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In Brief

Nat'l Day of Prayer service tonight

The Culver Bible Church, 718 S. Main Street, will host a National Day of Prayer service this Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend to pray for our nation, state, and town. Contact Pastor Dan Huhn at 574-842-3056 with questions.

Car wash, care packages Saturday

The Gleaner Life Insurance Society and Union Township 4-H clubs are joining hands Saturday for Join Hands Day. Donations are being collected for care packages to be sent to the local area service men and women.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Fire Department on Lake Shore Drive, donations will be packaged and a free will donation car wash will take place, with all proceeds to benefit the Culver food pantry.

Scout fund-raiser Saturday

Boy Scout Troop 229 will hold a Port-a-Pit chicken fund-raiser at the Napa Parking lot in Winamac, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 for a half chicken. Funds will help Culver Scouts Alan Dilts, Jack Campbell, and Jeremy Penrod with their Southern States Tour next summer and other Scouting events. Those in the Culver area may request local delivery of chicken by calling 574-216-5041.

Lions Spring Fest this wknd.

The Culver Lions Spring Festival and flea market will take place Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, with a breakfast and bake sale May 4. All will be held at the railroad station in Culver. The flea market is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast will be Saturday from 6 to 11 a.m. (\$7 adult and \$4 for children). The bake sale is from 7 a.m. until sold out.

Donations are accepted for the flea market. For pick up, call Fred at 574-842-2015. For more information call Sandy at 574-842-2152.

Free computer classes at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes for beginners Mondays

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Lions roar for Cavaliers

ABOVE: Culver's Lions Club has stepped up to support students at Culver Comm. High School lately, which is nothing new, of course. In fact, last Wednesday's annual senior banquet has been a springtime tradition for the club for decades. Lauded at the event in the LOWER RIGHT photo are (front row, from left) Josh Walters, Micah Budzinski, Allen Betts, John Ahlenius, and Mitch Maes. Back row: Alexandria Baker, Michelle Elam, Angel Okray, Elizabeth Rainey, and Dana Wireman. LOWER LEFT: Receiving the club's annual scholarship -- as awarded by Lions president Don Freese (right) was John Ahlenius. Entertaining the audience prior to the awards proper were members of the CCHS Jazz Street choir (UPPER LEFT), directed by Diane Derrow. SEE STORY BELOW. LOWER CENTER: Lions treasurer Fred Lintner presents a check to After Prom committee chair Elaine Peterson. The Lions have been long time supporters of After Prom, which will be held next Saturday at the Plymouth Life Plex, which offers rock climbing, swimming, basketball, racquetball, and ping pong. The After Prom committee also hires a popular hypnotist, and this year the Culver Photo Booth will add to the entertainment. Osborn's Subway and The Original Rootbeer Stand donate food and drinks for the night and early morning, and a number of community organizations and businesses donate funds to rent the facility.

CCHS seniors hailed by Culver Lions

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Lions Club hosted students and family members last Wednesday at the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria for the Club's annual recognition banquet, during which 11 outstanding CCHS seniors were lauded.

After a an invocation prayer by Lion Larry Welch, Lions president Don Freese welcomed attendees and introduced the school's vocal choir, Jazz Street, which performed several numbers under the direction of Diane Derrow.

Kicking off the recognition portion of the event was CCHS student council president Mitch Maes, who discussed the wide assortment of dances and other activities the council sponsored during the past year, including a Pennies for Patients drive, which raised nearly \$2,000 for the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Senior class president Elizabeth Rainey also discussed a number of class events and memorable moments, such as watching one of their own, Matt Hurford, win the wrestling state championship in Indianapolis.

"Our class has gone through so much together over the past year," she said.

Freese then introduced CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon, who praised Freese's assistance on "many, many service projects" involving students. She described the honored students as "a real strength to our school," noting the various academic departments decide who will be the award recipients, as do members and leaders of the school's various clubs and organizations.

First up was John Ahlenius, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ahlenius, whom Sheldon said was one of the co-presidents of the school's CAVS (Culver Alliance for Volunteer Service) Club as well as an active leader in CYCO, the Culver Youth Community Organization combining students from CCHS and Culver Academies. Ahlenius received the Service award, Art Club President's award, and CAVS Club Co-president's award.

Ahlenius praised Sheldon as "a great mentor" who "helped me throughout." He will major in agri-business at Purdue University this fall.

Alexandria Baker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. See Students page 7

Culver identity, housing, business matters top comprehensive plan discussions

BY Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The first public meetings towards formation of a new comprehensive plan for Culver were held last week, and if one thing emerged clearly, it's that times have changed since the last plan.

Specifically, many among the wide array of opinions expressed indicated Culver is a community struggling to come to terms with its identity, and to forge a plan arising from whatever identity it wishes to embrace.

Brandon Nolin and Dan Gardener of Chicago-based consulting firm Houseal Lavigne and Associates led the first public meeting, Monday evening at the beach lodge, starting with distribution of a questionnaire focusing on priorities for Culver moving forward. After jotting down several, the approximately 20 attendees were encouraged to verbalize them, as Nolin and Gardener created a written list for all to see.

The issue of affordable housing overwhelmingly topped the list, with closely-related matters of "honoring in on Culver's identity," broader and more ample employment opportunities, and the need for more young families in the community following. Others named included winter-time activities (specifically those not involving alcohol), programs for young people past the typical elementary age of Culver Boys & Girls Club members, improving communication conduits such as high-speed internet access for businesses and individuals, more and better hiking and biking trails, creation of a Culver business park, reckoning with the implications of an ageing population, condition and development of the west "gateway" into Culver on Jefferson Street, more support and promotion of local businesses, preservation of Culver's history and heritage, better protection for Lake Maxinkuckee, and others.

Next, those in attendance were asked to suggest specific projects they'd like to see undertaken in the future. To a large extent, resultant answers proposed specific solutions to the top several priorities or concerns listed, with some exceptions including getting the movie theater in Culver going again, renovation of Culver's water plant, and addition of an airport, among others.

Asked to name Culver's top assets, responses included the presence of Lake Maxinkuckee and Culver Academies, a caring a friendly atmosphere, prevalence of volunteerism, safety of living conditions, overall appearance, and high quality eateries.

Houseal Lavigne's representatives expressed appreciation for the diverse turnout at the meeting, noting in many such surveys, "only one facet of many fragmented views comes out. The fact that so many are here is a great start -- it makes us excited about the process."

The following morning, approximately the same number of attendees, this time representing Culver's business community, turned out for a meeting at the town hall specifically focused on business.

A wide array of topics and extensive discussion carried the two-hour meeting, whose length Nolin and Gardener said was a positive indicator of the investment and interest of those at the table and, by extension, those in the community.

The question of Culver's identity once again came to the fore. However, said Gardener, community members should hesitate to limit that identity to a narrow definition.

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Zeller basketball family Culver-bound

Youth basketball camp here June 5 - 7

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Zeller name is currently one of the biggest in basketball, and organizers plan to bring to bring some of that excitement to Culver June 5 through 7 for a Zeller family sponsored youth camp open to anyone entering 4th through 9th grade.

Sponsored by the Zeller family's Distinxion (distinxion.org) organization, the overnight camp will take place on the campus of Culver Academies and will give youngsters an opportunity to spend some time with NBA players, college and high school coaches, and other area and regional standouts and learn not only some basketball skills, but skills in the area of character development as well.

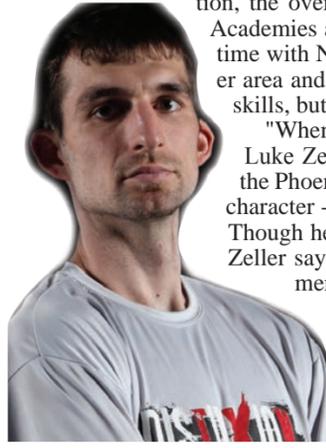
"When the ball stops bouncing, the person continues," says Luke Zeller, who just finished his first season with NBA team the Phoenix Suns. "So at the camp we work on basketball and on character -- we develop both together."

Though he's not visited the campus of Culver Academies before, Zeller says he's heard about its beauty and quality from his former Suns coach, Alvin Gentry, alumni Chet Marshall, and others.

"I'm excited to be there," he says. "It sounds like a great venue."

The venue, in fact, is much of the reason for the Culver camp's status as one of the few of Distinxion's camps in Indiana this year to be an overnight

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Luke Zeller

Police investigate home entries

Culver police are reminding citizens to lock doors and windows and use due prudence with regards to security, after a series of residential entries last week.

Entry or attempted entry to three homes and one garage in the area of College Avenue and Liberty Street was believed to have taken place April 24, though no theft or vandalism appears to have resulted, according to town marshal Wayne Bean.

Those with information pertaining to the incidents, or with questions, are encouraged to call the Culver police department at 574-842-2525.

Woman takes own life in Culver church cemetery

CULVER — A 56-year-old woman from Claypool, Ind. killed herself Tuesday afternoon at a church cemetery outside of Culver, according to a press release issued by the Marshall County Coroner.

Margurite C. Quimby called the 911 Dispatch Center and told the dispatcher of her intentions. When the woman could not be reached, officers were sent to the scene. Her body was discovered in the cemetery behind Poplar Grove Church.

No foul play is suspected. A note with contact information was found in the woman's car.

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at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. in May. They include: Computers for Beginners (May 6, 10), Internet/email for beginners (May 13 and 17), Mobile devices for beginners (May 20 and 24). Classes are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842.2941.

Jr. Football sign-ups

Sign-ups for the 2013 Junior Football season are starting next month, on the following dates: May 14 from 5 to 7 p.m., and June 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Community High School library. All enrollment will be online this year with only an email address required. If you do not have one, volunteers can help you create one when you enroll. If you choose to enroll online on your own, please still plan to attend one of these dates to be fitted for equipment and uniforms. All are encouraged to “like” Culver Junior Football on Facebook.

Babysitting club in May

A babysitting club will be offered on Wednesdays in May beginning May 8 at the Culver beach lodge. The club is offered to girls and boys ages 11 and up, free of charge. Participants will learn something new each week with tips in first aid, simple cooking, crafts and games, and activities. Those interested must register by May 3 at 574-842-3510.

Town-wide cleanup

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Town Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, May 11. 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.

VFW Men’s Aux. dinner to benefit local youth

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Men’s Auxiliary will host a smoked half-chicken dinner with baked beans and chips included, for \$8 Saturday, May 11, from noon until sold out, at the Post. The public is welcome. Profits from this event will be used for the CCHS Scholarship Fund.

Lake study rescheduled, public presentation May 14

The previously announced Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council core sampling project has been rescheduled for May 13, 14, and 15. Representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, who will lead the extensive study of Lake Maxinkuckee, will lead a public presentation at the Culver depot at 7 p.m. on the 13th for the general public, and for various Marshall County students and teachers at 10 a.m. on the 14th. For more information, contact LMEC executive director Kathy Clark at lmecc@culcom.net.

Last PTO mtg May 14

The Culver Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will hold its last meeting of the year Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m. in the Elementary school library, for those interested in attending.

Community meal at Grace May 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Wednesday, May 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.

Tour de Max May 18

The Culver Tri Kappa Tour de Max bicycle ride will take place Saturday, May 18 and will include 10, 30, and 63-mile routes. At the end of the ride, riders are invited to enjoy a biker’s brunch. Cyclists may begin checking in at the beach lodge and start their ride as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 9:30 a.m. However, those riders planning to ride the 63-mile route must leave no later than 8 a.m. The cost is \$25, and includes a t-shirt. Riders 12 years old and under may ride free with an adult but do not receive a t-shirt. Registrations will be accepted the day of the ride. Helmets are required and must be worn during the ride. Read more at www.tourdemax.blogspot.com or register online at www.active.com.

Fly fishing 101 June 15

Learn when and why fly fishing is the right tool for the task Saturday June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Culver Academies’ Tennis Courts. Attendees will gain an understanding of what weight fly rod and fly line to use for various fishing; leaders and tippet as well as fly line types (SF, DT, etc.), fly fishing safety and etiquette, and types of flies; learn basic casting techniques and the five casting principles that help you become more proficient in handling casting situations; basics in tying, knots, and bugs. Class is limited to 5 participants. Minimum age is 11 years of age. Total cost for each participant is \$10. Equipment will be supplied. Please contact Kelly Young, park supt., at 574-842-3510 to register.

New teachers, education director sought for Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church is expanding its youth ministry and looks forward to hiring, along with two new preschool teachers, a new Director of Education who will oversee the Wesley Preschool, along with family and adult education opportunities at Wesley United Methodist Church. Those interested in knowing more about the preschool or the new job openings may visit the church’s website (www.culverumc.com/preschool or www.culverumc.com/hiring) or contact Pastor Jacob Juncker (jacob@culverumc.com or 574-842-2900).

Swimming lesson registration

The Culver park department will offer three sessions of swimming lessons this summer. Registration for children aged 3 and up will take place June 3 through 12 and the cost is \$25 per child. Session dates are as follows: session 1: June 17 through 26; session 2: July 1 through July 11; session 3: July 22 through July 31. Times will be determined at a later date.

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).

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.

Park board meetings change time

Culver’s park board will now meet at 7 p.m. (rather than 7:30 as in the past) the first Weds. Of each month, at the Culver town hall, 200 E. Washington St. in Culver. Meeting schedules, board makeup, and other information related to the municipality of Culver is available online at www.townofculver.org.

CBGC auction set for June 14

The Culver Boys and Girls Club has announced its annual fundraising event, “Building Brighter Futures” to be held Friday, June 14 at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The evening includes cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, the annual silent auction, and entertainment provided by Mission IMPROVable, a comedy improv act. The silent auction will culminate with a premium live auction featuring spectacular items available to the highest bidder. To reserve admission, contact Leslie Shepard at shepard@culver.k12.in.us or a CBGC board member. You can also write to Attention Auction, CBGC, PO Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

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.

Pull up a chair for Tri Kappa's Chairs for Charity June 29

Culver Tri-Kappa's Chairs for Charity, a popular event and creative outlet for the entire community, makes its bi-annual return this year. The auction will be held Saturday, June 29 at the Culver Cove resort on Jefferson Street.

The evening kicks off with a reception of features a silent auction for the first time. The chairs, Tri-Kappa well as artists in the community, are artistically altered to create artistic, whimsical, sentimental, memorable, silly, sporty or elegant – but certainly unique works of the community's creativity.



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The chairs, Tri-Kappa well as artists in the community, are artistically altered to create artistic, whimsical, sentimental, memorable, silly, sporty or elegant – but certainly unique works of the community's creativity. Tri-Kappa is encouraging members of the community to find a chair and give it a new life for the event. The chairs will be displayed in various businesses around town for two weeks leading up to the event. Proceeds from the event go directly to area children's education and other community needs. The Tri-Kappa Culver chapter has awarded several scholarships to Culver Community High school students to help with their college costs throughout the years, among other endeavors.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Rich bkrich@culcom.net or Dorothea Ragsdale, dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization that exists only within the boundaries of the state of Indiana. The object of this organization shall be to bring women into close, unselfish relationship for the promotion of charity, culture and education.

Culver High School reunion June 29

A reunion has been scheduled for Culver High School (CHS) alumni and former CHS students on Saturday, June 29, at the cafeteria for the Culver Community Schools Middle School/High School. Doors will open for the reunion at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. The middle school is handicapped accessible.

The former CHS gymnasium will not be available this summer because of work on its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, but it should be available for the 2014 CHS reunion.

Honored CHS classes will include those of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968 and any other class ending with a "3" or "8" which has an alumna or alumnus attending the reunion. That being said, CHS alumni from all years are welcome, as are those who attended but did not graduate from Culver High School.

Entry to the cafeteria will be through the main entrance to the middle school, which is located at 1 Cavalier Drive. This is the entrance on the south side of the school which has "Culver Community Middle School" in large letters on an exterior wall to the left of the entrance. Parking will be available in front of this entrance and behind the school.

The reunion will start with a brief program which includes recognition of any honored guests and others, as well as the recognition of alumni in the honored classes.

This program will be followed by a catered meal, recorded music from the 40's onward, dancing, a film made in Culver in 1937, and a simultaneous presentation of electronic scans of photographs from Tomahawk yearbooks as well as private photographs of school sporting events, proms, dances, parties, music presentations, et al. over the years contributed to the reunion by alumni.

Reunion tickets and name tags will be available at the door.

Please forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs such as those mentioned above via CD - NOTE: CDs will not be returned) to the following address:

Thomas L. Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315, or e-mail tlcurtis@mediacombb.net or call 508-369-1506.

Reunion ticket requests must be received before Saturday, June 22, and must forward a check which includes the amount of \$25 for each reunion ticket requested. These requests must also include the name, address, and CHS class year of the requesting alumna or alumnus, as well as the phone number and e-mail address of the requestor (if available).

All should feel free to contact Curtis with any questions; thanks in advance for any use of e-mail, Facebook, or other means to ensure other alumni or former CHS students are aware of this event.

Culver's future focus among council discussions

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The question of Culver's future focus was discussed at last week's town council meeting, after council member Ginny Munroe revisited the matter of \$10,000 in town monies paid to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation each year.

Munroe had questioned the donation at a recent council work session, noting the MCEDC's focus is primarily on bringing industrial jobs to the county, and Culver has little space available for such development at the moment. Kevin Berger, Culver's representative to the MCDEC, subsequently met with Munroe, council member Bill Githens, and town manager Dave Schoeff to discuss the matter, according to Munroe. During that meeting, Berger suggested bringing the Culver Redevelopment Committee and plan commission into a dialog session with the council in hopes of hammering out a more "proactive" strategy for Culver's future development.

Noting she's "torn" on whether to continue funding the MCDEC, Munroe added, "Bringing industry into Culver... would be helpful, but we don't even have land available (and) we have businesses already here that struggle. I feel we need to proactively get involved in marketing Culver in terms of business."

Munroe and Githens explained cabinet-maker Elkay-Medallion, in Culver, has expressed some interest in bringing related companies to its 40 acres of presently unused property, and there's a need for the town to develop a more formal position on matters such as tax abatements, utility credits, and the like, something necessary for any potential industrial development here.

Munroe acknowledged the discussion related closely to Culver's currently-underway comprehensive plan, though there's a need to develop positions and strategies in the meantime as well.

Kathy Clark, in the audience, told the council that a now-defunct Economic Development Committee in Culver already discussed and drew up possible plans for town positions on Elkay's land and others, in the past. In fact, added audience member Jean Rakich, also a member of the past committee, the Culver Economic Development Committee brought in the Walker-Tenneco company to occupy the building currently used by Elkay.

Clark suggested the council review the committee's document. A work session was scheduled for May 28 to discuss the matter.

In other discussion, Culver park superintendent Kelly Young updated the council on the condition of the recently-installed public pier near the lighthouse in the park, part of which was knocked loose and left underwater after a storm. She noted the installer and manufacturer both assured her the issue would be resolved in short order.

"I think we will end up with a product we had hoped for and the board had voted on," she added.

Also on the docket was George Duncan, representing the Center for Culver History museum committee, which plans to relocate in Culver later this year in combination with a Culver Visitor's Center. Duncan discussed the natural fit for combining the museum and visitor's center and overlap between the missions of the two, discussing also a grant-funded walking tour of local historical sites the museum is undertaking as an example of that overlap.

Duncan, accompanied by museum director Greg Waksmulski, requested a work session with the council in hopes of gleaning members' input. That work session was scheduled for May 14 at 5 p.m.

Also addressing the council was Cory Monnier site director at the Culver Boys & Girls Club, which the council helps underwrite each year. Monnier explained he was there to thank the town for its "support of the youth of Culver," noting membership in the club will likely surpass 300 this year, and some 90 youngsters per day are served there. He also lauded the efforts of tutoring volunteers like Melba Githens, wife of council member and CBGC board member Bill Githens, for making the free tutoring program at

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Coroner Cleavenger saves life

Culver resident and Marshall County coroner Bill Cleavenger, alongside deputy coroner Lisa Richards, helped save a man's life April 8 after an auto accident at North Michigan and Baker Streets in Plymouth.

While returning from a coroner call, the two overheard county dispatch radio about a man involved in a crash experiencing a heart attack. Cleavenger and Richards, just a block and a half away, responded with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from the coroner's vehicle and began work to revive the driver.

Shortly thereafter, paramedics arrived and took over. All county emergency vehicles have been furnished with portable AEDs, something Cleavenger said some have joked about, upon noticing the sign in the coroner's vehicle window. However, he cited the incident as an example of the value of having the equipment available.

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, May 2: Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, oranges and cookie.

Friday, May 3: Pulled pork, onion bun, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, peaches.

Monday, May 6: Chopped steak mashers and gravy, veggie blend,

bread and margarine, applesauce.

Tuesday, May 7: Mushroom and barley soup with crackers, chicken salad, carrot coin salad, oranges and cookie.

Wednesday, May 8: Sloppy Joes, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit.

Thursday, May 9: BBQ chicken thigh, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, fruited Jello.

Friday, May 10: Tater tot casserole, creamed corn, salad and dressing, apple cobbler.

Donate blood to celebrate Red Cross Day May 14

May 8 marks World Red Cross Day, as well as the birthday of Henry Dunant, the founder of what is known today as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Culver residents can help celebrate Tuesday, May 14, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Culver Community Middle School gymnasium, located at 701 School St. in Culver.

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

Cavalcade yearbook fund raiser May 10

The Culver Comm. High School Cavalcade will host a spaghetti dinner Friday, May 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., to raise funds for the publication of the 2012-2013 CCHS yearbook.

The dinner, besides spaghetti, includes a tossed salad, bread stick, dessert item, and beverage. The cost is \$5 per ticket, if purchased in advance, or \$6 per ticket purchased at the door. Children 5 and under eat for free. Tickets may be purchased at the high school office, bookstore, or from Yearbook students.

Following the dinner, at 8 p.m., the movie, "Chasing Mavericks," will be shown to students only, in the auditorium. The movie scheduled is rated PG.

Culver's identity key to comp plan -- but not simple to define

If it isn't obvious from the lead story in this week's *Culver Citizen*, the theme underlying the first wave of discussions towards Culver's comprehensive plan is similar to the point posed by town council member Ginny Munroe at last week's council meeting: where Culver is headed is dependent on Culver's chosen identity.

The matter of identity, I'd argue, is what's really underlying much of the discussion, debate, and grumbling within the community at large. In one sense, there's nothing new to Culver's split personality, of course. For over a century, Culver Academies (well, Culver Military Academy at first) has attracted the nation's elite -- often academically if not always financially -- and the word "Culver" has meant one thing to the faculty and alumni of that institution. Similarly, Lake Maxinkuckee has been a "resort" destination for even longer, though in years past, the resort visitors were largely solidly middle class, while the economic elite lined the east shore and other areas of the lake as summer residents.

The town of Culver itself has largely remained a small, middle to lower middle class agri-industrial community, not so different from, say, Argos, with whom it actually shared a newspaper for several years in the 1970s. It's interesting to note that the two towns occupied the same journalistic space in the *Citizen*. Even if it was a somewhat uneasy partnership at times, I'm sure, it wasn't really as odd a fit as it might seem to many if it took place today.

I'm not saying anything new to suggest that Culver's story, as a town, is simply the story of America. With increased mobility and a gradual but dramatic increase in production of cheap products and transportation -- partly due to outsourcing to a more "global" economy -- America's economic base has shifted away from small community downtowns and to larger, corporate-based chains and "box stores," in addition to the Internet. I'd argue our public schools, nationally, have followed a similar model and become largely "box" schools. After all, efficiency



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

and cheaper mass production are the order of the day. Add to this the explosion of online shopping, and commerce and production in America have changed radically in the past few decades.

We're all, frankly, guilty of contributing to the problem, though when it comes to finger-pointed on the streets of Culver, that angle rarely comes up.

Further, Culver is, as Academies head of schools John Buxton pointed out in my recent article on the housing challenges of Culver, a victim of its own success. With increased urbanization and the great successes of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council in restoring the lake to a more pristine condition, lots of folks want to live here -- and they're willing to pay premium prices for the privilege.

And there's a lot of good to that. It's had a number of positive effects on the community, but affordable housing and a solid-year-round economy with a vibrant plethora of young, community-active families aren't among them.

So where do we go from here? I think the representatives of consulting firm Houseal Lavigne, which is handling the comprehensive plan, made an excellent point: maybe it doesn't have to be an either/or. Maybe it can -- maybe it *must* be -- a both/and.

I think we all have to face the fact that Culver will likely never be what it was 50 years ago: a largely self-contained community chock full of grocery stores, gas stations, and a shop for every need. Again, we as a nation have developed habits which make a return to that unlikely, though it would be more economically and environmentally effective to do so.

Thus, denying entirely Culver's tourist identity -- which is one of the few advantages this community has over other small, Midwestern (formerly agri-industrial) towns, most of whom have either found a new niche for survival, or have died -- seems to be a losing option, though that's not to say we should focus entirely on that "resort" identity.

I write this as someone with See View page 11

Walking exercise - the Knobstone Trail

Walking for exercise in the United States has increased in popularity during the past five years. So much, that walking in general has become a favorite past time for many Americans. Adults are walking during their lunch breaks and after work with their friends. Children are joining after school walking clubs. Families are walking to the grocery store, to ball games and out for ice cream on a regular basis. Walking for fun is definitely on an uptrend. And, many people are planning their vacations around walking, or at least making sure they continue to walk while on vacation. I have several friends who are planning extensive vacations, all centered around walking, because they believe their hearts and souls are much more in tune with their surroundings when they are firmly planted and moving across the soil. One of my friends is planning a trip to Switzerland this fall to walk twenty miles a day for a month. A married couple I know has vacationed in the Alps every year since 1988. Because their walks have become such a source of joy, they begin planning the following year's trip before they board the plane to return home.

If you are longing for a walking/hiking experience, one that will deepen your perspective and add value to your mind, body and soul, look no farther than our own backyard to the Knobstone Trail located in beautiful southern Indiana. The Knobstone is a true natural gem, and one of my favorite places to hike. The Knobstone offers several moderate and level paths for walking, but beware; rugged terrain galore awaits those who seek to push the boundaries.

The Knobstone trail is Indiana's longest footpath -- a



Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER

58 mile back-country hiking trail passing through Clark State Forest and Jackson-Washington State Forest. The trail traverses through 42,000 acres of rugged, forested land. This trail is one of Indiana's most scenic areas, rising high above farmland as it snakes along the Ohio River to Martinsville, Indiana. There are many steep climbs and descents, and should be regarded as rugged in many places. Eight

trailheads have been developed along the trail, providing parking areas and direct access to the Knobstone Trail.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has developed the Knobstone Trail as a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Division of Outdoor Streams and Trails coordinates development and maintenance of the trail. The trail is aided each year by many hours of volunteer work donated by various hiking clubs, church and school clubs, developed and managed for foot traffic only. Camping, cabins and showers are available at the Delaney Park trailhead. For more information about hiking or overnight camping refer to the Knobstone Trail website at www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor. The DNR has published an excellent topographical map of the trail and its surrounding roads, which provides essential hiking information such as water, access, parking, camping and regulations.

Walking and hiking are beneficial for so many reasons, including excellent cardiovascular exercise and neuromuscular strength. Fresh air, beauty and memories await you and your family this spring and summer. Enjoy Indiana at her best.

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Helen Fishburn, may be most familiar to Culverites as the face at the desk of Dr. Greg Easterday's dental clinic for many years, though she and her family have a long history in the Culver community.

Among those who recognized her were Marizetta Kenney, Barb Neidlinger, Jean McCoige Bystry, Jeanette

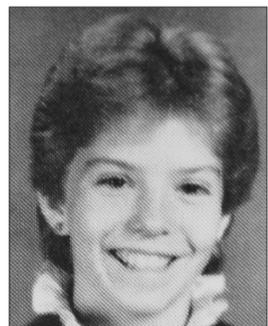
Geiselman and Kay Tusing.

Catching up on a winner from our previous "contest," Dick Zimmerman correctly identified Mystery Citizen Kevin Overmyer.

He and this week's winners, of course, are entitled to free parking, though with the repaving project this week in downtown Culver, they may want to enjoy their free parking "uptown" instead!

This week's Mystery Citizen is a local grad and a well-known member of the staff of a prominent local entity.

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



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Helen Fishburn, then and now. TOP: This week's Mystery Citizen.

CMA 4th, Culver Comm. 6th at Marshall Co. Meet

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Whatever a player's score on the front side at Mystic, he can usually count on adding a few strokes on the course's hilly back nine. Triton's Quentyn Carpenter shaved one after entering the turn trailing fellow top flighter Trent Elliott of Culver Community. Carpenter birdied the 12th and 13th to move into the lead, then followed a bogey on the 15th with par golf over the final three holes to reclaim the individual Marshall County Golf Championship with an even-par 71 Saturday.

Carpenter's low round helped push the Trojans to their sixth straight team title at the meet with a 308 while Bremen came in a distant second with a 353 team score, one stroke ahead of third-place John Glenn, Culver Military finished fourth with a 373, LaVille was fifth with a 380, and Culver Community rounded out the standings with a 430.

Saturday's individual championship race came down to the wire as Carpenter sunk two big putts to save par on 17 and 18 and hold off 2012 champion Zach Gurtner as well as Rapp and Glenn's Tyler Prentkowski playing in the second flight. It was the Triton No. 1's third Marshall County championship following repeat wins in 2010 and 11 before Zach Gurtner unseated him last year.

Zach Gurtner's 74 led LaVille, while cousin Cam Gurtner shot a solid 78 after entering the turn tied for the lead with Elliott. Elliott also finished with 78 to tie for sixth place with Gurtner in the final standings. The Lancers saw their bottom three shoot 18-hole lows in their first year of play, too, as Tyler Thomas shot 113 in the number five spot, Dustin Royer shot 115 at four, and Luke Laidig came in at 120 at three.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Trent Elliott tees off on 18 at Mystic Hills during the Marshall County Championships Saturday.

Culver got a strong round from Elliott, who entered the turn tied with Rapp and Cam Gurtner for the lead at 35, but he followed up double bogeys on 12 and 13 with bogeys on 14 and 15 to fall out of the running for the championship.

"I'm very pleased with Trent's round on the front nine. The back side is traditionally two or three strokes tougher, and he got himself in a bad situation on a couple of the holes and ends up doubling and going 4 over right away on that back side. That's tough to overcome," said Culver coach Kyle Elliott.

Meanwhile, the inexperienced Cavs struggled to find a solid score behind Elliott as Cody Peterson shot 101, Tristan Schultz scored 114, and Ken VanDePutte shot 137 for last-place Culver on its home course.

"It all comes down to inexperience," said the Cavaliers boss of his team. "Six of our eight are freshmen, and none of them have played 18-hole rounds in a tournament. It's just going to come down to practice and getting out outside of the golf season. Most of those kids, this is the first time swinging a club."

CMA placed third Saturday led by Michael Heidkamp's 89, followed by Wyatt Clark's 91, Mitchell Kokko's 96, and Jonathan Irving's 97 as the varsity Eagles traveled to the Rochester Invitational at Round Barn.

Three weeks into the golf season, Saturday's meet was also a preview of the Northern State Conference meet in three weeks at Mystic.

• MARSHALL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP At Mystic Hills (par 71)

Sports briefs

Baseball

CMA wins Tippy Valley Invite

Culver Military Academy beat host Tippecanoe Valley 12-5, then handed Griffith a 7-1 defeat to win the Tippy Valley Invitational Saturday.

Kyle Bartelman homered to help his own cause on the mound, and Trent Kolden and Drew Schroeder both doubled in the win over Griffith.

Perley Provost drove in three runs to help him pick up the pitching win over Tippy Valley. Kolden tripled in the win, and he and Bartleman both doubled at the Eagles' invite opener.

• CULVER MILITARY 7, GRIFFITH 1
at Akron
CULVER MILITARY 12, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 5
at Akron

CMA loses to ECA

Culver Military's baseball team lost a 10-6 game with visiting Elkhart Christian last Thursday.

Trent Kolden, Perley Provost and Cole Payne all doubled for the Eagles, and Payne drove in a pair of runs for the Eagles, who committed four errors in the loss.

• ELKHART CHRISTIAN 10,
CULVER MILITARY 6
at Culver

Knox outlasts Culver

Knox plated three runs in the top of the 10th, and the Redskins held on for the win in a 6-3 Northern State Conference endurance match Monday at Culver Community.

Eric Dan got the win on the mound relieving Sean Martin in the eighth.

Julian Williams doubled for Knox, which moved to 3-5 with an unbeaten 2-0 NSC mark.

Chris Zehner stepped in to relieve Collin Stevens in the eighth and took the pitching loss for Culver.

Brendon Pinder doubled for the Cavs, who slipped to 1-7 overall and an 0-3 conference start with the tough loss.

• KNOX 6, CULVER COMMUNITY 3 (10 inn.)
at Culver

CMA earns walk-off

Culver Military snapped a tie in the bottom of the seventh, and the Eagles claimed an 8-7 walk-off victory over visiting Twin Lakes at home at the Culver Academies Monday night.

Colin Dean finished with three RBIs, Daniel Billett tripled, and Trent Kolden homered for CMA. Closer Shane Comiskey got the pitching win for the Eagles.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 8, TWIN LAKES 7
at Culver

Softball

CGA tops Michigan City 3-2

Regina Padilla and Pita Navarro hung on for a three-set win over Kristen Palmer and Dyna Pedzinski 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 at 1 doubles, and Culver Girls Academy claimed a 3-2 thriller over visiting Michigan City last Wednesday.

Olivia Cripe and Kendall Whitehurst clinched a 7-5 tiebreaker in the second set at 2 doubles for a straight set win, and Rachel Simon was a 6-3, 6-2 winner at 2 singles, for CGA's other match point of the night.

Natalia Yanez-Lopez loosed a tough straight-set battle with Lenka Zavodska, taking Zavodska to two tiebreakers but falling 7-4 and 7-3.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3,
MICHIGAN CITY 2
at Culver

Knox downs Cavs in 5

Knox notched six runs in the bottom of the first and another seven in the fourth en route to a 15-2 Northern State

Class 3A No. 4 Glenn outlasts Culver in 10

WALKERTON — Culver Community battled nine innings with Class 3A, No. 4-ranked John Glenn Wednesday night.

In the end, it was an unearned run that did the Cavs in.

Mark Einhorn reached on an error in the bottom of the ninth, and Culver pitcher Kyle Vlach intentionally walked Justin Gierlowski, bringing up David Jaworski, who took a full count offering from Vlach up the middle to score Einhorn for the 1-0 walk-off win at the Falcons' home at The Nest in Walkerton.

"Give Glenn credit, they got the hit they needed when they had base runners, which we couldn't," said Culver head coach Mike Elliott. "Their pitcher had control going, keeping our hitters off-balance."

On a beautiful night for baseball, Vlach and Glenn starter Tyler Niespodziany entertained the crowd with a pitchers' duel that lasted through eight innings.

Vlach finished with seven strikeouts while giving up three hits but had Glenn's hitters popping up and lifting easy flies. The Falcons lineup, which was averaging 11 hits an outing coming into the game, finished with just three hits versus Vlach.

"Our pitching has been good this year as this is our fourth one-run game so far," reflected Elliott after Wednesday's tough loss. "We just need to keep battling, find our confidence when hitting, and hopefully the offense will come around."

Niespodziany used his offspeed pitches to good effect, meanwhile, fanning 15 while surrendering one walk and just two hits in a complete nine-inning effort for his first win of the year.

Culver's young squad slides to 1-8 with an 0-4 conference mark, meanwhile. It was the second extra-inning NSC loss this week for the Cavs, who fell 6-3 in 10 innings to Knox Monday.

"We lost a 10-inning game Monday and now this nine-inning one; all we can do is keep plugging away," said Elliott. "We're now 0-4 in the conference with no chance to win it, but our hitting comes around and we can spoil it for someone. Our ultimate goal is the sectional, and we as coaches must instill a positive winning mindset."

• JOHN GLENN 1, CULVER COMMUNITY 0 (9 inn.)
at Walkerton

Conference defeat of Culver Community in five innings last Monday.

Complete game results were not available.

• KNOX 15, CULVER COMMUNITY 2 (5 inn.)
at Knox

CGA shells Judson in high-scoring affair

Seven players doubled and another tripled as the two teams combined for 32 runs in six innings, but in the end it was Culver Girls Academy handing visiting North Judson a 21-11 defeat at home Monday.

Trailing 11-8 headed into the bottom of the fourth, the Lady Eagles followed up a seven-run top of the inning from the Bluejays with a 10-run frame of their own. They plated another three in the sixth to put the game away early.

Jaime Madison got the pitching win replacing Abby Jeffers in the fifth. Amanda Rose took the loss entering the game in the sixth for the Jays.

Samantha Seibel doubled twice, and Abby Van Horn and Madison also doubled for CGA, which racked up 18 hits but committed five errors at the game.

Haley Procter tripled, and Leah White, Jenna Makeckas and Kelsey Burger doubled for Judson.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 21,
NORTH JUDSON 11 (6 inn.)
at Culver

Boys golf

OD tops, Culver splits 3-way

Oregon-Davis got solid rounds from Blake Hurford and Zak Johnston, and the Bobcats topped a three-way field with a 192 team score, while Culver Community split with a 206-

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-- rather than a one-day -- camp. Meals and overnight accommodations will be provided for attendees, who will spend over 20 hours of court time during the camp.

"Overnight camps have a greater, longer-lasting impact on basketball skills and character development in our youth," Luke Zeller explains.

According to camp director Bryce Bow, campers "will get to bunk in cabins, eat great food, and enjoy the beauty of the Culver campus in early summer while enjoying the game of basketball in first class facilities."

While Bow notes the camp staff is still being finalized, "we will have members of the Zeller family, former and current college and pro players, current high school coaches and players, and an overall top-notch staff who loves basketball and helpings kids through the game."

Zeller says he and his brothers -- Cleveland Cavaliers NBA player Tyler Zeller and Cody Zeller, who recently completed a successful basketball career at Indiana University and has entered the NBA draft; the Zellers are the only family in basketball history to boast of three different Mr. Basketball winners -- hope to be able to attend the camp, but if they can't, they'd like to interface with stu-

dents via the two-way audio-visual technology of Google Hangout.

He notes his parents will help lead the camp and will even interact with students' parents during the Family Night portion of the camp. He add the camp staff overall is "really good -- great with kids and families." There's an unusually high, four to one camper-to-adult ratio at the camp.

The cost of the camp is \$400 for overnight attendees and \$300 for "commuters," which includes a t-shirt, lodging, meals, and of course camp instruction. There is a sibling discount of \$350 and \$250, and there are a limited number of scholarships available for area students.

Culver Academies basketball coach Mark Galloway, who coached against Luke Zeller in 2005 during Galloway's stint as Carmel High School coach, and against Cody Zeller when Culver Academies played against his team in the state basketball championships, says the Zeller family is "strong in their faith; they're high character student athletes and Academic All Americans."

He also points out the values promoted in the family's camps "align really well with what Culver is trying to do

in pursuing excellence in character and in sports. That's why we're excited to have this camp on our campus."

Another local angle involves Randy Davis, now an assistant coach at Culver, who was a star player for Plymouth High School during the legendary 2007 state championship game in which Luke Zeller made a half-court shot in the game's final moments to defeat Big Red. The two will hopefully come together in Culver next month.

Among other camp leaders, Galloway says Jermaine Myers and Cheir Ajou, both star players on the Academies' team which faced off against Cody Zellers at the state championship in 2011, are expected to be there.

The camp, Galloway points out, makes for a great opportunity for kids from all over the county and state to benefit from Culver's "global outreach."

And for Luke Zeller, the camp is a chance to share the opportunities he was given.

"I had so many great opportunities growing up here," he says. "I want to give something back to kids in Indiana."

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216 win over West Central at Moss Creek Monday.

Hurford and Johnston carded scores of 42 and 47 to lead OD, while Sam Seese shot 50, and Jack Minter and Frank Turner both carded 53.

Trent Elliott led Culver with the meet-low round of 40, while Cody Peterson shot 48 for the Cavs. Kenny VanDePutte carded a 58 in the fourth flight, while Tristan Schultz shot 60 to complete the team score.

• OREGON-DAVIS 192, CULVER COMMUNITY 206, WEST CENTRAL 216

At Moss Creek (Par 35)

Boys track

Trojans top host Cavs

Triton won 11 events and finished one-two-three in the high jump, and the Trojans trumped host Culver by a convincing 81-50 margin in a Northern State Conference dual meet Thursday evening.

Trenton Stackhouse won both the 800 and 1600 for Triton, while Jeremy Jones won the 100 and 200 dashes, and Blake Johnson won both jumping events and finished second in the 110 hurdles.

Wayne Young won both hurdles events, and he and Aron Becker finished one-two in the 300 hurdles for the host Cavaliers. Lodge Burress won the 400 and Mark Lehman finished second behind him, Sam Castaneda won the shot put, and the Cavs won the 4x400 relay.

• TRITON 81, CULVER COMMUNITY 50

At Culver

CMA dominates Caston

Culver Military Academy claimed wins in all but one event as the Eagles handed visiting Caston a 104-28 loss in a dual boys track meet last Thursday.

Aramonti Phillips won the 100, long jump and ran the anchor leg for CMA's winning 400-meter relay squad, Wes Hibbard was a winner in the 800, 4x800 and 4x400, Polo Burguete was a winner in the 1600, 4x800 and 4x400, Alex Fayemi won both throwing events, and Eric Burns won in the high jump and in the 4x100.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 104, CASTON 28

At Culver

Girls track

Lady Trojans beat Culver

Triton's girls track team won eight events and went one-two in the high jump and the pole vault as the Lady Trojans trumped host Culver Community 67-54 in a Northern State Conference dual meet last Thursday night.

Ali Kann won the 1600, Kailey Craig won the 100 hurdles, Breanna Lemler finished first in the 400, Lexi Miller won the 3200, Autumn Kann and Shana Anderson went one-two in the high jump, Jaela Meister won the pole vault ahead of Autumn Kann, and the Trojans won both the 4x400 and the 4x800 for the team win.

Denisha Brown won the 100 and the long jump for Culver, while Donna Zehner won the discus and was second behind teammate Mickella Hardy in the shot put.

• TRITON 67, CULVER COMMUNITY 54

At Culver

CGA sweeps Caston

Culver Girls Academy's track team won every event, went one-two in nine events, and swept the top three in several others en route to a 108-18 win over Caston at home last Thursday.

Laura Ma won the 100 and 200 and ran the third leg for CGA's winning 400-meter relay team, Amber Cowell won both hurdles races, Leah Heckaman won both weight events, Tunrayo Adenuga was a winner in the 4x400, the long jump and the 4x100, and Sarah Jamieson won the 1600 and was also a winner for CGA's winning 4x800 team.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 108, CASTON 18

At Culver

Boys lacrosse

CMA teams collect 4 wins

Culver Military's varsity lacrosse team beat Center Grove 12-5 at home Sunday.

Zach Main and Harry Bogle each scored four times in the win, and Bogle also recorded four assists.

Meanwhile Sunday, the CMA prep team handed St. Xavier of Kentucky a lopsided 25-1 loss.

Dawson McKenzie collected six goals with two assists, Dean Ferris scored four times, and Riley Thompson handed out seven assists to go with a goal in the rout. Zach Currier and Joel Tinney both notched three goals.

Sunday's wins came on the heels of a pair of victories Saturday in which the varsity team beat Fort Wayne Snider 15-2 and the prep team earned a 14-9 victory over New Trier Illinois.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 12, Center Grove 5

At Culver

SUNDAY

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 25,

ST. XAVIER (Ky.) 1

at Culver

SATURDAY

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 15, F.W. SNIDER 2

at Culver

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 14,

NEW TRIER (Ill.) 9

at Culver

Eagles rout Detroit CC

Culver Military's prep lacrosse team earned a dominant 18-5 win over visiting Detroit Central Catholic.

Joel Tinney finished with five goals and a pair of assists to lead CMA, while Zach Currier followed closely with three goals and two assists. Pierre Byrne and Dean Ferris each scored three goals in the win.

Michael Calvello finished with nine saves for the Ea-

gles.

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 18, DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5

at Culver

Girls lacrosse

CGA wins home invite

Culver Girls Academy beat Barrington of Illinois 9-5 Sunday to win its home lacrosse invitational.

Rory Byrne recorded four goals, while Annie Morsches scored two goals with three assists, and Clair Fay made eight saves for the win over Barrington.

CGA earned wins over St. Ignatius of Illinois and Bloomfield Hills of Michigan by respective 19-5 and 10-3 margins to remain unbeaten in invitational play headed into Sunday's game.

Erin Thomas scored five goals, and Morsches scored four goals with four assists in the win over St. Ignatius.

Byrne notched three goals, Morsches had two goals and three assists, and Fay recorded 22 saves in the Bloomfield Hills victory.

SUNDAY

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 9, BARRINGTON (Ill.) 5

at Culver

SATURDAY

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 19, ST. IGNATIUS (Ill.) 5

at Culver

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 10, BLOOMFIELD HILLS (Mich.) 3

at Culver

CGA routs Penn

Annie Morsches and Erin Thomas each scored four goals, and Culver Girls Academy routed visiting Penn 15-5 Thursday night.

Morsches also dished out seven assists, while Olivia Rabbitt and Morgan Osborn scored three goals apiece for CGA.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 15, PENN 5

at Culver

Girls tennis

CGA downs LaPorte

Culver Girls Academy earned a 5-0 sweep over visiting LaPorte at home Friday night.

The Lady Eagles' wins all came in straight sets. Regina Padilla's and Pita Navarro's 7-5, 6-3 win over Kayla Wurster and Madison Shreves was the most competitive score of the night.

The Slicers took just seven games on the remaining four courts.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, LaPORTE 0

At Culver

Rowing

Culver Academies host Parents Regatta

Culver Academies rowing teams earned wins in eight different races as the teams hosted their annual Parents Regatta over the weekend.

The Eagles won both varsity 4+ races, 4x, the 8+, the 2x, and the novice 8+ and novice 4+.

The Lady Eagles won the 4x and the second varsity 4+ at the meet.

• CULVER ACADEMIES PARENTS REGATTA

At Culver

Wind energy topic revisited at County Plan commission meeting

By Rusty Nixon

PLYMOUTH - The winds continue to swirl around Marshall County government with the issue of wind energy still being debated.

Proponents of wind energy came before the Plan Commission at their meeting Thursday evening to stand against the banning of the wind energy systems. Their point of view is that the issue is a property rights issue.

"It just goes against the grain to be told what you can and can't do on your own land," said Jerry Gurtner, a farmer from the Bremen area.

He was joined by several other farmers - none of whom had signed agreements with wind energy companies - adding that they felt the policy was short sighted and limited future options for the county.

A back and forth exchange has been ongoing between the Plan Commission, which acts only in an advisory capacity, and the Marshall County Commissioners, with whom the final decision lies.

Earlier deliberations by the Plan Commission blew the ball back into the Marshall County Commissioners court by rejecting the Commissioners request to ban wind energy systems in Marshall County.

Instead, the Plan Commission sent a revised ordinance to the Commissioners regarding Wind Energy Conversion Systems to allow for increased setbacks and restrictions that had been asked for by a citizens group opposing the wind farms in Marshall County. These concerns were based on concerns for public safety, the environment and aesthetics.

The Commissioners - in turn - had asked the Plan Commission to return a revised ordinance that would ban commercial wind farms from the county entirely - a plan they said they would endorse.

The Plan Commission had a mind of their own, rejecting the motion to approve the Commissioners request and placing the issue on the Commissioner's shoulders at their upcoming meeting to decide on the issue.

CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has released its Students of the Month for March.

Kindergarten: Danielle Lloyd (teacher: Amy Bonine), Isabelle Hunnicutt (Heather Overmyer), Kailey Gibson (Stephanie Smith), Vanessa Cadle (Jean Urbin), Daniel Laba (Janna VanDePutte).

First grade: Reese Herrell (Andrea Berndt), Grace Barth (Kelly Dickerhoff), Craig Beadin-Boyd (April Jefferson), Megan England (Becky Risner),

Second grade: Aydan Shaffer (Jean Ahlenius), Willow Kreisler (Tina Bailey), Ethan Keller (Cindy Master), Linda Thamm (Lisa Moise), Lily Kozubik (Carol Jackson).

Third grade: Auston Zehner (Valerie Cultice), Eli Hazen (Jill DeSalle), Blake Fritch (Rachel Rife), Alex Zehner (Carrie Tharp), Braxton Wolff (Kelly Young), Lizzie Pugh (Mike Elliott), Eli Hazen (Suzanne Hollis).

Fourth grade: Matthew Cole (Alicia Cotner), Kaleigh Kephart (Mrs. Miller), Olivia Gilley (Chris Renneker), Josh Havron (Leslie Shepard), Xavier Morgan (Ms. Kinney), Trayden Schrimsher (Kim Morrison).

Fifth grade: Breann Milam (Pam Craft), Kagnie Hoffman (Gayle Kinzie), Ashley Black (Raeanne Stevens), Dana Rodgers (Steve Young), Maggie Wilson (Terri Zechiel), Oliver Lampton-Adkins (Suzanne Hollis), Derick Purvis (Kris Arvelo).

Sixth grade: Bryce Whitmer (Bryan Albright), Hunter Shaffer (Adam Huber), Chloe Caldwell (Todd Shafer), Austin Otteman (Missy Trent), Elizabeth Johnson (Julie Cowan), Kailey Beaver (Joyce Lyman).

Boston-based quintet at Academies May 10

The Kunst Piano Quintet will perform Friday evening, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Memorial Building of Culver Academies.



Alumni of New England Conservatory and Peabody Conservatory, the Boston-based piano quintet has won first place at the AFAF Golden Era of Romantic Music International Competition 2012 and American Protege International Competition 2012. They are scheduled to perform at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

The performance is free and open to the public.

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Gene Baker, received the Business award. She will attend Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne this fall to major in hospitality management.

Allen Betts, son of Destani Tillman, received the English, Math, and Science Department awards (respectively), as well as the CAVS Club President's award. Betts noted he "put a lot of hard work and time" into his community service, academics, and athletics, adding "it was worth it." He will wrestle for Wabash College in the fall and major in pre-med, he said.

Micah Budzinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Budzinski, received one of an unusual two Math department awards, as well as the Social Studies award. Budzinski noted math instructor Mike Buschman told Budzinski and fellow Math winner Allen Betts that he didn't want to name two winners, but "he couldn't decide" between the two students. Budzinski will play football at Purdue University this fall and study civil engineering.

Receiving the Band award and recognition as the Business Professionals of America president was Michelle Elam, daughter of Katherine Elam and the late Donald Judd. Elam, who also thanked Sheldon as well as her mother and grandmother for their support, explained she'll study nursing at Ball State this fall.

Returning to the podium -- and lauded for his speaking earlier in the event by Sheldon -- was student council president Mitch Maes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maes, who plans to study computer science and business at IPFW.

The daughter of Mrs. Cindy Gibson, Angel Okray was recognized as Science Club president, and will major in biology at the University of Indianapolis this fall.

Elizabeth Rainey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rainey, was also praised for her earlier speaking, and was recognized as senior class president and recipient of the Art award. She will attend Indiana University in Bloomington to study at the School of Infomatics and Computing towards a computer science major.

Recognized with the Vocational award was Josh Walters, so of Tracy Thomas and R.B. Walters, though Sheldon added the senior has been "involved in a lot of projects." Walters will pursue a career in the Marine Corps.

Dana Wireman, daughter of Ms. Patty Ruhnow, was the recipient of the Journalism award as well as the Choir award, evidence for which Sheldon noted the audience heard earlier, during Jazz Street's performance. Among those she thanked, Wireman expressed appreciation to the Lions for the club's aid in her attending various choir events, as well as for the support of student newspaper The Caval Crier faculty sponsor Vickie Benner.

"Thanks to her," said Wireman, who will study journalism at IPFW, "I'm in love with journalism."

Freese introduced the final facet of the event, the awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Lions Club to a faculty-chosen, deserving student. Freese, a frequent substitute teacher in the school, said all the students at the event "have been a pleasure to have in the class...they're a little bit more mature and (they) offer a steadiness to the class which I very much appreciate."

Noting, however, that there "can be only one recipient" of the scholarship, Freese announced John Ahlenius' name.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Ahlenius, receiving the scholarship. "Every time I've collaborated with the Lions Club, I've always enjoyed working with you. I genuinely, truly love to spend time with you."

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the club a success.

Monnier added the club is "really, truly needed," pointing out 26 percent of its members come from single-parent households and 53 percent from low-income families.

Among council actions was the appointment of George Duncan to the Board of Zoning Appeals, a formal proclamation of the town's observation of May 12 through 18 as National Nursing Home Week, \$2,388 for sludge pumping motors in the sewer plant, \$1,770 for a hydro excavation kit for the town's vac-tor truck (to aid in cutting roots and other blockages when digging), \$1,884 for 11 new fire extinguishers to replace outdated ones at the Culver fire department, \$1,123 to Culver Marina for a new boat cover for the fire department's rescue boat, \$3,169.70 for two new pairs of fire gloves for every department member as well as grass fire fighting brooms, as requested by fire chief Terry Wakefield.

Town manager Schoeff noted bids will be opened May 14 for the sale of Culver's grass fire truck, and explained the week of May 1, weather permitting, the Reith Reilly company will mill and repave Main Street in the downtown area. The new street and stop signs in the downtown area, also part of the downtown revitalization program, have been installed, it was noted.

During his report, town

attorney Jim Clevenger said a complaint was filed in court April 11, with a preliminary hearing May 10 in Marshall Circuit Court, against Hoosier Holdings LLC, regarding cleanup of a property on the west side of State Road 17, just south of Culver.



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Front row, from left: Sarah Talley, Julie Scott, Brian Liechty, Doug Neilsen, Wendy Wise and Laura Snipes. Middle row: Andrea Mallory, Jim Oliverius, Traci O'Brien, Matt Sutton, Becky Liechty, and Brandt Ayoub. Back row, from left: Kathy Overmyer, Lenore Jones, Dan Adams, Charlie Weaver, Joy Ritenour, and Betty Martens. (Not pictured: Gregory Waksmaulski).

Maxinkuckee Singers spring performance schedule

The Maxinkuckee Singers' spring concerts, "Makin' Music - 2013," will take place at several area venues at 7:30 p.m. (the Knox show is at 6:30 p.m. central time).

Dates and venues are as follows:

- May 6** at Bremen United Methodist Church, 302 W. Plymouth St., Bremen.
- May 8** at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver.
- May 13** at Rochester Trinity United Methodist Church, 811 Jefferson St., Rochester.
- May 14** at Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos.
- May 16** at First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth.
- May 20** at Knox United Methodist Church, 201 S. Shield St., Knox.

Under the direction of Kathy Overmyer with Betty Martens at the keyboard, this not for profit group has been entertaining the Marshall County area for over 27 years. The group offers a wide variety of popular, sacred, standard, comedy and dance numbers, solos, and duets. This spring's shows are free to the public with a freewill donation accepted. For further information, call 574-276-2287 or check www.maxsingers.org.

CUTPL offers World Vital Records database

Culver-Union Township Public Library is now offering library patrons access to the World Vital Records subscription research database, which allows researchers access to over 4.2 billion family history records, including 1790-1940 US censuses and images, 100 million pages of newspaper from 1739 to the present, historical maps, military records, birth, marriage, and death records. CUTPL also offers Access Newspaper Archive, Ancestry.com, and Heritage Quest databases.

For more information please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

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a healthy appreciation of, and interest in, the well being of all of Culver's many "sub-communities," though as a year-round resident with fond childhood memories of this community, I hope our comprehensive plan will indeed include some tangible steps towards maintaining a vibrant Culver 12 months a year, and one in which, frankly, I can afford to continue to live as can my children, even if they don't go on to a high degree of wealth in their adult years.

Should we focus on bringing more industry and business here? That's likely always a good thing, but let's do some math: Culver Academies, the largest employer in Marshall County (think about that fact for a moment!) employs over 800, most of whom leave Culver at the end of each work day. Elkay-Medallion, on Mill Street, employs 260. Miller's Merry Manor around 80, and the Culver Community School system some 100 full-time. That's not including the restaurants and other businesses here. That's over 1,200 people coming to work in Culver virtually every day, a number nearing what's officially considered the population of the town itself!

Culver really hasn't had many more major employers than it does today within its borders for decades, and yet we have a veritable crisis in lack of year-round residents. So, while new business and industry is great, I think we risk courting a situation in which even more people simply come to work here and leave for their homes miles away each day, if we're not careful.

Obviously affordable housing is the key ingredient to a healthy, year-round community, and at the risk of sounding repetitive, I'm going to reiterate that we at least investigate something like deed-restricted housing as one option. As a reminder, deed-restricted housing is how many resort-style communities handle their housing issue, and it involves the town designating certain housing as locked in at certain prices, providing the buyer or renter is a full-time resident, is employed within the community, and agrees not to sell the property at a markup higher than a certain percentage.

By extension, we ought to investigate how other communities whose situation mirrors our own in some fashion, are doing; this really precludes most any community in Marshall or other nearby counties. It probably means checking around the state and country.

Meantime, I return to Houseal Lavigne's point that the best option for Culver is to nurture all its assets, rather than de-emphasize one in a vain attempt to return to an unattainable past paradigm. The ability of the diverse elements of Culver to work together to better each other and the

Relay raises \$104,000 - donations still accepted

More than 545 people participated in the Relay For Life of Culver on April 19 and 20, walking for 12 hours through the night to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. When the event finished at 7 a.m. a total of \$104,000 had been raised.

That amount is just \$6,000 short of the organizers' goal of \$110,000 for the 2013 Relay. Donations are still being accepted through August. People interested in helping Relay

For Life of Culver reach its goal can donate online at relayforlife.org (search for Culver).

This was Culver Academies' sixth year of hosting the Relay, which has raised approximately \$700,000 for cancer research. This year's student-run event attracted more than 59 teams and 545 participants. The actual attendance swelled to 800 to 900 people as walkers were joined by family and friends. A number of local/area food ven-

dors were also on hand, with proceeds going to Relay For Life.

The Academies-hosted Relay was the first in Indiana to be student-organized in 2008. Relay For Life of Culver is a community event with participation representing the Academies, the town, and Marshall County. Relay planning is carried out by a student committee made up of eight subcommittees with over 100 student volunteers.



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Baked potato supper helps feed food pantry

ABOVE: The Trinity Lutheran Church's April 12 baked potato supper at the Culver depot raised approximately \$500 for the Culver food pantry, and also enlisted aid from nine students from both Culver Community High School and Culver Academies who partnered via the CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization) group, according to Don Freese, one of the event organizers and volunteers.

In thanking those who attended the dinner, Freese adds, "The members of Trinity... appreciate you dining with us and embracing the fellowship of family and friends." He says a special thanks goes to Monterey's United Methodist Church "for their generous donation of baked goods for the dessert table."

Also, a "job well done" goes out to the CYCO organization (which) greatly assisted the Trinity members on the work details."

Pictured is CCHS student Micah Budzinski, helping prepare the spuds, and Academies student Jeffery Wang, serving the chili.

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CULVER LIONS SPRING FESTIVAL

Flea Market on May 3 & 4 Breakfast and Bake Sale on May 4

All will be held at the Railroad Station in Culver.
The Flea Market is Friday from 4 to 8 and Saturday 6 to 2.
Breakfast on Saturday from 6 to 11:
\$7 adult & \$4 for children. Bake Sale is from 7 until sold out.

Donations accepted for Flea Market
For pick up call Fred at 574-842-2015
For more information call Sandy at 574-842-2152

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"Balance is what you want. We can't come in and tell you who you are in a 10-month process and we don't want to, but we can say, 'Here are some things you can do to achieve some end goals.' You don't want to lose that thing (diversity) that makes Culver unique."

Among other discussion points were the difficulty of small business owners regularly attending town meetings where decisions are made which may affect them, and the need for businesses to become more involved in the Chamber of Commerce and support one another collectively. It was also suggested the town support the Chamber financially. The possibility was discussed of channeling some dollars from the hotel tax -- currently all routed to Marshall County Tourism -- to promote Culver and support its businesses.

Some business owners discussed whether a frequently-requested lower price point could be offered outside the busy summer season, which several said would be financially impossible. It was also suggested by one business owner that local residents leave town to shop and eat regardless of local price reductions.

The notion of Culver as a strictly resort-based, retirement-type community is becoming harder and harder on the local school system, it was noted, something Gardener affirmed had been expressed as a concern during Houseal Lavigne's conversation with school superintendent Brad Schuldt. One comment suggested Culver is a "second home," rather than strictly a "resort" community, though the effect is large-

ly the same.

Current prices of potential business space were discussed, which some attendees agreed were too high to be viable for the sort of small business likely to seek a home in Culver.

One area builder remarked the price range often presented to him as affordable for young families -- in the \$75,000 range -- isn't attainable in new construction. Another at the table said those houses priced between \$100,000 and \$300,000 in town often need expensive updating before spending on them is complete.

In discussion of promotion of Culver and attracting visitors, Gardener pointed out Culver lacks a sizeable amount of hotel accommodations. While it was noted a number of local houses are weekend rentals in the summer and for major Culver Academies events, one respondent pointed out such home rentals still fail to provide the simple ease of calling a hotel to make reservations.

Also discussed were the challenges of accommodating a local workforce, given the lack of affordable housing, and the "brain drain" of skilled and capable professionals leaving the area.

The town of Culver's website, www.townofculver.org, will host notices of ongoing meetings (which will also be shared via The Culver Citizen), questionnaires, and other information related to the comprehensive plan, which is intended to guide the community, once completed, for the next decade or so.

'Carmichael Sings Carmichael June 8

An evening of Hoagy Carmichael music awaits on Saturday, June 8 at the Culver Academies Legion Memorial Building at 7:30 p.m.

Hit song renditions by none other than Hoagy's son, Randy Carmichael, are on the docket.

He has been delighting audiences for decades, keeping his father's musical legacy alive.

Hoagy Carmichael was a Hoosier native noted for his contributions to jazz, Broadway, and Hollywood, and a great number of his songs are considered timeless standards. He was one of the first inductees to the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1971.

The event is sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, whose members may purchase exclusive tickets until May 4, after which they go on sale to the public. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 each for AHS members or \$35 for non-members. Please phone, email or stop by the Center for Culver History: 574-842-2941, ext. 218, historyofculver@gmail.com; please make checks out to AHS Culver.

