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'Savages' tame Culver

ABOVE: The presence of the cast and crew of a major motion picture shooting throughout the Culver community continued to generate excitement over the past week. TOP LEFT: nationally touring comedian and actor Jamie Kennedy, playing a role in the movie and in town briefly, treated a packed house at the Culver Marina's Boardwalk Bar and Grille to a comedy show Sunday night. LOWER LEFT: Shooting took place last Wednesday for a staged "press conference" on the steps of the Culver Public Library (portraying the office of Culver's "mayor," pictured at center). Dozens of local extras played reporters for the scene. CENTER: Some of the young stars of the movie made a special appearance at Culver Elementary School Monday morning, including (from left) Noah Lomax, Leah Bateman, Aubrey K. Miller, Katherine McNamara, Kenton Duty, Austin Mincks, and Aiden Mincks. BELOW, RIGHT: The stars give farewell "high fives" to CES 6th graders. MORE PHOTOS PAGE 2, 12

In Brief

Culver Hollywood History Aug. 24

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop will celebrate the legacy of Culver as the site of several Hollywood movies in years past, as well as the extraordinary number of Culver Academies graduates to become involved in Hollywood, with a special exhibit. "Lights...Camera...Culver!" will launch Sat., Aug. 17. A special audio-visual program elaborating on the topic will take place the following Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m., with ongoing exhibits into this fall.

Free computer classes in August

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free technology classes in August take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. They include Technology Training (Aug. 23). Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Fire Dept. golf scramble Aug. 24

The Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept.'s Bill Snyder Memorial four-man golf scramble will take place Sat., Aug. 24, with tee-off at 8 a.m., at Mystic Hills golf course. Contact any firefighter for more information.

Community meal at St. Mary's Aug. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Friday, August 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

L'Max Film Fest Aug. 30-31

The 6th annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, "A Gift of Warmth," will begin with a Friday night reception Aug. 30 at

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'Little Savages' stars visit Culver Elementary as shooting continues around Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

At approximately halfway through their filming schedule, the cast and crew of a feature movie being shot on location in Culver have been popping up all over town, including giving local youngsters a once-in-a-lifetime thrill Monday morning at the Culver Elementary School. The night before, a considerably different, adult audience benefited from the production by way of an exclusive comedy show at the Culver Marina's Boardwalk Bar and Grille by nationally touring comedian and television and movie star Jamie Kennedy. A number of Culverites got a close-up look at the action last week, when several scenes were shot at First Farmers Bank and the steps of the Culver Public Library on Main Street. Shoots were scheduled for mid-week at Culver Academies and the Original Root Beer Stand.

Besides Kennedy, who plays the "villainous" role of the father of bully Billy Bronson, other well-known stars of the film include Noah Lomax (from the films "Safe Haven" and "Playing for Keeps") as the main character and a visitor to Culver, young Albie; Katherine McNamara of numerous Disney shows and movies, as his older sister Tiffany; Adam Hicks (Disney's "Lemonade Mouth") as Billy Bronson; Aiden Mincks (Disney's "Ant Farm" and the film "Hangover 2") and his brother Austin Mincks (of TV's "Melissa and Joey" and a number of others) as two members of the Culver-based Savage family; Aubrey K. Miller ("Flo the Progressive Girl" and Disney's "Austin and Ally")

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Remembering Phil Mallory

A look back at the life of a Culver teacher, community servant, and man of faith



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES

LEFT: Phil Mallory, left, assists a Culver Academies student in a 1983 photo.

Editor's note: When Phil Mallory passed away July 3, Culver lost a resident who had not only served generations of Culver Academies students as a teacher, but also served the community at large in a wide variety of roles. What follows is the text of a eulogy read by Ed Pinder of Culver at Mallory's funeral at the Wesley United Methodist Church July 6.

Phillip K. Mallory was born the day after Christmas, 1936. It was a fact his mother, who labored all of Christmas day and night that year, never let him forget! He grew up in Mattoon, Illinois, a small town not unlike Culver. His family knew, and was known, by everyone. He had two younger brothers; Doug, who preceded him in death, and Michael. Phil lost his father when he was just 13. In the years that followed, Michael notes that Phil took on a role greater than that of just a brother. Phil found creative ways to help shape the boys into the men they would become, providing an almost fatherly role model.

Following high school, Phil enlisted in the Navy. His time in the service afforded him the opportunity to continue his education on the GI Bill. He attended Purdue University where, in addition to

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Disney star Duty on faith, film, and fun in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Kenton Duty, age 18, may be best known to audiences as "young Jacob" on the popular ABC television show, "Lost," or as European exchange student Gunther Hessenheffer on the Disney Channel comedy series, "Shake It Up!," but here in Culver he's been shooting scenes for the upcoming film, "Little Savages," where he plays one of the lead characters, Todd Savage. He's also played the role of friendly visiting ambassador to a number of local youngsters who have begged for an autograph or photo, and always been met with smiling agreement.

That's no coincidence. "People always ask, 'Is it ever annoying when fans come up to you?' But to make somebody else smile," says Duty, "when it's as easy as talking to them and smiling in return -- or holding a door open. It's my personal mission every day to make however many people I can, smile."

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Former CES teacher Richie facilitates nature preserve in husband's name

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Sixty or more friends and family gathered to celebrate not only the legacy of the late Steve Richie but the dedication of a natural space he held dear, to be preserved, studied, and treasured for future generations. See Richie page 11

The Steve Richie Nature Preserve, located off of 700 West in Fulton County (though the Richie property has a Culver address), contains some 40 wooded acres purchased by Richie, who died last November, and his wife Connie, a longtime (retired) Culver Elementary second grade teacher. The preserve, which was donated to the ACRES Land Trust (www.acreslandtrust.org) was officially dedicated August 10 with a large crowd attending the ceremony, followed by a luncheon at the Richie home.

Connie Richie began the dedication by explaining she and Steve had been together for 47 years, with 45 of them married, and that both of them shared a love of nature and the outdoors. In fact, she said, having land on which to enjoy nature was "more important to us than having the perfect house."

In 1974, they bought their home and five acres, adding the additional 35 acres which make up the preserve in 1986. In 1988, they planted 5,000 trees, which "has grown into this beautiful woodland," she said. In 1990, Steve Richie initiated the present trail system there, and the couple "enjoyed numerous walks and workdays there. "It's difficult to convey the renewal and calming effect of a day in the woods," Connie Richie added. "It's a good, happy tired."

Discussing the "beauty God bestowed" on the land, Richie noted she and her husband "wanted to preserve it in its natural state for future generations."

After looking unsuccessfully for just the right means to accomplish that goal, Richie told the audience she received a "nudge from God to give it just one more shot."

The result was the discovery in January, 2013, of the non-profit ACRES Land Trust See Richie page 11

Lake Max Triathlon a success



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

David Story was the very first bicyclist to zip through Culver's downtown during the Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 10.

David Story, of Long Beach, Ind., and a 2000 graduate of Culver Military Academy, captured the overall title of the 2013 Lake Max Triathlon on Saturday, Aug. 10. Culver Academies played host for the event whose proceeds benefit the Culver Lions, Kiwanis Club, and the Culver Club of Culver, all of whom helped provide the plethora of volunteers who made the event possible. More than 300 people registered for the triathlon which took bicyclists around Lake Maxinkuckee and through the town of Culver, and runners through a different section of town.

The 31-year-old Story completed the sprint triathlon in 57 minutes, 35.5 seconds, finishing 11.4 seconds ahead of Matt York, age 38. Elizabeth Blackburn, 30, was the overall women's winner, finishing the course around Lake Maxinkuckee in 1:04.29.2. She was ninth overall and

59 seconds ahead of Jennifer Zimmer, 36, who finished 11th overall. A total of 212 individuals and 19 three-person teams completed the event. The youngest individual competitor was 12-year-old Graham Calhoun, who finished 194th overall with a time of 1:47.33.0. The oldest was John Macdonald, 69, who finished 94th overall in 1:20.12.3.

Dana Neer, director of wellness at the Academies and head of the triathlon committee, called the triathlon "a great event and experience for the community."

This article, portions of which were written by Jan Garrison, appeared in a different format on news.culver.org.



Movie magic behind the scenes

Some of the magic behind movie illusions was shared with the Citizen by Joseph Scott Anthony, an actor playing a newscaster in "Little Savages" as well as serving in the crew. In the photos at left are the initial stages of creating what appears to be a bronze statue of a "town father" of Culver (photo at RIGHT). In fact, as the photos at LEFT show in succession, the statue is actually a form, foam head, textile suit and hat, and some molding for facial detail, then painted with a special material to give it its "bronzed" appearance. Joshua Diedrich of Kalamazoo, Mich., fabricated the statue, which was featured in a shoot at the Culver library last Wednesday (PHOTO ABOVE); Diedrich does similar work for a variety of film productions.



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majoring in Physics and Mathematics, he met and married Kay, a beautiful preacher's daughter. On the morning of the wedding, Phil sat for a final exam in Russian, which he failed miserably. Kay noted that the only "rushin'" he accomplished that day was to the bakery to pick up the wedding cake!

He did manage to graduate, however, and soon landed his first teaching position at Lafayette Jefferson High School. During that time, the family expanded to include two children, Kevin and Kris. He taught in Lafayette until 1968, when he received an offer from a place called Culver Military Academy. He and Kay visited, fell in love with this quaint little town, and have made it their home ever since.

Over the course of his career, Phil received many awards and commendations. He served as the head of the science department at Culver. He was thrice named Physics Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Physics Teachers. He received the prestigious Kaser Award, which is awarded by Culver Military Academy for outstanding leadership in the classroom and the ability to inspire in students the zest for learning.

Phil retired from teaching in 2001, after educating an estimated 4000-plus students. It is worth noting that Phil had an outstanding retirement dinner provided by one of Culver's premier families in their fine culinary establishment!

Not many of us can say that we love what we do for a living, but Phil was among those elite who can. Teaching and learning were two of the greatest joys in Phil's life. It was his mission to instill his love of learning into his students. He was a practitioner of "hands on" learning long before it became a methodology.

One particular year saw a contest in which participants designed and executed a full scale, fully functional catapult. What finer display of physics than hurling a large projectile over a great distance? Except that none of them did. Most resembled those creations made by the infamous Warner Brothers inventor, Wile E. Coyote, with the projectiles being lodged firmly in the ground directly in front of them. The home team, on their initial attempt, managed to reduce their machine to its component parts. On national television. As Mike Wallace and "60 Minutes" looked on (it should be noted the relaying of these events is in no way an indictment of the competency of the CMA science department). It was a spectacular failure. But it was fun, the students (and Phil) were fully engaged, and they all learned from the experience (mostly that a test run might be wise before any cameras start rolling).

Phil never shied away from an educational experience merely because he knew nothing about it. He became CMA's first ever canoe coach, having never actually paddled one. A potential team member approached Phil telling him, "Mr. Mallory, if you'll just come to practice and act like the coach, we'll do the rest."

So he did. No doubt he read a book about it.... He was an avid reader. He could teach himself anything just by reading about it. When PC's were in their infancy, he taught himself the DOS programming language. For those who might be technologically challenged—he taught himself to speak computer.

He had always wanted to build his own home and so he read. A lot. And he learned how to plumb. And heat. And lay floors. And build cabinets. And. And. And. Until one day he was moving his family into the house that Phil (and Kay) built.

mirrors in order to build his own telescope.

Then there were the cats -- his second set of children. Phil seemed to collect them like some people collect coins or stamps. His first family finds a small amount of solace that he passed before Kay, as they are fairly certain Phil would have become one of those crazy cat people you occasionally hear about on the evening news.

But anyone who knew him well knew that his most passionate pastime was the cultivation and hybridization of daylilies. In an interview, he was once asked what he might have done with his life had he not become an educator. He replied that he would have liked to become a horticulturist. His garden truly was one of his happiest places. If the dermatologist insisted that he needed to spend less time in the sun, well that just meant that he had to wear longer sleeves and get a floppier hat, until he resembled something that should have been driving camels across the Sahara. Nothing could keep him from his beloved garden. No doubt that his heaven is a vast sea of every daylily ever bred and he's deciding which ones to cross next!

But however great his love for his students or his cats or his garden, his greatest love was reserved for his family and his God. He was an attentive son, bringing his widowed mother to Culver. Having her live close by provided her with security and companionship in her later years. If you ask either of his children, the most compelling evidence of their father's love was that he got them both through high school algebra having never laid a hand on either of them. His devotion to Kay was evident throughout their 52 year marriage, but never more so than during the illness that followed her second battle with cancer. He remained steadfastly by her side through nearly three years of her impenetrable darkness, until gradually his love, support, and constancy brought her back into the light.

Whether or not it was consciously done, Phil's life was one of service. He provided service to his country through his time in the Navy. His community saw him fill roles as an original and long standing participant in the Culver-Union Township EMS, and as a member of the library and school boards. He sat on the school board at a time when being a member could get you a rock through your window, but it needed to be done and he knew he could do it, so he did. His church family saw him as the Chair of the Administrative board, as a member of the Pastor Parish and Finance Committees, Sunday school teacher, and choir member. Phil's intelligence, level headedness, and easy going manner made him a natural leader toward whom people would gravitate.

Phil would be the first to give the glory to God for allowing him to be the man he needed to be for so many people. Every life he touched came away for the better for having known him.

Phillip Kent Mallory was born in Mattoon, Illinois on December 26, 1936 to Jesse Frances and Genevieve Mallory, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter and a younger brother, Douglas.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; son Kevin and his wife Andrea Mallory; daughter Kris Kronewitter and her fiancé Douglas Bernhardt; grandson Ryan Kronewitter; a brother, Michael and his wife Linda; sister in law Jane Mattern and her husband Gerry; brother in law Jim Snell and his wife Wanda; and multiple nieces and nephews.

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Make-A-Wish family opts for Culver vacation to celebrate 2-year-old's recovery

By Goretta Gonzalez
Staff Writer

CULVER - At just two and a half years old, Jaxson Laurita has had his share of bouts with illness. Last week, Jaxson and his family were granted a wish by the Make A Wish Foundation, bringing the family to Culver and the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee as their destination.

"We got a letter in the mail stating we were granted a wish," said Jaxson's mother Lori Laurita. "It was pretty exciting."

The Colorado residents made their way to the lakefront Portledge Cottage in Culver. Dad Jeff Laurita is a South Bend native and mom originates from Bremen. The family has many ties in the area and found Culver the perfect setting for some family relaxation.

"They interviewed Jaxson to find out what he liked. He loves Mickey Mouse, he loves his Dorito's, he loves Frosted Flakes — because he's two and a half. He's just happy. Jaxson wakes up he's happy," Jaxson's mother said. "He knows that if he's not in pain he's having a good day; he doesn't care about anything else."

In planning their wish, the Lauritas considered going to Disney World or Disneyland because of Jaxson fondness for Mickey Mouse.

"Bottom line is the most important thing has always been family. It's kind of how you circle around and be happy. We also wanted a vacation because I thought we've been through a lot and we deserved a vacation," said Lori.

After some consideration the family opted to come to Culver.

"After I talked to our Wish Coordinator I told her, 'I know this sounds weird and I know you're going to think this is silly but Disneyland would be too overstimulating for him,'" said Jaxson's mother. "He's two and a half would he really enjoy it? Even though he likes Mickey Mouse, he likes Mickey Mouse on TV."

The foundation far exceeded Lori's expectations. She had only suggested a one bedroom on the lake where the family would still have fun but be close enough to their relatives while on vacation.

"We wanted to make sure that we were able to celebrate with our family. That was a big part of it and Jeff and I have always been grateful for everything they've done — with staying with us and really helping us stay as a family and making it possible," Lori said. "We wanted a vacation close to family because that's what Jaxson needs and that's what Dominic (Jaxson's older brother) needs because it's so important."

Portledge Cottage was built in 1905 with a three-sided lakefront porch overlooking Lake Maxinkuckee. It has 6 bedrooms and sleeps 10 and features a lake-level yard to a sandy beach. The cottage has enough room for Jaxson's cousins to run around, much to Lori's delight.

"We've had a lot of awesome support all throughout. That helped get us through it because we stayed focused on staying positive and we've seen the worst of times," said Jaxson's father, Jeff.

Jaxson was born prematurely at 1 pound 5 ounces. Since his birth he has been in and out of the hospital.

Initially the infant spent his early days at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend later moving to the Children's Hospital of Denver.

The family admits to having their scares and recollect an occasion when Jaxson had a fever of 105 degrees and a spinal tap had to be done.

"He had to get a trach in. At 6 months he was on a ventilator and trach dependent. He had to get a g-button (feeding tube) since he was working so hard to breath and with his chronic lung problems," Lori explained.

The Laurita family has had to learn how to take care of Jaxson. sometimes the family has been the ones to help educate nurses and physicians on the best methods to care for Jaxson.

"At 6 months, we had to learn how to take care of him since you have all this new equipment and basically that's your new norm," said Lori.

"Lori's skills and my skills as far as taking care of him are the equivalent of being a NiCU nurse," chuckled Jeff as he explained how as par- See Wish page 7

Sock hop with 'American Pie' live Saturday

The Culver town park will continue its concert series with a "sock hop" this Saturday August 24 at 7 p.m. featuring a live performance by Iowa-based husband and wife team "American Pie."

Randy and Kathy Burris have performed dates in Las Vegas and Nashville, recorded for MGM records, made TV and radio appearances, and shared the bill with stars like the Statler Brothers, Guess Who, Anne Murray, Lorrie Morgan, and the late Tennessee Ernie Ford.

The performance is free and open to the public. The next performance in the series will be J.C. Company and Band (bluegrass and country), Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m.

Death notice

Banks
Theresa M. (Perry) Banks
Aug. 11, 2013

COMSTOCK PARK, Mich. — Theresa M. (Perry) Banks, 93, of Comstock Park, Mich., formerly of Monterey, died Aug. 11, 2013.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd; three sons, Donald (Carol) Banks, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kenneth (Susan) Banks, Grand Haven, Mich., Dennis Banks, Cuernavaca, Merolos, Mexico; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013 from 4 – 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

Memorials may be given to St. Anne's Catholic Church. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Letter to the editor

Culver fire department congrats

Great story on the Culver-Union Township Fire Department's history (*Aug. 8 edition of The Culver Citizen -editor*). It brought back some great memories for me. I used to go with my father, Cary Cummins, to the department meetings. That's when the fire department was located in the cement building across from the Grace Church. (Now a parking lot). I remember so many of the firemen you named in the article. Art Fishburn, Eddie Boberg, Mont Foss, etc. What a great group!

The fire department building also had the only jail cell in Culver. It was usually only occupied when one of our town's more colorful characters had more imbibing than was safe for them so they were welcome to use the jail until they could safely navigate home.

In those days, when the fire whistle blew, everyone who wasn't working, jumped in their car and followed the fire truck. My mother, Katie Cummins, my brother and I were only two cars behind the truck when it rolled over on the East Shore. We knew something was wrong when a huge cloud of dust formed. My dad was thrown off the back of the truck where he was riding when the truck rolled. Such a tragedy when Mr. Cromley was killed and Art, Eddie, my dad, and Jack Taylor were injured.

Congratulations to the Culver Union Township Fire Department for honoring all those past volunteers who dedicated so much time and effort to make the department the fine institution it has become. Culver is so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Bobbie Ruhnow
Culver

Thanks to BIRD volunteers

I want to express my appreciation for the "BIRD" volunteers (and their sponsors) who came to my house on August 3. They worked hard and did a fine job on the things I asked them to do. It is young folks like this who give hope for the future of our community.

Barb Quivey
Culver

Acknowledge Miss Max participants

A bystander's opinion on the Miss Maxinkuckee contest (and the little girls also): I never saw the names or pictures of those entered before the event (unless I missed it somehow), and only one very small acknowledgment after. It is a lot of work and preparation for those involved and their parents. If the pageant is going to continue to be a part of Lake Fest, give it some better publicity before and after.

Thank you for a good Lake Fest overall -- again, a lot of hard work for a lot of volunteers.

Barb Quivey
Culver

'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' will target drunk drivers

From mid-August through Labor Day, the Culver Police Department will be out in force as part of the annual nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown on drunk driving. Indiana's high-visibility enforcement effort, also known as Operation Pull Over Blitz 76, will run through September 2, 2013.

The drunk driving crackdown will also consist of saturation patrols, DUI checkpoints, high-profile events, and will be supported by state and national paid advertising, creating a comprehensive effort to curb drunk driving in August and through the Labor Day holiday weekend.

In 2012, there were 5,152 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Indiana (where impairment at 0.08 or above was listed as the contributing factor). These crashes resulted in 158 fatalities, 246 serious bodily injuries, and 1,866 other injuries (a total of 2,112 non-fatal injuries).

During the 2012 Labor Day holiday period (August 31-September 4), there were 115 alcohol-related crashes in Indiana. During last year's Labor Day Crackdown, there were 14,655 citations issued, 669 misdemeanor DUIs, and 106 felony DUIs.

The Culver Police Department said its officers will be aggressively looking for drunk drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving drunk.

The Culver Police Department wants to remind everyone that getting behind the wheel drunk is a terrible idea. Unfortunately, not only does drinking impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely, it also impairs your judgment and good sense about whether you can, or should drive.

50th Anniversary - Wagner



Elmer and Victoria (Lutz) Wagner will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Culver VFW with family and friends.

The couple was married Aug. 24, 1963 at EUB Church, Culver.

Their children are Tim (Shari) Wagner of Culver, and Gina (Wagner) Baldwin of Culver, formerly of Dallas, Texas.

They also have four grandchildren: Samantha Wagner of Lakeville, and Shianne, Alex and Olivia Wagner, all of Culver.

Elmer graduated from Knox High School in 1960, and served in Vietnam from 1966-68. He worked at McGills (Culver), Walker Mfg (Culver), and MPI (Knox). He retired in 2006. He is a member of VFW Post 6919.

Vicki graduated from Culver High School in 1963. She is a housewife/mother, doing odd jobs throughout the years.

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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.

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Friday, Aug. 23: Tomato soup, tuna salad, bread, macaroni salad, fruit, and cookie

Mon., Aug. 26: Cheeseburger, broccoli, festive corn, tropical fruit.

Tues., Aug. 27: Polynesian chicken with tomatoes and pineapple, over rice oriental veggies, marshmallow fluff.

Wed., Aug. 28: Meatloaf, baby bakers, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches.

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If these walls could talk: 508 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

In the midst of a busy summer, it's been a while since there's been space for a new installment in our ongoing series of 'virtual' walks through significant buildings in the Culver area. Having completed our visit to the downtown area, we're strolling to the western edge of the "uptown" (or is that "mid-town," given that some consider north Lake Shore Drive near S.R. 17 "uptown"?) Culver -- that is, the business district near the town beach which has been a hotbed of activity since the railroad came through in 1883-84.

This week we're at 508 (formerly 504) Lake Shore Drive, a fitting bit of timing since the building is home to today's Culver fire department, at the northwest corner of Lake Shore and State Street, and the department is this year celebrating its 110th anniversary.

On her Maxinkuckee history website, Judi Burns speculates the site may have once been listed at 514 or 610 Lake Shore Drive, in which case as early as 1878, it was listed as The Van Schoiack, presumably a hotel/rooming house. Prior to 1897, it was the D. A. Bradley hotel, which also included a restaurant and grocery (owner Dan Bradley, a prominent businessman here at the time, had purchased the building about 1889 from Celia Van Schoiack).

In March, 1897, D. R. Avery of South Bend purchased the large building from Bradley, having left one of "the leading dry goods houses of South Bend," according to *The Culver City Herald* of the day.

There are interesting stories too involved to tell here concerning the various business activities of Mr. Avery, but on a personal note, I'll relate that, in 2006 I received a call from Clara Hanson explaining an elderly gentleman was in her restaurant with some old photos and other historical items. He turned out to be the grandson of D.R. Avery, and he had recollections of Culver in its much younger days, and had heard even more from his grandfather. He donated to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver several one-of-a-kind photos of Avery-owned businesses and a copy of the Maxinkuckee Chatterer newspaper of 1901 (the only copy known to exist).

His grandfather had operated the Avery Park Cafe at the site of today's fire station around 1900

An April, 1900 report in several area newspapers noted a whole row of businesses, including the lavish Colonnade Hotel, Emmon's Saloon, Avery's Restaurant, Wolford's Saloon, and Keller's Barber Shop "are now in ruins," in a fire believed to have been started by the work of an anti-saloon arsonist. However, the report was mistaken at least as far as Avery's was concerned; it continued

to operate, and was under the proprietorship of a Major Anderson as of 1901, when he opted to leave Culver. By 1903, Robert Kreuzberger Jr. had apparently taken on the hotel and restaurant in addition to the brick saloon he operated across the street to the south, in the historic building at the south end of State Street today owned by Jim and Dianne Green.



ABOVE: The Avery Park Hotel and Restaurant is believed to have been located at the site of today's Culver fire station. BELOW: The current building as seen circa 1975, when it was home to the Culver town hall, police station, and Chamber of Commerce as well as the fire dept.



In October, 1921, the Citizen reported Charles Boblett sold the Chasnells to Mrs. A. McLochlin of Plymouth. The Sanborn fire map of 1924 lists the site as the home of the Chasnelle Hotel, which was said to have been known as the Paramount Hotel as well.

By March, 1933, the Citizen reported "one of the landmarks of the town," the Paramount Hotel, was being torn down to make space for a \$3,000 "super service station" to be built by Homer Kemple.

In 1946, the present brick building was constructed, and shortly thereafter occupied by Charles Van Meter's International Har-

vester farm implement store (he also operated a branch of the store in Rochester). In 1952, Omar Hook, said the Citizen, purchased the store and took it over in January of 1953. By the time Van Meter died in July, 1961, the business was known as the Nelson Equipment Company.

In November, 1966, the Culver Citizen reported the town of Culver had purchased the building and moved the town hall and fire and police stations into it, a vast improvement over the longtime town hall in what is today the parking lot of Grace United Church of Christ, between Lake, Plymouth, and Cass Streets. The town hall and police would depart the space in the bicentennial year of 1976, taking occupancy at the former Citizen Press Inc. building at Plymouth and Washington Streets, where the town hall, police, and EMS continue to operate today.

The fire department, of course, stayed behind, making good use of the space in the building for its trucks, and the old office space for its regular business meetings.

In 2003, the department, having purchased the former Kemple home just north of the building, razed the house there and expanded the fire station by way of the present pole barn type construction (they also purchased the lot across the street to the east, but that's a story for another column).



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Wireman receives VFW scholarship

Recent Culver Comm. High School grad Dana Wireman (center) received a \$300 scholarship from Culver's VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary recently.

The recipient of the scholarship is chosen by the CCHS guidance office and must have a close family member eligible for membership in, or currently a member of the VFW. Pictured from left are Auxiliary president Margaret Dehne, trustee Sandra Kelso, Wireman, junior vice president Barbara Linhart, and member Pam Amick.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen was recognized by a number of readers, which is no surprise: she's a lifelong Culverite, active in Culver's Tri Kappa, a familiar face in years past at The Collectors antique store, Culver Academies, and around town in general. She's also known as the wife of longtime Culver milkman Kenny Miller. She's Melissa "Mimi" Miller.

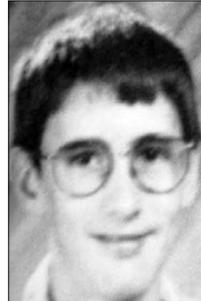


Among Mystery Citizen, those who knew her and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen. Judi Currens, Kay Tus-

ing, Ed Stephenson, C.J. Lawrence, Kathy Berindei, Bea (Price) Stephenson, Frieda Cultice, Marizetta Kenney, Heather Miller Moriconi, Valerie Carter Kemble, and Skip Kiel.

This week's Mystery Citizen is another Culver Comm. High School grad and a familiar face for some time now at another Culver business.

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



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First day of school in Culver

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Culver Community Schools students headed back to school last Tuesday -- or experienced their first day of it, as in the case of some of the youngsters pictured here.

At LEFT, the children of Mike and Rhiannon Banks of Culver wait for the school bus with their dog Mickey joining them. Scotty, age 5, is heading for his very first day of school, and Cassidy, and Mackenzie, 9, are headed back.

At RIGHT, young Graham Baker, son of Don Baker and Janet Halling of Culver, exits the school bus on what he called "the best first day of kindergarten ever!" Driving his bus is Dora Mishler.

Council ponders: landscaping or eyesore?

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

One man's landscaping is another man's eyesore -- or such was apparently the case at last Tuesday's (Aug. 13) meeting of Culver's town council, where debate ensued as to whether unmowed grass in the front yard of a College Avenue residence could be considered "native landscaping," as the property owner has claimed.

While some in the audience and on the council debated whether the growth -- three foot high and more in some sections -- is merely weeds or has a legitimate claim as native landscaping, town manager Dave Schoeff sought the advice of town attorney Jim Clevenger.

Council president Sally Ricciardi noted the property owner specified a website with information on native plant species, though council member Ginny Munroe said, "If we don't (order the lawn mowed), everyone else we've sent letters to (concerning grass needing mowed) will say it isn't fair, and they can all grow native plants."

Asked about high grass recently mowed at a commercial property under the same ownership, Schoeff explained the grass was in the town's right of way, so "we went and handled it." If the town mows the grass at the College Avenue property, however, "we're talking about going on private property."

By ordinance, the town may mow property determined to be an eyesore due to overgrowth, after efforts have been made to allow property owners to take care of it themselves first.

"If the ordinance says get it cleaned up, clean it up," said Clevenger. "He can sue you for having mowed his grass, but you can sue him for nuisance...I think if the board determines it's a nuisance, you go that way."

Council member Lynn Overmyer moved a letter be written to the property owner that the grass constitutes a public nuisance and must be mowed within a certain period of time; the council approved the motion.

In other discussion, audience member Russ Mason, asked about usage of the Community Cab transportation vehicle for senior citizens currently stationed every Wednesday in Culver, said he -- as driver -- transports only one person a day "on a good day," and none on many other days.

The Community Cab was launched on a six-month trial basis here around three months ago, in response to re-

quests for expanded coverage from the Marshall County Council on Ageing, which provides limited transportation for seniors around the county. Transportation had already been provided Wednesdays in Culver in the past, but expanded coverage came into being after a town-wide survey showed broad support for it.

"It looks to me like we're very independent in Culver," Mason added. "Maybe we have a son or somebody who takes us to the store...maybe when the weather gets bad, we'll get more business. But we can't sustain the cost of having it down here for one passenger per week."

Mason noted the cost is \$2.50 per stop, anywhere in Culver.

Mason also pointed out the Council on Ageing will take residents to medical appointments as far away as Fort Wayne, a free service for those over 60 (and \$7 for those under that age). Those trips must be pre-arranged with the Council, he said.

Audience member and Culver park board president Tammy Shaffer discussed the possibility of creating a designated smoking area in Culver's town park, explaining she and others have observed frequent and open violations of the recent ordinance forbidding smoking anywhere in the park. She said many smokers walk to the curb along Lake Shore Drive and throw their cigarette butts into the street, which means most eventually end up in the storm sewer and thus possibly the lake. Others sit in their cars and smoke.

The idea came from town marshal Wayne Bean, who said he'd researched other areas with a park smoking ban in place, and found designated smoking areas are one possible solution.

"Most people would heed it," Bean added.

The council took the matter under advisement.

Approved by council was a request from Sue McInturff of the Culver Fall Fest committee to shut down Main Street between Washington and Madison Streets, and Jefferson Street between the alleys behind South Main Street businesses on the west side of the street, and those on the

east side of the street. The closures would take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20. She also noted children's events will take place on the Dicke-owned lot at Main and Jefferson Saturday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Sunday between 8 and 3.

Council also held a public hearing concerning additional appropriations from Culver's MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund, totaling \$74,874, to pay for the remainder of a bucket truck approved at the last meeting.

Council passed the ordinance to appropriate the funds on first, second, and third readings.

During his town manager's report, Schoeff informed the council he had received quotes for the paving of a town-owned parking lot south of the CVS Pharmacy lot on Ohio Street, with costs ranging from \$17,000 to \$80,000. He said he would update the council on the matter in more detail at a future meeting.

Schoeff also explained a leaking water line on South Main Street in downtown Culver was the cause of a days' worth of digging in the area near the southwest intersection of Main and Jefferson Streets. A paving crew will patch the area in the coming week, he added.

Munroe suggested occurrences such as the water leak and subsequent digging would make for an ideal use of recently-inaugurated cell phone updates available to all residents.

Council approved signing of a document pledging to adopt Marshall County's Emergency Management Plan as Culver's own plan, which facilitates reimbursement for damages to town property during emergencies.

Mike Stallings of Culver's tree commission said the commission's arborist has finished a survey of the trees of Culver, which was expanded this year to include additional items. Specifically she noted places where sidewalks are heaved due to tree roots or other problems. She recommended 27 dangerous trees needing removal, said Stallings, and is working with the commission toward around 30 tree plantings slated for October.

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Benefit event for Neher Sept. 7

A benefit event will be held Saturday, September 7, starting at 9 p.m. for Culver Comm. High School graduate Justin Neher (son of Don and Anna Neher of Culver), at the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive.

Neher had to be airlifted to the hospital July 17 when his motorcycle was struck at full-speed by a pickup truck on U.S. 30 near Grovertown.

There will be a \$5 cover charge for the event, at which Kevin and Jerry will perform live, and 100 percent of the money collected will go directly to Neher to offset medical expenses. The event is sponsored by The Lakehouse Grille and Ryan and Roshelle Stotler.

Culver, Knox, Judson forming new conference

According to a report in Thursday's *Lafayette Journal Courier*, Culver Community and Knox are planning to leave the Northern State Conference to start a new athletic conference with North Judson and a trio of Midwest Conference schools.

The three MWC schools listed in the story are Caston, Pioneer and Winamac and their withdrawal would leave the conference with five schools. The NSC is currently made up of eight schools as well. The other schools in the league are Bremen, John Glenn, LaVille, Triton, New Prairie and Jimtown. North Judson is independent.

The *Journal Courier* article said there have been no dates set for the aforementioned schools' withdrawal or the formation of the new conference.

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Eppley Auditorium on Culver Academies' campus. Saturday, August 31 at 6 p.m., festivities begin at the Culver town park, where live entertainment, carriage rides, clowns, and a picnic dinner will take place, concluding with the musical, "South Pacific," shown on a two story outdoor screen.

Admission is a donation of new or lightly worn, clean items of winter wear for school age children.

Poplar Grove rummage sale Aug. 31

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, located on State Road 10 3 miles east of Culver, will be having its annual rummage sale from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31. The sale will include its usual high-quality items at very reasonable prices. There's something for everyone: cross-country skis, antique furniture and dishes, lead crystal, clothing, shoes, toys, electronics, tools, kitchen ware, bedding, holiday decorations, Culver Academies memorabilia, carpeting, jewelry, bicycles, patio furniture, lawn and garden items, and too much more to list. This will be a one-day-only sale this year.

LMA member input mtg for comp plan

The entire Lake Maxinkuckee Association membership is invited to a focus group meeting (on the Culver town Comprehensive Development Plan) Saturday, Aug. 31 at 9 a.m., in the larger lower level meeting room at the Culver Public Library. Ralph Winters will moderate. The meeting will be open to the public, and will be kept at one hour.

Monterey Days Labor Day wknd.

The annual Monterey Days Festival returns over Labor Day weekend, daily from Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. Activities include crafts and food booths, Mr. and Miss Monterey Days pageant, townwide yard sales and library booksale, pedal tractor pull, parade (Sat. at 5 p.m.), ice cream social, car show, live music, American Legion ox roast and bingo.

St. Marys - St. Michaels bus driver needed

A part-time driver is needed for the school bus route for students from Culver attending St. Michael's Catholic School in Plymouth. The route runs from St. Mary of

the Lake Church in Culver to St. Michael School each weekday morning and the reverse trip each weekday afternoon during the school year. The requirements are a Class B-CDL License with a school bus endorsement, plus a background check. Please contact Kathy Grimes at 574-936-4935, weekdays for further information.

History, ecology of LMEC, Lake Max at museum

The community is invited to learn about the biology and ecology of Lake Maxinkuckee as well as the people who have worked diligently to protect the lake and its watershed via an collaborative Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Center for Culver History exhibit on display now. Exhibits include magnifying boxes for bug identification, an animal tracks game, instruction on fishing pole assembly and an Enviroscape. The exhibit may be viewed during museum hours at the Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the Culver library.

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.

Kiwanis raffle underway

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is underway. This year's items include a new golf cart, SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), his and hers Electra cruiser bikes, and kayak. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and are available at Osborn's Mini-Mart, Park N Shop, or any Kiwanis Club member. A drawing for winners (to be drawn in order of the monetary value of the item in question) will be held Sat., Sept. 21 at the depot in the town park. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit local children's programs and scholarships.

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 \$2.50 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.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org.

Upcoming at Lakehouse music series

Matt Miller will perform live this Saturday night, Aug. 24, starting around 9 p.m., the latest in the Lakehouse Grille's Saturday night live music series. Other upcoming performances include Joey Garcia (Aug. 31), and Kevin McDaniel (Sept. 7). The Lakehouse Grille is located at 620 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

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).

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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By Doug Haberland
Culver Academies Communications

The military and military traditions have always been integral parts of Culver Academies and Culver Summer Schools & Camps. Whether it is the color and pageantry of the weekly Garrison Parade or the solemn strain of "Taps" at the Veterans Day Ceremony, Culver has always valued the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

So, it is only appropriate that Culver would somehow find a way to thank our military men and women for their service. Now in its third summer, the Culver Supporting Our Troops program will be hosting 15 families of active-duty soldiers and wounded veterans for a free week's stay during the second session of Culver's Family Camp, Aug. 11-17.

Culver works with three military organizations – the Wounded Warrior Project, the Navy SEAL Foundation, and the Yellow Ribbon Fund – which select the participants, according to coordinator Tony Giraldi, Culver's director of International Advancement.

The idea of Culver Supporting Our Troops came out of a conversation among Giraldi, a 1975 CMA graduate, and Oklahoma alumni Jud Little '65 and Dr. Mike and Whitney Kolb Alvis '96. The funding comes from alumni and friends of Culver, though Giraldi noted the "largest supporter financially, a Houston family, has never been on campus and has no Culver affiliation."

This year, more than \$100,000 was raised to provide the Family Camp opportunity for the 15 military families. The affiliated organizations pick up some of the travel expenses for families. In addition, seven military children received scholarships to attend Culver's six-week summer camp programs Woodcraft Camp and Upper Camp.

A deployment to a combat area is difficult for children of those servicemen and women, Giraldi said. They often have more difficulty coping because they are so young and know their parent may be in harm's way. "The military parents are making a sacrifice, and the children are making an emotional sacrifice," Giraldi said.

Culver Supporting Our Troops is "one of the most satisfying things I have ever done," added Giraldi, who is also involved with Culver's Spring Break in Mission trips to Mexico, which partners with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for native peoples.

Culver Supporting Our Troops is part of The Culver Fund, and donations are appreciated, Giraldi said. His goal is to see the Supporting Our Troops program transition into a scholarship for the sons and daughters of military personnel at Culver Academies.

His approach, and his choice to work on "Savages" (which he calls a "cute family film with good morals... which is the criteria I normally look for.") is reflective of strongly-held moral and spiritual beliefs which he's lived out by way of various causes, including Disney's Friends for Change (an environmental charity initiative of the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund), the Starlight Children's Foundation, the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and a host of endeavors against school bullying.

"Morals are a big basis of who we are as a person," he told the Culver Citizen. "As an actor, you have to push yourself (towards) different moral boundaries where your character is as a person. So as an actor, you explore those grey areas where character is formed. One reason I love my job is that I...get to experience different walks of life."

In "Savages," which films throughout this month in Culver, Duty plays the eldest brother of a clan of good-hearted (fictional) youngsters from Culver with the last name Savage. In the film, Duty's character is smitten with the Tiffany, played by fellow Disney star Katherine McNamara, the older sister of main character Albie (played by another well-known actor, Noah Lomax). However, Tiffany initially ignores the Savage family, taken as she is with bully Billy Bronson.

And while "Little Savages" avoids any direct references to Christian doctrine, as alluded to by its faith-based production company, Bearfruit Films, themes of Tiffany's and Billy's moral awakening accompany other moral messages in the movie.

That's just fine with Kenton Duty, who says he received a call from his agent with a film offer for his role as "a nice guy, an older brother, which made me go, 'Ah, this will be something fun to work on.'"

"I have certain morals I follow (which are) Christian based," he continues, "so working on a Christian-based film -- I love working with this company because it's good, clean fun and humor. My fans have come to know me as the kind of person who wants to be a gentleman. They'll very much enjoy watching this film, and they'll see more of the nice guy they haven't gotten to see in my past works."

Asked how his faith gels with life in Hollywood, Duty acknowledges the movie industry in general is "definitely not known for faith."

"I choose my friends wisely," he says. "I don't have a large friend group, I'm not a social butterfly, if you will."

However, Duty says he works not to create "a chasm" with work acquaintances with whom his morals clash.

"I want to lead by actions rather than words," he notes. "I've seen that help change a lot of people in my life, either for good or bad," and he explains "acting helps me understand how (people's) character is built."

Duty says "Little Savages" deals with themes of forgiveness as well as the culpability of those influenced by role models who make poor moral choices.

"The bad guys in this film are being led by a one-dimensional bad guy with an agenda. One of our main villains being the son of this guy, he's very much succumbing to (bad moral choices) and his friends are succumbing to it from him. That's why, at the end, it's the dad's fault. Tiffany's let back in (to the Savages' inner circle because) they're a very forgiving group of kids who see the honesty in people -- they're open books."

Duty recognizes many Christian genre films are "not known for being masterpieces," though "there have been exceptions to that." He cites faith-based movies like "Courageous," which he thought was "a great film."

Like "Little Savages," that movie, despite its faith-based origins, was not "Christ, Christ, Christ," Duty points out, "So viewers are not going in with a guilty conscience. Christian based film companies can show a moral change, but they don't have to be 'God, God, God,' all the time. It can be subtle."

If Culver has enjoyed the presence of Kenton Duty and his fellow youthful cast members, is the feeling mutual?

"I love how it's a lot slower than Los Angeles. I come from Texas, so (small town life is) very enjoyable."

"Everybody (in Culver) is extremely nice and sweet, and they're sincere about it. I try to teach the kids who look up to me to be sincere and be nice."

He says the "Savages" stars have enjoyed Lake Maxinkuckee, the people of Culver, and "the weather is amazing."

"A few of the guys said, 'Let's go to the lake today,' or, 'Let's do some night swimming!' I'm down. They're just loving the fact that we can be spontaneous. We have fun -- we toodle around in the golf carts! And everybody's very accommodating."

"If I brought somebody who's been L.A. raised, they would not recognize the sincerity (of Culver)...the honesty, kindness, and warmth that everybody here gives off."



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ABOVE: Disney Channel TV star Kenton Duty, left, has a laugh on the set of "Little Savages" last Wednesday during shooting on the steps of the Culver Public Library.

Wish from page 2



LEFT: Jaxson Laurita (right, front) gets silly with family at the Portledge lakefront property in Culver. The family's stay was granted by the Make a Wish Foundation (See story on page A3).
RIGHT: Jaxson Laurita has had a tough two years, but is enjoying life on Lake Max, courtesy of the Make A Wish foundation.

ents they had to learn and spend time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to fully provide for Jaxson.

"We stayed there until he was 10 months until we could be released with home nursing," said Lori. "At that point we did come home for 6 months. Jaxson was still on the trach and ventilator dependent but he was thriving."

The pair has remained attentive to their son and conscious of his needs. Jaxson comes with his chronic conditions but the family knew there was something awry when Jaxson was having trouble swallowing.

"We knew something was wrong and they kept sending us home telling us this is your chronic kid, this is your chronic kid. You know he has issues and they kind of just kept sending us home. But Jeff and I wouldn't let it go," Lori recalled.

"We probably had four or five doctors appointments where they kept sending us home like we don't know what's going on and we can't figure it out. We kept talking to nutritionist and dieticians", said Jeff.

Lori was fortunate to have a girlfriend who was doing her residency at the children's hospital. Lori's friend directed her as to what questions to ask to get an ultrasound.

"That's when they found the tumor," said Lori. "He had a tumor the size of a softball."

Jeff said, "He was 15 pounds and the thing was softball sized, in the middle of his liver, 9 cm."

The little one had to go through six cycles of chemotherapy be-

fore doctors were able to operate, leading to a final chemo cycle.

"They had taken out 75 percent of his liver but kids regenerate it so we were lucky for that," said Jaxson's mother.

Throughout his ordeals, Jaxson appears well and unphased as he enjoyed time with his family during the vacation sponsored by the Make A Wish Foundation. It was a break from the more than 300 days the child has spent in the hospi-

tal, according to his father.

The Lauritas ended their vacation on the lake cottage on Wednesday Aug. 14. Jaxson is scheduled to have his trach permanently removed on Aug. 23.

Looking forward, the family plans to keep to Dominic's sports schedule, introduce Jaxson to his first sport and enjoy their son without worrying about so much equipment to lug around. He was taken off of his ventilator in June with a good prognosis.

The two-year-old is new to walking and with the removal of his trach he will be able to use his voice.

"That's the next big thing for him," said Jeff. "He has a paralyzed vocal chord. He can vocalize pretty well and you can make out a lot of what he says but he has to work on getting louder with it so he can work on pulling that other vocal chord over."

"We heard him cry for the first time a couple weeks ago," said Lori. "It was the first time we heard him cry and it was the first time we heard him laugh and I just think that's huge."

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CCHS class of '93 at 20 years

Alumni of the Culver Comm. High School class of 1993 gathered Aug. 10 for their 20th class reunion at the Comdance Cafe in Culver. Pictured are (seated, from left to right) Jeff Kenney, Robin Floyd, Stacy (Beaver) Garbison, Trisha Thomas, Jennifer (O'Keefe) Hernandez, Susan (Jernstrom) McGrew, Jenny (Potthoff) Hurford. Standing: Ken Peterson, Jason Siple, Lorraine (Day) White, Darcy/Morrison Lyman, DeeDee (Cunningham) Puckett, Peggy Hunter, Richard Burns, Jeff Westafar, Stephanie (Wilson) Keller, Drew Keller, Sara (Schooler) Keyser, Doyle Keller, Dan Slyh, Michele Trusty, Brian Nault, and Tom Fritter. Not pictured, but present, were Mary Beth Standifer, Shellie Salary, and Connie Thomas.



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Culver students complete Basic

As of Aug. 15, Culver has two more soldiers to its credit, as Stephen and Mark Lehman graduated Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where they arrived June 5. The two will finish their senior year in high school and next summer will return to Ft. Benning to eventually become INF soldiers 11 B. Their mother, Nicky Dilts, expressed thanks to the boys' teachers "who have been there along the way to help them reach their dream." Pictured, from left, are PV2 Lehman, Mark, PVT Lynch, Nathan, and PV2. Lehman, Stephen. All three were in the same platoon. The Lehmans attend Culver Comm. High School (as did Lynch prior to a recent move).

Norwich on Dean's List, inducted into Honor Society



Paige Norwich of Culver was selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester, 2013 at Ball State University, with a final GPA 3.733/4.0. Norwich, the daughter of Susie and Dean Norwich of Culver, is majoring in Fashion Merchandizing and will be a junior in the fall. The Ball State Dean's List requirements are a GPA of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more

credits. Norwich was also recently inducted into Phi Upsilon Omicron, the National Honor Society of Family and Consumer Sciences at Ball State University.

She graduated from Culver Community High School in 2011.



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Four generations of Kline family gathers at Culver

Four generations of members of the Kline family, whose local ancestry dates back to the arrival of German immigrants DeBolt and Elizabeth Kline in 1859, gathered at the Culver beach lodge Aug. 10 for the family's bi-annual reunion. The first wave of Culver area Klines farmed the area of Queen Road north of today's State Road 110, helping establish the Washington neighborhood of churches, school, and the still-existent Washington Cemetery on State Road 117. In the years since, descendants have been prominent in local business, education, church, and civic life. The reunion included a presentation by *Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney on the historic launches of Lake Maxinkuckee.

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One of the proudest accomplishments in world history.

There can be little doubt when, 500 or 1,000 years from now, the history of the world will be written, that the creation and the development of the State of Israel will be considered one of the proudest and most shining successes. Now as Israel's 65th birthday has just been celebrated, it is a good time, in our own day, to review what has been accomplished.

What are the facts?

The Birth of a Nation The State of Israel was born out of the ashes of the Nazi Holocaust, probably the most heinous crime in the blood-stained history of mankind. The "yehudim" (the Jewish population of the country) consisted of barely 400,000 people. On the very day of its birth Israel was attacked by the armies of five neighboring Arab states. Almost miraculously, the vastly outnumbered and outgunned Jewish forces managed to overcome the combined Arab might. But they paid a horrendous price for their victory. More than 6,000 combatants and civilians perished in that War of Independence. It was as if the United States were to lose over 6 million people in combat. But the War of Independence was not the only one that Israel's implacable enemies fought on it. There was, perhaps most importantly, the 1967 Six-Day War, in which Israel gained a spectacular victory, which will be studied and analyzed in military academies of the world until the end of time.

The Jewish People's Renaissance. There is no comparison in history to the Jewish people's renaissance after 2,000 years of persecution, discrimination and exile, and its transformation into a Jewish nation. Jews from all over the globe flooded into the newly established Haven of the Jewish nation. All received a brotherly welcome and were seamlessly integrated into the new state. One of the proudest accomplishments of the Jewish State of Israel was the ingathering of the Black Jews of Ethiopia. They, also, are now an integral part of their new country. As an aside, the current Miss Israel is a lovely woman of Ethiopian heritage.

Almost one-half of the world's Jews now live in Israel, having immigrated from all corners of the world. These

millions are now fully part of their country, truly an unprecedented accomplishment.

One of Israel's major successes is the revival of the ancient Hebrew language. It had been used only as a religious language for the over 2,000 years of the Jewish diaspora. It has been fully "modernized" and is used as the daily vernacular of Israel for all purposes. There is nothing comparable to it in the history of the world.

"One can only hope that wise leaders in those Muslim countries will eventually emerge, who will realize that Israel is here to stay ..."

To the amazement of all, including perhaps many Jews, Israel, created by necessity, has emerged as one of the world's important military powers. It has proven more than able to hold its own though surrounded by enemies, who almost singlemindedly are fixated on its annihilation.

An Economic Powerhouse. Economically, Israel's position at its 65th birthday can only be described as miraculous. It is economically comparable to most European countries and superior to quite a few. It is a font of innovation, a high-tech powerhouse, led by the country's world-class universities and technical schools. Most United States high-tech companies have branches and laboratories in Israel. They consider them as a source of creativity and of new development. Next to the U.S. itself and Canada, Israel has more companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges than any other country.

One of the weak parts of Israel's economy is the production of oil and gas. Until now Israel has been almost totally dependent on imports of gas from Egypt, a most unreliable supplier. But discoveries of huge oil and gas fields in its territorial waters in the Mediterranean make it clear that Israel will be independent of oil and gas imports in just a few years and may emerge as a major exporter of such products.

On its 65th birthday Israel is in very good condition. Congratulations are in order. But all is not yet perfect, and improvements can be made. There are social problems. There still is too much disparity between rich and poor. There is also disparity between the largely secular majority and the ultra-orthodox "hassidim," and also between the Jewish majority and the over one million Arab citizens who are not yet entirely accepting of their country. The biggest and most intractable problem, however, is the stubborn enmity of the surrounding Muslim countries and those beyond its borders, such as Iran. One can only hope that wise leaders in those Muslim countries will eventually emerge, who will realize that Israel is here to stay and that the welfare of their countries and of their citizens will only be assured by accepting Israel and allowing it to lead the region into a new age of democratic advancement and prosperity.

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Wood carved items displayed

Now on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is a collection of hand carved wood items crafted by local resident, John De Pue. De Pue's hand-carved items on display include a toy wagon, doll cradle, candle holders, picture frame, ducks, vases, and many others.

De Pue has been in the carpentry business for over 50 years. He has built many houses in the Argos and surrounding areas through the years. In his later years, he has made several wood items with the help of his wife, Rosie, doing the painting and stenciling. The collection on display throughout the month of August at CUT-

Library news

PL is a small collection of items made for family and friends.

Those interested in exhibiting a collection, artwork, or crafts at the library may contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Book-film group looks at 'Shipping News'

A Novel Approach, the book/film club of the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will meet Wed., September 4 at noon at the large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book is "The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx, a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. The

film stars Judi Dench, Kevin Spacey, and Julianne Moore.

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.

Rita Lawson Science Fiction Book Club

CUTPL's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion Group, will meet Saturday, August 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

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New, improved CES playground

LEFT: Children explore new equipment added early this month to the south end of the Culver Elementary School playground, funded primarily by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization. Funds for the new equipment, which is geared towards younger children for their safety and convenience, were raised by the PTO through several means, including student donations of Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops4education.com), which local residents are also encouraged to collect and donate to the school directly, or by way of the local Kiwanis or Lions Club collection sites.

Among new equipment is a climber with slide and tunnel (left), tractor tire sandbox (foreground), and new "spinner" (right). According to 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens, several younger students have been injured on the larger, existent equipment in recent years, so the new addition is hoped to provide greater safety.

Richie from page 1



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ABOVE, LEFT: Connie Richie (center) listens as Shane Prefect (right) or ACRES Land Trust discusses the Steve Richie Nature Preserve at its Aug. 10 dedication. CENTER: Sign for the preserve, located on some 40 acres in Fulton County. RIGHT: Former Culver Comm. Schools teachers Bill and Priscilla Macbeth explore one of the trails in the preserve. BELOW: Connie and the late Steve Richie.



of Hunterstown, Indiana, whose Shane Perfect was on hand to discuss the organization and its plans for the preserve.

Thanking Richie, Perfect said ACRES is one of about 27 Indiana-based land trusts (though the organization maintains preserves in Ohio and Michigan as well) which take control of land and leave it in its natural state in perpetuity. Founded in 1960, ACRES is the largest land

trust in the state, Perfect explained, and has five full-time employees and operates in 32 counties with a total of 5,082 acres of land, most of which is deeded to the organization.

The Steve Richie Nature Preserve is the 86th for ACRES.

Perfect also said ACRES not only protects land, but does education and outreach as well. ACRES staff will collect data from the Richie Preserve -- the second of its preserves in Fulton County -- and share the information with researchers in universities and elsewhere. Someday the preserve will be open to the public, he added, though at present it is not.

The Rev. Don Wagner, who formerly pastored Grace United Church of Christ in Culver and whom Richie said "knows those trails as well as Steve and I," was on hand for the event, and told the crowd when he and his family left Culver for Southern Illinois, "we left Heaven."

Referencing the 24th Psalm's admonition that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness therein," Wagner said Steve Richie never regarded the land as his own, but saw himself as a caretaker on behalf of his maker.

"This is a tremendous thing you're doing," he said of the establishment of the preserve. "You planted 5,000 trees, but generations of understanding and enjoyment."

Rev. Mike Van Heyningen of the First Christian Church in Rochester, who gave a prayer of blessing over the dedication and the

preserve itself, differentiated between man having dominion over the earth as stewards, rather than "enslaving" it.

GOLF 2013

Your guide to courses & services

Tip of the week: Swing Slowly

Yet another piece of well-meaning advice that doesn't work so well if practiced literally. Golfers who concentrate on swinging slowly usually fail to accelerate the club into the ball. The lack of clubhead speed kills their distance, and the decelerating movement causes wayward, poorly struck shots. While some famous professional golfers appear to swing slowly - Ernie Els and Fred Couples - others like Nick Price have very quick swings. What you're seeing is called tempo, which is akin to rhythm, and it varies for every player. Every golfer has a natural tempo. What's important is developing a swing based on this tempo, be it slow, fast or in between.

Are you in a summer slump?

PAT BAYLEY
PGA PROFESSIONAL
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This seems like the time of year when I often hear players complain about their games suffering and scores going up. The word, "Slump" is always on the tip of their tongues. Through my discussion with these players I always have to determine whether this is a true slump or just a couple

of poorly played rounds in succession.

The true slump really lasts longer than just a few rounds. The slump is brought on mostly when you are missing a series of shots during each round that brings on the poor scores. Often a player tries to fix these missed shots by altering their set-ups, swings and even golf equipment. I have seen players

change their pre-shot routines and they start to take advice from anyone who will listen. They hope they can magically regain their game. Some of my closest colleagues and I have a favorite saying, "Hope is not a strategy!"

Most players will try and play their way out of the slump when they probably would be better off taking a few days off, seek some

professional help and spend some much needed time on the range working on the shots that are causing the whole issue. I would begin my own personal checklist to help diagnose the underlying issue to get back on track. I would start with my grip and make sure my grip has not gotten weak or strong. I would look at my posture and have someone help me to make sure

my spine angle is correct. I would check my alignment and make sure where I think I am aimed is actually correct. I would go through a series of shots and check ball position in relation to my club and stance. After all of this has been done and feel like I have all of these factors under control I would then begin to assess the tempo of my swing. Most players who are fighting the slump are trying to force the club to the ball instead of relaxing and letting the club swing to the ball. If you get to this point and things are not any better, now is the time to seek a PGA Professional who can get you back on track with a lot less work and stress.

I would suggest to the slumping player a personal strategy to begin the "Comeback." This strat-

egy would be measurable as to show the player where they are on the right track. I would have the player chart their shots over a period of rounds to see if there is a pattern of missed shots as well as a pattern of well played shots. We would be tracking scores as well as player feedback during each of the rounds. We only call it a comeback after 5 or 6 successful rounds and the shots that were being missed have lessened.

Having gone through what is described as a slump I can tell you that patience is the key. You have to realize you are going to miss shot during a round. It is what you learn from those misses and the patience not to judge the next shot off of the last one that will help your game improve over time.

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Movie from page 1



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LEFT: Movie trucks parked in downtown Culver caused quite a stir last Wednesday, as members of the cast and crew of "Little Savages" (perhaps aptly) shot a scene in the "mayor's office," as staged in late State Exchange Bank president W.O. Osborn's former office, a presently unused portion of the first floor of the First Farmers bank at Main and Jefferson Streets.

Central to the plot of the movie is a treasure left in Culver by a well-loved and benevolent deceased town father, not unlike Osborn, who died in 1982 but is still fondly remembered by many.

the young Savage sister; Kenton Duty (from Disney's "Shake it Up") as the eldest Savage brother; and Leah Bateman ("Rizzoli & Isles," among several TV and movie roles). Young Buddy Handleson (TV's "Wendell & Vinnie" and "Shake it Up!") plays another Savage sibling. Leigh-Allyn Baker (Disney's "Good Luck Charlie") plays Culver resident Aunt Jackie, with whom Albie and Tiffany stay for the summer; Stuart Stone (comedian and rapper of a host of television, movie, and animated projects) plays "Fink;" Connor Del Rio (of TV series "Eagleheart" and "Level Up") plays bully Harley.

Filmmakers and cast made special arrangements Monday for several cast members to make an appearance at the elementary school, where they were greeted by the assembled student body in the gymnasium with thunderous applause, cheers, and foot-stomping. Students, however, listened with rapt attention as stars Katherine McNamara, Kenton Duty, Noah Lomax, Aubrey Miller, Leah Bateman, and (joining the others several minutes into the presentation) Austin and Aiden Mincks, were introduced by assistant principal Erin Proskey and briefly described the movie and some of the particular scenes.

McNamara and Proskey said it's hoped there will be a showing of the finished movie, slated for release in spring or early summer, 2014, outdoors at the town park (though news of having to wait that long to view it elicited groans from the clearly eager young audience).

In response to a query about their ages, places of origin, and years in show business, Bateman said she is 18, hails from California, and has been acting professionally on camera for two years. Duty, also 18, is from Plano, Texas, and has been in show business for eight years; McNamara, 17, was raised in a suburb of Kansas City, Missouri and has been acting professionally for six years; 12-year old Miller, from San Francisco, has been acting for two years; Lomax, age 10, from New Orleans, has been in show business for four years. Aiden Mincks, age 12, was born in Georgia and moved several times prior to his present home in California. His brother Austin, from the same locales, is 17, and both have been acting on camera for six years.

Duty also discussed school being a "big aspect" of life for young actors, noting McNamara has completed her bachelor's degree and will soon start her master's. He said young actors must take part in classes three hours a day while filming. Duty himself, along with Austin Mincks, has graduated high school and both are preparing for college.

"Keep at it," Duty added, referring to school. "Always do your studies."

The actors also affirmed the entire movie is being shot in Culver, and that the cast will be here about two more weeks.

"Feel free to come up to us if you see us," said Duty. "We like to talk."

Lomax, he pointed out, "eats at the (Original) Root Beer Stand every day. He always gets a hot dog with ketchup, and a root beer!"

Closing out the presentation, McNamara referred to an anti-bullying poster in the school office and thanked students for not being bullies.

"Don't be a bully," she added, "be a buddy. If you are a bully, I will hunt you down!"

The actors then took group photos with each grade at the school and chatted with teachers and administrators before departing.