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In Brief

Sports Spectacular Friday

The annual Sports Spectacular competition will take place this Friday, April 5 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Comm. High School gymnasium. "Sports Spectacular" is an evening of class competition that generates fun, enthusiasm, spirit, and money. The event will be kicked off with a faculty versus students volleyball game and ending with an all-school dance in the gym until 11 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Culver Community High/Middle School student.

As part of this year's event, the CCHS Business Professionals of America will hold a bake sale to help underwrite the costs of students' trip to participate in the BPA National competition in Orlando, Florida.

Little League sign-ups extended to Saturday

Due to the low number of sign ups, Culver Little League baseball and softball has extended sign ups to Sat., April 6. Please sign up as soon as possible, as there will be no late registrations. Girls ages are 4 to 14; boys ages 4 to 16. Forms are available at the library, Osborns, BP, and Culver public schools. Those with questions please call 574-230-4300 or 574-216-0771, or email clittleleague@yahoo.com or visit facebook.com/culver.league.

Seasonal workers sought

The Town of Culver is accepting applications for seasonal street department workers. Applicants must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. The work will entail working outside in all weather conditions: driving, lifting, trench work and other duties as may be determined by the supervisor. The pay will range from \$8 to \$10 hourly, based on experience. Applications may be picked up at Town Hall, 200 E Washington St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F. Completed applications must be received by 4 p.m. April 5, 2013. EOE

Preschool open house Saturday

Wesley Preschool, 511 School Street in Culver, will hold an open house

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Remembering the flood, then and now

ABOVE: Scenes from Culver and Logansport, Indiana, during this centennial of the 1913 flood during which Culver Military Academy cadets rescued more than 1,000 people (UPPER LEFT PHOTOS), leading a grateful city of Logansport to thank the school via the gift of the iconic Logansport Gate, which was dedicated in 1914 (LOWER LEFT). Culver cadets make an annual pilgrimage to Logansport to contemplate the legacy they inherit as Culver students, as pictured (in front of a Wabash River bridge there) LOWER CENTER. At LOWER RIGHT, cadets get a taste of the skill needed to operate the cutters used by their predecessors during the flood, but on the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee, and with considerably smaller cutters than those used a century ago. SEE STORY BELOW.

Culver's legendary life-saving, 100 years later

Culver students made headlines saving 1,400 in the 1913 flood in Logansport -- and earned their school an iconic gate in the process

By Richard Davies, Ph.D.
 It was one hundred years ago, in March 1913, that two flood-swollen rivers converging in Logansport, Indiana, would ravage the city and threaten the lives of thousands. Converging with that natural disaster was a courageous group of Culver Military Academy cadets and faculty who answered a call for help and ended up saving nearly fifteen hundred men, women, and children, from that inundated city.

The heroic actions of these Culver teenagers and their teachers quickly gained national attention, but perhaps more importantly, the story of their exploits came to play a key role in the life of their school. The account of the Logansport Flood became the stuff of legend and continues to influence the lives and actions of students and staff to this very day.

A year later, the grateful people of Logansport raised the money to erect brick pillars at the western entrance of the campus as a way to thank Culver. The Logansport Gate immortalizes the exploits of those brave men and boys and since 2003 has been the site of the Matriculation Ceremony that welcomes new students into the Culver fold.

The story of Culver's rescue efforts in the 1913 flood will be recounted in audio-visual format at a special program presented by Culver Academies museum curator Jeff Kenney at the museum, 102 S. Main Street, Sat., April 13, starting at 10 a.m. The program is free and open to the public.

The account of the Logansport Flood has acquired almost mythic status at Culver; it is one of the key stories that explains what it means to be a Culver graduate. In fact, according to Colonel Kelly Jordan, the current commandant, "all new cadets must learn the history and lessons of Logansport as part of becoming full members of the CMA Corps of Cadets."

How did what happened in the cold, snow-blown floodwaters of the Eel and Wabash rivers come to play such a significant role in the life of a school one hundred years after the event? The story of the dramatic rescue began in March when early spring rains hit the Ohio Valley, falling in such quantities that virtually every river in Indiana and Ohio reached flood stage. By the time the waters receded they left in their wake six hundred dead, a quarter of a million homeless, and damages to roads, railways, dams, and property estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars -- making it at the time one of the worst natural disasters in United States history.

Despite the rain, life at Culver was slowly returning to normal after the excitement of the participation of the Black Horse Troop and Corps of Cadets in their first Presidential Inaugural Parade earlier that month. It was March 26, 1913 -- three days after Easter -- and a gala concert by the renowned opera diva Madam Schumann Heink had concluded when Superintendent Lieutenant Colonel Leigh Gignilliat received a frantic phone call from Logansport Mayor David Fickle. The mayor asked Gignilliat to send as many Naval cutters as he could via railway to his beleaguered city, located about forty miles to the south. During the night, the Wabash and Eel rivers had crested, submerging much of Logansport's business and residential districts. Homes were being swept away and many of the twenty thousand residents were trapped in their houses by the raging water and had been without food and water for almost two days, prompting the mayor's plea for help.

It was twenty-four degrees and snowing. During the day the water levels in the streets of Logansport had risen nearly five feet; the rivers were twenty feet over their normal level. The flooded area was a mile and a half wide. Almost every bridge had been washed away.

Culver's summer Naval cutters were twenty-eight-foot boats weighing a ton each and requiring a skilled crew of ten oarsmen plus

1913 Midwest flood was of 'near-biblical' proportions

While many familiar with the story of Culver's role in the Logansport flood of 1913 may assume the flood was limited to that city and general area, the "Great Flood" of 1913 was the nation's most widespread natural catastrophe and has been called "the standard by which all other floods are measured in Indiana," and was the greatest natural disaster in the history of the state of Ohio, where the city of Dayton was especially devastated.

The Easter weekend (March 23 through 27) event began with a dozen tornadoes (including one still ranked as Nebraska's deadliest tornado), causing record flooding across all or parts of 15 states, crippling nationwide industrial production, and killing at least 1,000 people.

The flood occurred along the Ohio, Wabash, and several other rivers, severely affecting a number of Indiana cities including Indianapolis, Peru, Terre Haute, Muncie, Carmel, Danville, and Shelbyville. The widespread flooding caused an estimated \$25 million of damage statewide in 1913 dollars.

Commemorations of the event are taking place across the Midwest, including a "You Are There" interactive exhibit in which visitors interact with "flood

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Council talks advertising signs, other issues

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

A number of area businesses promoted through yard signs around Culver will soon have to remove those signs, or pay hefty fines as a consequence, according to Culver's plan commission as discussed at last week's meeting of the Culver town council.

Plan commission member Ralph Winters told the council a letter would be sent to area contractors and other businesses explaining the details of the decision. Advertising signs promoting enterprises not located on the premises of the enterprise, said Winters, are not permitted.

"We're getting signs for projects that don't have a building permit," he explained. "Starting April 1, projects not needing a building permit will no longer be allowed to post

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School board discusses teacher cuts, elementary renovations

By Rhonda Reinhold
 Correspondent

The Culver Community School Board met twice this month to discuss upgrades to the Elementary School and the much-discussed possibility of teacher layoffs.

The February 14 meeting started with discussion of Culver Comm. High School state champion wrestler Matt Hurford and his accomplishment on the mat and off.

School Board President Ryan Sieber said that, "This is not just an accomplishment for the athletic program but for the corporation as a whole. This outstanding young man is a product of this school, going back to the beginning with the teachers and coming up through the Culver school system. We are very proud of his accomplishments."

The meeting went on to discuss upgrades to the Elementary School building, with Bob Wede of Performance Services giving a short presentation regarding the building's HVAC system and window corrections. The estimated cost for the project will total \$1,66,468.

Superintendent Brad Schuldt said he wanted to make sure everyone understood the importance of the project

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Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Wesley United Methodist Church preschool room. All those interested in potential enrollment in the preschool program are welcome to attend, ask questions, and tour the preschool area. For more information, call 574-842-2900.

'The Eyre Affair' at CUTPL book club

Culver Union Twp. Public Library's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room, to discuss "The Eyre Affair" by Jasper Fforde.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

Culver in the 1913 flood program April 13

The story of Culver Military Academy cadets' rescue efforts in the great flood of 1913 will be told by way of a Power Point presentation by museum curator Jeff Kenney, Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver. There is also a special exhibit on Culver's role in the flood, at the museum. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 574-842-8842, email museum@culver.org, or visit www.culver.org/museum.

Max Move April 13

All interested individuals are invited to participate in the third annual Max Move, held Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus, with SAG stops along the way. This event is free of cost, but please arrive around 8:45 to register. Parking is located at the hockey rink or around the oval near the flagpoles. To register or ask questions, please call Dana Neer at 765-252-7030 or email dana.neer@culver.org.

Baked potato supper April 12

Trinity Lutheran Church of Culver will hold a baked potato supper Friday, April 12, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., with proceeds going to support the Culver food pantry. The event will take place at the train station-depot at 615 Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Cost is \$7 for adults, 12 and under are \$4. Included is a baked potato with all the fixins, pies, cakes, coffee, and lemonade; carry outs are available.

Gouwens organ recital April 14

John Gouwens, organist and carillonneur of the Culver Academies, will present his annual faculty organ recital at the Memorial Chapel on the Culver campus Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). The recital is open to the general public free of charge. A reception will follow the performance (with treats prepared by the recitalist). The schedule is also set for carillon recitals on the 51-bell carillon for 2013. These will be presented on 4 p.m., Saturday afternoons, on the following dates: April 27; May 18; June 22 and 29; July 6, 13, 20, and 27; August 31; and September 28. These recitals also are open to the general public.

Community meal at Grace April 15

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

sphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

WNDU meteorologist Clawson among park events

The Culver park will welcome WNDU meteorologist Cindi Clawson to discuss tornado and severe weather preparedness Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the beach lodge.

The beach lodge will also host, on April 1, an informational meeting for the new "A Million Steps to Success" walking club, at 6 p.m. The "Beach House Scrappers" scrapbooking club will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 6, and game days on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. are ongoing. Everyone is welcome.

School make-up day April 19

Culver Community Schools' snow make-up day will take place Friday, April 19, to replace the school day missed March 6 due to inclement weather conditions.

LMEC Lax Max study presentation April 22

Kyle Jurasek of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Allen Chesser of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council (LMEC) will give a presentation about the core sampling project sponsored by LMEC at the Lions Club depot at Culver town park, April 22 at 7 p.m. This program is open to the general public, so come and see what LMEC is doing with this exciting project. If the weather is either extremely windy or rainy, this presentation will be moved forward one week to April 29, same time, same place.

Friends book sale April 25-27

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold their first book sale of the year starting Thursday, April 25 with evening hours from 4 to 7 p.m., a new feature this year. On Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Later in the year, book sales will be held June, September and a bag sale in October. Anyone wishing to donate books can bring them to the circulation desk at the Culver Library during library hours.

Basic EMT class starts April 30

Culver-Union Township EMS will offer a Basic EMT class beginning Tuesday, April 30 through the end of July. Classes will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 10 p.m. and every other weekend (days and times to be determined). Cost is \$700 and includes books. If you are interested, please contact Culver-Union Township EMS at 574.842.2773.

Gallery closed in April

The Crisp Gallery in Culver Academies' visual arts building will be closed through the month of April as the gallery is prepared for two exhibits starting April 24, when the Charles Duff, Faculty Emeritus Memorial Exhibition will open through June 4. More information on that and the second show is forthcoming.

St. Mary's daycare apps for fall 2013

St. Mary of the Lake Childcare Ministry (daycare) is now accepting applications for fall, 2013. Call 574-842-3488 for more information or to register. New informational brochures are also available on the program.

Chairs sought for Chairs for Charity

Doing your spring cleaning? Want to get rid of that old chair in the basement? Culver Tri Kappa members are seeking chairs that can be decorated for their Chairs for Charity event that will be held this summer. Those with a chair to donate for this worthy cause, please contact Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

Funds sought for after-school food program

More funds are needed to attain the \$1,000 goal of a Leadership Marshall County group's efforts to fund an

after-school youth food provided for students at the Culver Public Library.

To donate, send checks made out to Culver Public Library (with "youth food program" in the memo line) to Culver Public Library, 107 N Main St., 46511, with attention to Ali Gaskill. Project originators are also available to answer questions about the program. Contact them at 217-493-5695 (Sam Bramfeld) or 574-216-6227 (Jerry Kisela).

Culver Comm. kindergarten round-up

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, who will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards, and programs available for kindergartners. If a parent cannot come on April 25, they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017.

Student Art Show April 27 wkd

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 11th annual Student Art Show Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print, and three-dimensional, best of show and people's choice.

Texas Hold `Em second Sundays

The Culver VFW Post, 108 East Washington Street, hosts a Texas Hold `Em tournament the second Sunday of each month, sponsored by the Men's Auxiliary. An average of 50 players takes part, and the Auxiliary provides chili or hot dogs and sloppy Joes. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at 1 p.m. Funds go to various community charities.

Rent a sale space at the park

Spaces are available for rent at the Culver town park to sell items during the town wide garage sale, April 26 and 27. The price is \$10 per space, per day. Applications may be picked up at the Culver town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to Kelly at 574-842-3510.

Endangered Heritage exhibit at museum

The Center for Culver History will host "Endangered Heritage," a traveling exhibit of the Indiana Historical Society which seeks to educate local communities and funders about the need for good collections stewardship and gives examples of the dangers to objects in collections and information about the collections care needs of Indiana's organizations. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 6, and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the museum at culverhistory@gmail.com.

New Culver history notecards available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is offering a new series of eight historic note cards, available at the Center for Culver History, the AHS museum, and at various establishments around town. At the museum, members always receive a 10 percent discount on merchandise.

VFW bingo returns

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is happy to announce Saturday bingo has resumed Saturdays at 7 p.m. There is a \$500 jackpot, and cards are \$1 each or six for \$5. Hot Ball costs an additional \$1. The kitchen opens 5:30. Come enjoy our fresh made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

Culver to host "Michiana's Rising Star" event

WNIT Public Television has announced the Culver Academies Eppley auditorium will host one of the five regional competitions of "Michiana's Rising Star," a search for the brightest and best talent in the entire Michiana region, Saturday, June 15. The five top performers will compete at the WNIT studio each evening from July 28 through August 2, to determine the grand prize winner and "Michiana's Rising Star." The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to appear on WNIT programs. Visit the contest web site at wnit.org or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

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Obituaries

Donald M. Stubbs Sept. 27, 1932-March 31, 2013

CULVER — Donald M. Stubbs, 80, of Culver, passed away peacefully at 10:13 p.m. Easter Sunday March 31, 2013 while a resident at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Donald was born Sept. 27, 1932 to Carl and Laura (Shaw) in Argos. On Oct. 3, 1957 he was married to Betty L. Van Asdall at the Knox United Methodist Church. She preceded him in death Sept 12, 2001.

Donald was the owner and operator of Stubbs Trucking & Excavating for 60 years prior to becoming ill in 2009. His wife, Betty, assisted in the operation of the business until she passed away. He had several health concerns while attending Culver Elementary and Jr. High School. At the age of 16, Floyd Annis, high school principal, recommended that his parents withdraw him from school and find a trade that he could develop and apply his time to.

He worked for area farmers making hay and driving tractors while in school. He worked for Art and Judd Dillon for several years. When he turned 16 he went to work with Allen Weaver driving the loaded marl trucks out of the bog area then parking them next to the public roads where Allen then delivered the loads to his customers. These three men were very instrumental in teaching him the use of farm and heavy equipment, as well as, good and respected business operations. His parents and W.O. Osborn, State Exchange Bank president helped secure funding to start his very own business at the age of 17.

Donald was very instrumental in changing the landscape in and around Culver, as well as the surrounding communities. He excavated the wetlands and created the channels located in Venetian Village, laid stone and ruff raff sea walls around Lake Maxinkuckee, excavated several houses and businesses, removed fuel and oil storage tanks, and excavated land and several properties for new development. He was contracted by the Culver Educational Foundation on several occasions to assist with development. He was always willing to help the youth in Culver. He was a supporter of the Union Township 4-H livestock buyers group and a Culver Little League sponsor. He excavated, graded, and donated dirt for the development of the Culver Little League diamond under the direction and brainstorming of Alvin Triplet. He employed many young men to assist with his daily operations. For most, it was

their first hard laboring job.

Donald was a former member of the Culver-Union Township Volunteer Fire Dept. for 40 years, retiring as Captain, the Culver Eagle Lodge, and Antique Tuggers (tractors) of Indiana. He was a member of Maxinkuckee IOOF Lodge and Plymouth-Kiwinning Free Masonic Lodge. He was honored as the Citizen of the year by the Culver Eagles and received the Tuggers Sportsmanship award.

He enjoyed collecting Indian artifacts, Civil War history, wildlife protection, and participating in the antique tractor pulls. He respected wildlife and developed land adjoining his property, dedicating it to the wildlife passing through the area. He had an extensive Indian artifacts collection which he donated to the Antiquarian Society in 2009. Donald's knowledge of the local community, county, and surrounding area was respected by all who came in contact with him.

He is survived by his sister Marlene (Richard) Shoddy of Culver, son Rodney L. (Jeanette) Stubbs of Clyde, Texas, grandchildren Rodney W "Junior" (Jennifer) Stubbs of Culver; Ethan and Betty D. Stubbs of Clyde Texas; great-grandchildren Destiny and Leland Stubbs; stepgreat-grandchildren Logan, Matthew, and Brandon; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, grandson Heath Adam Stubbs, brother William L. Stubbs, and his parents, Carl and Laura (Shaw) Stubbs who preceded him in 1993 and 1974 respectively.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 3, 2013 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral in Culver. Rev. Jacob Juncker will officiate funeral services at the funeral home Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour before the service. Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

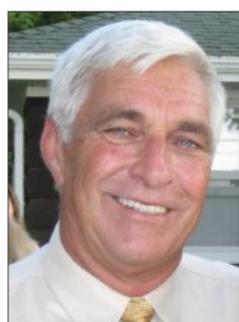
In lieu of flowers donations can be directed to the Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Philip A. Edgington

June 6, 1950 – March 4, 2013



Clermont, Florida -- Philip Allen Edgington, 62, Clermont, Florida, took the hand of Jesus on March 4, 2013 at home. He was born June 6, 1950 in Rochester, IN to Donna Louise Medbourn and Harry D. Edgington who have preceded him to heaven. Philip grew up on the South Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver. He graduated from Culver High School in 1968 and attended the University of Miami in Florida. He became a huge

fan of the Miami Hurricanes and was still very much a "U" fan. Philip met his wife Andrea while in Miami and they have been Clermont residents since 1974. He was a local owner/building contractor, loving father and husband, and an active member of Real Life Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Andrea Edgington, daughter Lauren Edgington of St. Pete Beach, FL, and son Adam D. Edgington and wife Tamara of Clermont, and "Papa" to grandsons Brandon and Kyle. Phil is also survived by brothers Charles and Rodney of Culver, IN., Fred of Harrodsburg, KY and sister Sherrill Fujimura of Culver, IN.

The funeral service for Philip was held at 2:30 PM on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Real Life Christian Church with Reverend John Wilson officiating. Philip was surrounded by family and friends both physically and in spirit as his life was celebrated. Private burial was at the Clermont Oak Hill Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family to Real Life Christian Church, 1501 Steve's Road, Clermont, FL 34711. Attention to Rev. John Wilson and the Edgington family.

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.

Thursday, April 4: Beef and mushrooms in gravy over rice, brussel sprouts, Mandarin oranges, bread and margarine.

Friday, April 5: Chicken pot pie, salad and dressing, dinner roll, birthday treat.

Monday, April 8: Stuffed baked potato with cheese

and sloppy Joe meat, broccoli, muffin and pears.

Tuesday, April 9: Chicken stir fry, Low Mein noodles, pineapple pudding cup, roll.

Wednesday, April 10: Beef and peppers over mashed potatoes, peas and carrots roll, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, April 11: Pasta primavera, salad and dressing, garlic bread, green beans, fruited Jello.

Friday, April 12: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, succotash, roll, fresh fruit.

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Overmyer further said he's uncomfortable with the fact that no company proposing to build a wind farm has been present in any of the recent meetings to discuss the issue. Griewank pointed out that commissioners as a board have heard almost exclusively from those against a wind farm in the area.

"I just don't think that (wind turbine farms) are a good fit for Marshall County," said Overmyer.

He said that among other issues, Marshall County has too dense of a population to support adequate setbacks for the turbines.

County Plan Director Ralph Booker said later that the ultimate decision to ban wind farms is up to the commissioners, not the Plan Commission. He added that the change will require a minimum of two public hearings, one at the next Plan Commission meeting April 25 and another at a later commissioner meeting.

"The plan commission can turn (the resolution) back in

with either a positive or negative recommendation or no recommendation," said Booker.

If the resolution is approved a county zoning ordinance will have to be rewritten and wind farms as a special use variance will no longer be allowed in Ag 1 and Ag 2 districts.

"We will still have developmental standards for what we call smaller wind generation," said Booker, referring to a single wind turbine for personal use.

Booker said that if a ban is put into place, he's not sure if local leaders will hear from commercial wind farm companies again.

"The message to people thinking about putting in a commercial wind farm will be that people are not wanting that in Marshall County," said Booker. "That could change, but that's the message that's been heard."

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victims" (actors in period costume) at the Indiana Historical Society Museum in Indianapolis.

An online source seeking to collect stories of the flood and compile coverage of present-day centennial events and publications is located at nationalcalamityeast-er1913flood.blogspot.com. A PBS-aired documetary ("Goodbye, The Levee Has Broken") on the flood's impact in Ohio may be viewed online at video.thinktv.org/video/1434869494.

Culver's role in the flood is examined in depth in Robert Hartman's 1994 book, "Logansport, March 1913: The Flood," which compiles several first-hand accounts of the effort. It may be ordered online at www.store.culver.org.





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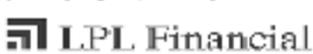
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Letter to the editor

Questions about Culver Community

Dear Editor,
 I recently read the unfortunate news in the Culver Citizen concerning the possible job loss of seven to 10 teachers. As a former employee of the Culver Community Schools Corporation, I not only feel sadness but fury as well. As I read the article for a second time it became clear to me that the information provided is somewhat manipulated. A response to this issue is long overdue.

The first thing I noticed was the distorted information concerning class sizes. We are led to believe that the elementary school is overstaffed due to the amount of children enrolled. Based on the numbers provided by (Superintendent) Mr. (Brad) Schuldt, the student to teacher ratio is 12:1. Mind you, this does not mean there are only 12 students in each elementary classroom. On the contrary, several elementary classrooms currently have more than 20 students. The elementary houses approximately 500 students and has two administrators. The middle and high schools currently have a student to teacher ratio of 10:1. They only house slightly more than 400 students but require four administrators? Yet it has been made clear that the elementary will feel the greatest loss in teachers.

Mr. Schuldt also states that he did not lose 140 kids to Winamac. This may be true; however, there was a loss of 140 students. They didn't all go to Winamac. Some went to Argos, Rochester, Knox, Plymouth and some are being home schooled. There has been an 11 percent decrease in enrollment in the past two years and I can't help but wonder why. In my opinion closing Monterey Elementary two years ago was the driving force for parents to seek out other schools. Wasn't this supposed to prevent a cut in teachers? Isn't that why many came to support the closing of MES? Wasn't class size in the elementary a major concern? It doesn't appear to be much of a concern any longer does it? Again, it was and still is manipulation of information. Mr. Schuldt clearly states that Winamac is currently going through the same thing Culver is. I'm not sure Winamac realizes that. When I called their superintendent's office, they made it perfectly clear that they have had an increase in enrollment. They also stated they have never RIFed a teacher and everything possible would be done so they would never have to. If you are going to make comparisons, please do us all a favor and make sure what you are claiming is actually true.

Back to class size, I would like to give an example of how class sizes could change if teachers are cut. Based on the current number of third-graders enrolled at Culver Elementary, the fourth-grade classes would each have approximately 22 students next year. If a teacher is eliminated at that grade level, class size would increase to 29 students. I am also wondering how many elementary classes Mr. Schuldt has taught to be able to confidently state that five more students per room won't make much of a difference. Mr. Schuldt should take five students to work with him every day for awhile and see just how much of a difference five more kids can make.

Before addressing the comparison made by Mr. Schuldt between administrators and teachers, I want to make something perfectly clear. I am well aware and appreciate the time and effort given by administrators. I just wonder why it isn't also pointed out how much time and effort teachers give. Just because they are not required by contract to give additional time to their profession certainly does not mean they don't. The mere fact that this isn't recognized is a disgrace. Teachers give a huge amount of their time in addition to the regular school day. Not to mention the great amount of pressure that has been put upon them recently. I can only imagine fearing for their jobs also adds a tremendous amount of strain. We are also led to believe that principals visiting classrooms on a regular basis is quite a burden. Did the corporation chose RISE as an evaluation tool? If so, did everyone know that principals were

going to be required to make such visits? Wasn't there an option to make changes to the RISE evaluation? I know of two principals that visited every classroom every day, by choice. The comment made that some teachers may actually make more per hour than some administrators is shocking. Statements like that only leave one to believe that Mr. Schuldt does not have much appreciation for his teaching staff. Let's take a look at this example. If an administrator works five days a week for 46 weeks, with six weeks vacation time at \$108,000 a year, he makes approximately \$464 per day. I've yet to meet a teacher that makes that kind of money.

I find it astonishing that athletics were even mentioned in the same article announcing teacher cuts. Since it was, however, I would like to ask a few questions. Why is the football program commended for being successful yet no mention was made of Culver Elementary being an A school? Why does Mr. Schuldt consider the football program successful at all with a 2012 record of 3-7? Wouldn't that be a losing season? Why does he imply that the reduction in football coaching staff to one head coach and four assistants is a big sacrifice? I am certain that any teacher with a comparable amount of kids to be responsible for would be elated to have four assistants. I am also astonished that Mr. Schuldt has actually requested adding three paid coaching positions. Two of which are intramural sports. Why on earth would anyone support RIFing teachers and creating paid coaching positions at the same time?

I hope I am not the only one that questions if the numbers and statistics given are actually true. More importantly, I hope the school board is not still believing everything they are told. Has everyone involved in this corporation truly done everything possible to prevent losing teachers? Has anyone called area schools to see what they're doing about declining enrollment or if they even have declining enrollment? I did. Winamac has had an increase in enrollment and also has no intention of cutting teachers. Plymouth has had an increase in enrollment and also has no intention of cutting teachers. Argos, Rochester, and Knox have not experienced a decline in enrollment and have also made no mention of decreasing their teaching staff. Gathering this information took 30 minutes out of my day. It's so sad someone with influence on those decisions wouldn't take the time to call for themselves.

**Helen Drew
 Winamac**

Editor's note: Most of the matters Ms. Drew raises for discussion here are in the domain of school administrators or board members to address, but for the record, Superintendent Schuldt made no statement during his interview with The Culver Citizen as to the success of the CCHS football program, which instead was the editor's choice.

My assertion was based on the fact that, overall, the program has improved the team's record in the years since athletic director Andy Thomas' arrival, versus previous years and decades in which the program met with measurably less success. The relevance of that success is a matter of opinion, of course.

Discussion of the athletic program was made part of the article also at the editor's (not the superintendent's) discretion, since the stated motivation for teacher cuts pertained to funding, and athletic programs are, of course, funded via school budgets.

It's no secret that discussion of teacher cuts often leads to public speculation as to whether cuts could be made elsewhere. In this case, the editor had and has been asked repeatedly by readers (in casual conversation or via email or phone call) whether the school corporation examined cutting its athletic program (among other options questioned) before opting to cut teachers.

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Tim Howard, is a local grad and runs New Age Construction in Culver alongside



Clint Salyer. He was recognized by readers Tonya Werner, Stephanie Snider, Jason Salyer, Jackie McManaway, and Kay Tusing, who of course will enjoy unlimited free parking in downtown Culver (while spaces last).

Catching up on some older business, Shelli Overmyer correctly identified our prior Mystery Citizen, Ed Pinder Jr., just after press time...so she can take advantage of that free parking as well!



This week's Mystery Citizen has been part of the Culver community for some time now, plays several important roles on a longstanding local institution, as do some of her family members.

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

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Culver's Shaffer invited to Indiana Elite North vs. South All-Star Challenge

CULVER — Culver Community junior Kayla Shaffer has been invited to play in the Indiana Elite North vs. South All-Star Girls Basketball Challenge.

Shaffer, a 5'10" swing player with the Lady Cavaliers capable of scoring both inside and out, led her team with 16.1 points per game this season. She also averaged 5.3 rebounds while recording 62 steals, 35 assists and 11 blocks in 22 games played, helping power Culver to a 12-



10 overall finish and a 5-2 Northern State Conference mark.

Shaffer is scheduled to play in the Class A Juniors game on April 20 at Lebanon High School at 9 a.m. ET, with the Class A seniors game to follow, followed in turn by six games featuring some of the top talent from the junior and senior classes of the state's 2A, 3A and 4A classifications.

The Indiana Elite North vs. South program is an all-state, open nomination, Indiana approved non-for-profit organization that gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to showcase their talents. Events are programmed with input and feedback from head coaches from every corner of the state. College coaches from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Ohio are invited to every showcase.

Library news

New Technology Assistance sessions

Culver-Union Township Public Library is ready to offer assistance with all things technology-related in April. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet, digital camera – or any other electronic device! Six sessions will be scheduled on Monday evenings and Friday mornings. Sessions take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and include April 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, and 26.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, email abaker@culver.lib.in.us or call 574-842.2941.

Electronic charging stations at CUTPL

This April, Culver-Union Township Public Library is excited to introduce a new library feature, provided free-of-charge to patrons. Two stations for charging cell phones, tablets, and other devices will be installed, one in the computer lab and another on the main floor in the adult study area.

Each charging station provides: four standard electrical outlets, One charging port for Apple devices with 30-pin connector, one for Apple devices with the new Lightning connector and two Micro USB connections that are capable charging most other devices.

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and the overall savings for the school corporation in energy costs down the line.

"This breaks down to a total cost of 17 cents to the tax rate. The money to do this comes from a building and maintenance fund which is completely different from the funds used to pay for teachers and staff," explained Schuldt.

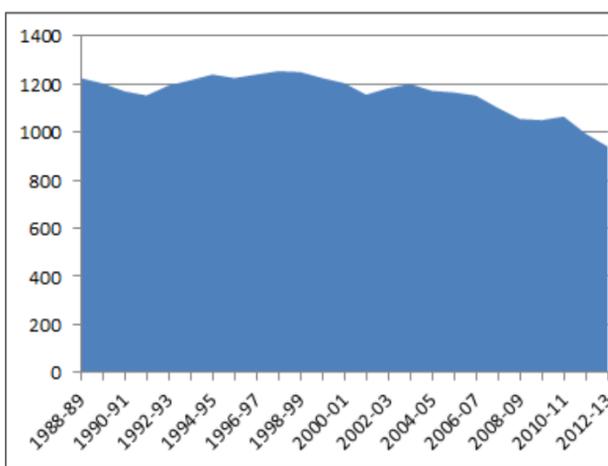
The school board then discussed the one bid for two new school buses received from Midwest Transit for \$181,814, with a trade-in value for two old school buses of \$16,300. Board member Dave Cooper moved to accept the bid and board member Jack Jones second the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the bid.

The following board meeting, on March 5, included discussion regarding the potential for teacher layoffs and an interest in the Monterey School Building.

Board member Ryan Sieber discussed the desire for a Christian-based school to rent the now-vacant Monterey Elementary School building.

"Have they raised the money and how much of the building would they require for their use," questioned Schuldt. "There are just too many unanswered questions for right now. It is not our job to answer those questions, but rather to protect our assets. We would love to entertain any and all ideas for use of the Monterey School building, but for now we just don't have enough information."

The superintendent then passed out numerous documents showing the school corporations' number of stu-



The chart above shows the decline of student enrollment in Culver Community Schools overall, from 1988-89 (1,225 students) to 2012-13 (940 students). Numbers stayed near the high 1,100s and low 1,200s until around 2005, when student population seemed to drop by approximately 50 students each year.

BPA students seek support in Nationals trip

Culver Community High School students will carry on a remarkable tradition of excellence when they head to Business Professionals of America Nationals in Orlando, Florida, later this spring.

Junior Justin Croy will compete in his BPA event, Computer Modeling, for the 2nd year in a row. Janele VanDePutte makes her first trip to Nationals for Digital Media Production, according to faculty sponsor Gene Baker.

The total cost of the students' trip is \$4,720, and the BPA is seeking generous community members to assist in reducing students' out-of-pocket costs.

Any contribution, notes Baker, is greatly appreciated, and checks should be payable to "CCHS" with a notation of "BPA NLC trip." The BPA must start paying bills before the conference, so time is of the essence, he adds.

CCHS senior is stock car racer

By Dana Wireman, CCHS

Culver Comm. High School senior Justin Wheeler has been racing for four years, following in his father's footsteps. At the Shadyhill Speedway, Wheeler runs hot laps to determine his starting position for the heats. He then races heats to qualify and advance in the tournament. A winner is then determined from whoever finishes the fifteen laps first. Wheeler and his father also refer to this passion as "Wheeler Racing."

Due to his blue and orange Chevrolet Cavalier not being setup correctly, Wheeler only won three races out of many. But he doesn't just race for a win. He races because he generally loves to race. Wheeler said, "It's a great adrenaline rush and really exciting to do, something going wrong because of the speed racers are moving at."

Even though Wheeler loves to race, it is not what he wants to pursue in life.

"Racing is a hobby of mine. I am more into technology and computers and would want to pursue that (for a career)."

However, Justin Wheeler plans to keep racing for fun as long as he can.

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dents, going back to the 1980s and following through to the present.

"We have lost an additional 40 students since the beginning of the school year," he said, "but history shows that we will pick up a few more before the end of the year."

Schuldt went on to explain the school lost 169 students in the last four years. In 2002, six teachers were cut, though two were subsequently invited back. Schuldt said many school departments are down to just one person, necessary in order to

to RIF any teachers at all," stressed Schuldt.

Board member Ed Behnke said he hoped that if they had to RIF (Reduction In Force) any teachers that the teachers, administration, and athletic department would bear the burden equally. He also commented regarding the anonymous letters received by school board members. Ryan Sieber stated that he, too, had received unmarked letters and said that, "we are not a head-bobbing group... we would rather you come in to have thoughtful debate and conversation prior to the vote."

Board member Van DePutte, obviously very shaken up from the letters, said, "I, too, have received these letters and they have called me names and a coward, without the ability to defend myself. I also would like to know where these children (leaving the school system) are going -- they have to be going somewhere. I would also like to say that I do not envy the administrators that have to choose to lay off friends and coworkers. This is not easy on anyone."

Board member Dave Cooper commented that, "it isn't the people sitting at this table that are making the decision to RIF teachers. Rather, it's the legislature making the cuts to the school budget."

meet state curriculum standards.

"We cannot get rid of the departments because we will not meet the state standards," he said. "The athletic department has been cut by an additional 5 percent and I just don't feel comfortable cutting it further. In Indiana, a good sports program is a draw for students, and in some cases one sport can help pay for all the other sports program at the school. That's just the way it is in Indiana schools."

The board will receive recommendations in April as to teacher cuts, and should make their final decisions by the end of April or beginning of May.

"I would just like to say that the number of retirements and the potential for more if the teachers that are eligible act on it -- we are already halfway there and may not have



Natural, ecologically sound healthcare, fertility for women, couples April 23

An introduction to the ecologically sound, non-hormonal Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System (CrMS) will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Culver beach lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive in Culver. The public is welcome and refreshments will be provided for this free event.

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the helmsman to navigate them. Gignilliat realized that the cutters needed crews familiar with handling them, so he chose to send the boats as well as volunteering Culver cadets and faculty to man them. The irony of the mayor's request was that a Logansport newspaper had recently lampooned Culver for purchasing Naval cutters for use on an inland lake.

Gignilliat summoned Captains Robert Rossow, Harold Bays, and two other faculty members to be in charge of the four cutters to be transported via the Pennsylvania Railroad. Each faculty officer was given a pistol and told to fire three shots if his boat was in trouble. Gignilliat and his officers then chose some sixty cadets – teenagers – to man the boats. The superintendent selected only cadets who had worked with the cutters in the summer Naval School.

"The record," according to Jordan, "is very clear that many other cadets wanted to participate, and that those who were not chosen were quite disappointed. Gignilliat mollified those not chosen by telling them that he did not know how long Culver's participation would last and that those remaining behind needed to be ready to serve as replacements and/or as a second group of rescuers."

One of those volunteers, sixteen-year-old Elliot White Springs was deemed too young and too small for the task and was told to stay behind. Rossow had the cadets and the Academy boat crew move the boats from storage (near today's White-DeVries Rowing Center) to the Academy railroad spur (behind the current Uniform/Laundry building). It took twenty cadets to carry each boat more than a half-mile across the snow-covered ground in the dark to be loaded onto flatcars.

Once loaded with cutters, cadets, and faculty, the train set off on a journey that took it across bridges that had been dangerously weakened by the flood waters. Unbeknownst to the Culver team, Springs had smuggled himself aboard the train, taking cover under the tarpaulin of one of the cutters. The stowaway was discovered along the way.

The train arrived at Logansport at three o'clock in the morning. The city was in darkness. All electricity had been knocked out by the raging waters. The boys and faculty officers unloaded the boats; the floodwaters were nearly level with the flatcars so it was relatively easy to push the boats into the water. Each boat had a crew of ten, plus the helmsman and a faculty officer. At Mayor Fickle's request, each boat also carried a Logansport policeman. When sufficient light allowed, they set out, wet snow falling on them.

Gignilliat placed Springs in his own boat. Despite his small size the youth performed well on the river.

Gignilliat's description of what happened after they launched the first cutter was a grim foreshadowing of the next thirty-six hours the cadets and faculty would spend in the icy waters. "At first we progressed nicely in a column of cutters, but as we came nearer to the river, the boat that I commanded was caught in a whirlpool at a street crossing and spun around like a top. Before I could give the orders to pull us out of the whirlpool, two of the heavy oars were snapped like toothpicks against a telegraph pole. Fortunately we had brought along spares."

From then on, Gignilliat wrote in an aide-memoire, "the Culver cadets and faculty engaged in a hard day and a half battle with swift currents and foaming eddies dangerously complicated with wires and treetops. Snatching a mouthful of coffee occasionally as they came to shore, the cadets worked unceasingly."

Navigating the cutters through the flood waters was dangerous business, Rossow described in a later account. "We swept into the flood, one, two, three blocks, the heavy fourteen-foot oars clunking in the thwarts with exact precision, the sweeps catching the water in beautiful timing. They rowed like veterans of a racing shell, their reaches forward, between strokes, smooth and effortless. . . . Most of them were boys whom I had had personal contact. I knew what was in them."

Rossow soon realized the current flowed much stronger through the intersections, as the Wabash flows from north to south. "As we pushed deeper into the area, these currents began, more and more, to sweep us sideward as we crossed one street after another.

"Suddenly, as the prow of our heavy cutter nosed into the intersection of one of the last north and south streets that we would have to cross, a current of unbelievable force careened the craft diagonally across the street. Red Drake [a cadet],

caught unawares and off-balance, was nearly swept overboard by the suddenly jibing lone tiller," Rossow wrote.

At one point, Gignilliat's boat was pushed into a huge guy wire by the current, causing the craft to tip dangerously. "Nearly pulling their young arms out of their sockets, and with the help of a boy in the bow with a boat hook, who, without orders from me, did just the right thing on his own initiative, they extricated us from the guy wire.

"One of the calmest and most cheerful of those rescued was a woman with a one-day-old baby. In another case, a woman passed out a bundle saying, 'Please, be careful of my baby.' The bundle shortly thereafter (revealed) a pet poodle." From the sublime to the ridiculous!

Gignilliat also wrote of a particularly poignant rescue: "One helpless old man in the arms of his cadet rescuer said, 'I am not afraid for you to carry me down the ladder, comrade. This is the third time that I have been carried by a soldier – twice when wounded in the Civil War.'"

Gignilliat was amazed at the way the cadets treated the flood victims: "I shall never cease to marvel at the strength and endurance of those teenaged boys, who labored at the oars for two days with scant time for food or rest. Something else that I shall not forget about those boys was their tenderness with the old and the young and the sick. Maybe it was a woman with a baby, maybe a bed-ridden old woman with the stoicism of age, maybe a shivering, frightened child. All were helped into the boat with the solicitude those boys might have shown their own mothers or grandmothers or little sisters in distress."

Logansport resident John Beatty added additional praise by writing, "I want to say that Logansport owes a debt of thanks and gratitude to the brave boys of Culver Academy. How our hearts leaped with joy when they appeared on Linden Avenue with strong boats Wednesday morning. When the storm beat down upon them, they worked with cheerfulness, willingness and tenderness that invoked our admiration."

Tenderness is not always associated with heroic behavior, nor is it often viewed as a strong masculine trait – yet it struck a rescued man that the cadets had shown precisely this quality while rescuing his family. Jordan uses examples like this to portray the ideals of Culver graduates to his cadets.

Despite the mythic proportions the Logansport Flood has attained, these events did happen. But such an epic experience is not likely to happen again. No contemporary head of school would dare take the risk that Gignilliat took. In later years he questioned whether he should have volunteered the cadets for such a dangerous situation. "I am considerably older today," he wrote, ". . . I wonder if now I would dare risk the lives of boys entrusted to my care without asking their parents' consent in advance." Yet, in 1913 Gignilliat took that chance and the Logansport Flood became a part of Culver and Indiana history. Almost a quarter of a century later, when another flood swept parts of Indiana and a similar request went out for the Culver boats, Academy authorities sent the cutters and the adult boat crew, but denied a request by the cadets to accompany the boats. Times had changed.

Asked about the wisdom of Gignilliat's decision, Head of Schools John Buxton said, "At Culver we teach our students to do the right things, always! However, we also teach them that the challenge of ethical decision-making is that in certain situations – in many, in fact – there are two rights and no wrong, yet a decision must still be made. To send cadets to Logansport or to decide that the risk is too great? What is the righter, right? When does the requirement to serve others outweigh the threat of personal injury or harm? You would have to have been there to know . . . but you clearly know what Culver did."

Telling the tale

Telling of the story of Culver at Logansport began almost immediately. Two days after returning, Springs sent a long letter to his father about the flood, omitting the fact that he had stowed away in order to take part in the rescue. Gignilliat and Rossow both wrote accounts of the flood shortly after returning to Culver. The 1913 yearbook, Roll Call, however, makes only three references to the flood:

- Allan "Bud" Garrett Fisher of Tacoma, Washington, was described as "the 'Hero of Logansport,' his many feats of daring and strength won him this well-deserved title."

- The item on Charles "Blackie" Blackburn Lawton of Miami, Arizona, reads: "To be serious, C.B. is undoubtedly the worst sufferer of the Logansport flood, for while he wasn't there in person he knows the name and address of every damsel that was."

- Joseph "Jimmie" Ezra Logsdon of Shawneetown, Illinois, "made a name for himself as a second-story man of cutter No. 13 in Logansport.

"The lesson of Logansport is to do what is asked of you while at Culver, even if it is hard, and to do all you can to help others, especially if it involves using what you've learned at Culver."

-Col. Kelly Jordan

Logansport – courage, justice, duty, honor, wisdom, service, moderation, and truth. This gate marks the location of the formal opening of every academic year as the site of the Matriculation Ceremony at which new students are formally welcomed to the Academies. The students form up on Academy Road and, as their names are called, pass through the gate and are greeted by Head of Schools John Buxton and his wife, Pam, the commandant and dean of girls, and the regimental commander and senior prefect. Commencement parallels this event when students exit through the Iron Gate or the Graduation Arch, joining the ranks of The Culver Legion.

A few years ago the administrative team realized that many students did not know the significance of the Matriculation Ceremony or the deeper meaning of the school's role at Logansport. Hearing about that incident was deemed not enough. Now, on the morning of matriculation, new cadets undergo an experience which brings them more in touch with the original event. They climb into modern versions of the Naval cutters and learn to use them on Lake Maxinkuckee. Following that, the nearly three hundred new cadets and girls are bused to Logansport to see where this event happened. It is not unusual at more than one point to see students

gawk when they see the lines drawn above their heads on the sides of buildings marking the high point of the 1913 flood waters. Following the tour of the town, the students eat lunch in a city park along the Wabash River, often welcomed by the mayor or a representative of the city of Logansport.

Jordan says the leadership lessons of the Logansport episode are legion. "We use this trip as a leadership opportunity for our current students. The adults help set the stage and provide context for the event, but during the trip we have upper-class boys and girls lead discussions among the small groups from each unit/dorm to help identify and discuss the leadership issues related to various parts of the event," Jordan said. "The trip culminates by having each group of new students provide reports to their peers about the leadership lessons they learned to help each other connect the students to their heritage." According to Jordan, "the new cadets/students come out of the event with a greater appreciation of the sacrifices of their predecessors and what it means to be a Culver student, and the upper-class cadets/students acquire a deeper understanding of the history and heritage of their school and what is expected of Culver graduates."

The first year that this event occurred, an elderly woman approached a group of Culver cadets while they were lunching in the park and asked whether they were from Culver Military Academy. Told that they were, the woman shared that her great-grandmother had been rescued by Culver in 1913. The cadets later accused the commandant of having set up this encounter; Jordan replied in all candor that he had not. The Culver boys had been brought face to face with living history.

Back on campus, Jordan tells the students that Culver will ask much of them during their time at the school, and that "the lesson of Logansport is to do what is asked of you while at Culver, even if it is hard, and to do all you can to help others, especially if it involves using what you've learned at Culver."

Jordan urges the students to use the Logansport flood as an example and guide for them to do their best personally and as groups in the challenging times. The final act on campus is to replicate the Culver cadets' departure from Logansport in 1913 with a rousing cheer of fifteen "rahs" for the residents of Logansport, completing a physical, intellectual, and emotional connection to the past for contemporary students.

Buxton wrote that developmental psychologist Howard Gardner "believes that the ultimate impact of a leader depends on the stories he or she communicates to others. Sometimes these stories become the stories of the school, providing the sense of identity and coherence that hold things together. We could not possibly imagine a better story than the Logansport Flood story. It speaks to preparedness, courage, determination, service, and leadership. This story reminds all of us why Culver makes a difference in the world."

The significance of the flood and the gift of the Logansport Gate will be commemorated by the Academies at the August 26 Matriculation Ceremony, which will officially initiate the 2013-2014 school year. The mayor of Logansport will be invited at the ceremony will be an opportunity "to build on the Culver values," says Kathy Lintner, the principal and dean of faculty.

"Lending a helping hand when neighboring people were in peril was the right thing to do," Lintner said. "The ideals of leadership, social responsibility, character, endurance, and compassion that were the backbone of Culver's mission became living realities."

About the author: Richard Davies retired in May 2008 after 42 years with the Academies. During his career he taught history and humanities, coached crew, was Troop A counselor, coordinated the Ninth-Grade Program, directed the World Spirituality Series, and held the W.A. Moncrief Jr. Chair of American Democratic Heritage. He and Principal Kathy Lintner developed the Myth & Lit course, which has garnered national attention. Using the campus as a backdrop, Davies has authored three novels integrating European and Native American lore.

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Culver Comm. Middle School Students of the Month

Culver Comm. Middle School has announced its February Students of the Month.

7th grade: Paige Good (teacher: Peggy Arquette), Logan Kephart (John Browder), Jake Rodgers (Jason Crittendon), Pierce Ellert (Tara Dehning), Ginny Wood (Amy Gearhart), Dillon Salyer (Cheryl Geik), Kaitlyn Moore (Julie Kitchell), Cody Rieckhoff (Shane Lowry), Jake

Rodgers (Cristyn Messick), Hayley Wilkinson (Donna Schwartz), Dillon Salyer (Dana Thomas), Cody Rieckhoff (Ashleigh Trumble).

8th grade: Cora Dodge (Peggy Arquette), Josh Krsek (Eugene Baker), Brandon Havron (Jason Crittendon), Makayla Felda (Tara Dehning), Anthony Bellecomo (Ashli Faulkner), Chris Zehner (Amy Gearhart), Tanner

Hoffman (Chad Hollenbaugh), Alyssa Stockberger (Mary James), Matt Markovitz (Heather Jurgonski), Betse Ellert (Shane Lowry), Osten Robles (Cristyn Messick), Zack Kisela (Julie Perkins), Jackson Rich (Donna Schwartz), Makayla Felda (Tina Stacy), Tanner Hoffman (Andy Thomas), Courtney Salyer (Dana Thomas).

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signs."

Specifically, signs cited included advertising repairs, minor renovations, painting projects, adding siding to homes, and the like, noting such signs left in yards after April 1 would lead to \$100 fines per day.

Council member Ginny Munroe asked if the decision could hurt "the little guy competing with the big contractor."

However, building inspector Russ Mason, in the audience, pointed out one local heating and air conditioning business "must have 35 signs around town. He's advertising."

In other discussion, Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield noted department members toured Culver Academies recently in hopes of enhancing contingency plans for any emergencies which might take place there.

Wakefield, asked if the Academies' recently-completed rowing center lacks a lock box for safe entry in case of an emergency, replied that the school has security officers on duty day and night with keys to gain entry to the building. Mason pointed out the town now has an ordinance requiring addition of lock boxes -- which are located near entryways and contain keys to the building which may be accessed by emergency personnel for quick, safe entry -- to any new construction. Mason said a certificate of occupancy and final inspection of the building haven't taken place yet, and that he would speak to school representatives about it.

It was also agreed to discuss in an upcoming work session use of the fire department's now-retired grass truck, which had previously been proposed either for sale to the highest bidder, or for use for Culver's tree commission in watering newly-planted trees.

It was noted some collectors have expressed interest in purchasing the truck as a vintage item. Tree commission member Tom Kearns expressed concern that, should the coming summer's weather be comparable to last summer's, "you'll lose a heck of a lot of trees. We're looking at putting in 80 trees (this year)."

Town clerk Karen Heim was asked to investigate whether disposal of the truck would require approval from the Union Township board, since fire department funding comes partly from that entity, and whether town insurance would cover volunteer drivers of the truck in tree commission use.

Kevin Berger of the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation distributed the MCEDC's new annual report to council members, noting the group has a new website as well.

He said most Marshall County communities are wrestling with the similar problems to Culver's in a lack of usable land for commercial development.

"If it's not for sale in Culver with a price on it, we can't

market it," said Berger, pointing out several properties' availability is on a "possibility" basis, depending on proposed use of the land and price offered.

"Part of it is the cost of farmland," he added, "and some of it is just that towns don't want to give up control, so (land is) being held...I know the (Culver Redevelopment Committee) is looking into it. But all of you need to work together. We need some kind of community meeting on it. Culver needs to get on board if we can do anything here."

Asked by council member Munroe if the MCDEC could help promote availability of empty storefronts in Culver, Berger said the organization tends to focus more on industrial development since funding is more readily available in that area.

"We're trying to get Chambers of Commerce to be a bit more robust on storefronts. Our Chamber (in Culver) does a lot, but it tends to be more social than productive. And local Chambers have been pretty negative on the idea of starting a county-wide Chamber."

Berger also noted if more Culver businesses would join the Culver Chamber, it would have more funding for economic development.

Munroe agreed, adding, "We aren't marketing Culver at all."

Berger also explained the MCEDC is developing a flyer looking at how many people are located within 200 miles of Marshall County, adding the traffic passing through via highways 30 and 31 could be a boon to the area if capitalized upon properly.

Council members also voted to allow utilities manager Bob Porter to work with Jim Bonine, caretaker of Culver's Masonic cemetery, towards re-graveling the driveways -- which Bonine said are "in sad shape" -- in the cemetery. Bonine noted milling of the two blocks of Culver's downtown area, between Washington and Madison Streets, would soon commence, and asked if the milled material could be used in the cemetery.

Porter noted, however, the town will need some substantial portion of the material for Culver's alleyways, which are also plagued with potholes as spring approaches. Porter suggested the cemetery project might be better done in stages.

The council also voted to allow placement of two signs identifying the cemetery, part of an Indiana Heritage cemetery sign project being undertaken throughout the county, according to audience member Jim Easterday, who made the request. He suggested the strip of land on the west side of the cemetery would be an ideal location, but noted he's been unable to determine with certainty who owns this strip, though it's assumed the town does.

The council's approval of the location was contingent on town ownership.

Council also approved amended agreements for respec-

tive water and sewer rate studies to be handled by the Umbaugh firm, as represented at the meeting by Jeff Rowe.

Approved was \$1,574 for testing and repair of five water meters attached to large entities, such as schools, in town, an annual fee of \$1,140 for Stallings Consulting's regular backup of town emails and server data, and \$1,369 for the State Board of Accounts' auditing of Culver's water and sewer billing. Other approvals included establishing a separate bank account for Ebay and Paypal Internet accounts for sale of other "retired" fire department items, as requested by Heim, and an increase in pay to \$37.50 (from \$25) per cleaning for Dee Schrimsher, who cleans the town hall and police department offices.

At the recommendation of town attorney Jim Clevenger, the council approved a contract with Priority Projects Inc., to handle administration of Culver's upcoming storm water grant, as well as establishment of a committee to interview VS Engineers inspection consulting firm for the project.

Bob Cooper III, Culver EMS director, noted a basic EMT class would begin April 30 for anyone interesting in joining the service. The class will run through the end of July and will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. and every other weekend as well.

A council work session was scheduled for 5 p.m. on April 9.

