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A wine fair to remember

ABOVE: The Culver Chamber-sponsored second annual Culver Wine Fair seems by all accounts to have been a success -- a reasonable conclusion if the crowds in attendance and near-perfect Saturday afternoon weather are any indication. Hundreds packed the beach area alongside the Culver Cove, where several Indiana wineries offered their fare. In addition to local favorite Chad Van Herk (not pictured), the Deuces Wild band from Chicago (TOP LEFT) delighted the audience. TOP CENTER: Steve Bolinger, of Kokomo, samples a taste from Harmony Winery in Fishers (as served by Beth Bergman of Harmony, who was joined by husband Rick (not pictured)). UPPER RIGHT: Natalie Czupta and Brad Smetana, right, chat with Mary Horn of the Whyte Horse Winery in Monticello as she pours. Other wineries included the People's Winery of Logansport and Easley Winery of Indianapolis. Several area eateries provided food for the event as well.

In Brief

'Girls Night Out' Friday

A Girls Night Out "Girls Glamour Party" for girls ages 5 to 12 will take place Friday, September 20, from from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the beach lodge meeting room. Cost is \$5 per child, which includes pizza, drinks, nails polished and jewelry making. Registration is required at 574-842-3510.

Dance classes at park begin Sept. 26

Culver's Parks and Recreation department will present "Dance with Megan" a dance class of ballet and contemporary being offered to girls and boys ages 4 through 11, free of charge. Dance classes will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning Thursday, Sept. 26 in the beach lodge meeting room.

Library board appointment

Culver Town Council is looking for an interested individual to serve on the Culver-Union Township Library Board. The individual chosen would serve through December 31, 2014. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to Town Hall no later than 4 p.m., October 8. Contact Town Hall at 574.842.3140 with any questions.

Chicago tribute band Sept. 26

A tribute to the band Chicago will be the first session of the Huffington Concert Series at Culver Academies Thursday, Sept. 26. The Brass Transit band will feature "the musical legacy of Chicago" at 7:30 p.m. at the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. Tickets are available by calling 574-842-7058 or emailing Marsha Coven (Marsha.Coven@culver.org). Tickets are also available at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance.

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After 36 years 'Security Sally' signs off Culver on the small screen

Ricciardi, retiring from Culver Academies, recalls changes, generations of students

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

There may have been a number of changes in campus security at Culver Academies over the past 36 years, but one constant has been the presence of Sally Ricciardi.

That is, until this past summer, when she finally hung up her uniform for retirement after 36 years and three months, and, as she notes, three additional months working for the school if you count her prior tenure at the laundry department.

It could be argued that "Security Sally," as she's known to generations of Academies students, past and present, inherited something of an Academies pedigree from her father, Charles Ricciardi, who immigrated to the U.S. from Italy nearly a century ago and moved from Chicago to Culver to join the 18 tailors at Culver Military Academy, which in those days (the early 1930s) made its own uniforms by hand.

"The only thing they didn't make was underwear and socks," Sally notes, adding her father married her mother, the former Mary Werner in 1942 and started his own dry cleaning business in downtown Culver (two years later, he built his own building to house the shop, in today's Lakeside Auto Supply on South Main Street). He returned to CMA as foreman of the tailor shop around 1956 and retired from the school in 1968.

Sally Ricciardi herself grew up working in the family dry cleaning business, working at the Academy laundry department in the summer to help earn money for college.

"Somebody asked me why I took the second shift," she recalls. "They used the presses and with the steam heat, back before air conditioning, it would be 100 or 105 degrees when you went in. But by midnight or 1 when you left, it was cooling down to like 70!"

Ricciardi attended Indiana University where she earned her bachelor's degree in forensic studies (which has since been renamed criminal studies). After a semi-truck smashed into the back of her car, she had to drop out of classes, finding herself one credit hour short at graduation time. She graduated in the summer, which meant all the jobs in her area of study had been taken by earlier graduates.

Their loss, as it turned out, was Culver's gain, as she noticed a job opening for a security position at Culver Academies.

"(Culver Girls Academy dean) Mai-Fan England decided they needed a female to go through the dorms, so I took that job, and it was strictly nights."

It might surprise some how far back the school's security department doesn't go. Ricciardi explains that Jim Cox and "Doc" Ives split an eight-

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ABOVE: Sally Ricciardi pictured on her last day of work at Culver Academies, in July.



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Downtown fire a small one

No injuries or major damage were associated with a fire last Wednesday in the alley between Main and Ohio Streets behind the Corndance Cafe and Cafe Max. The fire was limited to a dumpster reportedly containing cardboard (examined ABOVE) by fireman Tim McCarthy, left, and fire chief Terry Wakefield, though firefighters endured the 96 degree heat in full firefighting gear while hosing down the blaze.

High def commercials, new website launching this wkcd highlight quality of life

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Pictured are screen shots sampling some of the locales and topics featured in new commercials promoting Culver from an economic development standpoint.

According to Kathy Clark of the CRC, the commercials are tied into a newly-launching website, www.cometoculver.org, which not only promotes development opportunities, retail and dining options, major community events, and other amenities of the community, but is also aimed at tracking the success of the commercials.

"Along with the commercials," she says, "we hired someone locally to work on a website that will...track all the hits and usage. It will give us at least some way of determining if the commercials are reaching people or not over the 30 days they'll be initially airing."

Clark says the CRC understands the website isn't a perfect tool, and with that in mind, local entities with websites are encouraged to utilize existing tracking tools -- or install tools like Google Analytics -- to determine if there's been any increased web traffic to them. Local businesses may also want to keep an ear out for mention of the commercials when newcomers visit their establishments.

Clark emphasizes the website is a "process; it's being tweaked for weeks to come," and will likely continue to evolve in the weeks and months to come.

The CRC, Clark says, under the guidance of Rick Tompos, includes Jerry Ney, Steve Heim, and Brandon Cooper. The Commission decided last spring to assist the town council in offering support to the Culver Chamber of Commerce, "not only for business retention, but for the new, upcoming Culver Fall Fest (the weekend of Oct. 19), as well as promote new business development."

"We decided we would put together some commercials to not only do that, but to give a

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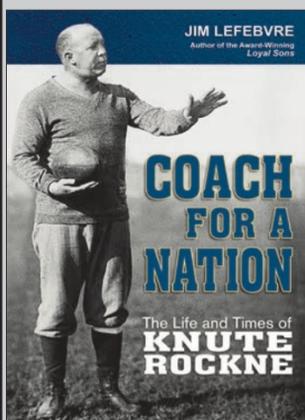
Culver commemorates Patriot Day

Culver Academies observed a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. last Wednesday (PHOTO AT LEFT) to remember those who died on September 11, 2001. The students, faculty, and staff stopped to remember the 2,977 people who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pa. that morning. The time of 8:46 a.m. is significant because it marks the time when the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.

The moment of silence began with firing the cannon and finished with another cannon blast. The United States flag was also flown at half-staff all day in observance of Patriot Day.

*The town of Culver — as was the case with all municipal and government entities around the country — flew the flags at half staff at the town hall throughout the day as well (RIGHT).

Award-winning author talks Rockne-Culver connection Sept. 23



There seem to be an abundance of fascinating connections between Culver and a great many things, but one unbeknownst to many is that between Culver Military Academy and legendary Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne.

Award-winning author, speaker, and sports historian Jim Lefebvre will explore that connection during a presentation in Culver on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop at 102 S. Main in downtown Culver.

The event coincides with the release of Lefebvre's new book, "Coach For A Nation: The Life and Times of Knute Rockne" (coachforanation.com), the first comprehensive biography of the coach; the author is kicking off a coast to coast tour speaking about Rockne and his book.

Rockne, it seemed, was always on the go. There were the travels with his team, of course (in 1924, for example, Notre Dame became the first football team to play games in New York City, Chicago, and southern California in the same season), but Rockne also traveled the nation instructing young coaches on how to operate a successful athletic program. His coaching clinics—held nationwide—were legendary gatherings in which the famous coach shared his knowledge and methods.

At the Sept. 23 event, Lefebvre will explore Culver's important role in the beginning of those coaching clinics.

Lefebvre's 2008 book, "Loyal Sons: The Story of The Four Horsemen and Notre Dame Football's 1924 Champions" received three national honors for excellence, including an IPPY (Independent Publisher Book Awards). He is founder and editor of the website "Forever Irish," which celebrates the heritage of Notre Dame football, at www.NDFootball-History.com.

He will share with local audiences a multimedia presentation featuring hundreds of images as well as Rockne's inspiring words will help tell the story of this remarkable American's life.

The event is free and open to the public. Email museum@culver.org or call 574-842-8176 with questions.



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New cafeteria colors for little Cavaliers

LEFT: Culver Elementary students arrived at their cafeteria at the start of this school year to a snazzy new paint job with a bit more color variety than in the past, as evidenced by this photo, which depicts kindergarten students during a recent lunch hour.

Among other changes over the summer were also massive improvements to the heating and air conditioning efficiency in the building, partly through tightening loss of warm and cool air at windows and elsewhere, which is expected to save the school a substantial amount of money each year.



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Bad night for a break

LEFT: In one of those "worst case scenarios" for a business, a water main broke literally outside the front door of the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive during its busiest night of the week: Saturday night. It was also a Saturday when the restaurant had booked a very popular band, Still Shot, to play. Owner Mark Damore Jr. was taking it in stride, though, noting that while a few customers stayed away due to the inconvenience, a few showed up to watch the proceedings. He also expressed thanks to the town of Culver's street department, which arrived quickly and worked hard to get the problem fixed, which it was by later that night.

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Myths About Israel and the Middle East (I)

Do the media feed us fiction instead of fact?

We all know that, by dint of constant repetition, white can be made to appear black, good can get transformed into evil, and myth may take the place of reality. Israel, with roughly one-thousandth of the world's population and with a similar fraction of the territory of this planet, seems to engage a totally disproportionate attention of the print and broadcast media of the world. Unfortunately, much of what the media tell us—in reporting, editorializing in columns, and in analysis—are endlessly repeated myths.

What are the facts?
 ■ **Myth:** The "Palestinians" are a nation and therefore deserving of a homeland.
 ■ **Reality:** The concept of Palestinian nationhood is a new one and had not been heard of until after the Six-Day War (1967), when Israel, by its victory, came into the administration of the territories of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip. The so-called "Palestinians" are no more different from the Arabs living in the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, than Wisconsinites are from Iowa.

■ **Myth:** Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip are/were "occupied Arab territory."
 ■ **Reality:** All of "Palestine"—east and west of the Jordan River—was part of the League of Nations mandate. Under the Balfour Declaration, all of it was to be the "national home for the Jewish people." In violation of this mandate, Great Britain severed the entire area east of the Jordan River—about 75% of Palestine—and gave it to the Arabs, who created on it the kingdom of Transjordan. When Israel declared its independence in 1948, five Arab armies invaded the new country in order to destroy it at its very birth. They were defeated by the Israelis. The Transjordanians, however, remained in occupation of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and East Jerusalem. They proceeded to drive all Jews from those territories and to systematically destroy all Jewish houses of worship and other institutions. The Transjordanians (now renamed "Jordanians") were the occupiers for nineteen years. Israel regained these territories following its victory in the Six-Day War. Israel has returned the entire Gaza Strip to the Palestinians. The final status of the "West Bank" will be decided if and when the Palestinians will finally be able to sit down and seriously talk peace with Israel.

■ **Myth:** Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") are the "greatest obstacle to peace."
 ■ **Reality:** This is simply not correct, although it has been repeated so often that many have come to believe it. The greatest obstacle to peace is the intransigence and the irreconcilable hostility of the Arabs. Not more than 501,000 Jews are settled in these territories, living among about 1.1 million Arabs. How can Jews living there be an obstacle to peace? Why shouldn't they live there? Over 1 million Arabs live in Israel proper. They are not an obstacle to peace. Neither the Israelis nor they themselves consider them as such.

■ **Myth:** Israel is unwilling to yield "land for peace."
 ■ **Reality:** The concept that to the loser, rather than to the victor, belong the spoils is a radically new one. Israel, victorious in the wars imposed on it by the Arabs, has returned over 90% of the territory occupied by it: the east Suez Peninsula, which contained some of the most advanced military installations, oil pipelines, and oil fields developed entirely by Israel that made it independent of petroleum imports. For the return of Gaza, Israel was "rewarded" with constant rocket attacks. In the Camp David Accords, Israel agreed to autonomy for Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") with the permanent status to be determined after three years. But, so far, no responsible Palestinian representation has been available to seriously negotiate with Israel about this.

All these myths (and others we shall talk about in a future issue) have poisoned the atmosphere for decades. The root cause of the never-ending conflict is the unwillingness of the Arabs (and not just the Palestinians) to accept the reality of Israel. What a pity that those of the Palestinians who are not Israeli citizens have lived and continue to live in poverty, misery and ignorance. They could have chosen to accept the proposed partition of the country in 1947, would now have had their state alongside Israel for over sixty years and could have lived in peace and prosperity. They could have kept hundreds of thousands of refugees in their homes and could have saved tens of thousands of lives. Peace will only come when the Arabs finally accept the reality of Israel. And that is not a myth—that is a fact!

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Library news

Website design at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time for September will focus on website design. Learn about website design from the bottom up. Follow along as a website is created from source code, pictures, etc. The class will take place September 19 at 6 p.m.

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 held 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.

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

Operation Write Home at the library

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will sponsor Operation Write Home, in which people can make cards for members of the Armed Forces who are stationed outside of the United States. Marge Keltner of Plymouth and Jennifer Merle-Hamscher of Knox will host the event and assist the men, women, and children who come into the library to make the cards. All the card supplies are provided and everyone is welcome to come and make one or several cards. The event will be held in the lower level Sat., Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Star Wars collection presentation Sept. 25

Spend some time in the Star Wars universe with WKVI's Tom Berg Wednesday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m. Video clips from the original trilogy will be shown, plus some behind the scenes footage. There will also be a tour of the library to see some of Tom's personal Star Wars collection. A few surprises are planned as well. The collection will be on display at CUTPL through the end of November.

Rita Lawson Science Fiction Book Club

CUTPL's Rita Lawson Sci-Fi Discussion group will meet Saturday, September 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. The book for this month is "A Discovery of Witches" by Deborah Harkness.

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.

Electronic device charging stations at CUTPL

Electronic device charging stations are now available at CUTPL, allowing patrons to charge smartphones, tablets and more while at the library. One charging station has been deployed upstairs in the adult study area near the DVDs and the other has been deployed in the computer lab. Each charging station is capable of providing power for:

- Two Apple devices - one with the 30-pin connector and one with the new Lightning connector
- Two micro USB devices - for most other phones and tablets.
- Four regular power outlets - for laptops or any device with its own power adapter.

For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Typeset error in last week's Citizen

Several readers expressed concern over the size of the font, or typeface, accompanying the photos in last week's edition of the paper, which was extremely small and, to at least some readers, difficult to read.

The size of the font in question was a software glitch which took place at some point after the paper was sent out for the week, and does not represent an intentional shift to a new font size for the paper.

Those who found the text too difficult to read, and who can accommodate a digital version of the paper as a substitute, may request one at culvercitizen@gmail.com.

The *Culver Citizen* editor, and the Pilot News Group, will be making extra efforts in an effort to ensure the problem doesn't repeat itself.

Obituary

Irvin A. Overmyer

Nov. 12, 1919 – Sept. 14, 2013

CULVER — Irvin A. Overmyer, 93, of Carol Stream, Ill., formerly of Culver, passed away peacefully at 2:22 p.m. Sept. 14, 2013 at Belmont Village.

Irvin was born Nov. 12, 1919, one of two children born to Ora and August (Samuel) Overmyer of Culver. He proudly served his country in the Navy during WWII. He received a Bronze Star. After his service ended, he fell in love and married Irma A. Stevens on July 29, 1945 in Culver. Together they raised two sons.

Irvin worked hard earning his BSME degree at Purdue University and his MBA at Northwestern University. He worked for Northern Electric Co., headquartered in Hattiesburg, Miss. He worked his way up to be the Vice President of Engineering. He was a faithful servant of his Lutheran faith.

Irvin is survived by his sons: Phillip (Pat) Overmyer

of Summit, N.J. and Steven (Cathy) Overmyer of Elgin, Ill.; niece Linda Stevens (Craig) Hjorth of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; grandchildren Cheryl, Michael, Joshua, Robyn, Kelly, Lillian, and Hannah; and great-grandchildren Jackson, Juliet, Eva, Joseph, Milo, and Louis. He was preceded in death by his wife Irma, parents, and his brother Jack.

A time to gather and share memories with the family will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 from 2 – 3 p.m. EDT. Rev. K.C. Dehning will officiate funeral services at 3 p.m. at the church. Graveside committal will follow at the Burr Oak Cemetery.

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

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Letter to the editor

Where should 'Little Savages' premiere?

Now that the Bearfruit Filmmakers have packed and left, all that remains perhaps is the when and where of the Premiere?

Shouldn't it be at the Palms or El Rancho or whatever it was when it closed, and in memory of Johnny Hoessel who began his long theater career selling popcorn in the lobby while a grade schooler?

Why not charge a hundred bucks a ticket and make it a

charity event for one or more Culver area service organizations that need financial assistance? Have pre-Premiere events at the Coffee Company and Edgewater.

Roll out that red carpet up and down Lake Shore Drive.

**Russ "Puddy" Leonard
Indianapolis**

Council updated on parking, new streetscape work

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council breezed through a plethora of work items at last Tuesday's regular meeting, fielding among other things a question vexing some in the downtown area concerning parking.

Council member Lynn Overmyer expressed concern at how many cars have been parking outside the Overmyer soft water business on East Jefferson, due, she said, to the lack of two-hour parking enforcement east of the alley dividing the north side of that street.

The council, as fellow council member Ginny Munroe noted, voted some weeks ago to lift the two hour parking limit on downtown side streets which had been put into effect some months earlier, as businesspeople in the downtown area were finding it difficult to find parking spots, since two-hour parking limits also remain in effect on Main Street itself. Some employed in the downtown area pointed out they're the only ones using side streets for parking most days of the week. The council's vote, earlier this summer, thus lifted the two-hour limit on side streets, with the exception of weekends and holidays, when traffic is heavier.

Utilities manager Bob Porter explained he has the new signs reflecting the council's vote, but until the parking ordinance is formally changed -- which requires a pre-scheduled public hearing -- the two hour limit will remain in effect, and the old signs remain posted, on side streets.

There was some discussion as to whether a 90-day trial period could be imposed upon the ordinance, though doubt was expressed as to the workability of such an endeavor.

Residents should soon notice a number of changes along several blocks of Culver streets, according to a report from town manager Dave Schoeff, who said the Culver Redevelopment Committee is funding rehab of sidewalks, curbs, and lighting along Main Street between Washington Street and Lake Shore Drive, among several other locations.

Included will be updated handicapped ramps at some 14 crosswalks, replacement of 9 or 10 street lamps with the "vintage" style installed within the past year in the downtown area.

Similarly "vintage" looking street signs, also in the same style as those installed downtown, will be erected as well.

In all, 1,200 linear feet of curbing will be generated via the project, he added.

He also noted the CRC elected not to repave the actual streets in the designated areas, as the asphalt there is "in relatively good shape."

Among other decisions, the council voted to grant a request from Michelle Porter to discuss personnel matters regarding Culver's EMS, after some debate as to whether she had first exhausted all means available to address her concerns within the department.

Council president Sally Ricciardi suggested Porter "follow the chain of command" in the matter, though council members Lynn Overmyer and Bill Githens pressed for allowing her to speak at an executive session with council, which was eventually decided unanimously.

In other EMS-related discussion Ricciardi, a member of the service, after noting EMS director Robert Cooper wasn't at the council meeting, reported that members of the service looked the previous week at a demo ambulance from Fire Services, Inc., which she said has purchased several other ambulance manufacturing companies. As a result, Ricciardi explained, there has been a considerable increase in the price of the vehicles, with the last one purchased by Culver running \$115,000, and current models varying between \$150,000 and \$300,000.

She said ambulances typically begin to experience electrical problems at around ten years of age, though the actual Ford E350S chassis in the ambulance slated for replacement is "not bad at all," she said.

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., Sept. 19: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, wax beans, Texas toast, butterscotch pudding.

Friday, Sept. 20: Pot roast with gravy, root vegetable mix, corn, roll, angel food cake.

Mon., Sept. 23: Beef and peppers, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, peaches.

Tues., Sept. 24: Chicken paprikash, buttered noodles, carrots, roll, Jello.

Wed., Sept. 25: Stuffed baker with taco meat, broccoli and cheese, pears, graham crackers.

Thur., Sept. 26: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, yogurt, fresh fruit.

Friday, Sept. 27: Spaghetti, three bean salad, salad and dressing, Italian bread, dessert.

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The *Citizen* goes international and the pitfalls of anonymity

The *Culver Citizen* got some international attention last week -- sort of. As those who have "friended" the *Citizen* on Facebook know, the Disney-oriented website www.dis411.net carried several articles (or, to be more exact, "posts") related to the filming of "Little Savages" last month in Culver, many derived from social media (primarily Twitter) posts from stars of the movie, many of whom are also regulars in Disney television series.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

some housing, food, and other assistance in making the project happen. There were still voices, however, determined that the whole thing could or even must be an elaborate scam, and my anonymous letter-writer picked up on a line of hyperbole, from me, addressing this notion:

"Either the filmmakers behind the movie are stunningly accomplished liars who have gone to an immense amount of trouble just to get some reduced lodging in Culver (and such), or they're sincerely interested in seeing what they feel is an alternative to much Hollywood material, in the form of what they have termed a 'redemptive' film under-girded by transcendent messages they feel embody their own Christian faith."

One photo, posted by Aubrey Miller ("Winnie Savage" in the movie), was a version of the image on the cover of the Sept. 5 *Culver Citizen*, showing several stars looking engrossed in reading the *Citizen*. While it's true that none of the text of the article mentioned the major metropolitan newspaper from Culver, we'll take what we can get!

Some of the other posts, including one referencing lead actor Noah Lomax, noted how much Culver fun is missed, now that shooting is over, especially those karaoke nights at the Lakehouse Grille.

It's hard to believe summer is gone; by the time this paper is in your hands, it will be a short handful of days until the "official" start of autumn, which is actually okay with me, being my favorite season and all. But it's strange to run a story this week referring to the steps Culver Academies took to deal with brutally hot, record temperatures last week, but to have awakened this week to temps in the mid-50s!

Unrelated: I hope everyone noted the recent passing of lifelong Culverite and Culver Lions member (with perfect attendance!) for over 66 years, Larry Welsh. Whether you knew Larry or not, you benefited from his tireless work in so many areas, but especially with the Lions and endeavors such as taking care of the sound system for years with Lake Fest (he was the voice you heard driving the streets of Culver promoting the Lions' corn roast through a loudspeaker mounted on his truck!). We all owe him a debt of thanks, and I hope to feature a more in-depth tribute to his many contributions to Culver in the *Citizen* in the near future.

Shifting gears: I don't usually get many out-and-out complaints about the paper -- other than the ones I'd agree with wholeheartedly, such as, "Wasn't it a shame that font was so tiny under all the photos in last week's paper," or "Those photos sure did print offset and make my poor daughter look like E.T." Sometimes people approach to question a certain aspect of the paper's coverage, and I can't really think of a time when a cogent explanation or conversation about a given point doesn't result in a pretty amiable conclusion to the conversation.

An exception came to my house last week in the form of an anonymous letter which referred to a highlighted portion of an editorial column I wrote a few weeks ago, concerning the filming of the movie, "Little Savages," during the month of August.

The context of my column that week was wrestling a bit with concerns some had expressed that the movie's film-makers could be planning to cheat or rip off the Culver community in some fashion. As I wrote at the time, I think most of us were prudent enough to approach the project, at first, with some initial skepticism, which is a pretty healthy means of self-preservation.

However, in the weeks after the first outreach done by the film's producer and director here in Culver, in late June and July, it became pretty apparent, I'd argue, that they were serious and on the "up and up."

Soon after my column ran, I think the ongoing presence of a number of stars of Disney (and non-Disney) TV and movies stars in Culver -- shooting the movie and also interacting with locals, eating at our restaurants, and so forth -- pretty well quelled any concerns most readers had over the authenticity of the whole effort.

At the time I wrote, however, the *Citizen* had featured at least a few weeks worth of coverage of the movie-makers' business plan, which was admittedly not what many may have expected from a movie company. Due to Bearfruit Films' status as a small company with a small budget, film-makers reached out to the community to offset their costs by offering

One of the unfortunate things about anonymous complaints is that they don't allow for clarification of concerns or any sort of dialog whatsoever. All that I was able to discern from the letter is that its writer assumed I meant the line to be funny -- though he or she didn't think it was -- and that he or she would, from here on out, take my opinions "with a grain of salt."

Taking my opinions with a grain of salt is probably a wise course of action for anyone, and I expect most people do so anyway. But that aside, I'm not really sure how the writer interpreted my remark. Did he or she think I *literally* thought the film-makers were liars, bent on going to an asinine amount of trouble just for a few weeks of discounted fun in Culver? Or did he or she feel I was unnecessarily harsh towards critics of the project, in my use of what was admittedly a dose of sarcasm? Or am I missing something, and the writer was upset for some other reason entirely?

I may never know, which is fine, but I thought it worth some clarification, in case any other readers interpreted my comments as this letter writer did, whatever that interpretation actually was (for what it's worth).

I was intentionally hyperbolic in that sentence because I felt that there was more than enough information available to all of us -- through the *Culver Citizen*, but also through other venues within the community -- to demonstrate that, whether or not one actually *agreed* with the approach the film-makers took to making their movie here, they were at least legitimate in what they were attempting to do.

My point was that, if Bearfruit Films had been out to cheat the town of Culver somehow, there was so very little they could gain from it, and so little potential harm to the community in assuming they were on the up and up (which I, and I think most people, do believe), it would hardly harm us to go along with them.

Had the whole thing been a cheat of some sort, we would have been out some free or reduced food and hospitality, but little else. And the film-makers, of course, would have been fools to go to the lengths that they did in order to glean some free housing and food for a few weeks, in Culver.

They would also have had to have been not only dishonest, but remarkably good at appearing to be honest, which is a rare combination, for such a cheat to work.

I had trouble seeing, then, what some critics thought the risk was in the Culver community assisting Bearfruit Films in its endeavor.

Now, my opinion was based on the information the film-makers had given us, and it's true that some expressing concern may not have read all of that information.

Again, though, I'd say all this is a moot point now. Frankly, even if "Little Savages" never even gets released (which I'm sure it will), many people in Culver would express no regrets in supporting the project: for the opportunity to meet the actors and film-makers (and their families), for the chance to get an up-close look at the movie-making process, and simply for having made some new friends. I, personally, felt the "faith and film" forum which took place after shooting had wrapped was a wonderful and worthwhile event as well.

So, I'm not sure the spirit the letter-writer felt my words were written

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Before we get to last week's Mystery Citizen, a note: you may notice there's no "new" Mystery Citizen this week. That's because, to a large extent, your editor is just running out! It's not so much that I've run out of people, but I'm finding it very difficult to find both "vintage" and current photos of more Culver folks *in the public eye*. That last point is important: with no offense meant to anyone, our Mystery Citizens should be visible enough to a contingency of the public -- or a certain portion of it -- here that all readers might have a reasonable chance of having encountered the Mystery Citizen somewhere. In other words, even if your classmate was



a great guy or gal, if the majority of readers likely haven't seen him or her in some widely vis-

ible role (even if they're now retired), we probably would steer clear.

That said, the editor would welcome assistance from those who can submit photos (preferably then and now both) to keep this fun "contest" going. It's been quite popular and the most "interactive" facet of the paper for some years now, and we've given away some nice free parking spots! Plus, it would be a shame to have to transition to Mystery Pets of Culver or something even more obscure.

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

But, to end the suspense...last week's Mystery Citizen, Barbara Shaffer, was recognized by Judith Ditmire, Jackie Mcmanaway, Jill Neidlinger, and Don Baker. Barbara has been involved in various community endeavors such as L'Max Film Fest, and is married to well-known Culver businessman Gary Shaffer. And catching up on previous business, Betty Voreis correctly identified Frances Geiselman, our previous Mystery Citizen.

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Cavs can't stop Cougars in 62-0 loss

By Tim Creason
Correspondent

NEW CARLISLE — Strangely enough, Culver Community actually had some success with its defensive scheme Friday night.

Granted, that's hard to believe after New Prairie dropped 62 points on the Cavaliers in a Northern State Conference football game at New Carlisle.

But the Cavs knew they had to shut down the Cougars' inside running game, and for the most part, they did. Problem was, they couldn't stop anything else.

"We wanted to make them do something different than they normally do, so we worked on shutting down the fullback," said Culver coach Andy Thomas. "I think we were relatively successful, but they have so many great athletes, you stop one and another one just goes around you. New Prairie is just at a different level."

New Prairie, ranked No. 5 in Class 4A, dominated 1A Culver, 62-0. The Cougars tied a school record for the most points scored in a single game.

Culver finished the contest with no yards passing, only seven yards rushing, and three first downs. Quarterback Preston Hansel scrambled to get away from Cougar defenders all night. He was the team's leading ground-gainer with 10 yards.

It was 28-0 after one quarter and 35-0 at halftime. The Cavs didn't cross into New Prairie territory once until the fourth quarter.

New Prairie's Tyler Weller rushed for 53 yards and three touchdowns. Cougar quarterback Zach Brassell passed for two TDs.

At the same time, New Prairie's leading rusher – fullback Wade Young – was held in check by Culver's defense. He managed only 65 yards, a fact not lost on Cougar coach Russ Radtke.

"Culver played hard on defense. We were fortunate that our quarterback (Brassell) did a good job of managing the game," said Radtke.

With the inside stuffed, the Cougars went outside or over the top.

Reserves played much of the third and all of the fourth quarter, as just about every Culver and New Prairie player in uniform got onto the field.

• NEW PRAIRIE 62, CULVER COMMUNITY 0
At New Carlisle

Lady Cavaliers down Argos in three

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Coming into Tuesday night's match with area rival Argos on the heels of a disappointing conference-opening loss to Triton last Thursday, the Culver Community volleyball team set a goal to put away the Dragons in three games.

The Lady Cavs jumped off to a fast start in the opening game and never once surrendered the lead, although Argos did tie the game up on four separate occasions. By the third set, the hosts had seemed to take some of the wind out of the Dragons' sails, and Culver claimed a 25-22, 25-19, 25-15 win at home at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I don't think we trailed at all tonight. That's been our big focus — getting a strong start and keeping going," said Culver head volleyball coach Amanda Minix. "We've had matches already where we've gotten behind and we should've beaten the team or at least won a game. At the beginning we didn't keep our foot on the gas and struggled some, but our serve receive is a big thing that we have really concentrated on all season long, and I think the girls did a very good job tonight with that."

The Cavs jumped on top 8-1 in the opening set before the Dragons were able to rattle off six unanswered points en route to tying the game up at 16- and 17-all. Argos kept it close at 24-22 but closed out the opener with a misserve to give Culver an early one-game advantage.

The Cavs again pounced on the visitors in the second game, opening up a 6-0 lead and never led by less than four points the rest of the way for the 25-19 win. The Dragons played with a little more urgency at the start of the third game, staying close with Culver en route to 8-8 and 9-9 ties, but 10 straight points by the Cavs took the fight out of them — a run that included a pair of Donna Zehner kills and two aces by Samantha Howard — and Culver closed it out in three.

It wasn't the performance Argos head coach Jim Daugherty was hoping for, especially after a strong scrimmage against the Cavs during the preseason.

"Volleyball is always a game of spurts. Somebody will have a little bit of momentum and they'll run some points off and then somebody else will make a side out and then they'll make a little run," explained Daugherty. "These two teams have been battling for a long time. Earlier in the scrimmage, we played really well against them, and I think our girls backed off a little bit probably thinking that they had this one already in the bag."

Adding to the area rivalry, one interesting subplot to Tuesday's match was supplied by the fact that Daugherty is a former Culver Community coach, helping guide the Cavs to their first sectional championship in 1986.

Minix was herself a manager under Daugherty, and Culver JV coach Angie Schmal was a player under the current four-year Argos coach.

"I actually coached here; my picture's out in the hall. I won their first sectional here and their first conference championship," said Daugherty. "Amanda was my manager; she's was still in junior high when I was here. Their JV coach, Angie, she was one of my players. It's fun. I enjoy it."

"My new JV coach, she was one of his players, and we talked last week about how we can't wait to play Jim," said Minix. "Coaching against him and being players for him, it's always fun."

The Cavaliers move a notch above .500 at 5-4 with Tuesday's

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CMA topples LCC a 2nd straight year

LAFAYETTE — For the second straight year, Culver Military knocked off Lafayette Central Catholic.

After snapping a 48-game win streak at home against the Knights last season, CMA repeated the feat against now-class 2A No. 1 LCC Friday night, this time on the road in Lafayette by a 14-7 final.

The score was knotted at 7-all until Pierre Byrne broke off a 41-yard touchdown run — his second of the night after a one-yard score for the game's first TD at the 8:41 mark of the first period — that pushed the Eagles into a seven-point lead with Ryan Graf's second PAT of the night.

Kyle Bennett picked off a Ty Preston pass at the LCC 36, then returned it to the Central Catholic 27 with 2:10 to go in the fourth frame. David Dilts made first down on two rushing plays to give the Eagles the game's final possession, and the visitors set up in the victory formation, taking a knee twice to run down the clock for the thrilling 14-7 win.

CMA out-rushed LCC 326-160, but a full 157 of those yards came in the fourth quarter as Byrne broke away for his big TD run and CMA controlled the clock.

The Eagles move to 3-1 with their second straight win, while the Knights slip to 3-1. CMA plays host to another highly touted squad in 3A No. 2 Brebeuf Jesuit next Friday.

• CULVER MILITARY 14,
CENTRAL CATHOLIC 7
at Lafayette

CGA starts fast, keeps Argos quiet in 3-0 win

By Kyle Hilliard
Correspondent

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy used a quick start to its advantage as the Lady Eagles were able to hold on and complete a 3-0 shutout of the Argos Lady Dragons in Culver Thursday.

In the fourth minute of the game, the ball got through the Argos defense, and Kennedy Kubica of CGA was able to get there first and put it in the back of the net, giving CGA the early 1-0 lead.

It was a windy day in Culver, and the Lady Eagles were able to use that to their advantage on the second goal. In the 38th minute, the Eagles' Carolie Pepper sent a crossing kick towards the goal. The swirling wind made it a difficult read as the Argos defense misplayed the ball, and the Eagles' Anne Tompos was there to capitalize and knock it home.

CGA coach Nathaniel King was very pleased with the way his team played this game.

"This was a conference game so we had a lot more to play for. Argos is the reigning conference champion. Our goal was to win the game and not concede any goals," said King. "I was happy with our performance. It was a bit shaky towards the end, but we managed to keep them quiet, which is pretty good."

In the second half, Argos pushed hard.

The Dragons were able to maintain possession for most of the half but weren't able to convert on any of their scoring chances. With Argos pushing up the field, CGA's Amber Crowell was able to get past the defense and score unassisted in the 48th minute.

Argos would have a couple more good scoring chances late, one coming at point blank range with about 4:40 left in the game, but was stonewalled by CGA goalie Gabrielle Switag.

Coach King was pleased with the way his team has improved since losing 2-0 to LaVille back on Aug. 29. "Compared to the LaVille game, we were more clinical in front of the goal. We took our chances. I think we were the more dominant of the two teams," said King. "I give credit to Argos. They have a great coaching staff. They could have got one at the end, but I was happy in how well we defended despite the pressure Argos gave us."

With the win, CGA now has a record of 2-5-2 with their next game coming against Wawasee this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. With the loss, Argos drops to 5-5 with their next game coming this Saturday at 10 a.m. against South Bend Clay.

• CGA 3, ARGOS 0
At Culver





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ABOVE: From left, assistant coach Jovan Jeftich, Georgie Macy, Joy Jakaitis, Jordan Bray, Trista Littleton, Alejandra Tellez, Liz DeMoss, head coach Mike Aycock.

Littleton signs letter of intent with Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has announced a new addition to the Pomeroy soccer team. On August 29, Trista Littleton, a graduate of Culver Comm. High School, signed her letter of intent to accept a soccer scholarship with the Pomeroy for the 2013 season.

Littleton was a member of the Cavalier soccer team for two seasons. She excelled on the field as a defender and was awarded the Mental Attitude Award during her senior year. At Culver, Littleton was also actively involved with the cheer and track and field team.

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source of business development to allow us to work closer with the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation," Clark says. "They (the CRC) chose Jerry and myself, and we chose to include (town manager) Dave Schoeff as our sub-committee."

The sub-committee contacted WSBT, whose production team had shot several commercials for Culver businesses and the Chamber last year, and the company created a proposal. Meanwhile, the sub-committee contacted 15 people "from all walks of life" in the community and held a brainstorming session on the commercials in June.

Says Ney: "After an hour-long open discussion, we came up with the themes of friendly people; diverse population; wonderful schools; and the artistic points of our community like the writers' group, Crisp art gallery, Maxinkuckee Players, and the quilters; and sports on the lake like sailing, hiking, and fishing; and our great shops and restaurants.

"We all decided as a group that those were quality of life issues, which is usually one of the top three or four things new businesses look for when they're considering relocating."

The group gave four topics to WSBT producers requesting commercials focusing on them. The result was four scripts, complete with screen shots, which were sent to the sub-committee, who chose the places they felt best suited to filming, and the people to be included.

"All the shooting was done in one day except the Maxinkuckee Players; they came down and got the beautiful scenery and wonderful costumes of the actors during their rehearsal."

Leading the filming process was Nicholas Scholten, WSBT's CCS producer, who also managed to capture some of the most striking footage in the commercials: vibrant and



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

CCMS students launch 'School Street Journal'

Several Culver Comm. Middle School students have embarked on a new foray into journalism in starting the school's first monthly newspaper. The "School Street

Journal," created by 8th grader Reilly Reinhold, saw its premiere edition launched in August, and included articles on sports, fashion, teacher biographies, games, and even a horoscope. In the past, editions of the Culver Comm. High School's Caval Crier newsletter have included a page or section dedicated to the middle school, but students in teacher Cristyn Messick's class jumped at the chance to give the school its own publication (and invited Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney to visit the classroom for a question and answer session).

Newsletter staff members pictured, from left, are Taylor Branson, Bradley Beaver, Dylan Pitera, Reilly Reinhold, and Emily Bradley.

lavishly colorful sunsets on the lake.

The one-day shoot which captured most of the scenes took place over 12 hours one day in mid-August, and included scenes of Culver's downtown and uptown, some retail and dining, the lake (including the town beach and east shore), and Culver Academies. Scenes range from a couple strolling the beach with a baby stroller, to art faculty at Culver Academies pointing to artworks in the Crisp Art Gallery; from teenagers walking through downtown, to a couple entering a local restaurant, with a sunset toast on the east shore of the lake wrapping up one advertisement.

Many may have seen last year's Culver commercials, but the new series differs in a couple of ways: first, most of last year's were limited to 15 seconds, while these are 30 seconds. The difference may seem minimal, but the overall effect is that of a somewhat more comprehensive and broad look at the community.

Another major difference stems from the producers' excitement about the project.

"They had never done this for a town before," says Clark, "and they upgraded us to a cinematic camera, which is normally three times the cost. This project is filmed in high definition 1080 mode, so it has wonderful clarity and superb quality."

All of that shows in the look of the new commercials.

The sub-committee accepted two of the three commercials, while a third will have some slight re-editing before airing. A fourth commercial is planned for a bit later.

"In the spirit of business retention," explains Clark, "we want to do a test market, so we're going to release two of the commercials each of the next four weeks, beginning Sept. 22 with CBS' "Sunday Morning" TV show. The others will run during the 6 to 7 p.m. WSBT news broadcast. We'll alternate

those commercials, and the last one will run the Thursday before Fall Fest."

The tagline of the commercials and the website, she adds, is, "See what we have to offer at cometoculver.org."

The hope is to shoot scenes of Fall Fest and other autumn and winter scenery to create more diverse, seasonal future commercials as well, Clark says, after interest is gauged from the first two.

"We're promoting quality of life," she points out, referring to a recent column by Brian Hovey of The Hovey Political Report, who interviewed Ball State University economics Professor Michael Hicks.

Hicks described job creation as a local problem rather than a state one, contrary to popular assumptions.

"I felt the point (he) made that best fits why we are doing these commercials is when Hicks explained, 'As Americans became richer, schooling and community amenities matter more. This is an iron law of economics, that the share of income we spend on some goods rises as we get richer. Education and amenities (like health care and recreation) are two of these things. So, the Midwest built its small towns long before the quality of a place made much difference in migration or incomes. Today, quality of place matters deeply, and we are, in many places, unprepared to deal with it.'

"I feel our CRC and town council are ahead of the game in this respect," continues Clark. "We know that quality of life is important to business owners, and we have a suburb quality of life -- mainly lots of recreational opportunities and one of the best schools in the country. These things should be played to our advantage."

Those able to share information which would help the CRC track the success of the commercials are encouraged to contact Kathy Clark at kclark460@icloud.com.

Sports briefs

Derek Keller scored two goals — including the game's first in the 12th minute — and recorded an assist for Culver in the win, while Nick Pritz also found the back of the net twice. Jordan Sanders and Henrick Bill each registered a goal and an assist, and Marshall Anderson made an impressive 14 saves in goal for the winners.

• CULVER 6, PIONEER 1
At Culver
First half

Eagles rally past Logan: Culver Military's boys soccer team overcame a sluggish start, rallying back from an early 2-0 deficit with three goals before halftime en route to a 4-2 win over visiting Logansport last Tuesday. Nick Bissonnette scored twice — the first the equalizer in the game's ninth minute less than a minute after Logan's second score and the second the only goal of the second half — with two assists, while Samuel Lind and Sebastian Padilla also scored for CMA. Tae Ahn made five saves for the home team.

• CULVER MILITARY 4, LOGANSPORT 2
At Culver

Girls golf

Tigers edge Eagles: The Culver Girls Academy golf team

suffered a four-stroke loss to Warsaw, 174-178 at Mystic Hills last Monday evening. The Lady Eagles were led by Mackenzie Toth's 2-over 38, while Lauren Read and Tavia Maurovic shot 43 and 45, respectively. Hannah Brumback and Makenna Morsches turned in dual 52s.

Warsaw got a pair of 40s from Nikki LaLonde and Alexis Manwaring and a 44 from Elizabeth Meadows. Maddie Graham shot 50 for the Tigers.

• WARSAW 174, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 178
at Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 36)

Boys tennis

CMA shuts out Peru: Will Bilicic and Brian Tao recorded a three-set victories at 1 doubles, Chris Belicic won in two extended sets at 2 singles, and Culver Military claimed a 5-0 shutout of Peru at home at the Academies last Wednesday. Chris defeated Peru's Jack Zyers 7-6(7-4), 7-5, and Will and Tao put away the Tigers tandem of Austin Finnicle and Kreighton Ray, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 to complete the shutout.

Sam Concannon was a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Braden Bates at 1 singles, and Abel Barrera pitched a 6-0, 6-0 shutout of Kameron Graham at 3 singles for the Eagles.

• CULVER MILITARY 5, PERU 0
At Culver

Volleyball

CGA beats Winamac: Culver Girls Academy earned its fourth win of the year with a 25-22, 25-18, 25-17 win over Winamac at home Saturday. Katy Bjornson registered 14 kills with give digs and three blocks for the Lady Eagles, while Ashley Eichelberger and Tori Christlieb finished with eight and seven kills, respectively, and Rachel Simon recorded 24 assists. Bethany Brogdon and Eichelberger tallied nine and eight digs, respectively, and Taylor Jones notched 19 digs.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, WINAMAC 0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-17)
At Culver

Lady Eagles lose: Marian put away Culver Girls Academy in the minimum of games at the Academies last Thursday night, 25-12, 25-11, 25-7. Katy Bjornson registered seven kills and two blocks for the Lady Eagles. Torrie Christlieb also finished with seven kills, while Rachel Simon recorded 13 assists and eight digs, and Sarah Boland tallied eight digs. CGA falls to 3-6 with the loss.

• MARIAN 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0 (25-12, 25-11, 25-7)
At Culver

Girls golf

CGA tops Triton: The Culver Girls Academy golf team beat visiting Triton 175-215 in a dual meet at Mystic Hills last Thursday. Lauren Read led the field with a 41, while Tavia Maurovic and Mackenzie Toth both shot 44 for CGA. Hannah Brumback shot 50 for the Lady Eagles, who moved to 8-1.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 175, TRITON 215
at Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 36)

Boys soccer

Strong 2nd half cues Culver win: Tied at 1-1 at the half, Culver ran off five goals while pitching a second-half shutout in a 6-1 win over Pioneer in a game pushed back because of the heat in Culver last Tuesday.

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win. They were led by fourth-year standout Howard's all-around performance of six kills, seven aces and nine assists, while junior front row player Zehner notched a match-high 12 kills, junior transfer Baylie Fearnow recorded 12 digs to lead the defense followed by Tosha Harris' nine, and sophomore Megan Thompson — playing in the libero spot in the first year Culver has had the position — was also a solid presence on defense.

"We've talked to the girls about keeping their composure, keeping everybody up, trying to get going and looking for the open spots on the other side, to get balls in holes. We've got some girls who can place serve, and we've really tried to work on that," said Minix. "We played all summer over in the Knox league, mainly all seven of my varsity players, and I think that helps a lot playing all summer and coming in ready to go from the start."



PHOTO/LEW KOPP, CULVER ACADEMIES

Beating the heat

LEFT: With the thermometer hitting a record 96 degrees last Tuesday, Culver Academies took rare (if not unprecedented) steps to cool down some of its warmest spots. The school's Facilities Department installed temporary cooling units outside of Eppley Hall of Humanities and Gignilliat Hall for the day (see photos). Students also were given the extremely rare privilege of being permitted to wear shorts and t-shirts (known as reg rec), rather than their uniforms, during the school day to help beat the heat.

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in, but they were intended to make a point which I think remains a valid one, though again, I don't think many people are debating it at this juncture.

So what's the point of all this? Hopefully anyone with a concern, criticism, or complaint feels free to call, write, or approach me in person, and not anonymously, to discuss their point. I'm not likely to be offended, and worst case scenario, people of genuine goodwill and good intention can agree to disagree and part company in good standing (or bad standing, I guess, if they so choose). There's no real harm in that.

I do ask that you draw the line at throwing rotten tomatoes, though. They tend to stain the clothes.

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hour shift each night starting around 1953, but in those days they primarily just patrolled the lakefront and piers to prevent theft and vandalism to the boats there.

"Before that, they had a night watchman," Ricciardi says. "Charlie Cook did that for a while. All they did was punch a clock in the buildings to make sure they weren't on fire, and they secured some buildings."

In the late 1960s, broader security patrols were added, partly to incorporate the by then expanded Woodcraft Camp, besides addressing vandalism and other issues around campus.

By the time Ricciardi started, in 1977, the school had expanded its security force to three officers -- herself and two men -- all of whom worked 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. overnight shifts, all supplemented by part-time positions to cover weekends. It was assumed the assigned Barracks Inspections would handle any other security concerns in the evenings.

When she started, Ricciardi says she's been working a few years for the Marshall County Sheriff's department as a dispatcher and matron.

"I figured I'd work (at the Academy) a couple of years and go on to something different," she says. "One thing leads to another -- I liked the position and the people. The kids were really interesting and the faculty were a good group to work with. You'd see them when they did barracks inspection periodically."

Security duties evolved from "basically checking doors and walking through a few barracks, to when we got radios so people could call us. Back when I started they had these pagers. They'd call the powerhouse (to reach security). It was the old tube-type paging system, the likes of which probably hadn't been seen in 20 years! If two people came too close to each other, they'd start beeping like a mating call!"

In fact, the steel and concrete of many campus buildings prevented the paging signal from even reaching security, she adds.

"I was there a couple of years when I suggested they purchase some radios."

The security team worked for years under the umbrella of Facilities (which was called the Service Department in those days), and later under the business manager and then the commandant's office.

In the early 1980s, the department's line-of-sight radios became repeaters which allowed officers to answer phone calls.

A few years later, a second security shift was added which overlapped the later-night ones.

"That might have been one summer where they implemented that because you have one officer at Woodcraft and one at the main campus, and a female to go in between the two. It wasn't until John Buxton came that they added a day shift...that was about ten years ago (and I) rotated to a day shift then."

When Ricciardi started, the school's security vehicle was a Yugo whose age and heavy usage left a lot to be desired. As a result, officers drove their own vehicles on the job for some time. Things moved forward a bit in the early 1980s when the department acquired a used Maverick on whose roof a red light was placed (though the car still had no police markings).

The next car was an actual police car built to handle the heavy usage, which became the security vehicle for several years.

"As soon as we put the red light on it and people recognized it as a security vehicle, the vandalism at the edge of campus almost quit. Before that, they (vandals) used to knock out 10 or 12 windows at the stables every weekend. They would smash out the lampposts at the entrance to campus, and we couldn't keep windows in the boat shop."

From the beginning, Ricciardi explains, Academy security officers had the status of special deputies through the county sheriff's department. This practice continued until the mid to late 2000s, when concerns over liability and shifts in legal standards statewide saw it brought to an end.

"In reality it (campus security's practice) didn't change very much," Ricciardi points out. "We no longer assisted officers in town if they called. We still would, if they called us. But at that point the county said there could be some liability if we did something not appropriate..."

for most (vehicular) accidents, you called the county in anyway."

Campus security officers do have the power to detain a suspect, though not to make an arrest, she adds.

For her part, Ricciardi says she took over handling all the scheduling duties for the department after Jim Cox, in the early 1980s. She essentially acted in a supervisory role for most of the years since, though it was about ten years ago she was given the supervisor's title.

There are, of course, a host of "Security Sally stories" both from her memories and those of many a former student (so many, in fact, that for some time a Facebook page existed titled, "Security Sally Rocks," which provided a venue to relate some).

And at least for printing purposes, Sally Ricciardi isn't telling.

"At one of the reunions they invited me to -- a 25-year class reunion -- they wanted me to tell some stories, and I told them their secrets are safe with me," she smiles. "They know what they did and I know what they did. Not all got caught, but some did!"

It's likely the market for such stories abounds for two reasons: one is Ricciardi's own knack for remembering and spinning a yarn. She's either had a disproportionate share of absurd or all-but-unbelievable encounters, or excels at catching hold of their absurdity in a way many do not, and relating it after the fact.

Second is her approach to students. Whether or not she enforced the rules of the school any differently than others, it's clear she conveyed a mixture of humor and tough honesty to many, which earned their respect and admiration.

"I've gone for years under the premise that some of the little stuff, if you're five feet past the limits, or 10 feet past the water fountain where you're supposed to go back -- as long as you're polite and you go back and that's the first time, that's no big deal."

There were the seemingly miraculous disappearing cigarettes of students breaking the 'no smoking' campus rule when she showed up, of course, and the one cadet who unwisely hid his in his back pocket.

"He's starting to fidget a little and I finally said, 'Take it out of your pocket before you set your pants on fire.' I thought the hole in his pocket and his burnt skin was a sufficient deterrent!"

On a more serious note, there are memorable events like the massive fire which destroyed the Academies' gymnasium not long after Ricciardi started there, in November, 1977.

"That was a pretty busy night," she recalls. "It was really cold out there. We were charged, after they put the fire out, to set up a perimeter and patrol around. With all the water on it, it was like a skating rink on the hills to get to the other side and make sure nobody was messing with it before the fire inspector got there."

Incidents like that one, she adds, make her thankful for the tragedy averted.

"You don't want to say you're glad the building burned, but you're glad it was just the building. Like the fire in south barracks -- nobody got hurt and that's what you strive. We've had boat, airplane, and vehicle accidents where people have been injured; some have turned out okay, and some haven't."

Perhaps the greatest change to the campus security officer's job, she explains, is the addition of more buildings, each of which "poses its own little problems and quirks to check, or kids to hide in, of vandalism. It just adds a bit more to what you do each day."

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Scrapbooking for moms at the park Sept. 27

A Moms' Night Out "Scrapbooking for Moms" event will take place Fri., Sept. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the beach lodge meeting room. Bring a snack, drink, supplies and inspiration. There is no charge.

IOOF breakfast Sept. 28

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 IOOF will hold an all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., Sept. 28 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the lodge, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads, Culver. Adults are \$8 and children \$6. There will also be a bake sale with items from the Union Twp. 4H.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a fall town wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like your sale listed on the map, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140 or clerk@townofculver no later than Sept. 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be available beginning Thursday, September 26 at town hall, Dairy Barn and Osborn's Mini-Mart as well as online at www.townofculver.org.

Lions Fall Fest Oct. 5

The Culver Lions Club will host its annual Fall Fest (pancake breakfast / bake sale / flea market) on Oct. 5 at the depot on Lake Shore Drive. Things will start at 6 a.m.,

and the pancake breakfast will go to 11 a.m.; the flea market will end at 2 p.m. Those with items to donate to the flea market, please contact Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460.

Free computer classes in Sept.

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free technology classes in September take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. They include Mobile Devices for Beginners (Sept. 20), and eBook & Audiobook Workshop (Sept. 23 and 27). Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Community meal at St. Mary's Sept. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Monday, Sept. 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.

Library book sale Sept. 26-28

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will sponsor a book sale Thursday, September 26 from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., in the lower level of the library. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk during library hours.

Walker farewell at REAL Meals Sept. 30

A farewell party will be held for Ruth Walker, director at Culver's REAL Meals nutrition site since Nov., 1995, who will be leaving the position. The event will take place during REAL Meals Mon., Sept. 30, during the noon meal, when the public is welcome to come by and greet her. Those wishing to make a reservation to share lunch with the group, which meets at the Culver beach lodge, may do so by calling 574-842-8878 by Sept. 25 (lunch will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and fruit, besides a special cake (guests need not make reservations to attend the celebration and enjoy some cake).

Town-wide cleanup

Culver's fall town wide clean up day will take place Saturday, October 12. Details will be available in future editions of *The Citizen*.

Texas Hold-em at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 hosts a Texas Hold-Em tournament on the second Sunday of each month, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Doors open at 11

a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$45 buy-in (no re-buys), \$10,000 chips, and a \$5 add-on, \$2,000 extra chips at the time of buy-in (25 percent goes to the house, 75 percent in the pot). License number 129586.

Warning siren down

The Marshall County Sheriff's Department advises that the outdoor warning siren located at 17495 15B Road is currently not operational. Emergency Radio Service has been contacted and are working on fixing the problem. However, the siren will be down for an extended period of time. Residents who have relied on this siren in the past for advanced notification of severe weather, should utilize other sources such as NOAA All Hazard Emergency Alert Radio, television, or commercial radio for receiving and monitoring severe weather alerts.

Walking Club at the park

The "No More Excuses" Walking Club meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Culver beach lodge meeting room each week. Everyone is welcome and there are no commitments.

Lions collecting school supplies

The Culver Lions Club is making sure students have needed school supplies and is asking for community help. You may make your checks payable to Culver Lions Club or give pens, paper, rulers, compasses, erasers, back packs, or any other school materials. Contact any Lion, or Jim Harper at 842-2962.

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 Enviroscope. The exhibit may be viewed during museum hours at the Center for Culver History, in the lower level of the Culver library.

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.

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. The entry fee is \$10 (which includes a wood frame for the scarecrow) and there are \$200 in cash prizes and gifts to be awarded to winners. The Culver Chamber's Retail Merchants Committee will keep the scarecrows in storage to be added annually to the 'parade' of scarecrows. Businesses, organizations, and individuals may drop off scarecrows now at Cafe Max on Main Street. Entries must be received by Oct. 1 to be on the map. Scarecrows should be delivered with a photo of the assembled scarecrow, and entrants may set up their scarecrow by 10 a.m. Oct. 16. Call 574-842-LAKE or visit www.culverchamber.com.

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