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ABOVE: As is the case each July 4, a large contingent of boats filled Aubbeenaubbee Bay to watch the fireworks from Lake Maxinkuckee waters, transforming the area around the Academies campus into a glittering landscape underscored by the deep blue of the lake.

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LEFT: In the parade field Friday evening to enjoy the fireworks were (from left) young Koen Guerra, Skyla Codey, and Lorena Martinez. Here they're standing for the National Anthem as played by the Culver Summer Naval School Band..

The Culver fire department was in charge of launching the fireworks. For a behind-the-scenes peek at their process of doing so, see page 10 in this issue.

Culver celebrates America

PHOTO/ CAMILO MORALES, CULVER ACADEMIES

ABOVE: "Mo" Morales of Culver Academies captured this striking image of the school's Memorial Chapel before the backdrop of the school's annual fireworks display, which took place Friday night in celebration of the Independence Day holiday. Carrying on its longtime tradition, Culver Summer Schools and Camps students marched to the parade field and took part in preceding ceremonies including a canon-fire tribute to the original 13 colonies, music by the Naval Band, an opening speech by new Summer Camps director Don Fox, and a performance of the "fire hoop dance" by Woodcraft Indian Lore instructors.



In Brief

Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants through Friday, July 11. Citizens may experience "foggy" water during this time frame and we ask that you bear with us while we flush the system. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Moonlight Serenade Friday

Culver Summer Schools and Camp's annual Ann M. Smitson Moonlight Serenade will take place Friday, July 11. This year's event will be limited to one evening covering both the east and west shores of Lake Maxinkuckee (and including the town park). The Serenade will begin at the town park around 9 p.m., then head to the west shore of the lake, concluding with the east shore. A rain date for the event has been set for Sunday, July 13.

VFW 4th steak fry Friday

The steak fry planned for July 4 at Culver's VFW Post 6919 has been postponed until July 11. The Post will be open on the 4th and will offer an open menu. The public is welcome.

Culver crime history Saturday

A look at the great crimes of Culver's past is on tap for Saturday, July 12, starting at 10 a.m. as part of the annual meeting of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver. The event will take place in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. The event is free and open to the public. Those with questions may email historyofculver@gmail.com or call 574-635-0053 (a local number even if not an "842" prefix).

Community meal at Grace July 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free,

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Major storm does sporadic damage to Culver area

If there's a once-a-year summer storm event the Culver area must endure, hopefully last Monday night's will suffice for the year.

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PHOTO/GARY SHAFFER

This sailboat on Lake Maxinkuckee was one of the victims of last week's high winds.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

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around the lake and in rural areas outside of town, saw downed trees and power lines as well.

Culver Academies Facilities Director Jeff Kutch said the Academies and Summer Camps "dodged a bullet. [The storm] was all around us," but there was no damage "of real substance."

Kutch said there were a couple of large

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Swimmer drowns off town beach in Culver

CULVER -- Indiana Conservation Officers with the help of Marshall County Sheriff's Department and Culver Fire, Police, and EMS recovered the body of Jose Cruz Lizcano-Fernandez, age 28, of Logansport, Ind., approximately 15 feet outside of the swim area at Culver public beach in about five feet of water, Friday night.

According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lizcano-Fernandez was missing for about four to five hours the evening of July 4 before family members noticed he was gone. When friends searched for him they located his shoes at the water's edge, then notified police just before 9 p.m. Indiana Conservation Officers and other emergency personnel responded with divers and sonar. In about thirty minutes Lizcano-Fernandez was found.

Indiana Conservation Officers will be conducting an investigation into the cause of the incident and an autopsy will be performed as directed by the Marshall County Coroner.

The drowning is the second in two years at the town beach in Culver, with last year's drowning of a 22-year old Plymouth man taking place barely a week over one year ago (that incident took place July 14, 2013).

The most recent death also comes after a marked increase in safety measures enacted at the beach in the areas of lifeguard training and breadth of lifeguard coverage, as well as reduction of depth of buoys at the swimming beach, all in the wake of -- and at least partly in response to -- last year's death.

However, the July 4 incident appeared to take place after the beach's regular 6 p.m. closing, after which lifeguards are no longer on duty, and apparently occurred outside the boundaries of the swimming area.

Following the occurrence, Indiana Conservation Officers also strongly emphasized the importance of swimming with a buddy and wearing a life jacket.

More information on the July 4 incident will be provided as it becomes available.

Called to serve; driven to excel

Culver Academies grad earns academic honors at West Point

By Rachael Herbert-Varchetto
Staff writer

CULVER — Duty. Honor. Country. These three words are the motto for the United States Military Academy at West Point, a prestigious school with a history that dates back to the Revolutionary War.

Alexander Canacci, a resident of Culver and former student of the Culver Military Academy, graduated in May 2014 at the top of his class and achieved four of the five awards given to Cadets, as well as the esteemed Knox Trophy. Ranked as Brigade Sergeant Major, one of the highest ranks attainable at West Point, Alex dedi-

cated the trophy to his parents, Ronald and Donna Canacci, also of Culver.

"I wasn't doing it for the award," said Alex of the recognition. "It was really nice to know that someone noticed that you worked hard. It was neat to be recognized unexpectedly like that and to be the person chosen in the class to represent."

Starting his military academy at the age of 10, Alex attended Howe Military Academy and excelled in his studies.

"Alex has always over-achieved. He goes to



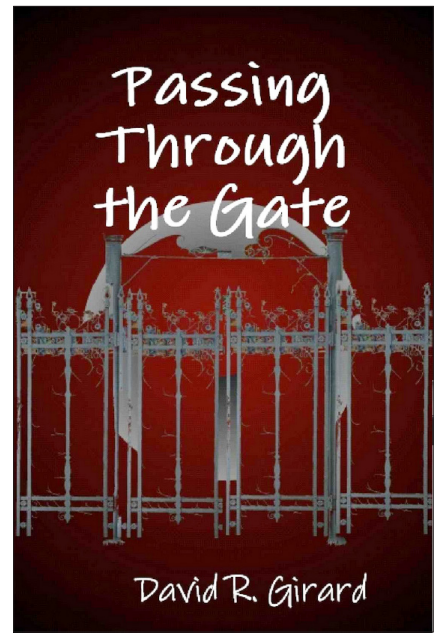
US President Barack Obama congratulates Alex Canacci. The presidential acknowledgement was only given to the top 20 West Point cadets.

school with some of the brightest kids in the country. We tell him there's no shame in trying to be first in everything. Even if you fall short, it's still an accomplishment. He uses that philosophy all the time," said Canacci's father, Ron Canacci.

Over time, Ron and his wife realized their son's interest and moved to the Culver area so that Alex could attend the school. When he reached his senior year, Canacci, like many potential graduates, received letters expressing interest in having him attend post secondary education.

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Culver author’s novel wis national awards



A Culver author's first novel, set in a fictionalized version of Culver Academies, has won been awarded Honorable Mention in the Young Adult Category from The 2014 Beach Book Festival (www.beachbookfestival.com).

"Passing Through the Gate" by longtime Academies staff member David Girard, was also awarded Runner-Up in the New York Book Festival.

Both prizes, he says, are "very unexpected but exciting.

"Thus far the reviews of the book, both on my website and on Amazon.com, have been extremely positive, and I am looking forward to working on my next book, which will tell the story of a young man who arrives at Marmont Military Academy just as World War II breaks out."

"Passing Through the Gate," according to a 2013 interview Girard gave The Culver Citizen, is "about the relationship between two boys, which is why I didn't want to set the story at Culver: I don't want people to read the story and think it's a

story about Culver Academy. It's about relationships.

"I like to see characters coming of age and maturing," he adds.

The book, which is also available online at barnesandnoble.com, was published by Unlimited Publishing (www.unlimitedpublishing.com/girard), which is affiliated with Harvard Press.

‘I Am an Artist’ classes July 20



“I am an Artist,” a step-by-step instructional paint class including music and other inspirational activities, will return the Sunday of Culver Lake Fest, July 20. This class is \$25 (pre-registration only), and will include a 16 x 20 inch wrapped canvas, to take home, of the participant’s masterpiece. The class will be in a fun, positive, and encouraging environment with an emphasis on discovering the unique beauty in every piece of art. Each class is limited to 20 seats.

The morning class is, "I Scream, You Scream" (students will paint an ice cream cone), and the afternoon class is, "The Original Root Beer Float."

Unlike past "I Am an Artist" events, these classes will take place outside the Culver Lions Club depot-train station, under its awning, at 615 Lakeshore Drive, Culver.

Participants are asked to arrive five minutes early to check in, and kids ages 4 to 7 are required to have a parent or guardian there to assist them.

To register, visit www.unlockedcreativity.com or email shelly@unlockedcreativity.com.

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limbs down and other debris, but no structural damage.

The Woodcraft Camp lost power Tuesday morning after the storm moved through. A back-up generator kicked in to restore power, but then a mechanical failure later



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The First Farmers Bank property on Lake Shore Drive lost a large portion of the tree seen here.

took the generator down.

“We needed back-up power for our back-up power,” Kutch said. Power was fully restored to the Woodcraft area about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Storm events like last week's, of course, present the challenge of moving nearly 1,500 students and staff of Culver's Summer Schools and Camps to safety -- and then back again to their sleeping quarters.

Kelly Norton, Communications Coordinator for CSSC, noted upper level leadership and campus safety personnel were monitoring the storm, with advance warning helping them prepare.

Woodcraft campers had already been moved into the Penske storm shelter building well before the first wave of storms, with snacks, water, and movies available. They stayed safely there until around 1 or 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, after the second wave of storms had passed.

Upper campers, said Norton, had to be awakened and tornado procedures instituted, after which they eventually returned to their beds as well.

"They all got a little sleep-in the next day," she added.

Doug Haberland, Culver Academies Communications, assisted in writing this article.

Corndance, Evil Czech owner on Cooking Channel Wednesday



PHOTO PROVIDED

Corndance Cafe and Evil Czech Brewery owner George Pesek, left, with Cooking Channel “Road Trip” host C. Gavin during filming of an episode of the program set to air Wednesday.

George Pesek, owner of Culver's Corndance Cafe and Evil Czech Brewery, as well as the Corndance Tavern in Mishawaka, will be featured in the Cooking Channel’s “Road Trip with G. Garvin” Wednesday, July 9 at 9 p.m.

Garvin and his crew visited the Tavern on April 15 to film their “Best of the Midwest” episode, featuring Corndance Executive Chef Nicholas Ruse. In keeping with the Southern tradition of the show, Ruse prepared a Braised Bison Short Rib with Cheddar Grits, Fried Green Tomatoes, and a Tabasco Demi Glace. Garvin also noted that Corndance’s

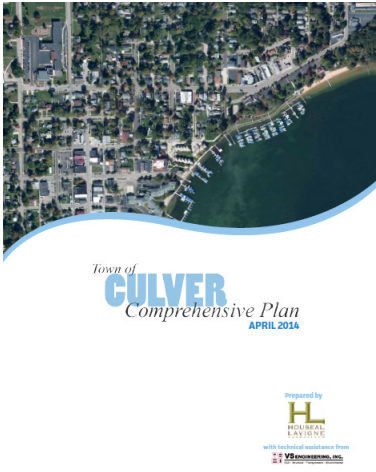
bison is sourced from Rooster Hill Farm, which is owned by Pesek.

Pesek is pleased with the attention that the episode will bring, not only to the restaurant, but to the community as a whole.

The Cooking Channel is available on Comcast on channel 124, and on AT&T U-Verse on channel 456. Corndance Tavern will also plan a special dinner later this summer featuring a viewing of the episode in their private dining room.

Clips and full episodes of the “Road Trip” may also be viewed online at www.cookingchanneltv.com/shows/road-trip-with-g-garvin.html.

Public hearing on Culver comprehensive plan July 22



Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Dave Schoeff, Town Manager, 200 E. Washington Street, Culver, Indiana 46511 no later than July 18 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings.

Quilts of Valor display at CUTPL

Now on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library are Quilts of Valor pieced by Barb Stryker, Marshall County resident. Included in the display are two large patriotic quilts made for the Quilts of Valor project, a matching pillowcase, one quilted flag wall hanging, and a patriotic rag quilt.

Strycker has been quilting since her retirement, and she really enjoys piecing quilts together. Recently, she donated two quilts for the Culver Boys & Girls Club silent auction. She also donates quilted pillowcases for the children’s unit at Memorial Hospital. The two Quilts of Valor on display are made of red, white, and blue fabric, because Strycker specifically requests that they be presented to a military member stationed overseas.

All Quilts of Valor are presented to the recipient in a matching pillowcase, like the one on display at CUTPL. After Barb pieces the quilts together, they are quilted by Linda Cearbaugh of North Manchester, IN.

This beautiful, patriotic display will be available through mid-August. Please stop by to take a look in the Culver-Union Township Public Library lobby.

If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

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Some debate ensued as to how much visibility the cover actually affords, and whether other boats have compara-

Kidstop, the Culver Boys & Girls Club-sponsored child care program, runs weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is provided every day as well as activities such as park, beach, and library visits, and field trips. Kidstop pricing for full lunch rate members is \$12 per day (\$6 for the second child) and free/reduced lunch rate is \$6 per day (\$3 for the second child). For more information visit www.bgcculver.org or call 574-250-0103. The CBGC is located in the Culver Community Element-



During his park superintendent's report, Marc Hayden explained that an aquatic specialist from the South Bend Parks Department would be leading lifeguard training at the Culver park in the near future. The Culver EMS -- through whom Hayden said he ordered an AED lifesaving unit -- will also conduct training.

Also approved was the “final edit” of the current iteration of the park’s policy, as presented by Helphrey of the

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The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any individual or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to

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It was 120 years ago today (well, this week)...the Culver Citizen has its birthday

It may not be quite the notable anniversary of a 100th or even 50th birthday, but Culver's longest-lived community newspaper of record turns 120 this month.

The debut issue of the Marmont Herald hit the stands (such as they were) on July 13, 1894 (interestingly, just a few months shy of the launch of a bit better-known local entity, Culver Academies, the same year).

The first newspaper in Marshall County, according to Edwin Corwin in his "One Township's Yesterdays," was "The Plymouth Journal," which was said to have survived only one day, around 1844-45 (some ten years after the arrival of the first white settlers in Union Township). The first newspaper regularly established in Marshall County, the "Plymouth Pilot," was first issued April 16, 1851. Bourbon and Argos actually beat Culver (then Marmont) to the punch in terms of newspaper publication.

George Nearpass, editor and publisher, supposedly walked to town from the Nickel Plate railroad station in Hibbard, and after socializing with the men of the village, he decided to stay and set up his press, in a "small one-story frame building, located of the west side of Main Street between Jefferson and Madison streets." It stood parallel with the street, just south of today's Fisher and Co. Clothiers. Nearpass set up his humble hand-press and began the publishing of his weekly newspaper, with little in the way of equipment to help him on his journalistic way.

The newspaper began in primitive circumstances, pumped out on a hand crank which was antiquated even on its first day of use.

In 1895, when the town changed its name to Culver City, the paper followed suit, and the Culver City Herald was born.

In those days, Culverites picked up their local paper every Friday (as opposed to today's Thursday print date), and the paper was a large 13 by 20 inches (the size of the pages would change through the years, growing even larger for a time in the 1920s and '30s, and becoming quite compact in the 1950s and into the 1970s). The first, and most early

editions, were eight pages, and subscriptions were \$1 per year.

Nearpass made a point of tagging the paper "Independent" along the masthead, a reference to the political nature of newspapers at the time (by the late 1800s, for example, readers in the county seat could choose from the Marshall County Republican or the Plymouth Democrat newspapers).

The editor and publisher didn't simply set up shop on a whim. He contacted prominent businessmen of the day John Osborn, Sam Medbourn, E. B. Vanschoiack, Dr. B. W. S. Wiseman, Dr. O. A. Rea and others, and "told them if they would raise him a bonus he would start a paper in Marmont. They got busy, raised the bonus, and he moved his plant to Marmont...his equipment consisted of an old Washington hand-press, an old foot-pump Gordon job

press, a printer's stone and three cases of type," according to Corwin.

It took a good-sized local team to publish even a small weekly like the Herald then, and really that fact didn't change until the normalization of the computer-based publishing of today, which allows layout to be handled -- and quickly and easily changed -- by a single editor with a computer, and the print job to be emailed remotely, rather than delivered physically, to the printing press. This has also led to a lesser need for localized printing presses. While the Citizen and the Pilot-News both had their own printing presses -- as did most of the county newspapers in the news group both occupy today -- now printing for all of those papers, and many more, is handled in



ABOVE: Cover of one of the few remaining copies of the *Marmont Herald* (this one from Jan., 1895), predecessor to the *Culver City Herald*, predecessor to the *Culver Citizen*.



RIGHT: George Nearpass, first editor and publisher of the paper.

Columbia City, Indiana, and local presses have ceased operating years earlier.

The contents of the Culver newspaper for the first decades of its existence differed dramatically from today's as well.

While today's Culver Citizen contains almost exclusively local news, in those days before Internet, television, radio, and even regional newspapers being available in a small

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A sad anniversary marked by tragedy

Those who were part of the Culver community decades prior have told me -- often with a bit of a shudder -- of the manner residents were long ago alerted when someone went into the lake, likely as not in a possible drowning incident. In those days, the fire siren was put on for one long, continuous blast, a signal ominous to present-day residents for an entirely different reason, of course: that of the possibility of a tornado in the area.

That signal was heard last Monday night (or Tuesday morning, to be exact) for weather-related, though several residents reported they heard it only faintly (that was the case for our family, too, a half mile or so off the east shore of the lake), and had it been pre-1970s (when the single blast as tornado warning originated), it would have been heard Friday night instead, bringing a somber close to an otherwise festive holiday celebration.

The tragedy and strangeness of the death of Jose Cruz Lizcano-Fernandez in the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee are understandably on the minds and lips of many in the area this week, as thoughts and prayers go out for his family and friends, who apparently were picnicking at the park Friday afternoon.

Several factors are particularly off-putting about the tragedy.

First, the public beach in Culver has had few if any drownings by swimmers engaged in recreation at the swimming beach itself (that is, not counting people who drowned near the beach in boating accidents, fell through the ice near it, and so forth), in all the years the beach has operated -- an amazing fact, really.

Second, the first such incident in many, if any, years took place almost exactly a year prior to Lizcano-Fernandez's death. Valentin Sirghi died while swimming on the east end of the beach July 14, 2013.

Third, both victims were apparently healthy 20-something year old men who drowned in what to most adults would have been approximately chest-deep water, during broad daylight, and without any apparent circumstantial interference (i.e. they weren't injured by something or someone as a precursor, and so forth).

I would point out, however, that the similarities are not necessarily as parallel as they seem.

First of all, we have yet to learn of an autopsy on Mr. Lizcano-Fernandez, which may indicate a specific cause for his having drowned.

Further, Lizcano-Fernandez was found some 15 feet beyond the buoy-based boundaries of the swimming area of the town beach, and it appears possible, at least, that his death took place after the town beach had officially shut down for the day and the lifeguards gone off duty. Indiana conservation officers report the call came in around 9 p.m. as to his disappearance, and friends said they hadn't seen him for four or five hours. We don't know, of course, whether he immediately entered the water or, just as possible, whether he went elsewhere and then began swimming closer to the end of his time absent from his friends.

One of the ironies of the situation to anyone following the endeavors of the Culver park board and recently-installed park supervisor Marc Hayden is how much emphasis has been placed on increasing waterfront safety there since the opening of the beach this season, obviously in part due to last year's drowning death.

Doing so was a major topic during the board's discussion of hiring Hayden -- who they noted had worked in various parks and recreation settings, including 18 years at Plymouth Parks, which operates a very popular community pool, prior to coming here.

And safety has been quite possibly the most prevalent topic discussed by Hayden during park board meetings since his hire (note the latest example of that in this week's Culver Citizen, in which Hayden announced to the board he would have training by an aquatics safety specialist from Lifeplex in Plymouth for the Culver beach staff, as well as weekly training sessions every Wednesday for beach staff. The board set up a reimbursement and pay schedule for staff seeking certification training as lifeguards, and this season made a point of equipping guards with safety belts and whistles (rather than simply relying on their shouting voices).

For the first time perhaps ever to this degree, lifeguard coverage at the beach increased with the goal that, during peak occupancy of the beach, three on-duty lifeguards could be stationed at three respective chairs on the beach (east, west, and center), with a fourth in queue if needed.

Further, at the suggestion of Indiana DNR officers, with whom Hayden said he met at the beach near the start of the season, swimming buoys were changed out for larger, more visible types and pulled in closer to the beach, so that the swimming area encompassed water only chest-deep to most adults.

All of this may have no bearing on the July 4 incident, since Lizcano-Fernandez appears to have died outside the swimming beach (and possibly after closing hours), but it does make the fact of a second drowning death within as many years tragically ironic.

One suggestion made via a reader on the Culver Citizen's Facebook page was that the beach actually be locked down after hours, partly to prevent small children from wandering into the water when no lifeguards are on duty to watch them.

The lake, as massive a body of water as it is, however, is still there and virtually impossible to close off to the public (and is doing so what we really want anyway?). In fact, the water itself is public property of the state of Indiana. That doesn't mean land access to it is public (clearly, since 99 percent of access to Lake Maxinkuckee today is private, a rather sad change for those of us who remember that it wasn't always so), but if one can get to the actual water, one is in a public space.

Further, the statistics on who most often drowns are somewhat surprising. It might be surprising to note that children tend to be least likely, since they're more likely to be closely supervised while at a beach or pool. Teens, perhaps due to the illusion of immortality many seem to experience, combined with the lack of supervision which sometimes accompanies their activities, are most likely, especially in lakes.

It's a topic for another column, but I've also been reflecting a lot lately on the losses to all of our lives as a result of the litigious nature of our society. Many of us remember a time when everything from water safety to land use, playground equipment to allowed activities, was much more neighborly because it could afford to be, without much fear of a lawsuit.

Sometimes, of course, becoming injured, or even dying, when engaged in certain activities, just happens. It's a great tragedy, and sometimes a frustratingly inexplicable one, especially when it happens to an especially innocent or kind-hearted person -- but it doesn't always mitigate the somewhat understandable human tendency to look for the person, group, or social problem to blame (if you're not familiar with this tendency, just watch the media after a tragedy, mass shooting, etc., as

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View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor



Alex Canacci and his mother Donna, both of Culver, enjoy the celebrations at Alex’s graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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tion as a student, including West Point.

“There was no question with Alex. His objective was to enter West Point. They wanted him and he wanted them,” recalled Ron.

After being interviewed by then U.S. Representative Joe Donnelly and recommended by him, Canacci received his letter in the fall of 2009, much earlier than is normally given to future cadets. Letters are generally received in the spring. During the three-day graduation celebration for West Point’s graduation, Alex and his family were invited to the Monday cadet awards ceremony, where he was presented with the MSG Burton Davidson Award for top overall academic performance, the Grade Point Average Award, the Highest Military Score Award, and the Highest Physical Score Award.

“You get graded on every little thing at West Point,” explained Alex.

The next day came as the largest shock to his parents, however, when Alex was presented with the Knox

Trophy, the oldest military award of the academy, given to the cadet with the highest rating for military efficiency. Alex though does not site glory as his driving force, but the ideals and principles that both his parents imparted to him.

“My parents, if they hadn’t built the foundation for me, I wouldn’t be who I am today,” he said. “My father taught me to finish what you start, to stay humble, and stay focused. It’s kind of my mantra.”

During the ceremony, Alex gave the trophy to his

father, who found himself “heart full of joy and eyes full tears.”

“I was humbled by it all because of his hard work. I just was really quite moved by it all,” Ron said. “When you go to West Point and visit the grounds and hear the history, hear about the great leaders that have been there, for him to achieve at that level made me proud. No one has ever gotten four out of five awards like that.”

Out of 1,100 graduates, Canacci was ranked 18th, in the top 2 percent of his class. Among the top percent, cadets are presented with their diplomas by the President of the United States, Barack Obama, whom Alex shook hands with.

“I gave it to my parents because I am a product of what they created,” said Alex. “I want to show them how what they did was important and helped make me who I am today. They’re really happy and they were touched about it and really proud. And they appreciate it.”

After graduating, Alex has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. to continue his training and is currently enrolled in the Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course. He will then be ranked as a Second Lieutenant.

“It teaches you the basic skills required to be an infantry officer,” he explained.

For 17 weeks, Alex will learn leadership skills while he prepares to serve five years of active duty service in return for the education he received free at West Point, in a contractual sense. Beyond that, Alex does not know for sure what his future may hold.

“I plan to stay in the army, but I might get married or I may stay on. No one knows what the future holds.” Alex wishes to continue being the best at everything that he sets his mind to. “I want to do my best and that doesn’t mean trampling others to do your best. You just do it 100 per-

cent and remember the others around you,” said Alex.

To Alex, it is those around you that support you and that you rely on. To him, “when those people are around you, you are influenced to make other around you better. Others lead you to success.” With this in mind, Alex has a bright outlook on his future career.

“I’m just excited to serve my country now and I’m looking forward to the future.”




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Washing for the Lions

Culver Academies students Landrum Neer (left) and James Jamieson washed a number of vehicles recently as part of their senior service project fund raiser for the Culver Lions Club.

The two juniors, both of Culver, held a weekend car wash in late June to raise funds for the club, which has helped sponsor local student attendance on Culver Academies mission trips, among other joint projects for several years.



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Magic (and science) in the air

LEFT: Magician CJ Ryan, right, gets a hand (or in this case, magic wiggling fingers) from audience member Isabelle Simmons at a recent performance at the Culver Public Library.

Part of the library's Summer Reading program, the show used magical illusions to illustrate scientific principles for audience members.

Science is the ongoing theme of this year's Summer Reading program, which continues through July and is offered at appropriate levels for all ages.



Minor injuries in SR 8, 17 accident

ABOVE: Suzanne Sage of Culver is sore but "thankful to be alive" (and in better condition than her vehicle, pictured here) after an accident last Weds. night at the intersection of State Roads 8 and 17 just north of Culver. Sage says she was south bound on SR 17 returning from Plymouth around 9 p.m. when a driver at the stop on SR 8 allegedly pressed the gas instead of the brake and entered the highway, where Sage's vehicle struck his. The other driver's name and condition were not known at press time, but Sage says she understands he had only minor injuries.

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town like Culver, local news (usually on page 1) mixed with county, regional, state, national, and world events, besides regularly appearing serialized novels -- sometimes occupying an entire page at a time. Local news meant something different than it does today as well. Besides obvious matters such as political doings, changes in business, and features, a considerable amount of newsprint each week was dedicated to "social" news: who visited whom, guest lists of dinner parties, and even news of who purchased a new automobile or decorated their store. Absent in today's privacy-conscious world are also reports of who is ill or injured (occasional reports of people suddenly "going insane" and committing some strange or horrible act appeared as well).

Social news was often broken into regional categories, such as Burr Oak, Hibbard, Washington Neighborhood, and DeLong news, Culver Academy news, and even news specifically of Culver's African-American community.

Early headlines tended to be far more colorful (such as noticed of a resident's death involving phrases like, "Grim reaper visits the home of..."), and article content unabashedly moralistic (an 1896 headline, for example, reads: "Should be Sent to the Pen: Scoundrel or Scoundrels That Commit Beastly Depredations"). Vivid -- if not exactly lurid -- descriptions of grisly injuries or horrific deaths were apparently not seen as adding to the grief of family and friends of the victim, if their frequency is any indication.

The economic realities of newspaper publishing were also apparent, the business likely no more profitable then than it is today. The editor occasionally appealed (or outright pleaded) to subscribers owing money to pay up, and offered to accept potatoes or other produce or services to cancel out the debt.

Nearpass published the Culver City Herald until April of 1903, when he sold it to J.H. Koontz, who in May, 1903 changed its name to The Culver Citizen.

Things had changed in Culver since the debut of The Marmont Herald. In a 1905 article, Koontz noted the paper had 2000 or more readers (though he notably does not suggest circulation was 2,000 -- he may have been printing only 500 copies and assuming four people read each one!), and certainly the printing quality had clearly



M.R. Robinson, the editor in charge of The Culver Citizen for the longest period, for 23 years from 1923 to 1946.

upgraded with newer equipment.

On April 1, 1906, Koontz passed the paper on to Arthur B. Holt, who Corwin writes oversaw the paper "through the years that saw Culver grow from a village to a town and the paper progressed accordingly."

Holt's long and, by all accounts quite stalwart tenure ended July 1, 1923, when he sold the paper to M.R. Robinson, who owned the Citizen for its longest term under a single owner, 23 years, during which it became a 16-page tabloid with seven 22-inch columns on the page and won both state and national prizes for reporting and editorials.

In February, 1949, Robinson sold the Citizen to Major (later Colonel) Charles Maull, with the redoubtable Robert Rust as editor. In May of 1950, Rust leased the paper from Maull and served as publisher and editor until June, 1953 when Chester Cleveland took

it over, under the banner of Culver Press, Inc. In 1967, it became part of the Indiana Press of Plymouth in 1967. Soon thereafter it was sold to the Independent-News Co. of Walkerton, whose publisher Robert E. Urbin assumed editorship.

John Houghton, in his "I Remember" column in the Citizen in the 1970s, describes those as "hard days for the Citizen (which was) often only a smeared, four-page tabloid. In May 1974, however, the newspaper got a new lease on life when Tom and Bernadette Zoss assumed control. Under their enthusiastic leadership, the Citizen acquired new computerized equipment, an increased circulation, new features, including Bob Kyle's 'Lake Water' and this column, and a new 'clean' image."

In September, 1974, however, the Zosses moved away and Nixon Newspapers Inc. purchased the Citizen. Harder days were ahead yet, as the Dec. 29, 1976 edition of the paper was announced as the very last one, after 82 years of publication. Culver news became a small subset of the weekly TV Plus publication for the next year and few months.

Thankfully, the Citizen rose from the proverbial ashes with the returning March 2, 1978 edition, published by the Tribune-News Publishing Company, Arlene Nix as editor. Dave Tranter became publisher of the Citizen the same year (he also published the Argos newspaper, so the two occasionally shared an oddly prevalent crossover of

coverage), though Nix continued as editor, observing life in Culver with her young family through regular columns.

Arlene Nix's legacy as editor has had a poignantly present-day impact, as her daughter, Deanna Allyn, has made a number of back issues of the paper available to the Antiquarian and Historical Society for digitization and preservation. As a result, they will be available for all to read and search through the AHS website, www.culverahs.com, in the coming months. More on that later.

In the summer of 1982, Bill Mitchell of Illinois took over publication of the Citizen, making his mark (in part through his chatty "Bill's Ballyhoo" page 1 columns) for the next seven years before selling the paper to Fred and Judy Karst in October of 1989.

The Karsts updated the look of the paper, Fred serving as publisher and Judy as editor, and several state and regional journalism awards were added to the Citizen's roster for their work.

Nine years later, the Culver Citizen was sold to Community Newspapers, Inc., which owned several area newspapers, including the Plymouth Pilot and the Knox Leader. Maggie Nixon served as editor initially, with Gloria Reed following for a handful of yeas and several short-lived editors holding the post. Current editor Jeff Kenney took over in August of 2007.

Possibly the biggest advance in news for Culver has been the advent of the Internet and increased availability and affordability of equipment to produce news digitally today, and make yesterday's news available as well.

Thus, not only can Culver news be presented and shared digitally through social media venues such as Facebook as well as on the Citizen's own website, www.culvercitizen.com, but projects can be undertaken such as the agreement between the Pilot News Group -- which regionally controls and manages the Citizen -- and the aforementioned Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, to make vintage and more recent Culver Citizens available for all.

On the AHS website, at culverahs.com/galleries/publications-gallery/newspapers, for example, virtually every edition of the Citizen (and its predecessor Heralds) from 1896 to 1908, are available. Further, as of this writing, the years 1950, 1960-1969, 1979, and 2008-2010 are available full-text, searchable and readable, with more in the works (hopefully eventually the entire run of the paper will be made available).

At the risk of what C.S. Lewis called "chronological snobbery," today's Culverites arguably could be -- as a result of the digital initiatives and possibilities -- at a point of significance for the journalistic fortunes of Culver, Indiana, comparable to that fateful day when George Nearpass tramped into town from the railroad, preparing to make the wheels of that hand crank whirl.

Tragedy from page 4

tify the guilty party or parties).

We still don't have answers as to the strangeness of the two drowning deaths within just over a year at or near our town beach, and after so many years of few or none. And perhaps we never will, other than that irritating truth that sometimes terrible things do happen, and we don't know the rhyme or reason.

I tend to lean towards a more old-fashioned approach to preventing accidents, injuries, and the like. While clearly

some things are just unsafe and should be corrected, all of our present-day fixation on safety and liability have not prevented two tragedies which didn't, ironically, occur during the decades of less focus on such matters.

That's not to say beachfront safety is unnecessary or a bad thing, of course. Instead, it's simply an observation of the fallacy of something that we perhaps tell ourselves all too often in our culture: that our technology, intelligence, and sincerity can prevent virtually all catastrophe. But, as

good as life often is, sometimes it's bad, and always, in the end, it's fatal. Sometimes I think the real trouble is our difficulty facing the implications of that.

That said, let's all remember Jose Cruz Lizcano-Fernandez's family in our prayers, and take the Indiana DNR's good advice to swim with a friend, and swim as safely as we can.



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Barnes graduates from CMA, receives McDonald Award for cultural contributions

Hayes D. Barnes of Culver graduated June 1 from Culver Military Academy as the recipient of the McDonald Award, one of the most prestigious student awards presented to members of the Class of 2014.

Selected by the faculty and staff, the McDonald Award goes to the first-classman (senior) who, by his individual work, example, and inspiration, has contributed materially to the betterment of cultural life at Culver. Selection is made by the faculty and staff.

Barnes, who will be attending Butler University, is the son of Mitch and Cory Barnes. Mitch Barnes is a Humanities instructor and the head coach of the speech team. Cory Barnes is the director of Academic Advising and teaches French.

Academically, Barnes was named to the Culver Chapter



of the Cum Laude Society, an academic honor organization for seniors. He earned six Gold A's (for a semester grade-point average of 3.7 or better) and two Silvers A (a GPA of 3.4 or better).

Barnes also earned Honors in Dance and was named to the Fine Arts Honor Society. He was named to the National French Honor Society, and was an AATF (American Association of French Teachers) Outstanding Senior in French.

Named MVP of the Speech Team, Barnes was a First Team All-State in Speech, placing runner-up in scripted duo and second runner-up in poetry.

As a senior, he was the unit commander of Company A and the Regimental Adjutant, the No. 2-ranking leader in the Corps of Cadets. Barnes held the ranks of Regimental Sergeant Major, Battalion Sergeant Major, and 1st Sergeant as a second-classman (junior). Additionally, he was a four-year member of

the Honor Guard, a military drill team, and a member of the Color Guard as a sophomore.

Barnes was equally successful on the athletic fields, lettering four years in football, three in basketball, and playing one year of rugby. He captained the varsity basketball team for two years. He was a freshman starting guard on the basketball team that advanced to the Indiana 3A state finals in March 2011. Barnes was a senior co-captain of the football team, a four-year starting quarterback, and was named Academic All-State.

His extracurricular involvements included four years with Relay For Life and the Special Olympics. He also was a member of Green Life, the campus environmental group, and the annual Multicultural Awareness Retreat. Barnes and his student collaborator also won \$5,000 in 2013 as winners of the Miclot Entrepreneurship Competition.

Locally, Barnes' volunteer and service activities include Grace United Church of Christ; BIRD, the local summer community service group; and BEAM, a Marshall County philanthropic group providing assistant to residents.

Marshall Co. Comm. Foundation grant workshop July 15

Second round applications due August 1

Grant applicants or those who want to learn more about the grant process at the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) are invited to attend a grant workshop from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15. This free introductory and help session will be held at MCCF offices in KeyBank, 2701 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. At 5:30 p.m., MCCF representatives will review general information and frequently asked questions. There will also be opportunity to address specific questions.

Applications are now being accepted for fall, 2014 grants from the General Endowment Fund at the MCCF. The General Endowment Fund is the most flexible and responsive of the Foundation's 318 funds. Grants from this endowment fund address needs throughout Marshall County typically focusing on the arts, education, health and human services, recreation and the environment. Members of the community evaluate proposals and conduct site visits during a competitive application process.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 1. Applications will then be reviewed by the MCCF Grants Committee and final decisions will be made by the Board of Directors during their September meeting. While applications that target educational needs in Marshall County continue to remain important to MCCF, all proposed projects will be reviewed on their merits and how they meet a variety of needs in the community.

Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following:

- Start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs
- One-time projects or needs

To be considered for this funding opportunity, an application which is available online at www.marshallcountycf.org is required.

Funding for the semiannual grants awarded by MCCF is made available through earnings on the Foundation's General Endowment Fund. Donations to the MCCF General Endowment Fund from individuals and corporations are always welcome and provide a way to make a permanent investment in the community for ever-changing needs. For more information, contact the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574.935.5159 or visit the MCCF website at www.marshallcountycf.org.



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New Culver Kiwanians

LEFT: Two recently inducted members of Culver's Kiwanis Club are pictured here, including, in the TOP PHOTO, Dawn Thomas (right) and in the BOTTOM PHOTO, Jim Peterson, both of Culver.

They're pictured with Kiwanis president Larry Brockey.

The Culver Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library in downtown Culver. Club news is also available via Facebook at www.facebook.com/CulverKiwanis.



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In case you’ve ever wondered about the ground-side of Culver fireworks...

ABOVE: Fireworks at Culver Academies on the 4th of July are a tradition a century old or perhaps more, but behind all the colorful explosions skyward is the work of the Culver fire department, a surprisingly modest number of whom make the whole show happen. That’s Dave McKee in the photo AT LEFT, shortly before the fireworks started on the Academies parade field, surveying the array of mortars which will make up the sequence of most of the show. At RIGHT is fire chief Terry Wakefield (right) and Denny Morrison prepare the grand finale, all of which is contained in that single rack. They were joined by assistant chief Ken VanDePutte and a few helpers. McKee notes the Academy selects and purchases the fireworks, and delivers them to the fire station practically ready to use, and the department takes charge of the actual show. He adds that the process was more complicated before a recent change in procedure which reduced the number of workers needed.

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A 4th of July picnic for the community

LEFT: Culver Bible Church on South Main Street held its monthly community meal Sunday evening with a special format for the Independence Day holiday weekend.

Church members served up hamburgers and hot dogs, along with an array of traditional picnic foods, outside the church as part of a special outdoor version of the meal, which is usually served in the church basement on the first Sunday of each month.

As is the case with monthly meals at Grace United Church of Christ (on the 15th of each month) and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church (the 30th of each month, with the exception of May through August), CBC meals are free and open to the entire community.

July book study at Wesley UMC

"When do our good intentions do more harm than good? Join Mary McDaniel, Wesley United Methodist Church pastor intern, in wrestling with this question and developing a service project that will do no harm and do good. Discussion about the book, "When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself," will be held each Thursday, July 3 through 24, at 7 p.m. in Wesley UMC Fellowship Hall. Summaries and discussion questions of each chapter will be provided by McDaniel, and reading the book is optional. Light refreshments will be provided. Those interested in joining the discussion and reaching out in a way that truly makes a difference, please attend.

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International high school exchange students seeking local host families

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Host families (traditional families, singles, empty nesters, etc.) serve as mentors and a home base for their student. Visiting students participate as active members of the family and integrate into their host’s daily routines and traditions just like any other family member. Hosting an international student is a great way to explore a new culture and promote a sense of lifelong learning and adventure.

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To learn more about how to make the dream come true for an international high school exchange student, contact Indiana representative Emily Rolin at e.rolin@international-experience.net 269-625-4662. Host families may review prospective student profiles online at ie-usa.org. Families interested in hosting this year must apply by August 15, 2014.

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policy committee. Stallings emphasized her thanks to volunteer and committee member Tom Kearns for his hours of work in putting together the policy, which she said will be posted on the town’s website. The board approved \$1,000 to restrain and clean the park’s gazebo, some of which Stallings said is rotting; she added the process should be done every two to three years but has not for some time.