Culver: a year in the life

A look back at the best, the worst, and everything in between from 2012 in Culver

Jan. 5. A winter vacation was planned to accompany the national-level ice fishing tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee scheduled for the Jan. 27 weekend. However, the weather moved a few times before the unusually mild winter weather persisted.

Culver bid farewell not only to outgoing clerk treasurer Casey Howard, but reuniting deputy clerk Kay Davis, who has continued 30 continuous years in the position. Edith Blair Crall, long an assistant in the clerk's office, also bids her farewell.

Jan. 12. At attempted burglary at a 14 Rd. home left 32 year old Anthony Fields of Culver hospitalized after homeowners caught and subdued him.

Jan. 19. A veritable avalanche of community support saw some 600 residents come and go to benefit for Culver resident Beth Reinhold – diagnosed with ALS disease and family. Over $30,000 was raised via the event, held at Mystic Hills Golf Course.

Jan. 26. Debut of Culver's town council meeting was a veritable affluence of public participation by board member Patty Stallings, who reneged registration as a Democrat made possible $5,000 in immediate balanced budget board.

Feb. 2. Feted at the Culver Lions' annual awards dinner were Culver's Citizen of the Year Catherine and Organization of the Year Culverites rallied last year under the banner of "Power and the Point" and the "Culverites" over million dollars.

Culver resident Sean Scanlon continues to serve as attorney for the city of Plymouth.

Feb. 9. The Chamber of Commerce's hotel's hospitality for fish flopping tournament and winter carnival was finally cancelled after delays re-scheduled, with plans to try again in 2013. This is the first year in many that the lake never froze.

Feb. 16. Police are seeking the suspect in an armed robber Saturday night of the Family Dollar store on State Road 37 in Culver.

Feb. 23. Culver Academy sophomore Kaye Miracle named one of the top 5 female skaters in the state for the 2012-2013 season in the IHSAA. Culver's varsity basketball home game was filled to a sellout as well.

The Culver fire department's new hovercraft is in Culver and ready for action.

March 1. Culver Community High School band director Jason Crockett is looking to replace the school's 25 year old uniform band director, with the community's help.

March 8. Some 15 schools from Indiana and beyond spent the day at Culver High School. Learning of the use of 1 to 1 iPod technology for students there.

Culver Girls Academy junior Kate Well was selected Feb. 18 through 13 singing at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of the national American High School Honors Choir.

March 15. Culver Military Academy graduate Hal Hohfrock's new autobiography credits the impact of the school and his experiences there as a positive one for the famous actor.

March 22. Culver Army's hockey team won its 22nd title state over the weekend.

The Culver community is reading with news of the death of former Culver resident Sharon Schumacher, who took his own life after that of the head of a private school where he had been teaching in Florida.

March 22. Nooses in discussion centering on the issue of parking space.

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Culver has had a spate of snowy weather in the past week-plus, and a number of area residents of all ages have ventured out to take advantage of the opportunities for winter fun. As has been the case for years, "Arctic Hill" (or "Baby's Backyard"), depending on one's past experience with the name and vintage, has been a popular spot for sledding. Picture-drawn from, alf, Junior Villalpaez, age 10, Giselle Villalpaez, 8, and Kaylee Risner, 7, all students at Culver Elementary School enjoying the hill Saturday afternoon. Winter activities involving a frozen Lake Maxinkuckee, of course, are still only hoped for, no more so than by Culver's Chamber of Commerce, which plans to re-attempt the national-level ice fishing tournament cancelled last winter, when the lake never really came close to freezing. This year's "take two" is slated for February.

By Jeff Kinney
Culver Citizen editor

Culver street crews will do their best, but it was con-
cluded at the most recent meeting of Culver's town council, but sometimes you just can't fight Mother Na-
ture.

Discussion took place at the Dec. 27 meeting of the council after Sue Miller, owner of Cafe Max on Main Street, raised concerns over the condition of ice on the street at the "hump-out" platers installed this fall as part of Council tackles downtown snow woes, end of year business

Since a number of cards were already parked in the spaces in question when the snow began, crews were unable to get in and remove the debris. The result was that it was packed into a slippery mess.

"It gets tough to combat it," said town manager Derek Schoell. "You do your due diligence and do the best you can, but it's packed, packed, packed."

Porter and various council members noted much of the problem had to do with the timing of the snowfall.

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Throughout the year, we examined the history of some milestones in the downtown area of Culver, in our "Downtown Culver" series, including the Antiquarian and Historical Society, and the Culver Playhouse.

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Calver Academies faculty and members Dan Baughman, Deb Foley, and Shelley Obertewer served as emcees for the annual cabaret.

June 21: Plans were discussed and a site selected for the 100th anniversary of the Great Fire in Calver.

The annual Calver Boys & Girls Club $500 scholarship competition raised more than $44,000 for the Club’s annual awards dinner at the high school’s annual celebration in Mexico.

The annual Taste of Culver festival once again delight-ed attendents in Calver’s downtown.

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Culver Military Academy football coach Andy Dorrel took Culver audiences through the 2012 season, though it reopened last summer as a home for the last time. Culver’s new Garden Court senior living center held a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Maxinkuckee Players’ 2012 summer production, “Crazy for You,” was a sell-out. The film festival collects costs and funds to aid localities during winters.

Culver Public Library formally rejected a proposal to host a beer garden this year to create a new agreement which would allow its patrons.

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Editor's note: Chris Schumer grew up in Culver and graduated from Culver Academies. Last spring he lost his only brother to a gun-related killing. He wrote the following essay — which was published by online journal The Front Porch Republic (fromeporchr.com) Dec. 18 — in response to last month's elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

Schumerth is currently working on a fellowship in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He earned his M.A. in English from the University of Houghton.

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Newtown Tragedy Exposes Our Deep Societal Flaws Again

By Chris Schumer

This is, of course, typically the column in which I would extol the virtues of the “great” past summer — the past year in Culver, the awesome good, the bad, and the ugly.

No, sorry. That’s striking, though, how often in the summer of 2012 it’s one of those shining moments in which we enjoy the simple pleasures of life — the sounds of things people will recall in decades to come, and perhaps for generations to come — that make life a good thing.

But the psyche will likely be remembered as the year of the big drought, just as I vividly recall the summer of 1988, most certainly the year of the drought. It was a drought that took its toll on everything.

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By Jeff Kehoe

View from Main Street

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The most important lesson we learned during the drought was that it was not just about the weather, but it was about the way we handled the situation. We did not let the drought define us, but instead we worked together to find solutions. We learned the importance of being patient and finding creative ways to adapt to our circumstances.

The drought was a challenging time, but it taught us valuable lessons that we can carry with us for the rest of our lives. It taught us the importance of community, resilience, and perseverance. It also showed us that we are capable of working together to overcome challenges and make the best of any situation. As we move forward, we can apply these lessons to other areas of our lives and face challenges with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and grow. The drought was a difficult time, but it ultimately brought us closer together and made us stronger.
The December meeting of the Culver plan commission revolved around the concept of online permits. Chuck DeWitt, Marshall County building commissioner, was present to explain the idea for consideration. DeWitt said Marshall County has just completed the online contractor registration process. The new program will use the existing GIS system to identify the properties in question and will assist with online drawing plans. This system will also help identify the zoning of targeted properties. DeWitt noted that for the plan, the county has cost $70,000 to $80,000.

The plan details would have Marshall County administer the online permits for Culver as it is currently being done for Argos and Bremen. Bourbon is expected to be part of the plan shortly. DeWitt said that time for Culver's decision is important since it is a time sensitive-program. The system can be coordinated to Culver's zoning requirements and permit fees. Variance of use or permit questions can still be referred to the Culver plan commission, town council or board of zoning appeals. The county would collect the fees associated with this process.

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Schlabach, who spent much of his childhood in Culver and attended Culver Elementary School, today lives near Atlanta with his wife and children. Besides his growing name as an author, he’s “one of the most respected and popular college football columnists in the country,” according to a web-page devoted to his work at publisher Simon & Schuster.

Schlabach has long been an on-air commentator for the ESPN sports cable network as well. His book, “The Duck Commander Family: How Tron, Phil, Family, and Ducks Built a Dynasty,” co-authored with Willie and Korie Robertson, delves into the history of the immensely popular A&E reality show about a Louisiana bayous family’s Duck Commander business. The book hit the top 10 on the Times’ list in December. This isn’t Schlabach’s first appearance on the list, however. His 2010 book, “Called to Coach: Reflections on Life, Faith, and Football,” co-authored with legendary retired Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden, climbed near the top of the list as well.

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would help. Ricciard added hopefully snowfall will take place when cars aren’t parking in the area, though she said the problem can’t be a new one.

“Drew’s (pivoted down), you can’t do it. That’s true this year; last year, and ten years ago.”

Schoeff also noted snowplow markers have been added for the intersection planters, after Mahler said some area drivers have been hitting them, thinking they’re simply unplowed parts of the street, since last week’s snowfall.

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**Big changes at St. Mary’s**

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver celebrated the Christmas holiday with a brand new terra cotta floor (RIGHT), replacing the original tile underlay and carpeting of recent years.

The floor isn’t the only major change in the church building within the past year. The south wall also underwent a total makeover last spring (BELOW, RIGHT) around the same time. There, the drywall was replaced with wood paneling and niches for statues of Sts. Joseph and Mary.

With the liturgical celebrations of Christmas over, St. Mary’s pastor Fr. Tad Balinda is now on his annual visit to family and friends in Uganda, from which he will return in early February. A guest priest will handle duties at the church in the meantime.

**Culver family, inheritors of cinematic legacy, discuss Rees**

PLYMOUTH — It’s been three years this month since the Rees theater in downtown Plymouth, owned by a local Culver family, showed its last film. The theater has been on sale since then, with very few real offers according to Collins and Company realtor Shawn Reed.

“I don’t like seeing it empty,” said Gwen Hoesel, 82, who owns the theater along with her husband John, 83. “We probably stayed open longer than we should have,” said Gwen.

The Hoesels came by the theater honestly. John’s parents, Evert and Sadie Hoesel, operated the movie theater in Culver for around half of the 20th century, during its tenure as the El Rancho theater.

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Mayor Mark Senter said that the Rees has been discontinued. “Children are kind of the glue in families, or in relationships,” said Cleavenger. “There’s sometimes a sense of desperation over losing the kids.”

Most of our suicides have been situational, rather than seasonal,” said Cleavenger. He added that situations that tend to surround cases of suicide include marital problems, economical issues, and custody battles.

Overwhelmingly, more men have committed suicide locally in the last four years, with 21 male cases and only four female cases. Cleavenger said that the average age of the suicide victim in Marshall County is 43. Adolescent suicide With the recent attention given to bullying and specifically cyber-bullying, parents might be concerned that their children will take an extreme step to escape abuse.

Michele Schricker, adjunct professor of the master social work program at Indiana University South Bend and licensed social worker at the Bowen Center in Plymouth, said that it’s common for children to talk to their friends about committing suicide before they express their feelings to their parents.

And when it comes to kids using social media, Schricker said that excessive use can sometimes be the sign of a problem. She added that parents should keep a close eye on their children’s social media activities and take seriously comments like, “I hate my life.”

Treatment options include calling a medical doctor, going to the emergency room, or calling the national suicide hotline: 1-800-273-8255. Schricker said that it’s been her experience that most local clergy will also meet with people who think they are suicidal.