designation will replace a portion of the S-1 (Suburban) classification in the ordinance.

During the discussion, Pete Peterson, member, said he felt the that the Animal Production clause was too broad and suggested a Special Use designation be required for dairy production.

Other changes discussed were Day Care provisions. Schools-Private Daycare/Nursery will be removed and that the provision be amended to include Senior/Day Care/ Questions were asked if guide wires and irrigation platforms were considered structures. Mason said he felt these should be classified as equipment and not counted as structures. Also discussed was the required addition of a Knox box to certain structures. A change in Section 5.20, Waste and Debris will be considered.

On a motion by George Duncan seconded by Peterson, a public hearing will be held on July 18 at 7 p.m. at the meeting room in the library.

Ralph Winters, president of the commission, said he wanted to move forward with the update on the Comprehensive Plan, however the Culver Redevelopment Committee has not committed to the full cost of the project. Kathy Clark, LMEC director, said she felt that if the CRC had the money, this would be a project they should fund. Trent Bennett replied that he felt that if the project doesn't cover all the TIF areas, the CRC shouldn't fully cover the cost. Kevin Berger reported that the town council is considering the issue at budget time, but no decision has been made. A motion by Ron Cole seconded by Margaret Dehne to petition the CRC for the money was approved.

Brandy Pohl was present to discuss what requirements were needed for a Day Care See Commission page 10

# Carillon series begins Saturday

John Gouwens, carillonneur of the Culver Academies, will present the first in the summer series of recitals on the 51-bell carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel Saturday, June 23, at 4 p.m. Recitals will cover six Saturdays (all 4 p.m.), with an all-American recital June 30, and further recitals July 7, 14, 21, and 28. The July 21 and 28 recitals will be played by visiting carillonneur Matthew Gender. John Gouwens will play all of the others.

Saturday's program will include works by Handel, Olivia Margaret Ontko, Gary White, Jacques Maassen, Dave Grusin, and Gouwens's own "Fantasy No. 3."

Additional recitals will take place Sept. 1, and Oct. 6 also, as well as an organ recital Sunday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m., played by Yun Kyong Kim, from Dayton, Ohio.

In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance. Learn more: [faculty.culver.org/gouwenj/Next%20Performance.asp](http://faculty.culver.org/gouwenj/Next%20Performance.asp).

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sort of plumbing inside a building absolutely disgusted her father. Young Mary, however, was fascinated, and said she stopped off at the library every day on the way to and from school simply to flush the toilet and watch the water swirl down the drain!

I'm told, too, that the library's restroom served Culver's Methodist populace as well. The ancient Methodist church next door had no bathroom, so the library's was left unlocked on Sunday mornings for the use of the congregation, something doubtlessly illegal nowadays. The bathroom would become something of a bane to the existence of library staff by the 1980s and '90s. Its drain often backed up, causing very unpleasant overflows and eventually forcing the bathroom to be closed to the public for long stretches at a time.

The auditorium space was quite a significant part of Culver's history. It contained the Red Cross sewing ladies during World War I, served a variety of wartime functions during World War II, played host to the local Boy Scouts, a number of concerts and performances, and helped launch the Culver Bible Church, which met there weekly before it constructed its current building in 1958, as did Trinity Lutheran Church, for the first ten years of its existence, between 1959 and 1968, when it, too, gained a separate building. Catholic Masses were held there on various occasions as needed, as well.

The memorial stone to war veterans which still occupies the front lawn of the library was placed there and dedicated in 1957, a significant event in part because the site then became the center of Memorial and Veterans Day parades through town for some years after, with dignitaries often seated near the stones, high above the proceedings (its notable that the hill rising up to the library's upper floor is the highest site in downtown Culver, and certainly affords the highest-level view of any public spot there).

Diana Williams recalled attending the stones' dedication as a young child, noting a time capsule was placed in the base of one stone, though its whereabouts since the library's early 2000s renovation remains a mystery to me.

In June, 1958, the library purchased a book return box for the convenience of its patrons.

In August, 1968, a long-range plan for modernizing the library via federal grant was presented to the library board. It was noted the often-unused basement space could be put to better use, and there was talk of adding a ground-level wing to the east, which obviously never occurred. Some changes suggested, however, certainly did. The Jan. 9, 1969 Culver Citizen reported some adult materials were expanding to the ground floor of the library, according to longtime librarian Mrs. Norman Scruggs.

It's interesting to note that the respective entryways – upstairs and down – were effectively used to direct the flow of public traffic in the building according to a schedule which must have made sense to the library at the time, likely to maximize staffing hours.

"The south door next to the bank lounge entrance will be the main thoroughfare to the library," reported the Citizen.

"This door will be open at 12 noon and close at 8 p.m.

"The second floor door, facing the east at the top of the steps, will be open at 3 p.m. and close at 8 p.m. Patrons may use the second floor before 3 p.m. by using the inside stairs."

All adult fiction, phonograph records, films and slides, current magazines and new books would eventually move to the ground floor, as they stayed for the next three decades. Remaining on the upper floor were reference materials, children and teenage fiction and non-fiction, and all adult non-fiction. A second circulation desk was added downstairs.

A number of subtle changes took place at the library in the ensuing years. In the late 1970's, as gift and memorial to their deceased daughter and sister, Lela Hildebrandt, the Alfred. J. and Barbara (Thornburg) Donnelly families re-landscaped the library's front grounds.

Longtime Culver Academy artist-in-residence Warner Williams, a devotee of the library, gave a large collection of his sculptures -- particularly animals and birds, though also some medallions -- to the library, which they adorned for some 20 years. His large vulture sculpture, in fact, still resides upstairs there. Art also featured prominently for several years in the building when Culver's Tri Kappa held its rotating exhibit of "Art on the Stairs." Of course in those days, the library actually circulated art prints -- several dozen of them -- for residents to borrow and hang in their homes.

The mid-1990s heralded a sometimes-heated debate surrounding the library. The library board, recognizing a need to expand and modernize the old Carnegie, gave serious consideration to erecting a new building, possibly on the north end of Culver near Park N' Shop. A number of local residents individually, and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver collectively, lobbied to keep the library downtown and restore and preserve the old Carnegie. The AHS, in fact, decided to fund a feasibility study in December, 1996, to learn whether the Carnegie could be preserved and expanded, when the library board declined to fund it. A number of options were examined, including expanding into the bank building to the south (it was concluded the old second floor of the bank couldn't withstand the weight of book stacks).

Obviously, the "downtowners" eventually prevailed, and so began the long, arduous task of designing and facilitating not only restoration and enhancement of the old building, but fluid, functional expansion into a brand-new structure.

As the new millennium dawned, plans were underway to move the contents of the library to a temporary site at 415 E. Lake Shore Drive, then known popularly as the "Guido's building" for the pizza and sandwich business most recently housed there (today, of course, it's home to Culver Banquets, Gladie's Deli, and Mirar Homes).

Many in Culver likely share your editor's fond memories of the old -- if admittedly antiquated -- Carnegie, with its strange orange and black carpeting; the dizzying descent down the old, plastered stairway; the massive wood circulation desk; the tiny children's area which somehow



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The original Carnegie library in Culver, shortly after its construction (note brick on Main Street).

seemed quite adequate when one was a child; and the echoing scrape of your footsteps on the downstairs floor as you browsed for fiction or records.

It's telling that, right around the time the library began considering modernizing, it received a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation U. S. Library Program Computer Grant, and began the digital journey all of us are on today.

Fort Wayne architecture firm Morrison Kattman Menze began planning for the total 18,400 square foot "new" library, slated to be constructed between Jan., 2001, and May, 2002. Tragedy struck during the construction when, in two separate incidents, two workers were killed while on the job, leaving the entire community jolted and stunned.

Eventually the work was completed, however, and what had once been almost the entire upper floor of the Carnegie, of course, became the children's and young adult room. A magazine area with comfortable seats, a fireplace, and that portrait of old Mr. Carnegie was added, as was the carpet depicting Lake Maxinkuckee and the library's location on it. The "new" portion of the library, created following the teardown of what had been the Norcen Insurance (previously Methodist Church) building, included the director's office, circ desk, and of course the stacks. The decision to surround the book space with windows meant that almost no added room for books actually entered the design.

For the first time, an elevator was added to the library, along with a downstairs staff lounge, large lower-level meeting room, and a room at one point planned to be a museum, in conjunction with the AHS. That arrangement fell through, and by 2004, ever-growing computer usage led to the room on the north end of the downstairs being declared a computer lab.

Interestingly, the old Carnegie lower level wasn't developed as part of the renovation, but left unfinished and almost untouched, for future boards to decide what to do with. To its west was the new boiler room, part of which -- circa 2008-2009 -- was converted into a small meeting room. Around the same time, the children's area received a second overhaul, the circulation desk re-situated and a number of changes made in hopes the space would be more attractive to teens and better accommodate children.

The much-discussed (recently) old Carnegie downstairs space, of course, was renovated starting in 2006 by the Antiquarian and Historical Society to act as a museum and research center to house both the library's and the AHS' local and regional history collections among other functions. It appears that by the time the library celebrates its centennial, that space will have reverted back to full library use.

Internally, the renovations of a decade ago also computerized the library's circulation procedures, moving it away for the first time since it opened, from the old system of hand-writing, in pencil, each patron's number on a particular book's card. Many patrons complained they'd never be able to tell which books they'd already read, now that their number wouldn't appear on the book's card inside the front cover!

Your editor can't make that complaint, but I can take you, any given day, to the few volumes of my childhood favorites still in the collection, and show you my number, scratched in pencil, all these years -- and memories and changes -- later.



## Commission from page 6

facility at the old motorcycle shop on SR 10. Mason noted that the type of Day Care provided had to be considered to determine if a Special Use was needed. After discussion it was determined that the business was a pre-school and did not require a Special Use hearing.

The commission welcomed new members, Jim Faulkner and George Duncan.

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals reorganized at their June 21st meeting with Dan Adams remaining as chairman. Barbara Winters will be vice-chairman. Brandon Cooper who has acted as secretary to the Culver Plan Commission, CRC, and BZA declined to continue serving as secretary citing his work and other obligations. John Hephrey accepted the nomination as secretary.

The only hearing to be considered was for Richard George, 615 S. Shore Drive to approve a variance for a front yard setback of 10 ft from the required 25 ft. Richard and Beth George were present to discuss their petition. They noted that handicap accessibility was necessary in the downstairs area to accommodate aging parents. George explained that in order to do this, they had to remove the existing screened in porch. He requested permission to screen in an existing deck that is already non-conforming. All members of the board visited the property to examine the request. Hephrey noted that one part of the deck was already non-conforming. Cooper asked what the hardship was. Part of the consideration of granting a variance is that a hardship be present so that the setbacks

required by ordinance can't be met. George explained that it's a huge hardship as the home cannot be moved back to meet current ordinance requirements and a screened porch is necessary on the lake.

Adams said that the home was allowed to be built to the present setbacks prior to the ownership of the Georges. Mason noted that a sunroom could be screened in and it would not increase the non-conformity.

After Findings of Fact, the variance request was put to a vote and approved 3-1, Cooper dissenting.

Culver's Redevelopment Commission met on June 20 with a full agenda. Kathy Clark, former chairman and member of the CRC, was present to discuss the duties required of a Redevelopment Commission. The purpose of the commission is to capture money and use it to gain and enhance commercial business through the TIF (Tax Incremental Funding) funds. Clark also discussed the current TIF districts and requested that the map showing these districts be checked regularly for accuracy. She urged the committee to continue to find ways to improve the quality of life and spend funds accordingly as this will encourage business. David Schoeff, town manager, has offered to assist in any way towards the CRC goals.

Discussing the condition of the sidewalk from Millers Merry Manor which was damaged recently, Ralph Winters said he did not feel the structural integrity of the sidewalk was damaged and Brandon Cooper noted that it was unfortunate that the sidewalk was damaged but didn't think

this was the fault of the contractor. Winters made a motion to pay the contractor seconded by Cooper. The motion passed 3-1, with Winters, Cooper, Jerry Ney voting in favor and Grant Munroe dissenting.

More discussion on the funding of the Downtown Clock was held. Bob Porter, Street Superintendent, stated the funds needed were \$7,911 with Verl Shaffer pledging \$1,000. Ney asked if there were any private donations made and it was agreed to check with Verl. Winters said he was a little reluctant to use tax payer money for a cosmetic project. Porter noted that a consensus was that most citizens were in favor of the clock but there were no monetary donations. Kevin Berger said that it was important to donate the clock to the town so that it was covered under the town's liability policy. A motion by Ney to approve the cost was seconded by Cooper and approved 4-1.

Tom Kearns, Tree Commission, asked for funding for trees along N. School Street. He noted that a letter was received from Brad Scholdt, school superintendent, approving the placement. A long term plan for Culver calls for 700 trees to be planted, Kearns said.

Berger asked about the funding for the new Comprehensive Plan. The commission asked town manager, Schoeff, to investigate qualified firms to determine the cost of the project. The plan would be that the CRC, town council, and plan commission would all be involved in the funding, reviewing and approving the project.

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assistant IT position for the corporation. The school board is expected to discuss filling the positions at its July 16 meeting.

### Kiwanis golf outing July 20

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Culver Kiwanis Club's annual golf tournament and outing will take place Friday, July 20, at Mystic Hills golf course in Culver. The shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$280 per foursome or \$70 per person. Event coordinators are seeking additional sponsors for the event,

### Lake Max canoe-kayak 'poker run'

Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and the Lake Maxinkuckee Association -- in conjunction with Culver's 2012 Lake Fest Committee -- will sponsor a Canoe, Kayak & SUP Poker Run on Lake Maxinkuckee Friday, July 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Participants pick up playing cards along routes and return to the launch area by 7:45. Those with the best poker hand will win first prize. Learn more at [culverlakefest.com](http://culverlakefest.com).

### CCSC summer food program

Culver Community Schools' Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP) provides free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities regardless of age who participate in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or breakfast for \$1.50. Call Carin Clifton at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113 with questions. Locations include Culver High School, Culver Elementary School, former Monterey Elementary School, Aubbeenaubee Township Community Building, Ora Gospel Chapel Church, Culver Public Library.

### Farmer's Market is open

Culver's Farmer's Market has opened, at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets near downtown Culver. Every

Saturday, vendors will be selling items from 9 a.m. to noon.

### MCJFL seeks donations

The Marshall County Junior Football League's Culver branch is looking to the community to help purchase jerseys, buy awards, and secure game officials. This year's goal is \$7,500. Gold sponsorships are \$300, silver \$275, and bronze \$150. Sponsors' names will be featured on jerseys and the team banner at games. Make checks payable to MCJFL-Culver and please send by Aug. 1 to Stephanie Schaller, 4060 S. State Road 23, Knox, IN, 46534.

### Remembrance bricks

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is accepting orders for Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks at Heritage Park, corner of Main and Jefferson Streets in Culver. Individuals may also order the bricks for their homes. All brick donations to the Society are tax deductible. Bricks may be ordered from Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267.

### Kiwanis raffle tickets available

Tickets are available for the Culver Kiwanis Club's annual raffle to benefit local charities. Prizes include \$35,000 towards the choice of a vehicle from Oliver Ford Lincoln of Plymouth, or \$25,000 cash. Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50, and are available at Osborne's Mini-Mart and Park N' Shop in Culver, or from members of Culver Kiwanis Club. Drawing will be held July 21 after Lake Fest fireworks in Culver's town park. Inquiries may be directed to [culverkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:culverkiwanis@gmail.com) or 317-363-6681.



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Bring your family to Swan Lake Resort this July 4th for a day filled with fun and food. The festivities go from noon until 3pm. \$10 per person. Children 3 and under FREE.

FOOD	ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL EVENT
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Corn on the cob	Baseball speed pitch	to cure Plymouth residents
Potatoes & w	Hoop shoot	
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