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In Brief

VFW Ladies Auxiliary dinner Friday

The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a roast pork dinner with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, and dessert for \$9 on Friday, September 14. The dinner will take place at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver, starting at 5:30 p.m.

VFW Men's Auxiliary chicken dinner Saturday

Culver's VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a smoked half-chicken dinner this Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon until sold out. Price is \$8 per dinner, and baked beans and chips are included with the meal. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Community meal at Grace Saturday

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

Help heroes keep in touch Saturday

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library and Jennifer Merle-Hamscher, an independent Stampin' Up! demonstrator, are hosting an event Saturday, Sept. 15., from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Operation Write Home (OWH), which sends blank hand-made greeting cards to members of the armed forces who are stationed outside of the United States. They are able to mail the cards to their friends and loved ones. All are welcome to join in this family-oriented cause. Feel free to contact Merle-Hamscher as whispersinink@yahoo.com or 574-806-4642; or the library, at 574-842-2941.

Historic farming experience Saturday

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver will present a hands-on day experience of farm life in the 1800s Saturday, September 15, by way of a visit to Child's 1850 Farm

Making memories at Monterey Days

Labor Day weekend saw the annual Monterey Days festival prevail despite some rain showers. TOP ROW, LEFT: (From left) Crowned Mister Monterey was Austin Zehner, and Miss Monterey Chloe Caldwell; Little Mister Monterey was Reese Herrell and Little Miss Ryane Buschman. TOP RIGHT: Cathy Shedrow. CENTER: Culver Comm. High School basketball coach Kyle Elliott, right, samples some food served by Deb Reinhold (left) and Vickie Zehner. LOWER LEFT: Watching the parade (and gathering the candy) were (from left) Emily Bauman, Teri Martin (age 10), Reina Martin (2), Levi Martin (6), and Justin Martin (8). LOWER CENTER: Driving the "Spidey" mobile in the parade were Alison, Abigail, Colton, Alex, and Chris Zehner, AJ Neace, and Larry Clingler. LOWER RIGHT: Taking "Best Float" was the First National Bank of Monterey float (with "Clip" Wamsley at on the front, at left) and (from left) Dave McGowen portraying a "fire bug," with Allen Chesser and Steve Morrison portraying firemen. Parade marshals this year were 50, 60, and 70-year active member firemen Karl Master Sr, Jim Zehner, and Don Keller.

Details released on Saturday's Culver Wine Fair

Tip your glass to the first annual Culver Wine Fair, hosted by the Culver Chamber of Commerce this Saturday, September 15, at the Culver Cove Resort on East Jefferson Street. From 1 to 5 p.m., attendees may sample offerings from five of Indiana's finest wineries while relaxing to live music by Chad Van Herk and Kent Arnberger on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Cheese and fruit plates will be available for purchase, so no one will leave hungry. Also for purchase are bottles of wine and boat tours of Lake Maxinkuckee (you can even take your drink aboard). No outside food or beverages will be allowed. Proceeds will go to the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Hello Gorgeous! (hello-gorgeous-of-indiana.org), which offers makeovers and pampering to women battling cancer.

What should I bring?

Make sure to have a picture ID which proves that you're at least 21 years of age. No one under 21 may enter the festival premises. Also, some guests will choose to bring folding chairs and umbrellas. Pets are not allowed on The Culver Cove property. Guests are asked to please drive responsibly and bring a sober driver if necessary.

What will the Culver Wine Fair be providing?

Anyone admitted at the pre-sale admission price will receive a free Culver Wine Fair glass keepsake (up to the first 250 participants). The event will provide live entertainment, one ounce pours of wine from five wineries, and a fantastic view of Lake Maxinkuckee. Bottles of wine provided by Easley Winery will be given out as door prizes every hour. Attendees will also receive discount flyers for local restaurants and boutiques.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15, and may be purchased at www.eventbrite.com/event/4145721966 and \$20 on the day of the event. The Wine Fair Facebook page may be found at www.facebook.com/CulverWineFair.

Park board debates merits of pier styles

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's park board appears to be one step closer to facilitating the long-planned public pier west of the swimming beach. Lengthy discussion ensued, however, at the Sept. 5 board meeting as to the specifics of the pier's construction.

Board member Ed Behnke initially questioned fellow member Tammy Shaffer's suggestion that any public discussion of multiple bids submitted for the pier's construction be tabled until the board is more certain of the type of pier it wants to install. Behnke noted the board had been working towards the pier for ten years, though he added he wasn't unwilling to table the discussion.

Town manager Dave Schoeff, in the audience, noted if the bids were opened, cost proposals would have to be made public, making for an unfair situation for the bidders.

In recent years, the board has considered the merits of transitioning to a floating dock, which some previous board members -- on a committee appointed to study the matter -- suggested could be left installed year-round, rather than removed for the winter as piers are today.

Behnke said he wasn't insisting on a floating pier, but emphasized the need for any pier installed to have sufficient mass to give park patrons a stable feeling when using it.

Several bidders were on hand at the meeting, the majority from out of state. Board member Patty Stallings suggested they be consulted as to the pros and cons of various pier styles.

Brian Morten of Michigan-based Thru Flow, which manufactures pier decking, said a floating pier year-round on Lake Maxinkuckee is impossible, regardless of its size and type, due to ice buildup.

Morten also criticized the bid specifications as released by the board.

"Please, next time (research the matter) before you release a bid," he said. "This guy came from Wisconsin, and you're not going to look at their bids. They've put in a lot of hours, and you guys put in years."

Culver-based pier installer Tim Yuhus suggested a leg-based pier could be as stable as a floating system, though Michigan-based pier installer Dave Van Huis argued the opposite, though he noted stability is a relative matter and discerning what it feels like is subjective from person to person.

Yuhus suggested the pier specifications. See Park page 2



PHOTO/BILL BIRK

Film Fest winner

Pastor K.C. Dehning presented the top prize to Purdue student filmmaker Katie Lennox (left) for "Two Drops," at the Aug. 31 Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival event at Eppley Auditorium on the Culver Academies campus. Lennox was one of six student filmmakers whose short films were rated by the audience at the event. This photo was listed on the cover of last week's Citizen, but an incorrect photo substituted. The Citizen regrets the error.

Nationally touring musical comedy troupe hits Culver in time for elections

Just in time for the countdown to November, Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series will host musical comedy troupe The Capitol Steps (www.capsteps.com) Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus.

Featured on NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS, and four times a year on National Public Radio stations nationwide during their "Politics Takes a Holiday" radio specials, the group was described by CNN's Larry King as, "The best. There's no one like them, no one in their league."

Former President George

H. W. Bush said, "The Capitol Steps make it easier to leave public life."

The Capitol Steps began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them, and was born in December, 1981 as entertainment for a Christmas party. Although not all current members are former Capitol Hill staffers, taken together the performers have worked in a total of eighteen Congressional offices and represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience.

The Capitol Steps have recorded over 30 albums,

including their latest, Take the Money and Run — for President.

Tickets to the performance may be purchased at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center box office, located in the foyer of the main entry facing Academy Road, through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m., or at the Eppley Auditorium box office, located in the lobby, one hour prior to the performance. Questions may be directed to Marsha Coven at covenm@culver.org, or 574-842-7058. Tickets are \$20 (orchestra/mezzanine) and \$15 (senior or student), and \$15 for balcony seats (\$10 for seniors or students). All

ticket sales are final, and the box office accepts cash,

check, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.



The Capitol Steps

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CUTEMS at the Blueberry

Members of Culver's EMS helped out at this year's Blueberry Festival in Plymouth over Labor Day weekend. Each year, surrounding EMS communities are invited to spend a day at the festival and provide emergency medical support. This was Culver's first time back at the event in several years, and four members of the Culver service spent Sept. 1 providing this support. Pictured, from left, are Kimberly Irsa, Destiny Cooper, Brandon Cooper, and Robert K. Cooper III, who worked from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. alongside Plymouth medics Randy McMillen and Lisa Richards, transporting two patients to the ambulance to be taken to the hospital. The group also treated and released eight to ten patients over the course of their time. Culver's EMS, according to Irsa, has already been invited back for next year's event.



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New Culver Lions roar

Lions Club Indiana District Governor Lana Wilson, left, installed new members Larry and Cathy Emmons and Lynn Overmyer at the Club's Aug. 22 meeting, held at the depot-train station on Lake Shore Drive. Pictured, from left, are Wilson, Culver Lions president Don Freese, the Emmons, Overmyer and past president Barbara Winters. Not shown is Lion Jim Harper, membership chair.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Back in the saddle...or behind the barber chair

Verl Shaffer, undoubtedly Culver's best-known barber for some 50 years, may have taken down the barber pole at his Main Street shop (108 N. Main, to be exact -- today home to part of JMC Engineers), but he's come out of retirement to give an assist at Culver Academies, where he's cutting student and faculty hair in the school's barber shop under South Barracks.

Shaffer began this summer and picked up again with the start of winter school last month. He's been impressed, he says, with the polite demeanor and conduct of the cadets (Culver Girls Academy students aren't part of barbering duties there), and it's clear he's enjoying keeping up his haircutting prowess.

The arrangement is only temporary, though, partly since Shaffer intends to stick with his annual departure for Florida, in October.



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CCHS Homecoming queen, court

Last Friday evening's rains forced cancellation of the annual Culver Comm. High School Homecoming parade and delayed the game itself. The crowning of the Homecoming queen still took place, however, during halftime, where Crystal Looney (who was escorted by Malici Schaffer) was crowned, complete with fireworks and pageantry.

The Homecoming "court" also posed *en masse* in the gymnasium. Pictured are (girls from the top) Jennah McCarthy, Brianna Overmeyer, Natasha Harris, Kena Dulin, Shakkira Harris, Courtney Littleton, Erin Bau, Crystal Looney (Queen), Leannza Shipley. Boys, from top: Kenny Vandeputte, Teeno Hite, Marshall Anderson, Jose Castenada, Jordan Sanders, Tyre Simpson, Malici Schaffer, Mitchell Maes, and Kyle Vlach.

Pinder-EMS clarification

A clarification, from last week's story on page 1 of the *Culver Citizen* ("Culver EMS director resigns, council considers conflict of interest"): Councilman Ed Pinder's comment was quoted as, "In a small town you'll always have a problem with any of the different boards...there's always somebody from (Cooper's) family on one of these boards."

This quote was a compression of two quotes which were meant to convey that it's difficult, in a small town, *not* to have members of the same family on a given board. Separately, Mr. Pinder noted that members of the Cooper family frequently serve on Culver boards.

It has come to the editor's attention that some readers (understandably) read the quote as suggesting that the Cooper family is the cause of a "problem" on local boards, which Mr. Pinder has clarified is the opposite of his intent.

The *Citizen* apologizes for any resultant misunderstanding.

Park from page 1

tions the park put out for bid also might not meet state DNR standards of length versus water depth, something park superintendent Kelly Young said she would check into, with Schoeff assisting.

Pier manufacturer Jeff Spence suggested the board consider a stationary dock which would transition to floating, with "wings" installed off the main pier for handicapped usage, an idea which met with some positive response from board and audience members.

In the end, the board scheduled a public work session for Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. to explore the matter in more detail. Shaffer thanked the vendors for their time, which she as-

sured them "was not wasted."

In other action, the board approved FH Decking handling seasonal mowing in the park at \$190 bi-weekly, as well as for \$2,340 for lawn care maintenance including fertilizer applications this fall.

Young discussed integrating projections of property tax receipts into her 2013 budget, per the town council's recent request, bringing the budget to \$255,550, a decrease of \$13,684 from the previous year's budget.

Stallings asked if the board wishes to discuss the three percent raise for Young in the budget, which Behnke had questioned at the previous park board meeting, since he

said other municipal employees may not receive a raise.

At the Sept. 5 meeting, Behnke said having the raise in the budget "doesn't lock us into anything."

"Come Christmas, we could make a decision on that," he added. "Whatever the majority wants to do. I feel bad giving a few people a raise when nobody else is getting one."

The board approved the budget as submitted.

An executive session prior to the board's October meeting will include a review of Young's job performance, it was noted. Young explained she will advertise to hire the park's new activities director near the end of 2012, with the new hire to start in January or February.

Audience member Ed Pinder expressed happiness with the computer planned for purchase for the park, a matter of some debate at previous meetings. Acknowledging he was initially opposed to the purchase, Pinder said since Young and town clerk Karen Heim have been able to work together to determine what they want to purchase, "I think it's a great idea."

"It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work together," Shaffer responded.

Audience member Tom Kearns emphasized Young should be "very careful" in policing the installation of the present public pier west of the swimming beach, which cost \$4,900 in repairs.

"That tells me that pier was not put in properly," he added, noting the installation contract calls for two more years with the same company.

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Obituary

Emil 'Bud' Ruhnnow Jr.

Sept. 16, 1925-Sept. 4, 2012

CULVER — Emil "Bud" Ruhnnow Jr., 86, passed away peacefully in his home Sept. 4, 2012. Bud was born in Chicago, Ill. Sept. 16, 1925 to Emil and Anna (Mueller) Ruhnnow. The family moved to North Judson in the 1930s and then bought a farm on the outskirts of Culver. Bud attended Leiters Ford School.

Sept. 11, 1944, Bud joined the Navy and served in the South Pacific Theater on the U.S.S. LST 1027 until his discharge in April of 1946. He crossed the equator in Pago Pago Samoa in March of 1944 and became a Trusty Shellback.

On his discharge from the Navy, Bud worked a short time at Studebaker and then went into business with his father in Ruhnnow's Plumbing and Heating. Bud bought the business from his father and continued in the plumbing, heating, sheet metal business until retirement. Bud was Past Commander and Life Time Member of Finney Shilling VFW Post 6919 and a member of Collins Tasch American Legion Post #399.

He married Mary Ann Busart in 1952, built his own home on Sage Road, and raised his family there. Mary Ann Ruhnnow passed away in 1983. In 1994 he married Bobetta Washburn, who survives.

Also surviving are his children Margaret (Dale) Bowersox, Richard (Sheila) Ruhnnow, Denise Ruhnnow and Gail (John Reininga) Ruhnnow. Also his stepchildren, Larry Washburn and Jacqueline (Scott) Crull. Seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Edward, Gertrude, and Crystal, and Mary Ann Ruhnnow.

Services were held at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 at 12 p.m. The family received friends beginning at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to services. Burial took place at St. Anne's Cemetery in Monterey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Finney Shilling VFW Post 6919.

Well done good and faithful servant.

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

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

Culver's Okray studies at British campus

EVANSVILLE, Ind -- The University of Evansville has announced that Hannah Okray of Culver will spend the fall, 2012 semester studying abroad at Harlaxton College, UE's British campus near Grantham, England.

Okray, who is majoring in Civil Engineering, is among 154 students who began classes Monday at Harlaxton, housed in a 120-room Victorian manor in the East Midlands countryside.

The Harlaxton curriculum features a course on the British Experience, optional weekend trips to destinations such as London, Paris, Ireland, Wales, and the Lake District in northern England, and the popular Meet-a-Family program, athletics, and other activities.

Obituary

Dianne Mackey

Aug. 24, 1949-Dec. 16, 2011



CULVER — Former Culver resident Dianne Mackey (Haenes, Koehler), 62, died Dec. 16, 2011 at IU Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Dianne was born Aug. 24, 1949, in Aurora, Ill. to Marjorie (Galbreath) and Daniel Koehler.

Dianne moved to Culver in 1967 where she met and married Danny Haenes and had two children (Stephanie and Kristian).

Dianne had a strong faith in God and was very active in the church. She had a lifelong love of learning and was a self taught artist, painter, chef, master fondue artist and party planner (to name a few). She was a wonderful woman and a life long learner who excelled at everything she did.

Dianne married Richard Mackey in 1991 and became mother to his young daughter, Nicole, shortly thereafter.

Ms. Mackey had an incredibly close bond with animals. After leaving Culver in the early 1990s, she set up her own dog grooming and boarding business in Crisfield, Md.

Dianne loved life to the fullest and taught her friends and family to do the same. She always had a smile and a kind word for those she knew.

Ms. Mackey is preceded in death by her sister Margaret and parents Marjorie and Daniel. She is survived by her husband, Richard Mackey, brothers, Dennis (Donna) and Daniel (Brooke) Koehler, daughters, Stephanie (Timothy), Kris (David), Nicole, Cathy (Matthew), stepchildren Amy (Jason) and Richard (Johanna) and five grandchildren (Aly, AJ, Kerian, Mia and Aryren).

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Sept. 22 at 3:30 p.m. at the Culver Memorial Chapel. Visitation preceding at 2:30 p.m. A celebration of life is to follow at the Lakehouse Grille in Culver at 5:30 p.m. All friends and family are encouraged to attend.

A special thanks to the entire cardiac ICU staff at IU Medical center.

Brockey Insurance receives second consecutive award

Brockey Insurance of Culver is one of a select group of agencies honored by Erie Insurance with the Founders' Award. ERIE's Founders' Award is a measure of quality agency performance in auto and property production and service to customers.

Brockey Insurance offers a full line of property/casualty insurance products, including auto and homeowners insurance, as well as commercial and life insurance from Erie Insurance.

The agency is located at 624 E Lake Shore Drive, Culver and serves Marshall, Fulton and surrounding counties. To learn more, visit www.brockeyinsurance.com or call 574-842-2388.

Event will remember, honor children lost early

A "Walk to Remember" will be held Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Aubbee Twp. Community Building in Leiters Ford, to remember infants and children lost to miscarriage, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDs, and other causes. All families and friends who have been touched by such losses are invited to participate. Everyone is invited to come to show your support.

This particular walk is dedicated to Myles Robert-Clifford Scott, who was stillborn on January 20, 2012. He is the son of Tony and Julie Scott of Delong.

The event will include a balloon release, reading of the names of babies, music, and a candlelight walk.

Participants will meet at the Aubbeenaubbee Township Community Building for check-in and Registration at 6:30 p.m. You may participate without registering. However, if you would like your baby to be remembered, please sign in and register. The events will begin at 7 p.m.

Those who wish may bring a memento of your baby to be displayed on our remembrance table. Each registration includes a bracelet as long as bracelets last.

Register by emailing Sandy Thompson at sandotime71@gmail.com or Julie Scott at jewels0307@gmail.com, and give the baby's name, DOB, boy or girl, and say stillbirth, miscarriage, or infant loss. Deadline for names is October 6.

A Facebook group has been set up for the event at facebook.com/groups/myleswalktoremember/

October 15 is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month in 1988, to recognize the loss many parents experience across the U.S. and around the world. It is also meant to inform and provide resources for parents who have lost children due to miscarriage, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDS, and other causes.

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., Sept. 13: Pulled pork, yellow kaiser bun, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, pears, milk.

Fri., Sept. 14: Taco salad: meat lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, corn chips, ranch dressing, black bean and corn salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Mon., Sept. 17: Smoked sausage and bun and sauteed peppers, potato wedges, cauliflower, mixed fruit, milk.

Tues., Sept. 18: Oven fried chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, buttermilk, bread and margarine, apple-sauce, milk.

Weds., Sept. 19: Chili mac, shredded cheddar, Italian bread, pea salad, birthday treat, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 20: Pork loin, broccoli, black eyed peas, cornbread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, milk.

Fri., Sept. 21: Sub sandwich: turkey and ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, carrot coin salad, cobbler, milk.

Culver History Corner

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If these walls could talk: strolling around East Jefferson

It's been a few weeks since our last "Walls" installment, during which we take a virtual "walk" through Culver and visit the history of the buildings here. We started with the downtown areas of Main Street, and we're sticking to that pattern, wandering towards the lake on East Jefferson while we're in the area.

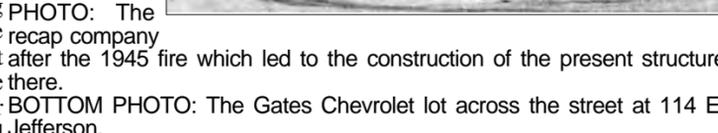
First off, thanks to Sherrill Fujimurra for clarification on some important missing years on 115 E. Jefferson, site of today's Culver Wings restaurant. She notes that her father, Harry Edgington, and Charles Medbourn first launched their tire recapping business there circa 1939. In June, 1945, a massive fire, visible for 10 to 15 miles, destroyed the original building. Believed to have been started by burning grass which spread to a pile of rubber buffings and exploded 40 cans of tire paint, the conflagration fed off of 200 gallons of fuel oil. About 250 vehicle tires were destroyed in the building, which by then had handled over 200,000 tires, an important service during the rubber rationing years of World War II.

One of the oddities of the fire, according to the Culver Citizen of the day, was that the American flag on the roof of the front of the building continued to fly unharmed by the flames and smoke.

The Citizen reported soon thereafter that the recap business was open at new digs adjacent to the original building. This presumably meant either a temporary site, or that the newly-constructed building was laid out adjacent to the specifics of the old one -- rather than exactly where and how it sat -- because Sherrill assures us the building currently existent at 115 E. Jefferson is the same one her family built as a replacement for the one lost to flames. She believes the new structure was up and going soon after the fire, though by 1952, the business had closed its doors. As reported in our last installment, Roy Deckard opened his supermarket there in 1954, which would give way to Park N' Shop and a host

of other businesses up to the present. Thanks to Sherrill for filling in the details.

Across the street at 114 E. Jefferson, today home to



TOP PHOTO: The Culver Hi-Speed Recap Tire Co. and employees, 115 E. Jefferson in the 1940s. **M I D D L E PHOTO:** The recap company after the 1945 fire which led to the construction of the present structure for the one lost to flames. She believes the new structure was up and going soon after the fire, though by 1952, the business had closed its doors. As reported in our last installment, Roy Deckard opened his supermarket there in 1954, which would give way to Park N' Shop and a host

BOTTOM PHOTO: The Gates Chevrolet lot across the street at 114 E. Overmyer Soft Water, was in 1906 -- according to the Sanborn map of that year -- shows a only a few stables.

Where in the world is the Culver Citizen



Another reader has submitted a photo of the exotic travels of Culver's favorite local newspaper. Readers able to identify the location the paper (and its human owners) are visiting in this photo will win a free pass to the Culver beach any weekday in October. Guesses may be submitted to the editor at culvercitizen@gmail.com, or 574-216-0075. Other readers taking their newspaper on a much-needed vacation someplace unusual, significant, famous, etc., are encouraged to contact the editor at the above.

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Maxinkuckee emus?

Reader Jorene Davidson Duncan submitted this photo to the Culver Citizen's Facebook page, of two birds large enough they put her in the mind of emus (those ostrich-like Australian birds, in case you didn't recall). After some discussion from other readers, it was agreed the picture, taken in a field west of the Maxinkuckee wetlands and Mystic Hills golf course, depicts sandhill cranes, whose wingspan can reach nearly seven feet. They can be seen by the thousands in spring and autumn at the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife area west of Culver, on their migration path.

Sept. is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month - early detection is key

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2012, about 22,280 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed and 15,500 women will die of ovarian cancer in the United States. Mortality rates for ovarian cancer have not improved in forty years since the "War on Cancer" was declared, though other cancers have shown a marked decline.

Women diagnosed at an early stage have a much higher five-year survival rate than those diagnosed at a later

stage, but only approximately 15 percent of ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed early. Research suggests that the majority of women with ovarian cancer experience symptoms, including bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, urinary urgency or frequency, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly. The frequency and/or number of such symptoms are key factors in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

Early detection of ovarian cancer saves women's lives. For more information, visit the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance at ovariancancer.org.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Among those who recognized last week's Mystery Citizen were Barbara Winters, Jim Keller Jr., Don Baker, Tammy Havron Rice, Kay Tusing, and Regina Anderson. She was Pam (Zehner) Craft, who has been an elementary school teacher in the Culver Community system for a number



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Pam Craft. **RIGHT:** This week's Mystery Citizen.

of years, including many at Monterey Elementary and more recently at Culver Elementary.

This week's Mystery Citizen has is a regular face at one particular entity in Culver, which serves in a number of charitable contexts.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



Eagles stun No. 1 LCC

CULVER — Culver Military Academy snapped Class A No. 1 Lafayette Central Catholic's 48-game football winning streak with a 14-12 victory at Oliver Field Friday.

"Our boys showed tremendous resiliency and resolve tonight. We had our backs against the wall again, but our defense rose to the challenge," CMA head coach Andy Dorrel said. "I'm just very proud of our coaching staff and our kids, and the opportunity to win a game like this is very special in high school football."

CMA's Joel Tinney broke a 66-yard run to set

up his 2-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. CMA safety Beau Ecksten intercepted Ty Preston on Central Catholic's 2-point conversion in the fourth to preserve the lead.

"We just approached this game one play at a time," Dorrel said. "We didn't want to get too high; we knew we'd make some mistakes, we've had problems with that all year, and we knew they would make plays. We just took it



PHOTO/GREG HILDEBRAND
CMA's Leo Sete celebrates after stopping LCC's Jackson Anthrop behind the line for a loss during a football game at the Culver Academies Friday.

Quarterback Hayes Barnes scored on a 3-yard plunge and then hooked up with Tinney on the 2-point conversion to give the Eagles a first-quarter lead.

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LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 12
At Culver

one play at a time. They called a timeout right before their two-point conversion, and we just talked about making one more play, and Beau was able to step in front of their pass and make a play and fall in the end zone. We were able to recover the onside kick and that gave us the victory.

"We just feel that this team, they do not want to let each other down," he added. "They continue to play hard for each other, they care about each other. We had a starting lineman out tonight — J.P. Slykas, who has played very well for us — and after the game, Beau Ecksten gave J.P. the game ball, and just the emotion of supporting their buddy, their teammate who was not able to that victory tonight, was very special. I just feel fortunate to coach a group of young men that really enjoy competing hard for one another."

Quarterback Hayes Barnes scored on a 3-yard plunge and then hooked up with Tinney on the 2-point conversion to give the Eagles a first-quarter lead.

• CULVER MILITARY 14,
LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 12
At Culver

Argos trumps CGA in NISC clash

ARGOS — Coming into Thursday's showdown at Eugene Snyder Field, both Argos and Culver Girls Academy had won close matches with South Bend Trinity to start Northern Indiana Soccer Conference play. The winner of Thursday's tilt would grab the conference favorite role.

The Lady Dragons and Eagles battled through a scoreless first half with only five shots on goal between the teams. Jami Patterson finally broke the stalemate on a Lillie Kozuch through ball midway through the second half, and Argos made it stand up for the 1-0 NISC victory.

The Dragons started the kick-off with some strong possession, but CGA answered with good pressure of its own. The difference came on a Dragon counter that caught the Eagles defense wrong-footed.

Freshman defender Lillie Kozuch won a ball in the defending third and spotted senior forward Patterson at midfield. Patterson collected Kozuch's through ball behind the central defender and beat keeper Oliva Fox for the game-winner



PHOTO/ALAN HALL
Culver Girls Academy's Bridget McConville volleys a ball off her knee during a soccer match at Argos last week.

in the 53rd minute.

Patterson had missed an open goal opportunity in the opening frame, so the play was a redemption of sorts.

The Eagles picked up the pressure to close the game but were unable to create many good shots.

After the game, Argos senior keeper and captain Karlee VanDerWeele collected the Dragons at midfield and reminded her squad that this was the first win for the seniors versus CGA.

Alcorn also noted the strong defensive play of Abby Stauffer, Madi Williams, Charlie Horn and Haley Kepler along with Sanders.

Argos raised its mark to 5-3-2 (2-0 NISC), while CGA fell to 4-5 (1-1 NISC). The Dragons host Clay Saturday at 10 a.m. (JV first), while the Eagles travel to Syracuse for a 1 p.m. game with Wawasee.

• ARGOS 1,
CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0
At Argos

New Prairie hands CCHS rough NSC loss

By Kyle Hilliard
Correspondent

CULVER — It was a tough loss for the Culver Cavaliers as they were handed their first Northern State Conference defeat at the hands of the New Prairie Cougars, 54-6 at home Friday night.

Culver was able to keep it to a 7-0 game in the first quarter on a quarterback keeper by Matthew Smith, but after that Cavaliers coach Andy Thomas says the speed and intensity of the Cougars took over.

"They just played at a different speed and intensity than we did," he said. "We made them earn their first score and stopped them on fourth down on their second drive. We just couldn't get anything going offensively. Just one of those things where you don't get the confidence in yourselves, and it just kind of snowballs."

New Prairie went on to score four touchdowns in the second quarter to make it 35-0 at the half. Wade Young, Noah Kampa and Matthew Smith all scored on the ground in the second, while Matthew Smith added a touchdown pass to Chad Swain on a play where he was wide open past the defense.

The second half was more of the same as Nick Dobkins added a 34-yard touchdown run in the third quarter followed by Culver's only points of the night — a 4-yard touchdown run by Tucker Schultz. After that most of the reserves were given a chance to play.

Austin Holland scored a touchdown run in the third while Zachary Brassell scored on a 54-yard scamper in the fourth to put the final touches on the night for the Cougars. Collin Szymanski also added two interceptions for New Prairie, the first one early in the second quarter, which seemed to deflate the Cavs a bit.

Culver slips to 1-3 with a 1-1 NSC mark, while New Prairie remains unbeaten at 4-0 and 2-0 in conference play.

Despite the tough loss, Thomas still believes in his team. "I think we can still be a good football team," said the Cavs' coach. "We are going to have to dig down deep and practice and play with intensity."

The speed and intensity at which this game was played was the theme of the night. The Cougars had it and the Cavaliers just couldn't maintain it to keep pace. They will need to dig down deep, as the coach said, to get ready for yet another tough opponent in Bremen next week. It was a tough loss for the Cavs but a good learning experience to move forward with.

• NEW PRAIRIE 54, CULVER 6
At Culver Community High School, Culver

Sports briefs

Boys cross country

CMA tops 3-way

Culver Military beat both Triton and LaLumiere, while the Trojans split the triangular boys cross country meet Tuesday. Polo Burguete paced the field in 17:43 for CMA, while Wess Hibbard and Paul Westman finished third and fourth, respectively, for the Eagles. Trenton Stackhouse was second in 18:29, and Trenton Cooper finished fifth for the Trojans.

• CULVER MILITARY 24, TRITON 31; CMA 18, LaLUMIERE 41; TRITON 20, LaLUMIERE 35
At Culver

Girls cross country

CGA coasts at triangular

Culver Girls Academy grabbed five of the six top spots, and the Lady Eagles beat both Triton and LaLumiere in a triangular meet at home Tuesday.

Olivia Martinez won the race in 21:34, while Hannah Buggeln, Sarah Jamieson, Kennedy Thompson and Cari Rarelo See Sports page 10

A dozen military families enjoy Culver Family Camp through 'Supporting Our Troops' program

By Doug Haberland
Culver Academies Communications

The military and military tradition have always been integral parts of Culver Academies and Culver Summer Schools & Camps. Whether it is the color and pageantry of the weekly Garrison Parade or the solemn strain of "Taps" at the Veterans Day Ceremony, Culver Academies has always valued the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

So, it is only appropriate the Academies would somehow find a way to thank our military men and women for their service. Now in its second summer, the Culver Supporting Our Troops program hosted a dozen families of active-duty soldiers and wounded veterans for a free week's stay at Culver's Family Camp, Aug. 12 through 18.

The school works with three military organizations – the Wounded Warrior Project, the Navy SEAL Foundation, and the Yellow Ribbon Fund – which select the participants, according to coordinator Tony Giraldi, Culver's director of International Advancement.

The idea of Culver Supporting Our Troops came out of a conversation among Giraldi, a 1975 CMA graduate, and Oklahoma alumni Jud Little '65 and Dr. Mike and Whitney Kolb Alvis '96. The funding comes from alumni and friends of Culver, though Giraldi

noted the "largest supporter financially, a Houston family, has never been on campus and has no Culver affiliation."

This year, more than \$60,000 was raised to provide the Family Camp opportunity to 12 military families. The affiliated organizations pick up some of the travel expenses for families. In addition, six military children received scholarships to attend Culver's six-week summer camp programs Woodcraft Camp and Upper Camp.

A deployment to a combat area is difficult for children of those servicemen and women, Giraldi said. They often have more difficulty coping because they are so young and know their parent may be in harm's way.

"The military parents are making a sacrifice, and the children are making an emotional sacrifice," Giraldi said.

Culver Supporting Our Troops is "one of the most satisfying things I have ever done," added Giraldi, who is also involved with Culver's Spring Break in Mission trips to Mexico, which partners with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for native peoples.

Giraldi said his goal is to see the Supporting Our Troops program transition into a scholarship for the sons and daughters of military personnel at Culver Academies.

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(www.childsfarm.net), located at 14118 Peach Road between 14 and 14B Road., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limited spaces are available. Adult AHS members are \$20, and members' children under 12 are \$10. Non-members cost is \$30 for an adult ticket and \$15 for children. Tickets are available at the museum which is open Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or email historyofculver@gmail.com.

Emergency services softball Sunday

Culver's emergency services personnell will hold their annual charity softball game Sunday, September 16 at 11:30 a.m., at the Culver High School softball field. Members of the Culver police, EMS, and fire departments will take part in the game.

Admission is non-perishable food items, to be donated to the Culver food pantry. Those with questions may call Ken VanDePutte 574-274-9942.

Earthworks wine tasting Sunday

More than 20 international wines and microbeers, artisan cheeses, and more will be on hand for the annual Earthworks Fall Fest, Sunday, Sept. 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 9815 Union Rd., Plymouth (near Ancilla College). Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, and proceeds support Earthworks' programs for adults and children. Learn more via earthworksonline.org.

Flu shots for seniors

Flu shots will be available for local seniors Wed., Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. Questions may be directed to REAL Services at 574-842-8878.

Lions accepting donations for Oct 5-6 flea market

The Culver Lions are now accepting donated items for their Fall Flea Market scheduled for October 5 and 6. For pick up or delivery of items to be donated call Fred at 574-842-2015, or Sandy at 574-842-2152. Lions will also accept and deliver food items for the Culver food pantry. Flea Market sales this year will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Oct 5 and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 6. No televisions will be accepted. Proceeds help the Lions provide eyeglasses for those in need, the children's Halloween and Christmas parties, high school senior awards, and other community projects.

Vintage Bloomers group to meet

The Vintage Bloomers will meet at Christo's Restaurant in Plymouth on September 14 at 3 p.m. Attendees will be dressing in clothing from previous eras. If you do not have any outfits to wear, or just want to see what the group is all about, please contact us. The group will meet on a quarterly basis at different locations, a different host each time. Contact Janice Davis for information and reservations, 574-772-7333.

Maxinkuckee IOOF breakfast Sept. 29

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will host a pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy all you can eat breakfast Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 a.m. to noon. The event will take place at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. The Rebekah Country Store will also be available.

Community invited to Mikesell 90th

The community is asked to join in a celebration for Violet Mae Mikesell's 90th birthday, Sept. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Culver Train Depot. No gifts but cards are welcome. Contact Joyce Kowatch at 239-314-4134 with any questions.

Community meal at St. Mary's Sept. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, Sept. 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal is provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Garage sale spaces available

The Culver Park and Recreation Department will be renting spaces in the parking lot for the Town Wide Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29. Applications may be obtained at the Culver Town Hall or by contacting Kelly Young at 574.842.3510.

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library computer classes are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and last two hours. Sessions: Video Editing Part I (Sept. 14); Video Editing Part II (Sept. 17 and 21); Finances with Excel (Sept. 24 and 28). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, go to www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a fall town wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29 from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. To have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@townofculver.org or at 842-3140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, September 25. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, September 27 at Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Friends book sale Sept. 28-29

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29, in the lower level of the library. The sale is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk in the library.

Operation Write Home for troops Oct. 6

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host Operation Write Home, a card-making extravaganza Saturday, October 6 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for our deployed service people. Hand-made cards are assembled to be shipped overseas for our troops to send messages home.

Also part of Operation Write Home is a letter-writing campaign to provide thanks and support overseas service people. All materials are provided free of charge.

The public is encouraged to participate and write a few "thanks" to support American heroes.

For more information, contact Cindy Good at cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Culver ghost stories sought

Culver-area readers with tales of local hauntings or otherwise spooky Culver experiences are encouraged to share them with the *Culver Citizen* for publication. Contact the editor at culvercitizen@gmail.com, 574-216-0075. Submissions are needed by mid-October.

Funds sought for clock

Donations are being sought for an outdoor clock to be placed -- in conjunction with this fall's downtown revitalization effort -- in downtown Culver at the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. The is clock manufactured by Tuscumbia Iron Works of Alabama. Checks may be made out to the Town of Culver, and sent to Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

Town-wide cleanup Oct. 13

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a town-wide cleanup day Saturday, October 13. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

Culver's Yeager a nationally-recognized voice in strength-based learning movement

By Ed Scherer-Berry
Correspondent

CULVER – You may remember when “positive thinking” was the byword of the day.

Advocates such as Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, author of “The Power of Positive Thinking,” recommended surrounding yourself with positive affirmations to counteract the negative influences of life. This reporter was not above looking in the bathroom mirror and repeating the mantra “I am the best I can be. Today will be the best day of my life.”

Criticism of this approach suggested that it was not realistic—that it ignored the facts of life. It was called “pie-in-the-sky” and “a Pollyanna view of life.”

The general field of study dealing with the effect of positive emotions on the psyche is called applied positive psychology. It has advanced considerably in the last few years.

Specifically, this field of study has led to the concept of “strength-based learning,” which uses students’ individual strengths to enhance learning. Marshall County has its own pioneer in this field, especially as it relates to student education.

Dr. John Yeager is the Director of the Center for Character Excellence at Culver Academies. He has coauthored a book entitled SMART Strengths: Building Character, Resilience, and Relationships in Youth (Kravis Publishing, 2011). This generally supports the educational concept called “strengthbased learning,” a very different approach from the earlier positive thinking.

Yeager said: “Education has primarily focused upon what you haven’t done well—deficiency mechanisms.”

This view is supported by Donna Burroughs, Superintendent of the Triton Community School Corporation.



PILOT PHOTO/ED SCHERER-BERRY
Dr. John Yeager lectures at Culver Academies on his SMART Strengths system.

esting in light of how ‘No Child Left Behind’ has had the schools constantly looking at where students are weak in academic skills,” she continued.

Yeager’s odyssey toward highlighting strengths accelerated in 2004-05 as he explored available inventories for determining strengths in individuals. Criticism of this concept harked back to earlier positive thinking models.

“Some people considered it ‘happiology,’” said Yeager.

In 2005-06 he studied at the University of Pennsylvania in the area of applied positive psychology. There, he connected with his co-authors—Sherri Fisher, an education management consultant, and David Shearon, an attorney

“The idea behind it [Yeager’s approach] is to work with students/ staff based on helping them soar with their strengths and not always focusing on remediating ‘weaknesses,’” she said. “I think this is particularly inter-

working in professional development and K-12 education.

From this background, the team realized that the best way of working with student strengths is to first have their teachers, parents, and coaches doing personal strength work. Then, those who regularly contact students can be equipped to lead their students down this path. Consequently, Yeager has worked with staffs of educators in various settings. The logical starting place being Culver Academies, he has led workshops there, and is developing an online SMART Strengths course for parents of Culver students. SMART is an acronym for the skills of spotting, managing, advocating, relating, and training.

Coming up in March is an Ethics Day with Academy seniors, and he is working on a model which can be translated from Culver Academies to schools with underserved students. Also, locally, he has trained staffs at Triton Elementary School and the Plymouth School of Inquiry.

Yeager’s influence extends far beyond Marshall County, however. Some of the research for his book was done with the Toronto, Ontario public schools. He has interacted with Christel DeHaan, head of the Christel House in Indianapolis, one of the state’s most successful charter schools. In January, he worked with the psychology classes of Conway Saylor at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, where he and co-author Shearon led students in field work in underserved public schools in the area.

Yeager also delivered the annual Leverett Lecture and trained the cadet leadership corps there. While in Charleston, he met with the Charleston Public School officials and established a plan to work with the school corporation in the future on research in PBIS—positive behavior intervention support.

Other future plans for Yeager include doing more local research and then going na- See Yeager page 10

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finished in order in third through sixth place for CGA.

Triton was led by Allie Kann's second-place finish. Lexi Miller was seventh, and Kayleigh Craig was ninth as the Lady Trojans split the meet with a win over LaLumiere.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 19, TRITON 41; CGA 15, LaLUMIERE 50; TRITON 15, LaLUMIERE 45
At Culver

Volleyball

CGA beats Winamac

Culver Girls Academy beat Winamac in three sets Saturday, 25-22, 25-19, 25-23. Katy Bjornson finished with 16 kills and eight digs, Torrie Christlieb recorded 13 digs and four aces, and Paige Baldacci passed out 37 assists with two blocks for the Lady Eagles. Sarah Boland served up a team-high five aces, and Jamie Madison recorded four blocks as the team moved to 7-3 on the season.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, WINAMAC 0 (25-22, 25-19, 25-23)
At Winamac

Bremen trumps Culver in 5

Bremen topped Culver 16-14 in an extended fifth game, and the Lady Lions handed host Culver a Northern State Conference loss Thursday night, 29-25, 25-10, 20-25, 25-19, 16-14. Samantha Howard led Culver with 17 kills, three aces and 10 assists, while Clare Hartman finished with three aces and 10 assists. Donna Zehner recorded eight kills, and Ali Overmyer and Alex Baker had 19 and 18 digs, respectively.

• BREMEN 3, CULVER 2 (29-25, 25-10, 20-25, 25-19, 16-14)
At Culver

CGA loses in 3

Culver Girls Academy lost in three games to visiting Marian Thursday, 25-11, 25-17, 25-14. Katy Bjornson recorded seven kills with six digs to pace CGA, Jamie Madison recorded seven kills, Paige Baldacci had 17 assists, and Abby Jeffirs passed out four digs.

CGA slips to 6-3 with the loss.
• MARIAN 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-14)
At Culver

CGA falls at Washington

Culver Girls Academy extended host Washington to four games but fell short of the win, 26-24, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19 on the road Tuesday night.

Torrie Christlieb finished the match with 19 kills and three aces, while Katy Bjornson recorded 11 kills, 13 digs, a block and three aces. Paige Baldacci set 48 assists with seven digs.

Jamie Madison put away 16 kills, and Abby Jeffirs finished with 14 digs for CGA, which slipped to 6-2.

• WASHINGTON 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1
(26-24, 25-21, 19-25, 25-19)

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tional with his SMART Strengths model of strength-based learning. A version of his approach is even now being used in Australia. There is a good possibility of working with the Calumet New Tech High school in the near future.

“SMART Strengths emphasizes a growth mindset instead of a fixed mindset,” said Yeager. “It works in the areas of strengths, resilience (bounding forward, not just bounding back, from adversity), and relationships,” he continued.

It helps to counteract “negativity bias” (looking to the “dark side”—his phrase). All strengths, according to Yeager, have a shadow twin. A strength of group leadership might become a detraction if the group perceives the leader as bossy.

For a snapshot of how the SMART Strengths system works in practice, the final two articles in this series will detail procedures at the Plymouth School of Inquiry and the Triton Elementary School. John Yeager and colleagues have advanced student development far beyond what Norman Vincent Peale espoused.

As another researcher has said, systems such as Yeager's encourage respectful engagement, task enabling (allowing others), and trust. For more information, go to www.smartstrengths.com



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