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In Brief

Yearbook fund raiser Friday

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. Dinner includes a tossed salad, bread stick, dessert item, and beverage. 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.

Free computer classes at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes for beginners Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. in May. They include: Computers for Beginners (May 10), Internet/email for beginners (May 13 and 17), Mobile devices for beginners (May 90 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

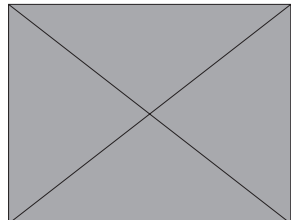
Sign-ups for the 2013 Junior Football season are starting next month, on the following dates: May 14 from 5 to 7 p.m., and June 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Community High School library. All enrollment will be online this year with only an email address required. If you do not have one, 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.

Town-wide cleanup Saturday

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.

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Maxinkuckee mornings

ABOVE: Spring may have officially sprung weeks ago, but recent days have just begun to feel like it, and in Culver pink and white blooms have already started to give way to pre-summer greenery. LOWER LEFT: That quintessential sign of spring, the robin, has also been spotted around town for weeks now, but Iris Hyland sent these photos taken in the backyard of her son Alan and and wife Kay Highland's back yard near Culver, of the not-so-common partial albino robin. About one in 30,000 robins in the wild are full or partially albino, so this one was indeed unusual. UPPER LEFT: Larry Boyne of Culver took this captivating photo of the sun rising over Lake Maxinkuckee last week. LOWER RIGHT: Recently-installed street signs in the downtown area add to the vintage charm conveyed via the downtown revitalization project which kicked off last fall in Culver, accompanying the similarly older-style look of the downtown clock and street light poles in the area. The two-block stretch of Main Street near the Jefferson intersection was also milled down to the old brick and repaved last week (see photos, page 12).

Five Culver Elementary teachers cut last week

Five Culver Elementary School teachers received their pink slips last Thursday afternoon, following a unanimous school board vote four days earlier to cut that number of teachers from the school's staff.

Among teachers confirming they received notices were 2nd grade teacher Tina Bailey, 3rd grade teacher Rachel Rife, and 4th grade teacher Alicia Toll. An appeals process exists for the teachers, which makes it likely the school board will make no formal decision on cuts until after the school year has ended.

Culver Community Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt had, in the months prior to the decision, actually predicted teacher cuts would be closer to 7 to 10, but the retirement of several long-term faculty and staff contributed to the ability to retain the teachers who stayed on.

At the April 29 school board meeting, three new teachers were hired at a cost of \$179,050 for the upcoming year. During that meeting, Schuldt told the board that, after this spring's retirements were factored in, \$511,908 in reductions was still needed, which would be fulfilled by cutting five teachers.

Schuldt had also previously prepared teachers -- and the community -- for the likelihood that cuts would take place at the elementary, rather than the middle or high school, level since several CES class sizes were below state averages.

The cuts came in the wake of continuing efforts to shore

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Tri Kappa student art show winners announced

Culver Tri Kappa sponsored its annual student art show at the Culver Cove on Jefferson Street over the weekend of April 27, during which art from Culver Community Middle and High Schools and Culver Academies was showcased to the public and recognized by judges Joyce Lyman, John Bickel, and Sean Surrisi.

Awarded Best in Show this year was "Alley Way" by Jason Chan of Culver Academies, in the photography category.

Winners in the photography category included (1st place) "229" by Jason Chan (Culver Academies), (2nd) "Happy" by Erica Oosterhof, (CA), (3rd) "Subway Lights" by Jordan Berger (CA), and (4th) "Light House" by Elaina Englehard (CA).

In the painting category, winners included (1st) "Landscape" by Betsy Whitfield (CA), (2nd) "Fauvism Self Portrait" by Elizabeth Rainey (CCHS), (3rd) "Wing" by Kenadee Sliter (CCHS), and (4th) "Fauvist Sock Monkey" by Darcy Allen (CCHS).

Sculpture winners included (1st) "Goat" by Don Clark and Nick Pritz (CCHS), (2nd) "Doughnut" by Marcus Clifton (CCHS), (3rd) "Horseshoes" by Don Clark (CCHS), and (4th) "Float" by Tristan Schultz (CCHS).

In the print making category, the top three were (1st) "Cat's Eye" by Grace Lorenz (CCHS), (2nd) "Without Music" by Clare Hartman (CCHS), and (3rd) "Culver Star" by Mollie Sage (CCHS).

Drawing winners were (1st) "Our President" by Kwang-bok Roh (CA), (2nd) "Catfish" by Kenadee Sliter (CCHS), (3rd) "Music and Lyrics" by Kenadee Sliter (CCHS), and (4th) "Yawning Cats" by Cecelia Kenney (CCHS).

Recognized for electronic art was Janelle VandePutte, CCHS.

Middle School winners included: (1st) "Optical" by Collin Retschlag (CCHS), (2nd) "Hills Have Eyes" by Donovan Smith (CCHS), and (3rd) "Fish" by Sierra Salerni (CCHS).

Winners in the People's Choice category, which is determined by popular votes from visitors to the event, included (1st) "Wafer" by Codie Thomas (CCHS), "Happy" by Erica Oosterhoff (CA), "Landscape" by Betsy Whitfield (CA), "229" by Jason Chan (CA), "Wing" by Kennedy Sliter, and "Multiple Entries" by Cecilia Kenney.

CCHS BPA members headed to national competition this weekend

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

This weekend, Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America will continue a lengthy tradition of remarkable success when two students journey to the BPA national competition in Orlando, Florida.

CCHS business teacher and BPA faculty leader Gene Baker shared details of the journey to nationals with members of Culver's Kiwanis Club recently, including recollections of the seven students he helped guide to the national competition in Chicago last year.

"We've placed highly in the past and hopefully will do that again," he explained, referring to more than a decade of CCHS' BPA sending students to the nationals each year, an unusual accomplishment for a school its size and facing stiff competition from large school systems throughout the state.

Baker said the BPA program has increased this year from 24 to 38 members, who he said benefit from a wide array of skills for later life.

"Hopefully they will come back to our community after going to colleges," he said.

In all, 24 CCHS students advanced from regional competition to the state level in Indianapolis earlier this year. The two placing high enough to compete at nationals were junior Justin Croy, who will compete in the same category -- computer modeling -- as he did at last year's nationals (where he placed 11th in the nation; he placed fourth in state last year and second this year); and Janele VanDePutte, a sophomore who will compete in another computer-related area. She created a video, said Baker, which highlights next year's nationals competition, which earned her sixth place at the state competition.

Baker noted the students will have opportunities not only to compete but also take in some of the local offerings, such as tours, visits to Disney World, and the like. The national BPA organization will offer seminars for students in enhancing their professionalism at the event as well, including attire, conduct, college advice, and other areas "they would never learn without the BPA here, but also without community support."

The trip will conclude quite a very first year in BPA for VanDePutte, Baker added.

"It's exciting and not very common for someone who just joined BPA in their first year to get all the way to nationals."

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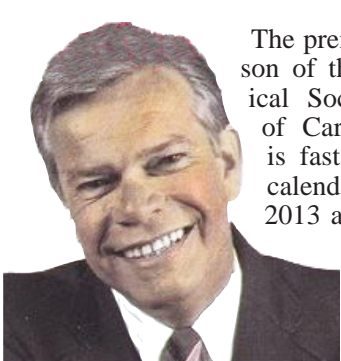


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Among the winners in this year's Tri Kappa student art show were (TOP LEFT) CCHS student Marcus Clifton's "Doughnut," (TOP RIGHT) Culver Academies' Betsy Whitfield's "Landscape," and (LEFT) "Goat" by Don Clark and Nick Pritz of CCHS

‘Carmichael sings The Vonneguts of the East Shore (... & Kurt, Jr., too) Carmichael’ June 8 this summer at the museum



The premier event of the 2013 season of the Antiquarian and Historical Society musical presentation of Carmichael sings Carmichael is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at The Legion Building located on the Culver Academies campus. Randy Carmichael, son of Hoagy Carmichael will perform for over an hour entertaining us with songs and stories of his father. The performance will be followed by wine and delicious appetizers with Randy Carmichael in attendance.

“Hoagy” Carmichael grew up in Bloomington, Indiana and graduated from the Indiana University School of Law. He composed his enduring pop standard, “Star Dust,” while he was finishing his studies at IU. Carmichael’s career shifted from jazz musician to songwriter and he eventually became one of the most important jazz and popular song composers of the 1930’s through the early 1950’s. Songs such as “Up the Lazy River,” “Georgia on My Mind,” and “The Nearness of You,” remain part of the standard repertoire for jazz and popular musicians today.

We encourage you to consider becoming a Major Donor, Sponsor, or Friend and receive special recognition in the program with the following levels:

Major Donors: \$500 -- 4 Tickets with Preferred Seating
Sponsor Donors: \$250 -- 2 Tickets
Friend Donors: \$125 -- 1 Ticket

Want to learn more and hear music played by Hoagy’s son, Randy Carmichael? Join us for “Carmichael sings Carmichael.” A night of enjoyment and wonderful music! Individual tickets are \$25 for members of AHS and \$35 for non-members and may be purchased at The Center for Culver History located on the ground level of the library. The museum hours are Tuesday – Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may also send an email request to historyofculver@gmail.com or regular mail at P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511.

You may also call the museum at 574-842-2941 ext. 218 or Ginny Gibson 574-635-0635.

A limited number of tickets are available, so don’t delay!

This summer, the Center for Culver History will host the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library’s traveling exhibit. The exhibit encompasses his work and legacy and features exciting memorabilia. The exhibit will run from the 18th of June through July 20th, and is free.

A world-class author and social commentator, Kurt, Jr. made a lasting impact on late-20th century literature. He also spent his summers at Lake Maxinkuckee from his early youth through the 1920’s. Many of the Vonnegut clan owned summer cottages and properties around the lake, and were one of the original German-American families (along with the Muellers, Schnulls, Schramms, etc.) to settle the East Shore in the 1880’s.

Indeed, Kurt, Jr.’s second cousin, Walter Vonnegut, developed “The Hollyhocks” apple orchard, near Hilarity Hill, after purchasing 300 acres in 1910. Agricultural scientists from Purdue helped with extensive experiments in fruit raising. Walter’s mother, Emma (Schnull), then ran the orchard for over a decade. The Schnulls actually had two daughters marry into the Vonneguts, which should illustrate just how closely the lake features in their family history.

The impact of “the Vonnegut enclave” on the Culver area continued into recent years in the form of Kurt, Jr.’s cousin, Catey Rasmussen, who contributed much to local history and the formation of the Antiquarian & Historical Society.

The Center will display items from its own collection to tell the local story alongside the Memorial Library’s traveling exhibit. The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library offers a perspective on the author’s life and works that remains



Part of the Kurt Vonnegut traveling exhibit which will be in Culver from June 18 through July 20.

true to his personal style and spirit.

Kurt, Jr., was born in Indianapolis, educated in New York state, interred as a Prisoner of War underneath Dresden during the Allied bombing campaign that razed that city and lived to tell the tale. He went on to teach and lecture throughout the United States, marrying twice, first to his high school sweetheart, Jane Cox, and then to photographer Jill Krementz. He has been described as a latter-day Mark Twain and counterculture moralist.

Lake Maxinkuckee, in his words, was “where I

made my first mental maps of the world,” and upon swimming its width at age 12, “as had my father and my brother and my cousin Richard - I became a man.” Kurt, Jr. passed away in April, 2007, in New York City, the same year Indianapolis declared the Year of Vonnegut. Schools and libraries throughout the world still occasionally ban his books.

The exhibit will have interactive multimedia displays, the author’s trusty typewriter, and a donated Purple Heart. Photos of the old Vonnegut places and faces will also feature alongside information on the family’s history in the area from the 1880’s. The author’s archived works will be available through touchpad displays and The Center has copies of Majie Alford Failey’s memoir of a young Kurt, Jr., We Never Danced Cheek to Cheek, available with a suggested donation. The Center is proud to promote the culture that Culver has produced and continues to produce through its writers, composers and artists.

The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library can be found online at vonnegutlibrary.org. The Center for Culver History is online at culverahs.com. For more information, contact Interim Museum Director Gregory Waksmulski at historyofculver@gmail.com, or 574-842-2941.

Other summer, 2013 AHS events

July 13: Launches of Lake Maxinkuckee. Remembering the days of steamboats, Chris Craft, sailboats and canoes on our beautiful lake and how industry affected the different types of crafts.

August 17: Cemeteries Around the Culver Area
Locating all of the cemeteries in and around the Culver area with interesting stories of the occupants.

“Survey Says”

The Antiquarian and Historical Society has been providing services to its members for over 20 years. In February and March of this year, a survey was designed to prioritize the functions of the services provided to the members. The survey was only sent to members with an email address which was 210 of the 231 members listed for the years 2012 and 2013 reaching 90.9% of the membership. There was a 57.6% return rate with 121 members returning the survey. The results reflect the percentage of members who felt a service was “Important” or “Outstanding” as a function of AHS.

1. How important is the Center for Culver History (museum and research center)? **85%**
2. (tied) How important are the Historic Sites, e.g. Heritage Park, Lighthouse, and Historic District? **76%**
- How important are the Meetings (Power Point Presentations about Culver History)? **76%**
3. How important are the Special Events (Cole Porter Review, Ice Cream Socials etc.)? **74%**
4. How important are the subscriptions to the Culver Citizen (newsletter)? **71%**
5. (tied) How important is it for AHS to Carry Publications and Merchandise in the Gift Center? **71%**

How important is the AHS Website and Facebook? **48%**

We continue to work on posting articles, yearbooks and newspapers on the Web and Facebook page, and would welcome volunteers to assist in the scanning process. The museum gift shop has added new notecards and postcards and also distributed the notecards to Diva’s, Gail’s, Elizabeth’s Garden, and The CMA museum.

The Antiquarian and Historical Society Officers and Board members would like to thank everyone for their participation with the survey. AHS continues to strive to meet the needs of the membership and to continue the mission to strengthen the bonds of the community through the collection, preservation and interpretation of the natural, historical and cultural heritage of our community, through programs, education, research opportunities and exhibits.

The Way We Were

Jim Peterson
Founder and President

In the next few months the Center for Culver History will be moving into new space. The Museum Committee is searching for possible locations, with the hope that we can better serve our members, the community and the mission of the Society.

We have grown exponentially since our founding in 1991. The museum and research center, the Culver Citizens subscriptions and our newsletter pages, the maintenance of our beautiful Heritage Park and other historic sites, the meetings, tours, the historic re-enactments, the special presentations, the publications, prints, and our expanding Web Site (www.culverahs.com) and Face Book (AHS on Facebook) are some of the programs and services we provide. Our membership currently stands at 234 families

As we contemplate new programs and services, I am reminded of the old saying “you cannot plan for the future without an understanding of the past.” Our first meeting took place on the Bramfeld front porch in August of 1991. About 15 people came together there, people who were interested in preserving and presenting the historical legacy of the Culver –Lake Maxinkuckee community. At first it was just a “show and tell” get together once a month at some of the member’s cottages. However, interest in the history and traditions of our unique community grew. In 1993 we had 54 members and decided to incorporate ourselves as the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

The impressive sounding name came from an account in the Plymouth newspaper in 1858 which reported that “Bayless Dickson was forming an Antiquarian and Historical Society in Marmot” (later called Culver). There is no record that there was ever a meeting of the Society until our incorporation meeting in 1993. The mission of our Society was stated as “A Group of residents dedicated to the preservation of their community’s history”.

As a Society of dedicated volunteers, we reprinted historic books, prints and post cards. We hired consultants to help us research the history of the area, which resulted in a multimedia CD-ROM, telling the stories and sharing the images of Culver’s past. In the process of getting acquainted with our community’s history, our “community” naturally began to include the town,



Front row, from left: Dorothy Peterson and Virginia Fisher. Back row, Pete Trone, Jim Peterson, Richard Ford, Bob Kreuzberger, and John Cleveland.

in the purchase of an abandoned gas station on the corner of Main and Jefferson; the very expensive clean up mandated because of the oil that had leaked into the ground over the years, and the design and construction of Heritage Park as it stands today. We

the Academies and the rural communities as well as the lake. We then went through the process of designating the Lake Maxinkuckee East Shore and Country Club, Culver’s Main Street, and Culver’s Bungalow District on the National Register of Historic Places. We held old fashioned Ice Cream Socials, first on the East Shore, then at the Academy, and finally at the Culver Cove in town. More recently our Ice Cream Socials have been joint ventures with the Plein Air painters and with the Gift of Warmth film festival. Our first big project in town was the creation of Heritage Park. A successful money raising effort resulted

Culver Farmer's Market reopens this Saturday

The Culver Farmer's Market will reopen for the season this Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). Interested produce and flower vendors are encouraged to call Barb at 574-842-2648.

Community invited to special Miller's events for National Nurshing Home Week

Beginning May 12, Miller's Merry Manor in Culver will host a week-long series of special events meant to highlight and encourage communication and relationships between patients, families, communities and caregivers in the nursing center. With the theme of "Team Care: Everyone Pitches In!", the activities are part of National Nursing Home Week, May 12 through 18, an annual observance sponsored by the American Health Care Association of Washington, DC, and the Indiana Health Care Association.

The public is invited to join Miller's residents and staff for a special week of activities, including:

Monday: Balloon shaving contest (2 p.m.), entertainment with the Good Time Singers (7 p.m.).

Tuesday: Hot dogs and soda on the girls' softball field south of Millers (3:30 p.m.).

Wednesday: Coffee/smoothie bar (8:30 to 10:30 a.m.).

Thursday: Chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla ice cream cones served and cookout, weather permitting (2 p.m.).

Friday: Root beer floats and "Fear Factor" competition (2 p.m.).

"As caregivers, providing the medical and restorative treatments that a physician orders makes up just one part of a successful rehabilitation," said Greg Fassett, administrator. "But when all the parties involved—patients and family members, as well as caregivers—come together to build relationships and create an environment where they set goals and work together as a team to achieve them, a powerful person-centered dynamic is created, satisfaction increases, and the chances for success are multiplied. At Miller's, we value the relationships we have with our residents and our community, and we look forward to the chance to celebrate with them during National Nursing Home Week."

Miller's Merry Manor is part of Miller's Health Systems, Inc., a 100 percent employee-owned company specializing in Medicare-certified rehabilitation, senior healthcare and housing. The company has 32 Rehab Centers and 11 Assisted Living Communities located throughout Indiana.

For more information about National Nursing Home week, call Cheryl Smith at 574-842-3337 or visit www.millersmerrymanor.com.

Culver's Okray headed to National Concrete Canoe Competition

EVANSVILLE, Ind. -- The University of Evansville has announced civil engineering major Hannah Okray of Culver helped UE's Concrete Canoe team qualify for the American Society of Civil Engineers National Concrete Canoe Competition, held this year from June 20 through 22 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The team, made up of Okray and 20 other civil engineering students, earned a bid to nationals by winning the Concrete Canoe competition at the ASCE Great Lakes Student Conference, held last month at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. UE placed first out of 17 Concrete Canoe teams.

The Concrete Canoe competition consists of four categories: races, oral presentation, final product, and design paper, with each counting equally toward the final score. Because of severe weather during the ASCE Great Lakes Student Conference, the races were canceled, shifting the fight to the academic portion of the competition.

For more information, visit www.evansville.edu. Read more details at readabout.me/achievements/Hannah-Okray-of-Culver-Headed-to-National-Concrete-Canoe-Competition/6008539.

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Sarah Luttrell, left, of Culver, came in third place last week at the Marshall County Spelling Bee. Taking first was Charles Celandina (center) from St. Michael's Catholic School in Plymouth, and in second was Samantha Zechiel of Plymouth (right).

Graveside services for Strait May 11

CULVER — Graveside services for Edith Annette Bentley Strait will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Strait, 106, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012 at her winter home in San Benito, Texas.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. Richard D. Strait, Bourbon and Dr. Lawrence A. (Janet) Strait, Santa Ana, Calif.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be sent to the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver.

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

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

LMEC hosts free fishing classes June 1, 2

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will hold free family fishing classes on June 1 and 2 to correspond with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Free Fishing Weekend this year.

During Free Fishing Weekend, no fishing licenses are required on any public lake in the state. So if you are a kid who wants to learn, or a parent who needs to learn, or both, or even retired and wish you had learned when you were young, call now to reserve a space!

Learn how to put together a fishing rod, handle a reel, tie knots, cast and much more. The class will be great for new "want-to-be" fishermen. Modeled after Indiana's GoFish-IN classes put on by IDNR, they are interactive and fairly short and include both classroom instruction, games plus actual fishing.

Class size is limited to twenty at a time, so call 574-842-3686 to register now. Classes will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the beach lodge on Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2.

If registration dictates, second classes can be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Call now and leave your name, contact information (phone number, email address) and the time and date of the class you wish to attend. Someone will get back to you to verify your registration as soon as possible.

Culver student takes 3rd in county spelling bee

By Jeff Kenney

More than 20 of Marshall County's best spellers gathered last Monday evening at the Culver Community High School for the 31st annual Marshall County Spelling Bee, which pits the top 5th through 8th grade spellers from Argos, Bremen, Culver, LaVille, Plymouth, and Walkerton, both public and private, against each other.

Charles Celandina, a 6th grader from St. Michael's Catholic School in Plymouth, took first place, followed by Riverside Intermediate (Plymouth) 6th grader Samantha Zechiel. Sarah Luttrell, grade 6, from Culver Elementary, came in third. Zechiel is the daughter of Culver Elementary teacher Terri Zechiel.

After several elimination rounds, contestants battled it out for six full rounds on the same two words. As the contest neared its conclusion, the word "macrabe" proved Luttrell's undoing, while the word "enzyme" propelled Celandina to the top over Zechiel, after which he spelled "discernable" for the win.

All participants in the Pilot News-sponsored bee received a goody bag, with the top three winners receiving gift certificates to Wal-Mart, Culver beach passes, and Auto Park cups, t-shirts, and frisbees in addition.

Culver Elementary teacher Missy Trent was the emcee for the evening, and fellow CES teacher Valerie Cultice was the announcer. Judges were Culver Community teachers Todd Shafer and Julie Kitchell, with Tina Stacey acting as official recorder.

Adams talks Lake Maxinkuckee novel with local youth May 21

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will host Culver author Marcia Adams for a program about her most recent book, "Glowing Fire: Adventures of a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl and a Potawatomi Boy," the second in her trilogy about Alexia, set in the Culver area in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Adams will be joined by several students from the Culver Boys and Girls Club, and any students in 4th through 6th grades are welcome to come and enjoy the program as well.

The event will take place Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Children's area of the Culver Public Library.

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

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

Monday, May 13: Chili dog spudsters, carrot slaw, dessert.

Tuesday, May 14: Scrambled eggs with cheese and peppers, hashbrown casserole, yogurt, peaches, coffee cake.

Wednesday, May 15: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, cherry ambrosia.

Thursday, May 16: Beef and mushrooms over rice, Brussel sprouts, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges.

Friday, May 17: Chicken pot pie, salad and dressing, dinner roll, cobbler.

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Nationally renowned comedy improv group highlights CBGC auction

Earlier this year, the Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) announced plans for 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 reservation deadline for the event is June 1.

The auction committee has announced the entertainment for the event, Mission IMPROVable, a comedy improv act. Auction committee member Noreen Faulkner signed the group and says that they have performed alongside members of Saturday Night Live, Mad TV, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, and Late Night with Conan O’Brien. Mission IMPROVable has a home theater in Los Angeles, CA. Chairman of the auction committee Carol Zeglis says, “We are thrilled that we could get Mission IMPROVable to entertain our guests. Every year, we try to find entertainment that will draw a crowd, and we know that Mission IMPROVable will do that once again this year.”

Dianne Osborn, a board member for CBGC known by committee members for her amazing talent at collecting several of the auction items, says that there are a number of new items for this year’s silent auction and live auction.

“Our donors have been very generous with us and we have found new donors,” she says.

Zeglis adds, “Dianne always gets so many new items and great items from area businesses. She also goes out

of town to solicit new donors and this year, she has found some fantastic items that haven’t been part of the auction before now. All of the CGGC board members are obtaining items to the auction, so there is something for everyone.”

Y o u can begin previewing auction items such as art work, sports tickets, trips, and numerous other offerings on May 15 at www.bgcculver.org. Facebook users can also preview items on the Culver Boys and Girls Club Auction Event Page.

Ginny Munroe, current board Chairwoman, says, “I think those who have attended our event in the past know how hard we work to put on a great show and how important it is to our fundraising efforts. We work up until the last minute to get everything in place, but it’s always worth it when we see the community come out to support the youth in this community. We are so fortunate that so many businesses and individuals support our club through the auction event and through our One Campaign. We wouldn’t have record numbers of kids attending every year and

new programming for them if we didn’t have such strong support from the community.”

The auction admission price includes beer and wine, hearty hors d'oeuvres, the annual silent auction, and the entertainment. Admission to the event is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. The event is completely underwritten, so all proceeds go directly to the club. To reserve your admission, you can contact Leslie Shepard at shepard@culver.k12.in.us or contact a CBGC board member. You can also write to Attention Auction, CBGC, PO Box 44, Culver, IN 46511. Auction committee members have set June 1 as the deadline for reservations.

CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 44.8 million boys and girls in over 4,000 clubs nationally.



Police resolve matter of residential entries

Culver police have identified the individuals responsible for a string of residential entries reported on in last week’s Culver Citizen, all in the area of College Avenue near Liberty Street and Forest Place.

According to town marshal Wayne Bean, two juvenile subjects admitted to the entries, which included homes and garages. Names and details of the case were not released due to the age of the individuals.

Congresswoman holds meeting with Chambers

By Lois Tomaszewski
Staff writer

PLYMOUTH — In an invitation only meeting with members of the Plymouth and Culver Chambers of Commerce and a few local officials, Congresswoman Jackie Walorski listened, took notes and commented on local and regional concerns Tuesday afternoon in Plymouth.

It was the culmination of a 10-county, two-day “Building Better Business” tour across her district to touch base with the business community. With a request that the media attending the event consider the comments made during the meeting “off the record,” Walorski said she wanted to provide the chamber members in the room with updates on concerns addressed in a meeting two months ago and to share some insight on procedures and situations that were occurring at the region - al level and in Washington D.C.

Not all of the information she shared was not “publicly available,” she said.

At the table with Walorski from the region were people representing local businesses, higher education, economic

development, non-profits, and banking and finance.

“We are proud to have [Walorski] take the time out to come here,” said Plymouth Chamber of Commerce president Ryan Jessen.

She also told the group about her recent visit to Afghanistan as part of the Armed Service Committee. While there, Walorski said she was proud to meet a woman in charge of the forensic lab, a graduate of Purdue and a Hoosier, whose team has arrested more than 430 insurgents in the last several months. These arrests came from new technology that allows investigators to extract fingerprint and DNA evidence from porous materials used in explosive devices.

Tuesday, Walorski prompted the group to talk about what they viewed as impediments to progress. These included federal government attempts to determine higher education accreditation, the prevalence of people cheating on tax returns, funding for Housing and Urban Development offices to better serve the region, and better access to high speed communication lines.

Other needs expressed by the community were to re-

instate funding to address skill gap education to create a more adept workforce, and government funding for programs that might harm business by targeting products that a government funded agency deems “unhealthy.” Walorski said some of the issues were out of her jurisdiction. One of the best ways to enact change in law makers’ stands on the issues is to voice an opinion, Walorski said.

“Your opinions count as individual tax payers,” she said. “It’s counted. Public opinion can definitely move the political barometer.”

Walorski also talked about federal issues, such as the budget and her position that the federal government needs to have a balanced budget in place. There is no compromise on this issue, she said.

She also said other important concerns are immigration reform, especially since it has a real impact on the agriculture industry.

“We are there to advocate for this district,” Walorski said. “All of these issues involve all of our lives.”

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are justly proud of this handsome park and plan to continue its upkeep, to insure its preservation and beauty. Next we placed a replica of the historic signaling tower (the lighthouse) in the Town Park, another striking landmark which everyone who visits, or even passes our park can see and admire.

For the past nine years we have undertaken to create and maintain the Center for Culver History, a Museum and Research Center on the ground floor of the Culver-Union Township Library. This Center has been the focus of most of the Society’s initiatives and services. According to a recent survey of our members, we consider the museum to be a vital part of the community and one which we should continue to support, if at all possible.

With the opening of the Center for History of Culver, it became necessary to hire the services of two part-time staff members, but from our inception the work of raising money, planning and executing social events, writing, printing, scanning, researching and “you name it” was



LEFT: From the early years of the AHS: Seated from left: John Cleveland, Virginia Fisher, Rev. Lloyd Holfield, Marian Nixon. Standing: Jim Peterson, Sam Perkins, and Agnes Bramfeld.

done by our very special members. I wish we could list the names of every one of our extraordinary volunteers who worked and are still working to preserve the history of this unique and wonderful place.

While we may slightly deviate from our core mission, the preservation and presentation of our historic legacy, I believe that we have remained true to the principles of the dedicated volunteers that met on that front porch. That core mission is to tell the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee story to each succeeding generation and to the newcomers to the community. That story binds us together as a community and gives us a sense of pride. Knowing what has been bequeathed to us by those that went before instills respect for their efforts and a commitment to add to that heritage.

Another old saying is that you can’t plant cut flowers. They must have roots to grow and blossom. Our roots are strong, as strong as the firm resolve of our early and current members to preserve our past and to insure the future of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Name that Culver ‘citizen’

A great many readers correctly identified last week’s Mystery Citizen, and the photos below indicate at least partly why: Janna (Click) VanDePutte hasn’t changed much since her Culver Comm. High School days. Today, of course, she’s teaching at the Culver Elementary School and is married to local firefighter Ken VanDePutte, who’s involved in several other local endeavors as well (their daughter Janele is featured on page 1 this week for her success in the school’s BPA program).

Among those who recognized her were Lora Pinder, Sandra Kelso, Kyle VanDePutte, Penny Howard, Anna

Neher, Cara Lewellen, Vicki Wagner, Marizetta Kenney, Jack Houghton, Judi Currens, Angela Gibson, Rebecca Budzinski, Teri Baker, Carol Saft, and Janele VanDePutte.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is another local grad who saw much of the world before returning to Culver to serve in a number of endeavors here.

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

ABOVE: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Janna VanDePutte, then and now. RIGHT: This week’s Mystery Citizen.



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LEFT: Culver Comm. High School students (and their parents) honored recently at the annual Moose Krause Memorial awards banquet in South Bend included, from left, Micah Budzinski, his father Victor Budzinski, Scott Schrimsher and his son, Allen Betts, Collin Stevens, and his father Ryan Stevens.

CCHS students athletes honored at Krause banquet

Among 30 athletes honored last month at the 40th annual Moose Krause Memorial Scholar-Athlete Dinner in South Bend, Culver Comm. High School was the only school represented by three student athletes, seniors Allen Betts, Micah Budzinski, and Collin Stevens, according to CCHS athletic director and football coach Andy Thomas

The students were honored as part of a program at the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame event which included remarks from WHME TV 46 sports director Bob Nagle and Notre Dame defensive line coach Mike Elston.

Betts played wide receiver, running back, defensive back, quarterback, and nose guard for four years as a two-year starter for CCHS and was Academic All-state this year. Besides football, he participated in wrestling for four years as a semi-state qualifier, sectional champion in 2013,

and a conference champion in 2013. He also participated in track, running the mile, two mile, and 800 for three years. Betts also has a 4.05 GPA, is ranked 1st out of 54, is the valedictorian of his class and a member of NHS.

Budzinski played tight end, wide receiver, and free safety for Culver Community High School. He wasthree-time All-NCS 1st Team, had 155 receptions, 1778 yards, 19 touchdowns, and was named top hitter on the team. He was the leading rebounder in basketball and also was a 110 hurdles regional qualifier for track. He has a GPA of 3.987 and is ranked second out of 54 students.

Stevens played as a quarterback and a kicker, passing for 43 touchdowns and running for 17 additional touchdowns. He scored 145 points by kicking. He also plays basketball and baseball, has a GPA of 3.782, and is ranked 3rd out of 54 students.

Lady Trojans down CGA in five

By James Costello
Sports Editor

BOURBON — For four innings, Culver Girls Academy hung tough with Triton.

But in the end, the Lady Trojans’ big second inning proved more than enough for the visitors.

Triton batters collected eight hits for nine runs batting through the order in the bottom of the second, and Hannah Jennings’ two-run double in the bottom of the fifth sealed CGA’s fate, 13-3 in five innings in Bourbon Thursday.

The second inning featured a trio of doubles by the home team.

Leadoff hitter Krystal Sellers — who finished the day a perfect 4-for-4 on base with three stolen bases, an RBI and two runs for Triton — ripped an RBI double down the left field line, and first baseman Mallorie Jennings’ shot clear to the center-field fence with two out in her second plate appearance of the inning kept Triton’s big inning going, but it was number nine batter Lexee Lemler who had the inning’s big hit, as her two-strike, bases-clearing double over CGA left fielder Emma Duthie with one out broke the game open and gave the Trojans a 4-0 lead.

“We didn’t think we’d fall behind that far after we had one of our better innings — I think it was three up and three down with a double play in the first inning,” said CGA head coach Randy Minas. “Then in the second inning they had four runs with two out. We just didn’t make the plays that, over time, we’ve been capable of making.”

Duthie relieved CGA starter Abby Jeffirs in the third,



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Girls Academy's Jamie Madison scoops up a ball and prepares to throw to first during a game at Triton last week.

levelled out her swing and she’s driving the ball more,” Minas said. “The key is our second and third batter have generally brought her in, and what ended up happening (in the fourth) is we popped out to second and (catcher)... and then — unfortunately what we’ve shown on our side this year — once we get their heads down a little bit they start throwing the ball around and at least our girls have the insight and the coaches knew what to tell them to do. We

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Sports briefs

Softball

CGA beats Warsaw

Pita Navarro and Regina Padilla clinched a 7-5 tiebreaker to beat Olivia Wallin and Marley Smith in straight sets at 2 doubles, and Culver Girls Academy trumped visiting Warsaw 3-2 last Thursday.

Rachel Simon shut out Warsaw’s Sarah Boyle in two 6-0 sets at 1 singles, and Maria Solis and Kendall Whitehurst downed Camille Kerlin and Anna Hall 6-4, 6-1 for the win at 2 doubles.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, WARSAW 2
at Culver

LaVille shells Culver

LaVille collected 10 hits, and the Lady Lancers used a seven-run third to hand host Culver Community a 14-0 Northern State Conference defeat in five innings last Monday night.

Hannah Herbster went the distance in the circle for LaVille, surrendering just two hits with six strikeouts as she moved to 5-3 on the year.

Megan Brady took the pitching loss for Culver, which remained winless at 0-9 on the season and 0-7 in league play.

• LaVILLE 14, CULVER 0 (5 inn.)
At Culver

Baseball

CMA downs St. Joe

Culver Military scored eight runs in the bottom of the third, and the Eagles claimed a 15-6 victory over visiting South Bend St. Joseph’s at home Saturday.

Perley Provost helped his own cause on the mound driving in two runs with two doubles, while teammates Colin Raver and Cole Payne also notched two RBIs apiece in the win. Daniel Billett also doubled for CMA.

• CULVER MILITARY 15, ST. JOSEPH 6
at Culver

Bremen rallies past Culver

Bremen plated a walk-off run in the bottom of the seventh to break a 5-5 tie, and the Lions continued their win streak with a 6-5 Northern State Conference win over visiting Culver Community last Friday.

Dillon Mullen got the win giving up two walks with no hits closing the door on Culver in relief of Jacob Bennitt in the seventh. Bennitt turned in a three-hit, two-walk performance allowing two earned runs with five strikeouts lasting six innings.

Drew Coffel’s three-run home run in the fifth propelled Bremen into a 5-4 lead after a three-run third by the visitors. Brother Tyler Coffel recorded an RBI double, and Bobby Cornett finished with two hits and two runs scored for the Lions, who remain in the NSC hunt at 7-2 with an 11-2 overall mark.

Kyle Vlach took the loss in a complete-game outing for Culver, which slips to 1-11 with an 0-6 Northern State record with Friday’s narrow loss.

• BREMEN 6, CULVER COMMUNITY 5
At Bremen

Bartelman powers CMA

Kyle Bartelman doubled three times and tripled in another plate appearance for Culver Military, and the Eagles notched a 9-2 win over visiting North Miami Thursday.

Colin Raver also tripled, and he and Bartelman each drove in two runs for CMA.

Shane Comskey earned the win on the mound.

• CULVER MILITARY 9, NORTH MIAMI 2
at Culver

Cavs struggle at ECA

Culver Community struggled at the plate with just three hits in a 6-1 loss on the road at Elkhart Christian Thursday.

Josh Kelly, Kenny Bearss and Caleb Stayton all doubled for ECA, which collected 11 hits in the win.

• ELKHART CHRISTIAN 6, CULVER COMMUNITY 1
At Elkhart

Culver falls at Jimtown

Culver Community lost an 18-8 game on the road at

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Culver-Plymouth faculty game

This year, the Culver Academies' annual faculty-staff basketball team faced a Plymouth team for the first time on the Eagles' home court. The Culver team, led by Bill Murchie and Mark Galloway with 19 and 17 points respectively held off a furious fourth-quarter rally and a flurry of late threes to defeat Plymouth 68-64. Culver had built a comfortable 51-39 lead after three quarters, but Plymouth pulled within two with less than two minutes to go by scoring four straight three-pointers late in the game. However, Culver was able to hold their lead behind by making some critical free throws down the stretch (Culver was 10/13 from the stripe in the game). Leading scorer for Plymouth was Rob Carmichael with 12 points. Individual point totals are indicated in the caption for the joint team photo. Culver, back row from left: Randy Davis, Ashton Duke, Jordan Nies, Bill Murchie, Will DuVal, Will O'Bryan, John Rogers, Andy Petz, Daniel Solomon, Alex Wendling, Bryan Falk, Phil Blessman, Mark Galloway. Plymouth, front row from left: Trent Newcomb, Matt Houin, Mike Good, Rob Carmichael, Eric Carmichael, Larry Stewart, Dan Funston, Brad Haeck, Tim Ilson, Kirk Weiss, Brian Frantz, Jacob Singleton.

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were able to move the ball around the infield. Another hit or two we would've been right in the game.” Triton saw solid production throughout the night from the top and middle of its order as Sellers went 2-for-2 officially with a pair of walks, three stolen bags, two runs and an RBI in the leadoff spot, Garbison went 3-for-4 on base with three runs and an RBI in the third spot in the lineup, clean-up hitter Mallorie Jennings was 3-for-4 with an RBI and scored runs in each of the three times she reached base, and five-hole hitter Brown was 4-for-4 on base with a pair of hits, an RBI, three stolen bases and three runs. Garbison got her first win inside the circle, giving up

just one earned run on two hits with five strikeouts and a walk going the distance for the Trojans. Jeffers took the loss for CGA giving up nine earned runs off eight hits and four walks lasting through the second. Duthie surrendered two earned runs off three hits with two walks and one struck in the remaining two and two-thirds innings as CGA slipped to 1-6. “We changed the pitching to slow it down because they were hitting all to the left side. We took out some of our better defensive players that play infield and moved them to the outfield and actually tightened up a lot, and that last inning it slipped away from us again to where they scored

more than they should've,” said Minas. Triton improved to 12-4 with Thursday’s win, meanwhile, and after the 10-run rule-shortened win, the Lady Trojans got in some extra batting and fielding practice late Thursday. It was enough to impress Minas. “We’ve got a lot to work on that’s for sure,” said the CGA skipper. “It’s impressive to see the team that beat us out there on the field practicing. That’s what we should be doing.” • TRITON 13, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3 (5 inn.) At Bourbon

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Northern State Conference-leading Jimtown last Wednesday. The Jimmies recorded 19 hits in the game, including two home runs apiece by Evan Oblinger and Cole Gaugler as they downed the Cavs in five. Nick Pritz homered and doubled for Culver, which responded to a five-run Jimtown first with five runs of its own in the top of the second, but fell too far behind to dig out of as the home team scratched out seven runs over the second and third innings. • JIMTOWN 18, CULVER COMMUNITY 8 (5 inn.) At Elkhart

CMA loses at Marian Trent Kolden homered in the fourth, but Culver Military recorded just three hits in a 7-2 loss to host Mishawaka Marian last Tuesday. Marian out-hit the Eagles 8-3 and put up six runs over the second and third frames, never looking back in the win. • MISHAWAKA MARIAN 7, CULVER MILITARY 2 at Mishawaka

Girls tennis **CGA goes 0-3 against tough field** Culver Girls Academy lost a trio of tennis matches at home Saturday, falling 4-1 to Fairfield and 5-0 to both No. 7-ranked Munster and No. 5-rated Penn. The Lady Eagles’ only win of the day came at 1 doubles, where Regina Padilla and Pita Navarro beat Fairfield’s Mary Shipley and Leah Wimmer, 6-0, 6-2. Maria Solis and Kendall Whitehurst fell in a super tiebreaker with Mariana Rogers and Anisha Vavilala in the Fairfield match, meanwhile, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5. • FAIRFIELD 4, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1 at Culver • MUNSTER 5, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0 at Culver • PENN 5, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0 At Culver

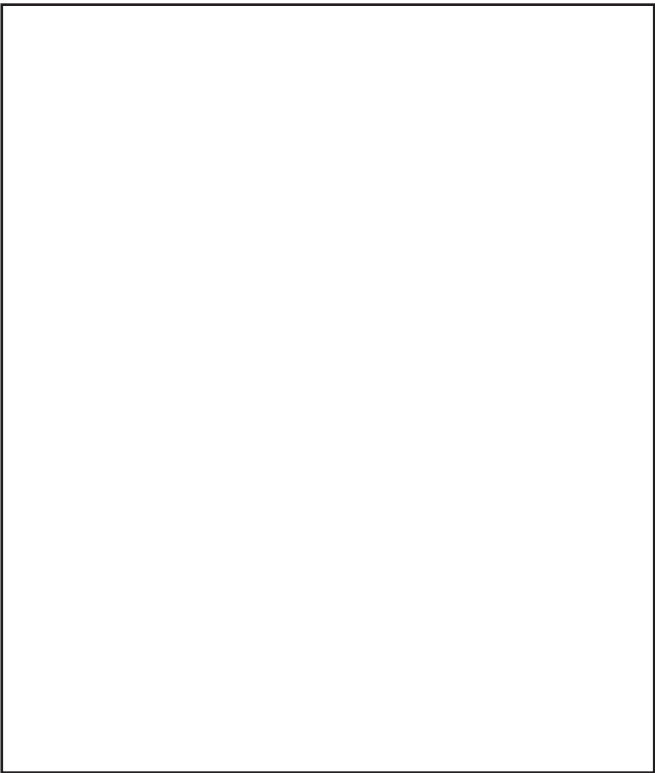
CGA edges St. Joe Natalia Yanez-Lopez clinched a three-set win over Mary

Mullaney 6-3, 5-7, 6-0, the Lady Eagles claimed another three-set win at 1 doubles, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, and CGA topped visiting South Bend St. Joseph 3-2 at home Wednesday. The home team’s other win came at 2 singles, where Rachel Simon put away Kristen Pascual in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. • CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, ST. JOSEPH 2 at Culver

Boys golf **CMA 3rd at Homestead Invite** Culver Military shot a 333 for third place behind East Noble’s 329, while Plymouth finished seventh with a 340, and Warsaw won the Homestead Golf Invitational at Orchard Ridge in Fort Wayne last Saturday. Ben Sharff shot a 77 for fifth overall to lead the Eagles at the meet. • HOMESTEAD INVITATIONAL At Orchard Ridge (Par 71)

CMA earns 2 wins Culver Military beat out a pair of state-ranked teams in NorthWood and Mishawaka Marian at Mystic Hills last Wednesday. John Connelly shot 37, Zach Allyn shot 38, and Ben Sharff and Davis Payne both carded 39 for the Eagles. NorthWood was led by Dylan Gessinger’s meet-low 36. Payton Grubbs and Logan Kauffman both carded 40, and Ryan Thompson shot 43. • CULVER MILITARY 153, NORTHWOOD 159, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 165 at Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 35)

Culver loses 2 Plymouth beat out LaVille and Culver Community in a three-way meet on the Pilgrims’ home course at the Plymouth Country Club Wednesday. Trent Elliott carded an even-par 36 to pace Culver, while Cody Peterson shot 49. Kenny VanDePutte scored a 57, and Tevin Jones completed Culver’s score with a 61. • PLYMOUTH 163, LaVILLE 184, CULVER 203



At Plymouth CC (Par 36)

Girls track **Bremen ties for 2nd at Goshen Girls Relays** Bremen and Plymouth tied for second with scores of 82.5 behind Fairfield’s winning score of 95, while NorthWood finished sixth with 57, and John Glenn placed 11th with a score of 33 at the 12-team Goshen Relays Saturday. Bremen’s best finish came in the 100-meter dash, where Jasmine Schafer and Katelyn Aguayo went one-two, and the Lady Lions saw their best points production in the sprints. Schafer and Aguayo ran legs with Marisa Browning and Jorgi Klockow as Bremen took top honors in the 4x200, Schafer, Browning and Aguayo combined with Kaley Gann to win the 400 relay. Gann won the long jump and finished third in the 100 hurdles as well. Schafer, Browning, Klockow and Nicole Hueni placed second behind Plymouth in the 1600 relay, meanwhile, while Brooke Bahr finished fourth in the 1600, and Allison Culler, Sara Slabaugh, Claire Schmidt and Brittany Salhoff finished fifth in the 4x800. • GOSHEN RELAYS At Goshen

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up operational costs in the school system over the past few years, a response to a combination of marked decreases in school enrollment (around 11 percent in the past three years), as well as shifts in funding methodologies at the state level, which will cost the school \$1.8 million in tuition support. The closure of Monterey Elementary School at the end of the 2011 school year was part of an earlier wave of budget cutting efforts. Schuldts also told the board work would commence on shoring up the elementary building’s HVAC and window caulking, which should save some \$200,000 in energy use. Performance Services of Indianapolis, which handled a similar project at the high school, will do the work. The company, said Schuldts, had guaranteed a \$44,000 savings at the high school, but already that amount has been surpassed to \$90,000 from prior to the project. Schuldts noted the cost of the elementary project comes from a different fund than faculty salaries are derived from. Rhonda Reinhold contributed to this article.



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Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

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. 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.

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.

Donate blood to celebrate Red Cross Day
May 14

Culver residents can help celebrate World Red Cross Day (which is May 8) by giving blood 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 redcross-blood.org for more information. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

Lake study 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 lmec@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.

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), including: **May 13** at Rochester Trinity United Methodist Church; **May 14** at Argos United Methodist Church; **May 16** at First United Church of Christ, Plymouth; **May 20** at Knox United Methodist Church. 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.

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.

Zeller family basketball camp here June 5-7

A Zeller family sponsored overnight youth basketball camp open to anyone entering 4th through 9th grade will take place at Culver Academies June 5 through 7. The camp 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. 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. Visit distinxion.org for more information or to register.

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.

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

Funds sought for after-school food program


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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.

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.

Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity returns June 29

Culver Tri-Kappa's bi-annual Chairs for Charity returns Saturday, June 29 at the Culver Cove resort on Jefferson Street. The evening begins with a reception, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction. At 8 p.m. the live auction begins.

Chairs, donated by Tri-Kappa members and artists in the Culver community, are artistically altered to create artistic content in a variety of themes. 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. Please contact Kathy Rich bkrich@culcom.net or Dorothea Ragsdale, dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com.



Culver High School reunion June 29

The Culver High School (CHS) reunion will take place Saturday, June 29, at the cafeteria for the Culver Community Schools Middle School/High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Honored classes will include any ending with a "3" or "8," though CHS alumni from all years are welcome, as are those who attended but did not graduate from Culver High School.

Please forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs such as those mentioned above via CD) to: 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).

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Academies speech team wraps up historic year

By Jan Garrison

INDIANAPOLIS – The Culver Academies speech team completed the 2012-13 season at the Indiana High School Forensic Association’s State Speech Tournament at Fishers High School. Twenty-one members of speech team gave up part of their spring break to compete in the tournament on March 23.

Out of 21 state qualifiers that competed 13 broke to the semifinals and four reached the finals, placing among the best six speakers in their respective events. The 21 competitors helped Culver place third out of more than 30 Class 2A schools and seventh in the state overall.

Making the finals were: Alex Ding, runner-up, Discussion; Lauren Engelbrecht, third, Poetry Interpretation; Todd Newton, fourth, Poetry Interpretation; and Anna-Christina Betekhtin, fourth, Prose Interpretation.

Breaking into the semifinal round were: Caitlin Schwartz, Broadcast; Tyler Sorg, Broadcast; Emily Hernandez and Todd Newton, Scripted Duo; Aerisa Ahn and Melissa Ma, Original Performance; Ethan Carter, Prose Interpretation; Aerisa Ahn, Poetry Interpretation; Lauren Engelbrecht and Erin Luck, Scripted Duo; Dana Brown, Humorous Interpretation; and Hallie Rauch, International Extemporaneous.

Ding and Engelbrecht earned first team All-State recognition while Newton and Betekhtin garnered second team honors. Fifty-three students participated on the speech team this season, which included winning the first sectional in school history.



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Serving up reading

Culver Elementary 2nd graders hosted parents and guests for their annual Fiesta Readers Cafe last week, in honor of the Cinco de Mayo festival. Besides serving Mexican-style snacks, young waiters and waitresses brought “menus” of available books to read, with readers joining guests at their table to read guest-chosen books. Pictured in Tina Bailey’s class is Brooke Gardner (seated at left), who listens as Alisa Hinds (seated at right) reads. Waiting on Gardner is Kaitlyn Kanschat (standing at right), while Brianna Bailey (standing at left) serves food.

CCMS Students of the Month

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

7th grade: Baleigh Canaday (teacher: Peggy Arquette), Caleb Sheridan (John Browder), Michael Boland (Jason Crittendon), Dylan Lewandowski (Tara Dehning), John Young (Amy Gearhart), Macee Strycker (Cheryl Geik), Reilly Reinhold (Julie Kitchell), Nathan Clinler (Shane Lowry), Rylee Lauth (Cristyn Messick), Joe Laba (Dana Thomas), Daniel Skiles (Ashleigh Trumble).

8th grade: Mandy Morrison (Peggy Arquette), Josh Krsek (Eugene Baker), Brianna Kinyanjui (Jason Crittendon), Joe Rivera (Tara Dehning), Matt Markovitz (Ashli Faulkner), Jill Zehner (Amy Gearhart), Sam Voreis (Chad Hollenbaugh), Alyssa Stockberger (Mary James), Jacob Skiles (Heather Jurgonski), Jeffrey Littleton (Shane Lowry), Cash Harris (Julie Perkins), Alyssa Conley (Tina Stacy), Jeffrey Littleton (Dana Thomas).

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Culver Academies Quizbowl in top 50 at national championship



The Culver Academies Quizbowl team finished 45th out of 132 teams at the National History Bowl Championship in Washington, DC recently, falling one question short of advancing to the top 32.

Muriel Weathers (CGA 2015) and Adam Freymiller (CMA 2013) also competed in the individual National History Bee Championship. Weathers placed 44th out of 160 in the JV division, and Freymiller finished 1 point short of Top 32 Playoffs at the National History Bee Varsity Championship-34th out of 175. The Eagles improved their overall record for the season to 76-30 and are now preparing for the Quizbowl Midwest and National Championships.

Full results for the History Bowl and Bee competitions can be accessed here: www.historybowl.com/bowl_ varsity/start.php (Varsity History Bowl); hs.historybee.com/bee_ varsity (Varsity History Bee); hs.historybee.com/bee_ jv (JV History Bee).

Pictured here is the team at the National History Bowl and Bee Championships in Washington, DC. From left, Clare Cunningham, Muriel Weathers, Adam Freymiller, John Van Duyn.

Author Albertson at CUTPL May 20

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host former Plymouth resident and local author Marie Albertson Monday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss her book, “Old Librarians Never Die; They Jump Out of Airplanes,” and the many world travels and exciting adventures of her senior years.

Albertson has a master’s degree in Library Science as well as a degree in counseling. Along with her adventure-seeking, she is a life coach, author, and inspiration to people of all ages. This free program is open to the public, and will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the library. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Home networking at Thursday Tech Time

Thursday Tech Time at the Culver Public Library on May 16 at 6 p.m. will focus on home networking. Wire up the house for improved connectivity, or go wireless. Discover how to install and configure various types of network devices.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.



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Healthy fun at Wesley Preschool

ABOVE: Wesley Preschoolers learned about heart health and healthy habits -- and got to hear their own heartbeats -- recently from Connie Overmyer of Culver. LEFT: Overmyer helps Myles Rivera hear his heart. CENTER: Overmyer, right, speaks to students (from left) Olivia McDaniels, Madison Kitts, Xavier Roberts, Jill Gavlick, Braden Keller, Scotty Banks, Molly Gormaly, Owen Dorrel, Myles Rivera, Brendan Master, Jack Carroll, and Graham Baker. RIGHT: Also paying the preschool a visit recently was Devon Stull of the Plymouth Lions Club (right) along with Bill Wallace (not pictured). According to Wesley teacher Jennifer Luttrell, the two have brought equipment annually for some years now to check pre-schoolers for early eye problem detection. Results are sent to an Indianapolis optometrist and letters are sent to parents if a problem is detected.

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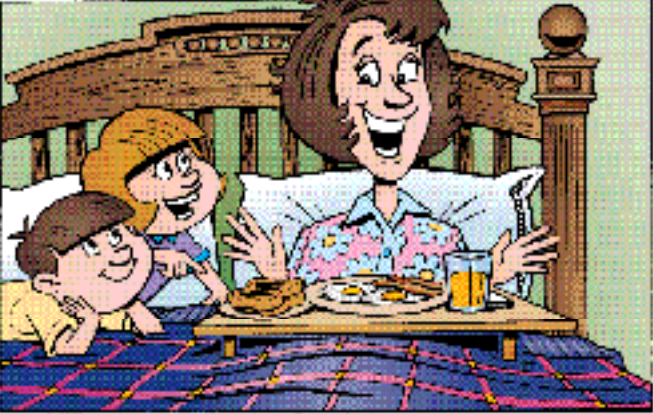
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Downtown repaved

The old circa 1915 bricks were visible early last week on Main Street as part of the conclusion of last year's downtown revitalization project. Two blocks of Main between Washington and Madison Streets were milled to the brick one day and paved the next, with crosswalk work under way early this week.