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Helping the hops for harvest

ABOVE, LEFT: George Pesek, owner of the Evil Czech Brewery in Culver (and the upcoming Mishawaka branch of the brewery), helps set up the equipment to grow hops at the Peseks' Rooster Hill Farms near Culver, where fresh, wet hops is planned to dramatically enhance the craft beers produced at the facility. SEE STORY BELOW.

Bringing 'Joseph' to the Culver stage

ABOVE: Members of the cast of the Maxinkuckee Players' 2013 production, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" take to the stage during rehearsals last week. AT TOP, Zach West (center) and the cast sing "Any Dream Will Do," while (BOTTOM) the 12 'brothers' of Joseph perform "Those Canaan Days." SEE STORY BELOW.

In Brief

Lake Fest this wknd

Culver's Lake Fest returns on the weekend of July 19 through 21, with a theme of "A Community That Serves." Returning are food, crafts, and games; the canoe-kayak-SUP poker run; the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant; the "Gong Show"; the Lake Fest Run, L'Max Bike Tour, firemen's waterball tourney, burnout contest, bass fishing tournament, kids' games, Sunfish Regatta, live music, spectacular fireworks over the lake, and more. Details are available at www.culverlakefest.com.

L'Max Bike Tour Sunday

The Culver Lake Fest's L'Max Bike Tour will begin with on-site registration Sunday, July 21 7 a.m. Pre-registration is open now, with forms available online at www.culverlakefest.com. Riders may choose between 10 miles, 30 miles, 63 miles, and 100 miles, all starting at the Culver beach lodge.

Great Purse Extravaganza

The "Great Purse Extravaganza" to raise funds for "Hello Gorgeous" in Culver returns this summer, with the purse sale event to take place at the Culver depot during this year's Lake Fest, July 20, 2 to 5 p.m. "Hello Gorgeous," sponsored by Michelle's Headquarters in Culver, creates a special day of hair and spa treatments and a welcome party for women battling cancer. Used purses may be dropped off at Michelle's, Culver Coffee Co., or Fisher & Co., in Culver before June 31. Call 574-842-2662 with questions.

'Rocketman' returns this wknd

Ben Smith of Florida-based company Rocketman will once again offer rides on a Jetlev jet pack as much as 30 feet above Lake Maxinkuckee, bringing the invention back to Culver this weekend. There are a limited

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Evil Czech expanding to Mishawaka, growing own local hops for 'wet' brewed offerings

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

First things first: the Evil Czech Brewery, at 530 South Ohio in Culver, is not leaving town, contrary to some rumors making the rounds.

In this case, the rumors aren't limited to Culver, but spread to -- or perhaps originated in -- Mishawaka. That's understandable since, according to Shawn Erikson of Evil Czech, the microbrewery is indeed expanding (as opposed to moving) to the same city which has become home to a somewhat similar expansion: that of the popular Corndance Cafe in Culver to the highly successful Corndance Tavern on Grape Road in Mishawaka.

Both Corndances and the Evil Czech are the work of George and Tammy Pesek (Evil Czech, of course, takes its tongue-in-cheek moniker from Czechoslovakia-born chef George, who carved out his initial reputation as a chef in Chicago to famous folk like Hilary Clinton, prior to coming to Culver over a decade ago).

Erikson says the original plan was to hold off on announcing the expansion until the location of what might be dubbed 'Evil Czech II' was a sure thing. And while the new locale isn't finalized, he says, it's expected to be on Main Street in Mishawaka, "next to the Putt Putt." Renovations are expected to be "as close to a reconstruction (of the building) as can be," he adds.

"Our business is growing so quickly, we can't sustain it in a seven barrel (brewing) system," which is what Evil Czech in Culver contains, Erikson explains. "There's no space to expand here in Culver, but our operation will include this one and another facility for larger production."

The new system is expected to include 20 barrels, which is necessary due to another big announcement for the firm: they're expanding distribution of Evil Czech's locally-produced craft beers from an already-impressive range in northern Indiana, into the remainder of the state.

"Eventually you can get Evil Czech beer anywhere you go, on tap," Erikson says. "If anybody wants it, they just have to ask their bartender and he can order it through any distributor in Indiana. This is a big jump for us."

The hope, with expansion underway, is to push sales outside of Indiana to surrounding states as well.

Draft beer sales are "great," he adds, when compared to the size of the brewery (which can boast of existing in the smallest town in the United States to host a microbrewery), and in fact production is currently close to capacity on draft beer production alone.

As another sign of the times, Evil Czech will be a presence at a couple of craft beer festivals in Indianapolis in the near future, including one which hosts 60 to 70 breweries, a first time appearance for them.

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George Pesek, chef and owner (with wife Tammy) of the Evil Czech Brewery (and Corndance Cafe) in Culver prepares for the hops planting at the Peseks' Rooster Hill Farm near Culver, in preparation for utilizing the hops in Evil Czech's own brewing operations in Culver and, in the not too distant future, Mishawaka.

Hume adds 50 summers at Culver Woodcraft to remarkable and varied life

By John Houghton

Like many of his equally modest peers in the greatest generation, soft-spoken Don Hume has been there and done that. PFC in the First Cavalry, with real horses? Check. Colonel in the Indiana National Guard? Check that, too (he takes a titular demotion every summer to become "Lieutenant Colonel Hume" at the Woodcraft Camp). Thirty-plus years as a high school science teacher and principal? Check.

Walks to the Chesterton South Shore station with Nobel-Prize-winning bio-chemist James Watson and seat next to cist Stephen Hawking at the dedication both of those, as well. Brother of a state tative himself? Check and check, with both remarkable and typical.

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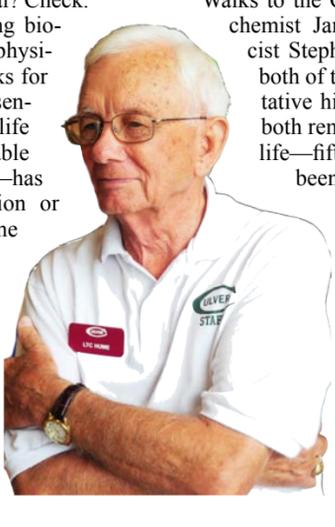
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22-year-old drowns at Culver town beach Sunday



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: A Culver ambulance waited in the town park as divers and rescue workers searched for 22-year old Valentin Sirghi (BELOW) near the buoys on the east end of the town beach.



Culver EMS, fire, and area police responded to a call after 7 p.m. Sunday evening from the town beach in Culver where 22-year-old Valentin Sirghi, of Plymouth had reportedly been under the water for some 30 minutes.

A friend of Sirghi, also 22, reported See Drowns page 2

Maxinkuckee Players' 'Joseph' marks group's first operatta

By Adam Freymiller
 Correspondent

If you pass by the Culver Community High School this summer, you might hear mellifluous musical strains streaming from the auditorium as the Maxinkuckee Players and Singers prepare their summer adaptation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

During an animated Thursday night rehearsal, The Citizen dropped by and spoke with two of the main performers. Zach West, who began acting at the age of four and is in his second summer performing with the Players and Singers, plays the role of Joseph. Kelly Overmyer, a thirteen-year stalwart of the Maxinkuckee Players and Singers, is the narrator. Both performers acknowledged that performing such a music-intensive operatta poses new challenges.

"We've never done an operatta before. In fact there's only one line of spoken dialogue in the entire performance," says Overmyer. West added that "Joseph's" numerous choral arrangements and dance numbers requires additional diligence on the part of the performers during rehearsal.

Overmyer and West also noted that "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" has something to offer for nearly all audiences.

"There's a wide variety of music in this production, such as calypso and vaudeville. With our adaptation, we've taken artistic license to go in a number of directions in terms of musical genres," says Overmyer, who also serves as Director of Music for the operatta.

"There's something about 'Joseph' that every age group can relate to," says West. "People can relate to betrayal and forgiveness, as well as learning to love again. We expect that certain scenes will hit people in a poignant way."

It appears that we can expect an enjoyable spectacle once the Players and Singers put the finishing touches on this rendition.

Performance dates include: Fri. July 26, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. July 28, 4:00 p.m.; Wed. July 31, 7:30 p.m.; Fri. August 2, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. August 3, 7:30 p.m.; Sun. August 4, 4:00 p.m.

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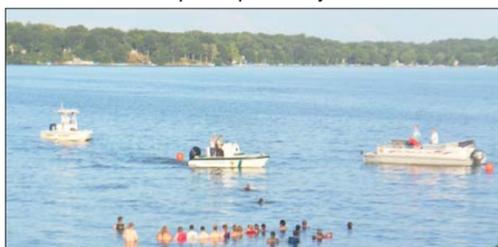


CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY
ABOVE: Police and rescue workers, at center, rush through the crowd in the Culver town park Sunday night en route to St. Joseph hospital in Plymouth.

the two had been swimming near the buoy line on the east end of the swimming area and were returning to shore when he noticed his friend went under.

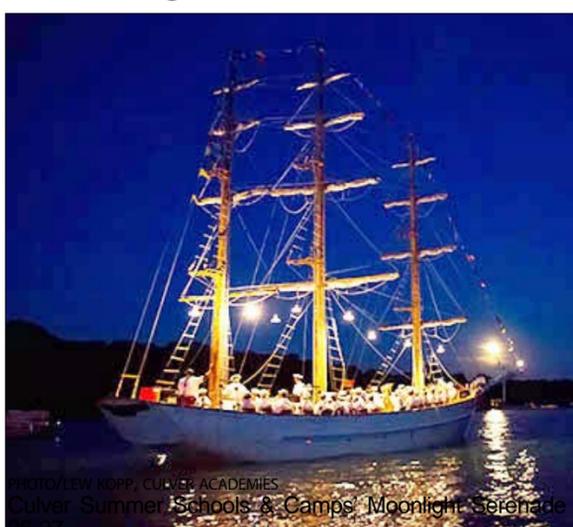
Rescue workers, members of the Marshall County dive team, and even some nearby swimmers searched the area for several minutes before recovering the man from under the water around 8 p.m. He was taken by stretcher to a waiting ambulance and hospital-bound as a large crowd applauded the efforts of the workers. Sirghi was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth at around 8:30 p.m. Exactly what caused Sirghi to drown is unknown, but an autopsy will be performed by the Marshall County Coroner.

The Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources is leading the investigation.



LEFT: Rescue boats surrounded the site of the search as nearby swimmers, at bottom, who had made a 'human chain' to walk the area in assistance, stand by.

Moonlight Serenade returns July 26, 27



PHOTO/LEW KOPP, CULVER ACADEMIES
Culver Summer Schools & Camps' Moonlight Serenade is set for July 26-27.

Culver Summer Schools & Camps' Moonlight Serenade will be held Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27.

The traditional serenade by the Culver Summer Naval Band aboard the R.H. Ledbetter – a staple along the Lake Maxinkuckee shores since 1943 – will begin at the Naval Pier at approximately 8:30 p.m. each night.

The Moonlight Serenade will cover the East Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee on Friday and the West Shore on Saturday. Lake residents are asked to help

light the three-masted, square rigger's course each night by placing luminarias along the lakefront piers. The Ledbetter will make a stop at the Culver Town Park, 819 E. Lake Shore Drive, each night at approximately 8:45 to 9 p.m. before heading down the respective shorelines.

The tradition of the Moonlight Serenade began aboard the O.W. Fowler, the predecessor to the Ledbetter. For the past 70 years, members of the Naval Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band have boarded the flagship under the full moon, playing old favorites for town and lake residents along the East and West shores of Lake Maxinkuckee.

The Moonlight Serenade is made possible by the Ann M. Smitson Moonlight Serenade Endowment.

Death notice

Smith

Mary C. Smith
July 6, 2013

CULVER — Mary C. Smith, 85, of Culver died July 6, 2013 at 9:50 p.m. in Culver.

She is survived by sons, Roger L. (Pauline) Smith of Culver, Dusty (Ruth) Eckman of Plymouth; daughter, Sondra L. Smith of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will take place at 12 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2013 at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Culver Bible Church.

Letters of condolence may be sent at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Library news

Data recovery at Thursday Tech Time this week

Thursday Tech Time for July 18 at 6 p.m. will explore data recovery, including the basics of recovering data from a damaged computer and dealing with old storage media, such as floppy disks.

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

Sessions are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public. A NOVEL APPROACH (book/Film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library)

Free genealogy workshop July 23

As part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program, Culver-Union Township Public Library presents "Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner's Genealogy Workshop," which will be held Tuesday, July 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small meeting room.

A lifetime, local genealogist, Monty Peden, will lead the workshop. All skill levels from beginner to expert are encouraged and welcome to attend this instructional, enjoyable workshop. Attendees are asked to register for the workshop, so that we will have materials and supplies ready for everyone in advance. Attendees should bring the full names of their parents, four grandparents, birth dates, and places of birth if known. Additionally, if any names of great-grandparents are known, please bring those to the workshop. This will allow for a place to begin digging deeper into the attendee's family history.

This program is free and open to the public. Please call the library at 574-842-2941 or email ljones@culver.lib.in.us to register for the workshop.

Book/film group to discuss "The Mirror Crack'd"

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group, "A Nogel Approach," will meet Wed., August 7 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book is, "The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side" by Agatha Christie. Miss Marple will find the person who has poisoned an ardent admirer of a glamorous actress at the movie star's gala welcoming event. There are many possible suspects but only one has done it.

The film version stars Elizabeth Taylor, Angela Lansbury, Tony Curtis, Rock Hudson, Kim Novak, and Geraldine Page.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Vonnegut family member recalls orchard, young Kurt Jr. here

The Center for Culver History is displaying local artifacts and sharing family memories of the Vonneguts of the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee alongside the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library's traveling exhibit, continuing through this weekend. The exhibits are helping to bring together stories of all four generations of the Vonneguts who lived and worked in our area.

Kit Vonnegut, of Guemes Island, Washington, recently shared recollections of his family with Gregory Waksmulski, Museum Director at the Center for Culver History. Kit's father was close to the famed author, Kurt, Jr., during their time at University of Chicago in the late 1940's, and Kit's grandfather, Walter, owned and operated the Vonnegut Orchard nearby 18th Road on the east

Pictured are Walter and Emma Vonnegut at the orchard farm, Aug., 1936.



shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Kit was kind enough to send in several artifacts relating to the orchard, on display at the museum, says Waksmulski.

Kit recalled his father, Walter A. Vonnegut, had lived for a time with Emma Vonnegut in her orchard house, dubbed "the Holly Hocks," on East Shore Drive at what is today the Dr. Warren Reiss property (the orchard operated there from about 1910 to Emma's death in 1939). Kurt, Jr. referred to his Great-Aunt Emma in a letter as "the real force of the Vonnegut enclave." Kit also spoke about his grandfather Walter's time as a stage actor in New York in the 1930's. It was during this time that Emma — who the children all knew as "Oma" — took full charge of the orchard. According to Kit, the elder Walter found greater success in the apple business than he had in the arts, and eventually returned to the farm.

His recollections helped to See Vonnegut page 8

Letters to the editor

Clarifying EMS issues

I read an article a few years ago that quoted a man who emigrated from India as stating: "The problem with Americans is that they don't know the difference between a problem and an inconvenience." As I read a letter to the editor regarding Culver EMS I was reminded of that quote. I feel it is my obligation to clarify some of the points made in that article.

First and foremost, the only "problem" I see Culver EMS as facing is that the dedicated men and women who are part of the organization just cannot be thanked enough. Keep in mind that the majority of the membership of the organization consists of volunteers. This means that people feel so strongly for the welfare of their community that they give up (at minimum) 48 hours of their month to be on call for the ambulance. Of course this is only the minimum requirement of membership. Most members give much more generously of their time. Whether it's the middle of the night to go to Miller's Merry Manor for a transport or the middle of the day to do CPR on a neighbor (whom they may have known their whole life), our members drop what they are doing and respond to the call for help. The amount of intestinal fortitude it takes for someone to continue to do a job when their organization is being quoted as "poor" cannot be measured and truly deserves many thanks.

Secondly, Culver EMS is not a business. We are not here to make money off of answering our calls. We are here to provide emergency medical services to the taxpayers of Culver. This means that under no circumstances do we check your ability to pay before rendering care. We come to your side when you need us, provide as much care as we can, and transport you to the hospital. Payment for our services is worked out among our billing company, your insurance, and you. However, whether you pay us or not, each time you call, we will be there.

The Town of Culver has always been quoted as being a "unique" community and that stands to be true regarding emergency services. There is no way to plan for an emer-

gency; nonetheless, we always rise to the occasion. Sometimes that means several calls in one day, and other times, that means no calls for a day or two. However there is (at minimum) two people somewhere in Culver prepared to answer that call for help—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We have been providing this service since 1979.

Budgets are an issue for every department in the town. Each department must best decide how to maximize their capabilities to provide their unique service while working within their budget, and Culver EMS is no different. Anyone who has spent time at the Ambulance garage would know that we have never been frivolous with our spending. We make do with what we have, and in many cases, we do without. We are able to provide the citizens with a higher level of care than most communities our size. EMS doesn't set the price of medical supplies, diesel fuel, or uniforms for instance, but these are all items we are forced to provide. We do what we can to give the taxpayers a quality service while maintaining our approved budget.

It's disheartening when a Town Council member can feel so strongly about an issue he has with a department that he can take time out of his life to travel to state EMS commission meetings (which are not always held close to home) without ever coming to a single monthly meeting of that department, which are held in his own town.

The citizens of our town should not fear the future of Culver EMS. We continue to work hard to provide the best care possible to the tax payers while working within our budget. We are planning for the future and feel we are prepared for upcoming challenges. We ask for your support and welcome anyone to our monthly board meetings where the future direction of Culver EMS is always our main focus, not the vendetta of the week.

Brandon Cooper
Vice director, Culver EMS

Thanks for response to EMS letter

I want to thank all the citizens of Culver who I've spoken with regarding my Letter to the Editor in last week's Citizen, titled "Time to address EMS Mandates". There has not been one negative comment about it, and those I've spoken with, have said that it was good to read a factual article about the current status of Culver's EMS.

It is my sincere hope that the citizens of Culver will become more active in the upcoming 2014 budget process. These workshops are "open" to the public where Town Council will review, and analyze "all" the department's budgets.

I welcome all citizens to attend, and participate in these workshops to assist in the future direction of our town.

Bill Githens
Member, Culver Town Council

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Graham Crackers, the Assembly, and the battle against liquor on Maxinkuckee shores

I have never cared for s'mores. It's not so much the taste of the things as it is the nuisance factor: I like each of the components well enough, but putting them together is just slower and messier than eating them separately.

To tell the truth, I'm not all that sure that we had s'mores when I was a kid: I don't remember hearing of them until some time after college, when I was working in a church summer camp. That is not to say, however, that we didn't have tasty graham cracker treats of our own: one of my own favorites is the Graham Cracker Frosting Sandwich Cookie: an item so classic that there was even a recipe for it in the official Cub Scout Fun Book. After making up some powdered sugar frosting and slapping the cracker halves together, the Scout was encouraged to pile the cookies up to make a fort on the serving platter: even the official drawing doesn't look like much other than, well, a pile of cookies with toy Indians on it.

I'm fairly sure that the Presbyterian clergyman behind the crackers—The Rev. Sylvester Graham (1794-1851)—would have been shocked by the sandwich cookies and left speechless by s'mores. He was a radical vegan, and opposed to processed foods (part of the idea of graham flour was that it avoided all the chemicals 19th century millers and bakers used to produce class-looking white bread). Beyond those ideas, though, Graham even objected to spices; he wouldn't have liked Twinkies, but he wouldn't have liked fresh-ground pepper on your salad, either. And, as you can probably imagine, he only approved of alcohol for medicinal uses.

Some of this philosophy was certainly Graham's own, but some of it fit in with larger streams of thought in his times—the Seventh Day Adventists, for example, shared many of the same ideas about diet, leading to the corn-flake revolution of Adventists John and William Kellogg. In a fascinating 2011 study, "The Poisoned Chalice: Eucharistic Grape Juice and Common-Sense Realism in Victorian Methodism," Jennifer L. Woodruff Tait makes the case that these Victorian dietary reformers weren't just caricatured Puritans, against anything that might be fun. Nor were they simply opposed to the many grave social problems caused by alcohol consumption, though those did play a major role in their reasoning.

The other piece, Tait argues, and the one we tend to miss, is that these Victorian theologians felt that Christian doctrine, including but not limited to Christian morality, was a matter of common sense, easy enough for every believer to perceive. This idea about "common sense" was an extension of the Reformation principle that individuals could connect directly to God without need of human go-betweens, and like other Reformation ideas, it tended to emphasize individual freedom. At the same time, however, it also emphasized individual responsibility: if common sense was a way for God to communicate, then people needed to keep their common sense up and running. If spicy foods or animal products might interfere with that common sense, either directly or by exciting distracting passions, if card games or dancing might direct the mind toward immoral thoughts rather than common sense, then all those things should be avoided. And since alcohol could clearly obliterate common sense altogether, it was



Its still the lake water

By John Wm. Houghton

the biggest danger of all. Some Christian denominations, after much debate, even began to use unfermented grape juice, rather than wine, in the Communion service, and eventually a Methodist minister, physician and dentist, Thomas Bramwell Welch (1825-1903), invented, in 1869, a way of pasteurizing grape juice so that it could easily be kept without fermenting.

The temperance movement, then, grew up in the larger context of this "common sense" philosophy that Tait describes: but as the nineteenth century went on, the crusade against alcohol increasingly became a cause of its own, though not necessarily a non-religious one. The Women's Christian Temperance Union, for example, was founded in Ohio in 1873.

Culver, like most towns at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries, had a chapter of the W.C.T.U., and old copies of the Culver City Herald and Culver Citizen carry regular notices of its meetings and the elections of its officers. The various editors also kept track of the progress of temperance and prohibition in the state and the nation (though it is sometimes a little hard to tell from their tone which side they are on). The Citizen for July 23, 1908, for instance, reported, under the headline "JOY AT THE END OF SALOONS," on the closing of the last tavern in Kosciusko County, marked by a W.C.T.U.-led "Temperance Sabbath" celebration at Winona Lake.

In the summer of 1901, Culver came close to being at the temporary center of the Prohibition movement. Two years earlier, in June of 1899, the founder of the W.C.T.U. chapter in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, a remarried widow whose first husband had been an alcoholic, had a vision in which God instructed her to go to Kiowa, Kansas, and destroy the liquor supplies there. Armed with stones (she would later become famous for using a hatchet), Carrie Amelia Nation (1846-1911) smashed the contents of three saloons in Kiowa over the next few days, beginning a notable career of anti-drink vandalism. And, not coincidentally, also beginning a long series of arrests, fines, and jailings.

1899 had also seen the first summer of the Maxinkuckee Assembly, a Chautauqua-style camp for education and entertainment that met in the area south of Davis Street and between Main Street and the lake. The Culver City Herald for Friday, July 12, 1901, edited by George and Henry Nearpass, reported the Assembly's proposed program for that summer's session (July 24-August 12), along with a somewhat aggrieved letter from a Mr. J. V. Coombs, the President of the company that put on the Assembly, who apparently felt that the organization was getting a bum rap from the local citizenry.

The Herald's summary of the program stated: 'Mrs. Carrie Nation, August 4, who has taught the Nation some new things, writes from her cell in Wichita May 4, "I am now behind the bars, but will be out in time to lecture at Maxinkuckee August 4—Mrs. Carrie Nation." The eyes of the Nation are upon Mrs. Nation and thousands of people will hear her. Her letter but yesterday said: "I will be with you on the 4th of August."' A bit farther down in the same column, the editor reported "Mrs. Carrie Nation has

written that she will deliver two addresses in addition to the elegant program announced in catalogue."

Sadly, however, it was not to be—or, at least, not that summer. Expecting to see a report of Mrs. Nation's visit, I looked at the Herald for August 9th. Nothing—but then again, that edition could have already been in process on August 4th. So I checked the 16th, the 23rd, and the 30th. Still nothing. Eventually, I worked my way back to July 26th, where a random paragraph buried in the middle of the front page declared "As the notorious Carrie Nation has just recently been sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a \$100 fine, it looks as though the old lady would not materialize at this place August 4th." Since Mrs. Nation had already been in jail on July 12, it's not clear to me why she had become "notorious" by July 26—though I suspect the first notice was just copying a press notice from the Assembly management, while the second came closer to reflecting the editors' own mixed feelings, about her if not about temperance in general.

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A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy.

He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA.



The redoubtable Carrie Nation in 1910, no doubt visibly frustrated at having missed her chance to visit Culver nine years earlier.

He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems. His semi-regular column in the pages of The Culver Citizen draws its title from the longstanding Citizen column of years past, "It Must be the Lake Water," by the late Bob Kyle, a highly respected Indiana journalist and former Culver resident.

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.

Thur., July 18: Hot chicken salad, broccoli salad, dinner roll, hot applesauce, pudding.

Friday, July 19: Penne casserole with sausage, baby carrots, peas, fruit.

Mon., July 22: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, fruit cup.

Tues., July 23: Lasagna, salad and dressing, garlic bread, wax beans, pineapple.

Wed., July 24: Oven fried pork, garlic mashers, broccoli, bread and margarine, fruit, and birthday treat.

Thur., July 25: Chicken and gravy, brown rice, zucchini and tomatoes, oranges, and cookie.

Friday, July 26: Pulled pork on bun, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, peaches.

Considering swimming safety in the wake of tragedy

All in all, it's been a sobering few weeks in terms of unexpected deaths impacting the Culver community. Two people who, in their own unique ways and areas of the community, greatly impacted Culver, passed away: Virginia 'Ginny' Severns on June 26, and Philip Mallory on July 3. Sunday evening, the tragic drowning death of Valentin Sirghi stunned the Culver community though Sirghi was not from Culver (he was a 2009 Knox High School graduate living in Plymouth).

It may speak to Ginny Severns' character that, when someone during the course of a conversation the other day said they didn't know Francis and Susan Ellert (Susan being Ginny and E.P.'s daughter), my mentioning the Severns connection was met with, "Say no more!" ...which was meant in an extremely complimentary light. Our condolences to E.P. and the Ellert family, among the many who were touched by her life.

There's too much to say about longtime Culver Academies instructor Phil Mallory to fit in this column (though the Citizen plans a more thorough look at his many contributions in a coming edition), but to simply say he was a longtime instructor does little justice to his great legacy



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

of service, faith, and assistance to a great many areas of the Culver community as a whole. His family -- including your editor's wonderful nursery school teacher, his wife Kay -- is in our thoughts and prayers.

When it became evident Sunday that the fire truck sirens blaring from just a few

blocks from your editor's house had stopped after only a few moments, it was obvious they were nearby, though few would have initially guessed the magnitude of why they were called to the town beach.

As I was discussing with my wife, the tragedy of Sunday night has brought to the attention of many the importance of those of us who are parents keeping close watch on our children while swimming and all of us, age aside, taking all due precautions in the water. It would be easy, also, to let fear overtake us, but there's some interesting information out there to put some perspective on swimming safety.

First of all, for what it's worth, I'd point out I cannot personally recall, in my lifetime, a drowning incident at the town beach prior to this one. Which is not to say one hasn't occurred. I strongly suspect it has. But the vast majority of drownings, historically, seem to have been boat or ice related, tragic as they were.

From a parental point of view, it's interesting to note that far fewer drownings occur among young children in lakes and ponds. The majority of these occur in swimming pools (presumably when youngsters are left unattended and wander into the pool). This is not, of course, to discourage close supervision of children at the beach, but perhaps to put some context on our fears. The majority of drownings in lakes and other natural bodies of water are people in their teens, which is generally attributed to the overall sense of invincibility teens statistically possess.

Perhaps most notable in all this is an article from the website Slate.com which made the rounds on Facebook and other social media some weeks ago, and whose basic points bear attention here. The title of the article was evocative: "Drowning doesn't look like drowning."

The gist of it is this: when people are actually drown- See View page 7

Name that Culver 'citizen'



BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, week's Mystery Citizen, week's Mystery Citizen, week's Mystery Citizen. LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

of correct guesses, including Trent Bennett, Dave Keller, Kay Tusing, Kim Heath, Tammy Durbin, Pam Craft, Bonnie Pyle, Kim Heath, Crystal Keller, Carin Clifton, Patty Stallings, and Tom Stacy.

They all recognized Brandy (Looney) Pohl, who recently launched Max's Playhouse, Culver's newest daycare, on State Road 10. She's also taken on the duties of secretary

of the Culver Chamber of Commerce. As always, our lucky 'winners' receive free parking in downtown Culver!

This week's Mystery Citizen has been a familiar Culver face for decades, and impacted a great many Culverites through the years.

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



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Council takes action on parking dilemma, new visitors' signs, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Following more detailed discussion in a work session prior to its regular July 9 meeting, Culver's town council voted at the official meeting to shift two-hour parking requirements on side streets immediately off the downtown blocks of Main Street. Recent controversy over limiting parking on such "side" streets as Jefferson, Washington, and Madison had arisen due to some residents' belief that the time limit mostly harmed local businesspeople running non-retail operations, especially on the block of Main between Jefferson and Washington, while not serving the intended purpose of preventing parking abuse in those areas.

The council vote lifted the two-hour limit on those side streets with the exception of weekends and holidays. Parking was limited to two hours on the downtown blocks of Main Street proper every day of the week, however, with that designation extending on Main Street between Madison and Marmont Streets, though only on the east side of that section, which is made up of businesses rather than residences.

The notion of adding parking meters downtown was set aside as well, with council president Sally Ricciardi recalling meters in the area years ago costing more to maintain than they brought in, in profits.

Also discussed was paving the town-owned parking lot just south of CVS Pharmacy, at the southwest corner of Madison and Ohio Streets, though concerns were raised that paving the currently-gravel lot would increase storm water runoff and erosion in some areas of the downtown. Instead, town manager Dave Schoeff suggested a "green" form of paving involving permeable asphalt. Council members discussed the project as one means of alleviating parking issues during busy periods for downtown businesses, and voted to allow Schoeff to investigate the matter.

Changing park board makeup?

In other discussion, town attorney Jim Clevenger told council members he encouraged park board members to seek consensus on the matter of adding or subtracting a member in order to give the board an odd number, before the town council makes its own decision on the matter.

Park board member Patty Stallings, in the audience, raised the question at the council meeting, noting park board president Tammy Shaffer did an informal poll of the park board at its meeting the previous week, and the result seemed to Stallings like a three-to-three split in opinion.

The matter was raised since the park board currently has six members and reached a deadlock on two separate, and controversial matters, in the past year. It was also noted that board has had difficulty meeting the quorum needed for its monthly meetings at times, and that an added member could help alleviate the problem.

Town council member Ginny Munroe remarked that it was "ironic" that the park board apparently split evenly over whether to add a member in order to prevent splitting

evenly on votes.

Clevenger explained it's legal for the park board not to have appointees from the school and library boards as it does now, and that one option would be for council members to choose to add a member under auspices of Union Township. The board will consider the matter.

Updates by text, 'way finding' signs

Council approved a suggestion by Schoeff to contract with a company for \$950 per year to allow Culver residents to sign up for regular text messages to be sent to their mobile devices, updating on town matters such as road closings, inclement weather, changes in planned events, and the like. The service would be free to the public.

Also discussed at the pre-meeting work session and approved by council at the meeting proper was authorization for Schoeff and utilities manager Bob Porter to research the cost of three or four "way finding" signs. The signs would likely be placed at strategic locations in the downtown area, Lake Shore Drive business district, and in or near the north end gateway, and would go beyond the directional signs currently installed around town. Instead, maps highlighting specific types of businesses and amenities would make up all or part of the signs, helping direct visitors more pointedly to options available in Culver.

EMS discussion

Council member Lynn Overmyer, during the 'council issues' portion of the meeting, said it was brought to her attention that, at the most recent Culver Chamber of Commerce meeting, "Someone got up and stated that several members of town council are interested in downgrading the EMS service. I don't know where this person got their info; this person wasn't even at the meeting."

Munroe noted she would rather see Culver's EMS service upgraded, and council member Bill Githens said he doesn't want to see it downgraded, something fellow council member Ed Pinder echoed in his remarks as well.

The matter of the future of the service came up at the previous council meeting, when one member of the service suggested Githens and another Culver resident had an agenda against the EMS, whose future status has been discussed lately in light of upcoming state-mandated changes in EMS services in Indiana.

Other council actions

Among other council actions was approval of a new easement agreement with Kevin and Larry Berger, property owners in part of the area planned for new storm water drains to be installed as part of a grant-funded project to upgrade portions of Culver's storm water system on its west end. Both Bergers signed the new easement.

In a related vote the council approved hiring Phend & Brown, Inc. of Milford, Ind., to handle paving work for the storm water project, at a cost of \$696,204, and amount

well under the original engineer's estimate, according to Schoeff.

Given the savings, the council also approved Schoeff's recommendation to hire a full-time inspector for the project, as opposed to the originally planned part-time inspector, since the town would have lost the money saved by the lower paving amount anyway. Engineering firm Commonwealth will provide the inspector at a cost of \$16,000.

The required end date for the substantial portion of the project is in November, Porter noted, though final details such as seeding and the like may be completed by next June.

Passed on first reading was approval of a new zoning map for Culver, following up on last week's public hearing. The effort relates to a county-wide endeavor to rezone properties overlapping between county and town land, placing them into whichever jurisdiction the majority of land falls into. Some properties, as a result, will fall into the town's recently created A1 Agricultural zoning designation.

Other council votes included an agreement with road salt supplier Cargill to purchase an estimated 200 tons of salt for use this winter at \$62 per ton, with an option to reduce the tonnage of the order as needed; \$9,115 (not to exceed \$14,000) for E & B Paving to repave nine "cuts" in concrete in Culver created by various work on the part of the street department including repair of water leaks, adding of sewer taps, and the like. Porter and Schoeff will also consider their preference whether to purchase a new aerial bucket truck at \$99,874 or a used model at \$89,000; either purchase would come from Illinois-based Runyan.

Approved as well was town marshal Wayne Bean's request to waive the standard fee for tags for golf carts used by the Culver Lake Fest committee during the July 19 through 21 event. He also noted he and other members of Culver's police department will take part in this year's Blueberry Festival parade, whose organizers have invited law enforcement county-wide to take part.

Bean also told the council he recently issued an Operating While Intoxicated citation to a golf cart driver, and stressed that cart drivers should avoid drinking prior to driving the vehicles.

Schoeff expressed thanks to members of the public who have "received my nasty grams" regarding issues such as property cleanup or lawn care, and responded positively. Specifically he referenced the recent clean up of a partially demolished mobile home at 515 W. Jefferson, about which he had sent a letter.

Culver park superintendent Kelly Young updated the council on the park board's recent vote to open up the much-discussed park fishing pier, after months of it being closed off due to concerns

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Meal assistance sought for movie production

Assistance is being sought from those interested in supporting the shooting of a feature movie in Culver this summer, by way of preparing meals for the cast and crew of the movie. "Little Savages" will be shot through August here by faith-based company Bearfruit Films. Kathie Huhn of the Culver Bible Church is coordinating the effort to provide meals. She may be reached at 574-842-3056 or dan.huhn@sbcglobal.net.

Child Evangelism 5-Day Club

Child Evangelism Fellowship 5-Day clubs will be held at the home of Pastor Dan and Kathie Huhn from July 22 through 25 (theirs will only be for 4 days), 317 S. Ohio St. from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The clubs consist of Bible stories, songs, games, a missionary story, verse memorization and a lot of fun. Children ages 4-12 are welcome to attend, as well as parents. For more information, call the Huhn's at 574-842-3056. An offering will be taken each day to give to a designated missionary.

Attention visual artists in the Culver area

If creating art is your adult vocation or avocation and you would like to get together with other artists to talk about creating a joint exhibition this Fall, please contact Bob Nowalk at bob.nowalk@gmail.com for more information.

VBS at Wesley through July

Culver Wesley United Methodist Church will have a Vacation Bible School, *Renew your Summer*, every Tuesday evening in July from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Parents can drop off their kids-preschool and up, and then meet with Pastor Jacob to discuss the same topics. If you have any questions, email Tracy Gordon at tracy@culverumc.com or Mary McDaniel at mary.e.mcdaniel@gmail.com.

Community Cab in Culver each Wednesday

Marshall County Public Transit, a service of the Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab for a Day, each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904. The Council on Aging is represented Online at www.marshall-countycouncilonaging.org.

Upcoming at Lakehouse music series

Sum of 3 will perform live this Saturday night, starting around 9 p.m., the latest in the Lakehouse Grille's Saturday night live music series. There is no cover charge. Other upcoming performances include Half Track (July 27; there will be a cover charge that night). The Lakehouse Grille is located at 620 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

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Vonnegut exhibit at museum

The Center for Culver History will host the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library's traveling exhibit as well as local history and memorabilia of the Vonnegut family on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The exhibit will run through July 20, and is free. The Center for Culver History is located in the lower level of the original Carnegie library in downtown Culver. Visit www.culverahs.com for more information.

Start your scarecrow now for Fall Fest

Organizers of the Culver Fall Fest (the weekend of Oct. 19) are encouraging community members to start work on their scarecrows now, while Culver is buzzing with summer fun and creativity. The entry fee for the contest is \$10 (which includes a wood frame for the scarecrow) and there are \$200 in cash prizes and gifts to be awarded to winners. It is open to everyone and every group including business this year. The Culver Chamber of Commerce's Retail Merchants Committee will keep the scarecrows in storage to be added annually to the 'parade' of scarecrows on the streets. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to enter, and may drop off scarecrows now at Cafe Max on Main Street. Entries must be received by October 1 to be on the map. Scarecrows should be delivered with a photo of the assembled scarecrow, and entrants may also set up their scarecrow by 10 a.m. October 16 to their designated location. For more information call 574-842-LAKE or visit www.culverchamber.com. Questions should be directed to scarecrow chair Susie Mahler at Cafe Max, 574-842-4444 (office).

Free computer classes CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes for beginners Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., through July. Classes include Internet for Beginners (July 19), Email for Beginners (July 22 and 26). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Coaches needed at CCHS

The following paid coaching positions are in need of filling at Culver Comm. High School for this fall: varsity assistant football, head cross country coach, and head softball coach. Please contact Andy Thomas at 574-842-3391 or thomasa@culver.k12.in.us with questions or interest.

Online input welcome for comp plan

There is still time for Culver residents to provide input and help shape the town comprehensive planning process. The Community Mapper link provided on the project website is a fun and engaging mapping tool that allows residents, business and property owners, and other stakeholders to share their own vision for Culver. Citizens are encouraged to log-on and create their own map today. The Comprehensive Plan project website can be accessed via the Town of Culver's website (www.townofculver.org).

Quilts on display in July

The Susanna Circle Quilters, a circle of the United Methodist Women, will have a quilt display at the Culver Union Township Library during the month of July. Stop by during the regular hours to see some lovely quilts.

Sci Fi book club July

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Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion Group will meet Saturday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "Neuromancer" by William Gibson.

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

Summer Reading activities

Summer Reading activities at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in the next few weeks include moon sand making (Fri., July 19, 10:30 a.m.), terrariums to make and take (Mon., July 22, 3 p.m.), wire mummy making (Wed. July 31, 4 p.m.). Summer reading ends Fri., Aug. 2. On going in the library's children's area will be story times -- including stories, songs, and crafts -- on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Free lunches will be served at the library Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. for any child under 18. Lunches are provided by the Culver Community School Corporation. Check www.culver.lib.in.us for more activities.

CUTPL Adult Summer Reading program

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Adult Summer Reading is open to adults of all ages, with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. Programs include "Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner's Genealogy Workshop" with genealogist Monty Peden (July 23, 1 to 3 p.m.). The program begins June 3 and will run through August 2.

Apps available for BIRD service help

The student-run community service organization BIRD (Building, Inspiring, Recreating and Discovering) is planning a one-day community service event August 3, which will spread volunteers throughout homes of elderly, disabled and financially unstable to provide at-home services to those who cannot do, or afford it, themselves. Applications for those wishing service may be found at Culver's town hall and public library or they may call 216-280-5065. Residents are asked to request help by July 27 so volunteers can acquire necessary supplies. Volunteers may sign up as far as the day of the event at the same number.

Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 10

The second annual Lake Max Triathlon will take place August 10 (lakemaxtriathlon.blogspot.com and facebook.com/LakeMaxTriathlon), starting and ending at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus. The course is a 400-meter swim around the Naval Pier, 10 miles of biking around the lake, and a five-kilometer run. Register online at active.com or by downloading the registration form at the triathlon website. Anyone registering for the event will be given free triathlon training.

Summer food program

The Culver Community Schools summer food program offers free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. Adults may eat, but breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch \$3. All meals must be eaten on site. Locations include: Culver High School (enter through middle school doors), through August 9. Breakfast: 7:45 to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Former Monterey Elementary, to July 12. Lunch noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Culver Public Library, through Aug. 1, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. (Tues. and Thurs. storytelling and craft). Aubbeenaubee Twp. Community Bldg., through July 26. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All sites will be closed July 18. Those with questions may contact Carin Clifton, food service director, at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

Town hall Saturday hours

During June, July and August, Culver's town hall will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in addition to the regular weekday hours. Call 574-842-3140 with questions.

Culver Farmer's Market open

The Culver Farmer's Market has opened for the season each Saturday 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.



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with Lt. Col. William F. Crise, director of the physical plant. After some conversation, Colonel Crise said, "I think you should probably be talking to Col. Henderson."

So off Hume went to another office, and another interview, with the formidable John W. Henderson, long time director of admissions. Eventually, Col. Henderson sent the walk-on applicant to Col. Roy L. Dalferes (Woodcraft Camp Director, 1955-58; Counselor of Company D and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at CMA). After a few more questions, Dalferes said, "Well, congratulations: you're hired."

"There was clearly some kind of prior agreement that Dalferes would approve whomever Henderson sent," Hume said, "So his questions were all pretty general. I was glad to have something to do for the summer, but I still wasn't quite sure what the job actually was!"

The presence of the Academies, Hume would say, goes a long way toward explaining what seems to him most distinctive about the town—its astonishing connectedness to the wider world. As a scout in the Philippine jungle in World War II, he recruited to his platoon two locals who had escaped from Japanese forced labor: he nicknamed the two new allies "Jim" and "Pete." Someplace in Arkansas, there is a World War II museum with a captured Japanese flag on display, bearing the signatures and home addresses of PFC Hume and the other members of his patrol, including Pete's. A year or two ago, at Culver's Family Camp, Hume met a family from California, of Philippine extraction: the father, obviously too young to have fought in the war, was named Pete. Brief conversation revealed that this Pete had been so named by his father, who had that as a nickname, and had fought in World War II. The younger Pete was happy to give Hume his father's phone number, though, he pointed out, the older gentleman no longer managed the phone all that well. Hume nonetheless called, and after initial greetings was handed over to the older Pete's mother.

She reported that her husband had indeed worked with the Americans, but that he had been attached to the engineers, not the cavalry: "but" (she continued) "my brother served with the First Cavalry, and he was the one who originally had the nickname. He just liked 'Pete' so much he started to use it with a lot of his other friends." It turned out that her brother Pete, who really was Hume's wartime friend, had passed on: but in what other Hoosier village of 1500 would he have been at all likely to meet up with his old comrade's nephew?

Another story makes the same point: after the Philippines, Hume was stationed in Japan. Following up on his earlier work as a scout, and given his knowledge of some Japanese, he was asked to do some work for military security. For one assignment, he was asked to report to Tokyo in fatigues. On arriving in the capital, he was given a large wastebasket and the task of infiltrating General MacArthur's headquarters in the Dai-Ichi Life Insurance Company building. "You certainly won't be able to get into MacArthur's own office," he was told, "but a PFC in fatigues picking up trash probably won't attract too much attention anywhere else. See what people are throwing away—particularly if there are things like mimeograph masters in the waste-baskets." Sure enough, he was able to walk into the staff offices and walk out with a trash can full of unshredded official documents. It may have just been a routine security check, Hume thinks, or it may have been some part of a stage of maneuvering between various security agencies in the early days of the CIA: but what is certain is that the aide-de-camp whose office Hume was raiding was his future colleague Colonel Gerald J. Graham, Culver's Director of Horsemanship from 1958-1968.

Or (just one more): Hume was originally stationed at the United States Army Cavalry School, Ft. Riley, Kansas, where the officers often ran impromptu horse races on the weekends—races in which Hume sometimes served as a jockey.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Don Hume, right, with then-Indiana Governor and former Culver Woodcrafter Evan Bayh.

Years later, at Culver, he was talking with Command Sergeant Major John W. Hudson, another Ft. Riley alum. "Do you remember the races?" Hume asked. "Absolutely," Sarge replied. "I was the one holding the money."

Hume was born in 1926 in rural Pike County, Indiana—"on the next hill over from where I live now," he says—and attended a one-room school that typically enrolled about 13 children. "Some years, the student body was mostly my family," Hume remarks. "But we had really good teachers."

After coming home from Japan, Hume returned to farming. He set out six acres of tomatoes, using plants and fertilizer supplied by a company in Vincennes and quite a bit of conscripted labor from his younger brothers. He still has the check from his first crop—after deductions for the plants, fertilizer and miscellaneous expenses, it came to precisely 11 cents. He went on to work for Ingersoll Steel in Chicago and then for International Harvester in Evansville; in the latter job, he put his WWII experience to work assembling M1 rifles for use in Korea.

While working in Evansville, Hume was also studying at nearby Oakland City College (now University) on the G. I. Bill, sometimes reading his textbooks in the passenger seat as he carpooled to the factory: the University would award him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree when he retired from the state House in 1996. He did have a little assistance with managing the details of college work: in 1950, he had married Shirley Rodgers, who helped out with typing his papers. (She would go on to have a Culver career of her own as a Dorm Supervisor in the girls' Upper Camps.)

In 1952, the Humes moved to Chesterton, where he would spend a dozen years as a teacher and principal, earning a graduate degree from Indiana State along the way. They returned to southwestern Indiana in 1964, settling back near Winslow: from there, Don commuted to teach in Evansville.

It was the Evansville teaching which led, indirectly, to Hume's parallel career as a citizen lawmaker. He wasn't particularly happy with the state's school policies, and when he felt that he had just plain had enough, he decided to run for the state House. He had two unsuccessful campaigns, in 1970 and 1972. When he made up his mind for a third try, he suggested to his younger brother, Lindel, that he run as well, in the neighboring district. "After all," Don said, "I've guaranteed your name recognition!" They both won, and the originally reluctant Lindel went on to the state Senate in 1982, from which he will retire at the end of this term.

Having a brother in the Senate was actually of more help than having one in the House, Hume reports: it was a distinct advantage to have someone in the other chamber who might be predisposed to take an interest in a bill. Not, of course, that that always helped. Indiana's state bird is the cardinal; given the prominence of the bison in the state's early history (and its place on the state seal), Representative Hume introduced a bill to make the buffalo the state animal. A powerful Senator opposed the idea, and kept it from even getting to the committee stage, though it passed the House so often that Don got the statehouse nickname of "Buffalo Bill" Hume.

Part of the secret of working successfully in the House, Hume says, was having the skills of good classroom management. Other legislators often asked him what trick he used to get the chamber to be quiet while he was speaking: people talked right through most orations. Hume replied that he was simply doing what an experienced teacher would. Particularly during the first two or three days of each session, when he went to the lectern to speak, he would begin by making eye-contact and giving a quiet greeting to a few people on either side of the aisle. Once he started his actual remarks, though, he would make a point of stopping as soon as anyone else began to talk: soon, like a roomful of chatty third graders, the chamber learned to pay attention.

It probably didn't hurt that Hume doesn't waste words. The laconic legislator still holds the record for the shortest speech ever given on the floor of the Indiana House. A Republican opponent had introduced an education bill that Hume considered deeply flawed. Together with one of his former students, then serving as Representative from Chesterton, Hume used a series of proxies to amend the original bill into something that actually looked pretty good. When the bill finally came up for its final vote, the original sponsor spoke for about half an hour about the advantages of "his" legislation. Then it was Hume's turn to speak. Not knowing the source of the amendments, people expected him to denounce the Republican's bill: but when he arrived at the front of the chamber, he simply said "I agree."

Hume's district in the state House was #63, a jigsaw piece in the southwestern part of the state encompassing parts of Pike, Daviess and Martin Counties. But in the time in which his state House license plates were to be seen around Culver in the summers, our own locale sometimes benefitted from his special form of clout (though, as he points out, he dealt with two easy targets: Republican Governor Otis Bowen, of neighboring Bremen, and Democratic Governor Evan Bayh, a Woodcraft alumnus who kept his Culver jacket hanging in his office). On one occasion, a state road crew was working at the intersection of State Road 10, Sycamore, and Academy Road. Visiting with the crew chief, Hume heard that the intersection would be made much safer if a particular piece of the road were built up, but that that improvement wasn't part of the work order. So, Hume went to see the appropriate officer at the Academy: Wouldn't a safer intersection be a good idea? "Well, yes," the official replied, "but there's no way of getting that through the bureaucracy in Indianapolis while the guys are still working out there."

Next time he was in Indianapolis, Hume stopped in to say hello to Doc Bowen. They chatted for a while, and the Governor finally said, "Ok, so tell me what you're really here for!"

Hume explained. "I can't handle individual intersections," Bowen said. "Go talk with so-and-so at the Department of Transportation."

Hume paid that official a visit, now able to begin his conversation by saying, honestly, "The Governor suggested I talk to you" And, presto, a revised work order went out for a safer intersection in our own Representative District 17.

Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee also played a role in some of Hume's more serious legislation. "Tippy" trips, with a crew of eager but not necessarily competent Woodcrafters in each war canoe, led him to introduce the law that requires the use of personal flotation devices in boats. Watching young kids zipping around the lake on jet skis and the like eventually resulted in legislation that tied the operation of such individual water craft to automobile driver's licenses.

The vaguely described job Hume took in the summer of 1956 was that of a counselor in Cub Division III. He has also been a Beaver cabin counselor (Division II), commander of both Cub and Beaver Divisions (IV, and the Drum and Bugle Corps), archery and chess instructor, supervisor of the military program, assistant head for all the boys' divisions, and overall director of operations. He jokes that when he officially retired (the first time, in 1996) the camp had to hire five people to replace him.

Asked how Woodcraft has changed since the Eisenhower years, Hume says: "I think the surprising thing is that it has, in a lot of ways, remained the same; that's why I stay with it. It's a safer place than it was back then—we did things that we would never tolerate today—but that's all to the good."

Hume does still get some fishing in—he and his brothers typically spend a week on Kentucky's Lake Barkley after Woodcraft ends each summer. He and Shirley are proud parents, and grandparents of three Purdue graduates, two of them with doctoral degrees. They could easily stay at home in their Sears house-in-a-box near Winslow (still heated with a wood stove, Hume points out, although not with one of the Culvers' Home Comfort Ranges), or add more destinations to their list of travels. But almost sixty years on from that first meeting with Lt. Col. Crise, they're still answering the call of summers on Lake Maxinkuckee. And, after all, who wouldn't?

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ing, they rarely do the things they are often depicted doing in movies, such as calling for help or waving their arms. In fact, while there may certainly be an appearance of thrashing or struggle in the water, much of the violent battle for life on the part of the potential drowning victim takes place under the water, and they're certainly far too busy gasping for what little air they can get, if they're able to get their mouth above the surface, to call for help.

"Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard," notes the article, "these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs."

I can attest a bit to this from experience, from an incident at the beach here as a teen, when I went "chasing" a borrowed floatation toy out into deep waters in a desperate effort to avoid losing it. My strength was sapped and I struggled to get any air -- the last thing I could do was yell to my friends, nonchalantly standing on shore.

The point here is simply to encourage each of us, enjoying the lake we love here, to take all due precautions as we swim, and keep a vigilant eye on our fellow swimmers (even the best lifeguard isn't omnipotent), at least enough to look out for signs of danger. Culver's park offers swimming lessons, also, for a few sessions each summer, as do surrounding pools and entities -- perhaps parents can avail their children of these opportunities.

None of this, of course, is intended to make any statements about Sunday's tragedy; it's said in hopes it will be the last of its kind for decades to come, if not forever, on the beaches of Lake Maxinkuckee.

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warning of the mobility of the floating portion of the pier will be added, and transition plates installed to reduce movement of the dock.

Pinder remarked on the prevalence of smoking continuing in the park despite signs warning of a \$100 fine for smoking anywhere in the park, adding violators often do so in direct proximity to the signs.

Audience member Margaret Dehne lauded the efforts of town employees picking up limbs, brush, and leaves in the town, adding, "They're doing a beautiful job."

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New jurisdiction map for Culver approved at county level

By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH - The process towards a new comprehensive plan for Culver took another step forward as the Marshall County Commissioners approved a new extra-territorial jurisdiction map for the city.

The change in the map is not only a tool for Culver to use as they prepare their new comprehensive plan but will aid later when the city will issue building permits on-line through the Marshall County website (<http://www.co.marshall.in.us/>). Bremen, Argos and Bourbon have already joined the county on the issuing of building permits and the county continues to fine tune the process in order for it to go on-line. Once that happens Culver will join as well.

The new map involves properties that are part of the two mile zoning jurisdiction of the city and the reason for the move is to make clear what parcels of land the city

has jurisdiction over and which will be part of Marshall County jurisdiction.

Similar such revisions have been made in the county in the recent past in Argos, Bourbon, Bremen and Plymouth. The new Culver map was approved by the Culver Plan Commission, the Culver Town Council and the Marshall County Plan Commission. All put forward a favorable review for the Commissioners to approve.

The goal of the new map is to clear up any grey areas where a parcel of land was actually in two jurisdictions, several of which were actually with two different zoning designations. The revision puts all full parcels in one jurisdiction or the other.

In making the map, Marshall County Plan Director Ralph Booker explained to the Commissioners that if a parcel was in two jurisdictions it was placed based on which entity - the city of Culver or the county - had the

majority area of jurisdiction on that parcel.

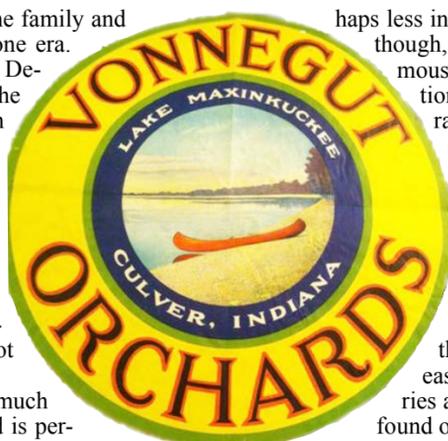
Also Culver retained an Agriculture designation in their zoning. Several land owners on the edge of the two mile zone felt they needed the designation to continue the agricultural activities already being conducted there. Under the the new map any property over five acres was given and "A1" designation but any owner of those parcels would have to apply for a variance from the BZA to conduct any livestock operation on those properties.

With the revision the city of Culver gained jurisdiction over 449 acres. Marshall County gained 239 acres. Nearly all of the properties that changed jurisdiction were on the west and north sides of Culver. Except for one or two properties the east and south sides of the map stayed the same.

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paint a richer picture of what the family and the lake were like in that bygone era. Before the war and the Great Depression, some branches of the family had been affluent enough to afford full-time hired help who would travel with them in the summer, he said. The family came to the lake as an escape from the drudgery of city life in the summers, and Kurt, Jr., would bring his .22 rifle with him for target practice, something he likely couldn't do a lot of inside of the city.

Kit also noted the family is much more spread out these days and is per-



haps less in touch as a result. Luckily, though, the Vonneguts have a famous son who attracts the attention of documentarians, biographers and others, and these investigations occasionally serve to bring far-flung members of the family in contact with each other. Kit had been put into contact in recent years with a long-lost cousin from his grandmother's side of the family, who lives on the east coast. They swapped stories and shared photographs and found out a bit more about one another as well.

LEFT: Label from a bushel barrel of Vonnegut Orchard apples. ABOVE: An original pickup truck from the orchard still survives in a current photo submitted by Layne Richter.



The Center for Culver History thanks Kit Vonnegut for allowing the museum to do the same with the public.

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one year," Erikson notes.

The expansion is such that the Culver operation has hired a new general manager to oversee the pub, and put Erikson in charge of its ever-expanding distribution operation.

The Mishawaka Evil Czech will add a canning and full packaging line to the operation, and could feature the addition of a beer garden. The Culver Evil Czech menu will be "tweaked," he says, and 12 to 14 Evil Czech-produced beers are expected to be on tap, with four to six guest taps as well. The new Evil Czech, he explains, "will be very similar in many ways and very different."

Another upcoming enhancement to the operation will hopefully go into effect this fall: the utilization of locally-grown, fresh hops for Evil Czech's brewing process.

The move is a logical continuum of sorts of the Corn-dance "farm to fork" model of using vegetables, eggs, and other naturally-grown products harvested from the Peseks' farm near Culver in their restaurant items.

Planting took place this spring towards the brewery's first crop, which will take hops "directly from the vine



In a 2012 photo, Shawn Erikson of Evil Czech brewery discusses the brewing process at the Culver facility.

as opposed to a standard beer which uses pellets or dried, whole flour," Erikson says. "Wet is fresh so there's a lot of flavor; those others break down the older the hops gets. Wet hops are super flavorful. It will really change the flavor of the beer."

The age-old "wet hops" style has gained popularity around three to four years ago, he says, and up to now securing the needed hops hasn't been feasible, especially given reduced supplies of hops in general, let alone the wet, fresh

variety.

The fresh, local hops currently in production are not planned for sale on their own, but should facilitate enough to generate a few beers here. A few different producers -- including the Peseks' own Rooster Hill Farms -- are growing the hops now, and they should enter production in October if all goes well, Erikson explains.

And speaking of squelching rumors, Erikson also clar-

ifies that Evil Czech is not spearheading a craft beer festival at nearby Bass Lake, after a Culver park board decision not to allow the company to hold such a festival at the park this past spring.

"We didn't want to do a festival unless it was in Culver," he says, though he adds that's not intended as any slight against Bass Lake. "We said we'd be involved in a beer fest in Bass Lake, but not in charge of it. We are in Culver and we want to bring people in here."

While he acknowledges the decision not to allow the festival in the town park, which generated a fair amount of controversy in the community at the time, was "hard," Erikson also thanks the many people in Culver who expressed support for Evil Czech and the festival itself.

"We've done more in this town than we ever imagined, and it's continued to grow," he says.

Unfolding news and upcoming events at the brewery may be found online at www.facebook.com/evilczechbrewery.

All of these changes, including expanded production and distribution opportunities for Evil Czech, are hoped to "help Culver," Erikson says.

"We think this will be really great for Culver. Our roots are here; it's where we started. We hope to bring a lot of people to a great restaurant and town with a beautiful lake, who might not have been here before."

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The Palestinians refuse to join peace talks unless Israel stops building in Jerusalem and parts of the West Bank. But who "owns" the West Bank? And are settlements really the problem?

What are the facts?

While many in the media refer to the West Bank as "Palestinian territories," Palestinians in fact have never actually possessed or controlled this land. Beginning 3,000 years ago these territories between the Jordan River and Jerusalem were a part of the Jewish kingdom known as Judea and Samaria. Jews have lived on these lands continuously until the current day. For several hundred years, through the 19th century, Judea and Samaria were part of the Ottoman Empire, when both Arabs and Jews lived. In 1922, these lands became part of the British Mandate, designated for partition into Jewish and Arab nations. The Arabs rejected this partition. In 1948, following Israel's declaration of independence, Jordan seized and occupied Judea and Samaria, which included such Jewish communities as Hebron and the Jewish quarter in eastern Jerusalem. All Arab residents of these lands were declared citizens of Jordan.

Finally, in 1967, when Israel was attacked by Jordan, Egypt and Syria, Israel defeated these invading Arab armies and again took control of Judea and Samaria, then also called the West Bank. After the 1967 war, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution that unspecified parts of these captured territories would be granted to the Arab Palestinians as part of a negotiated peace. Indeed, Israel has demonstrated numerous times its willingness to give up land for peace—for example, the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt, and Gaza to the Palestinians. But so far, the Palestinians have refused to accept a peaceful settlement with Israel on ownership and borders of Judea and Samaria.

Do Jews have a right to settle in Judea and Samaria? Since 1967, Israel has reclaimed all of Jerusalem as its capital, and, as Israel's population has grown, its citizens have built new communities (settlements) in the eastern part of the city and on Israel's eastern front. Currently some 334,000 Israeli citizens live east of the 1949 armistice lines in Judea and Samaria. The area on which these settlements are located constitutes more than 60 percent of the West Bank.

While critics have cited Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention to declare the settlements illegal, this argument is based on a false reading. First, Article 49 prohibits "individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory to the territory of the occupying Power or that of any other country."

However, no Israelis are being transferred to the settlements—all are moving to them voluntarily. Also, the areas of the settlements are neither under the legitimate sovereignty of any state, nor are private Arab land. Most importantly, they have never displaced any legitimate Arab inhabitants. What's more, any instances of illegal Israeli colonies in the West Bank have been disallowed by the Israeli High Court and dismantled.

Second, no Palestinian Arabs are being deported from their places of residence to any other place. Third, the Geneva Convention applies to actions by a signatory "carried out on the territory of another." However, the West Bank is not the territory of a signatory power—since the Palestinians have never had a state—that settles in an unallocated part of the British Mandate.

If Arabs can live in Israel, why can Jews not live in a future Palestinian state? Easy answer: by Israel and the United States to bring the Palestinians to peace negotiations is kind of threatened by the Palestinians, who demand as a precondition that 1) Israel give up all rights in Judea and Samaria, including the settlements, and 2) that all Jewish settlement building cease. Given that the Arabs lost the war in 1967 and that Palestinians have never possessed Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), these preconditions seem overwhelming and unreasonable.

Indeed, the Palestinians insist that their proposed new country be entirely free of Jewish residents, even as 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs are permitted to live as fully enfranchised citizens in Israel. What's more, the Palestinians insist that five million descendants of Arab refugees from Israel's war of independence be permitted to settle in the Jewish state. In short, they are demanding both a new Palestinian state with no Jews and the right of Arabs to take over Israel geographically.

The only solution to the settlement issue: Negotiations. The entire territories of the West Bank are disputed. They cannot legitimately be said to belong to the Palestinians or to Israel. Clearly, the only way to determine the final borders of Israel and those of a future Palestine is through peaceful negotiations. Otherwise, the disposition of Israeli settlements and Israel's Jewish character will be resolved by armed agreement.

In short, the settlements are not the issue. The only path to resolution to all these longstanding conflicts will be reached when the Palestinians finally agree to sit down with Israel and engage realistic compromise offers for achieving their own autonomous state, as well as peace and security for Israel.

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CHS class of '63, others, relive Culver days at reunion

A number of Culver High School alums made their way back to Culver June 29, where they met in the Culver Comm. High School cafeteria. Special focus went to members of the class of 1963, who celebrated their 50th anniversary.

According to Carol (Overmyer) Smith of the class of '63, there were 29 class members present for the daytime events with 20 attending the alumni events in the evening.

The class started its day at the depot on Lake Shore Drive, after which -- for those who wanted to take a cruise around Lake Maxikuckee -- two pontoons were available. After a light lunch, Charlene (Lucas) Otterman presented a game of trivia for 1963 dividing the class into three groups to bring back old memories, with medals given for first, second and third place.

Tom Curtis, class of '62, hosted the evening's festivities at the high school, which included a catered meal and slideshows and video of Culver past.

"We grew up in a time of innocence with a small town atmosphere and family values," says Smith. "It was a time when family values existed and were important. CHS helped to provide us with an excellent education and a foundation for the rest of our lives. Our class seemed like extended family and we were fortunate to have attended CHS. Our time at CHS was special and over too soon. The closeness we have as a class after 50 years is exceptionally unique."

Pictured ABOVE are members of the class of 1963. Front row, from left to right: Charlene (Lucas) Otterman, Carolee (Easterday) Hansen, Janice (Neidlinger) Hurford, BJ Lawrance, Marjorie (McGaffey) Humes, Jane (Baker) Church, Linda (Behmer) Bartlett, Barbara (Rosebaum) Miller. Middle row: Carol (Overmyer) Smith, Cheryl (Dillon) Boswell, Carmen (Gretter) Dickson, Penny (Downes) Crowley, Mike Geiger, Linda (Carl) White. Back row: Stephen Downes, Dennis Shock, Thad Overmyer, Larry Miller, Mike Cihak, Mike Wallen, Pat (Kline) Mann and Tom Easterday.

BELOW: Given special honors were members of the earliest classes present at the reunion; From left, Lida (Cowen Thompson) Norris, class of '36, Elisabeth Zechiel Davis, class of '35, Frances (Taber) Geiselman, class of '42, and Ralph Geiselman, class of '38.

