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Tunes on a Maxinkuckee moonbeam

ABOVE: The annual The Ann M. Smitson Moonlight Serenade took place Friday night, with this year’s event transitioning to what appears to be a permanent change in schedule, from a two-night cruise to a single night. As in years past, members of the Culver Summer Naval Band serenaded the audience from the deck of the three-masted schooner, the RH Ledbetter, the largest inland boat in Indiana. This year, however, the boat sailed from the Culver Academies campus to the town park in Culver (pictured here), to the west shore of the lake, and finally to its conclusion on the east shore. The Moonlight Serenade began under the direction of then-Academies band director Col. Edward Payson in 1943.

In Brief

Lake Fest this wknd

The 31st annual Culver Lake Fest returns July 18 through 20, at the Culver town park. New features include the Max Factor talent show (replacing the Gong Show, Friday at 7 p.m.), while returning will be favorites such as the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, fun run, fireworks display, parade, car show, bass fishing tourney, bike ride, kids games, rides, vendors, and more. Visit www.culverlakefest.com for more information.

Canoe, kayak, and SUP poker run Friday

The third annual Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Lake Maxinkuckee Association Canoe, Kayak and SUP Poker Run will take place Fri., July 18. Launch will take place on the public beach by the lighthouse. Pre-registration is at 5:30 p.m. (the paddle begins at 6:50). Awards will take place at 8 p.m.

New at Lake Fest: The Max Factor

New at this year’s Lake Fest, and replacing Friday night’s “Gong Show” will be “The Max Factor Talent Show.” In previous years, organizers felt there were too few “gongs” and more talent that was brought to the stage. So festival-goers are encouraged to come out, bring lawn chairs, and be entertained by some local talented people. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first, second, and third place winners. The talent show begins at 7 p.m., following the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant at 6.

Fireworks donations sought

Community members are encouraged to help support the much-anticipated and spectacular fireworks display over Lake Maxinkuckee, which takes place Sat. night at 10 p.m. as part of the Culver Lake Fest. Those wishing to help offset the cost of the display may send donations to the Lake Fest Committee, P.O. Box 146, Culver, IN

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Culver-filmed movie ready for the market

"Little Savages" producer updates on feature film shot here last summer

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If there’s one oft-repeated question on the lips of Culverites since last summer -- and especially as this summer has fully settled in -- it’s, “What’s the latest on ‘Little Savages’?”

The not-so-good news is already apparent: the movie, which was shot in Culver last summer, has not yet hit cinemas across the world and become the instant hit most in the Culver area are hoping it will be -- again, not yet.

The good news is that the film is ready for the world to see, and it’s almost certain that those in Culver who wish to see it -- which will surely be a large contingency -- should have a chance this summer. In fact, early talks are in place for a special screening of the movie at this year’s Lake Max Film Festival on Labor Day weekend, where funds can be raised to help needy area families in need of winter warmth.

This according to James Simmons, producer of the movie and one of the founders of the production company responsible for its creation, Bearfruit Films.

For the uninitiated, “Little Savages” was described by Simmons and director Paul See Savages page 6

Bearing fruit through film -- in Culver and beyond

As mentioned in the accompanying article in this week’s edition of the *Citizen*, Bearfruit Films’ “Little Savages” has mostly completed post production and is expected to be screened in Culver sometime this summer, while the company seeks the best distribution entity it can find to promote the film nationally and hopefully internationally as well.

But the company (www.bearfruitfilms.com) hasn’t

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Wesley Church takes over former St. Mary's daycare

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver will be home to a new daycare this August -- or, depending on one's view, the relocation of a former daycare, one of just two Marshall County daycares south of Plymouth.

In the wake of the announcement of the closing of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's childcare ministry in Culver this past May, discussion ensued that Wesley United Methodist Church -- already home to a well-established preschool of nearly 50 years' longevity -- might take on the daycare.

After various meetings and discussion within the church, the final vote took place earlier this month at an all-church meeting

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Culver EMS transitions to new Advanced level, offers enhanced service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It may have done so quietly, but emergency medical aid in Culver passed a milestone recently, in moving its level of care for Culver area residents up a notch.

The buildup to the change was a topic of much discussion last year, with Culver's EMS service and town council wrestling with the feasibility of increased costs and training demands, though in the end, Culver-Union Twp. EMS director Brandon Cooper assured the council the service would be ready to meet state-mandated changes, which took effect July 1.

The service faced the choice of whether to lower its level of care to that of Basic EMS (which Cooper previously described as a 'band aid bus') or move to Advanced EMS status, one step below that of Paramedic, the highest level offered.

The State of Indiana, says Cooper, modeled its new EMS levels after national standards, essentially eliminating one of the four levels previously available and narrowing it to three.

The biggest cost in moving to the Advanced level of care, he explains, is the initial cost of equipment, as well as the ongoing cost of the newly-added drugs the EMS can now offer. The staffing needs differ little, he says, from the department's previous level of service, so the "day to day operating cost isn't any more expensive. It's just making sure you have the personnel and staffing, and trying to certify our volunteers to offset the cost of full and part time staff."

At present, Culver's EMS has two full-time and nine part-time staff members, in addition to 11 volunteers, all of whom assist in around 450 ambulance runs per year in the area.

So what's the difference?

Now that Culver is home to an Advanced EMS service, what changes will the average resident see? Medication, says Cooper

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Maxinkuckee Players to bring “Bye Bye Birdie” to the Culver stage

By Clare Nowalk
Correspondent

Culver has become more and more of a vacation destination, with people from all over the world traveling here looking for a home away from home, whether it is in the summer or the school year. With this in mind, it has become important for members of the community to find ways to bring each other together and celebrate what they love. This summer, the Culver Maxinkuckee Players have set out to do exactly that with their rendition of “Bye Bye Birdie.”

Started in 1980 with their opening show “Paint Your Wagon,” The Maxinkuckee Players have strived yearly to bring musical theatre lovers of the community and of Northern Indiana together to put on a show. “Bye Bye Birdie” will be The Players’ 35th show, and with so much experience behind them, the group is getting excited to perform.

Kathy Overmyer of Bremen was appointed this year’s director, and has added some fun and creative twists to the show. Overmyer has been with The Players for 14 summers, but this is the first show she has directed. However, she has served as musical director for seven of those shows and directed seven shows at Bremen High School, where she teaches vocal music.

After auditions in early May, the cast of 36 has been meeting four days a week for practices lasting between two and two and a half hours to rehearse the music, dance, and dialogue of the show. Members of the cast, along with their friends and family, and the rest of the crew members have also been congregating for a few hours every Saturday to build the set on which they will open the musical at the end of July.

To give a little background to the show itself, “Bye Bye Birdie,” originally titled “Let’s Go Steady,” is set in 1958 in the small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio. The show tells the story of a famous rock and roll singer, Conrad Birdie (Brad Foster), who is drafted into the army. His agent, Albert

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Culver faces tough choices in future of emergency medical care

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's EMS -- and by extension community as a whole -- is facing some difficult decisions in the present and future.

Money, of course, is the albatross around the neck of the service, as well as a great many others around the state. But what's specifically fueling the money woes is fairly standard from community to community, according to Cooper.

As regulations have become more demanding, more is expected from volunteers in terms of training hours -- 220 are required even for the lowest level of service, Basic EMS; the new Advanced level requires an additional 200 hours.

"That's a lot to ask of somebody you're paying full-time wages to," points out Cooper. "Let alone someone you're not paying at all."

The volunteers are often where the greatest lack, then, is felt. An EMS service can provide the two full-time paramedics around the clock, but likely struggles to fill the other required positions, which are either volunteer (increasingly less likely) or must become paid. It's a dra-

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Miss Maxinkuckee hopefuls

Contestants in this Friday evening's Miss Maxinkuckee pageant, which starts at 6 p.m. and will help kick off Lake Fest in the town park, were photographed last week in their respective age categories. Pictured at TOP LEFT: Princess Miss: (left to right), Maci Reinhold, Kali Loehmer. TOP RIGHT: Little Miss Maxinkuckee: Haley Wieringa, Reyonica Hunt, Tyra King, Luci Overmyer. LOWER LEFT: Junior Miss: Savannah Barnes, Joselyn Bennett, Paige Good, Abigail Johnson, Madison Reeder. LOWER RIGHT: Miss Maxinkuckee: Cheyenne Durbin, Breanna Cooper, Victoria Shank, Jade Overmyer,.



Corn roast, firemen's fest return July 26

A beloved Culver tradition returns next weekend with the annual Culver Lions Club corn roast and Culver firemen's festival, both at or adjacent to the town park on Lake Shore Drive. The corn roast -- centered around the Lions Club's train station - depot -- kicks off at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26 in the west end of the park, running to 7:30 p.m. Each meal includes hamburger, drink, and all the corn you can eat, for a donation of \$8 per adult and \$4 for children aged 12 and under. Carry outs are available. The firemen's festival is located across Lake Shore Drive from the park, in the firemen's lot at the northeast corner of State Street and Lake Shore Drive. A variety of games and prizes -- as well as the children's bounce house -- will be offered throughout.

Kiwanis raffle drawing Sat. night

The Culver Kiwanis Club's annual summer raffle is in its final days, with prize drawings slated to take place just after the Culver Lake Fest fireworks display this Saturday night, July 19 (the show will begin around 10 p.m.), First prize is a street ready golf cart valued at \$7,000 MSRP. Second prize is an Old Town Canoe with paddles (\$900 MSRP), and third prize is a Sit on Top Ocean Kayak with paddles (\$600 MSRP). Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased from any Kiwanis Club of Culver member. All proceeds go to four-year college scholarships for local children.

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per, is the big difference. "Prior to the change, we could start an IV, look at your

heart rhythm to determine what it's doing on a pretty basic level. We could give pretty basic medication, such as aspirin and oral glucose, and we could give oxygen."

Added is Narcan, used to treat drug overdoses; D50 and glucagon, which can be used to treat a patient unresponsive and thus unable to swallow but in need of low blood sugar remedy; albuterol for breathing treatments; epinephrine for bee stings and allergic reactions (previously the service could only administer an Epipin injection, with the new option saving the service \$150 at a time); and nitroglycerin for chest pain.

Cooper points out that before, if anyone complained of chest pain, the service's mandated protocols dictated that a paramedic assist had to be called (most likely from Plymouth, depending on location of the patient), whereas the option to administer nitroglycerin locally makes for a dramatic change.

Similarly, administering D50 for low blood sugar locally could remedy a patient's situation, whereas paramedics had to be called in before.

"(The new options) will hopefully save us on paramedic assists," Cooper adds. "It will solve lot of issues before you have to call in Plymouth or fly up to the hospital."

The other addition to CUTEMS' offerings is 12-lead EKGs, which take a "total picture" of a patient's heart activity. While the Culver EMS is still not allowed to interpret the data provided, that data can be instantly transmitted to the hospital en route using new monitors the service purchased, allowing diagnosis so the patient can either be taken to the hospital E.R. or by rapid transport.

'Rat-infested' site of Culver man's death to be demolished

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — Wes Burden of the Marshall County Health Department updated the Marshall County Board of Commissioners about the status of a house on south Redwood Road in Culver which authorities found infested with rats after the death of its 71-year-old occupant, Harvey Moore, in April.

During the July 7 commissioners meeting, Burden said the Husband Exterminator company was brought in to take care of the problem of rats and cats on the property. Burden has received a bid from Langfelt Construction for the demolition of the house. Now Burden will go to the County Council to request the additional appropri-

ations to cover the costs that are in excess of what is remaining in the budget.

Moore's neighbors had called police after not seeing him for some time, and emergency responders found the home filled with trash and a strong odor of animal droppings was noticeable.

County coronor Bill Cleavenger and deputy coroner Lilly Mansfield said numerous animal bite marks were discovered on the body. It was determined that Moore -- known to be a recluse -- had been in bad health lately and suffered from numerous health issues.

At the time, Cleavenger said "It is beyond imagination that anyone could have lived under these conditions for any period of time, without someone intervening."

"Even if it only helps once a year when somebody has a heart attack, if you can get that much quicker detection, you're better off," says Cooper.

That doesn't mean paramedic assists will be completely eliminated, says CUTEMS vice director Kim Irsa.

"We don't carry any narcotics or pain meds," she notes. "I find that we use Plymouth fire for their medical assists for a lot of our pain control. It's not going to take away all our calls for medic assists, but it's a good start.

"Hopefully one day we can move up to the paramedic level," Irsa adds. "That's the end goal, but it's a money and staffing issue."

"It's hard for somebody to realize that if you call the ambulance, two people will show up no matter what," Cooper says. "Joe citizen doesn't know the level of care we provide; they just know we're here to help you, and they assume that whatever they've seen on TV or in Chicago or New York, we'll provide the same level of care.

"Our ambulance is different than Plymouth or Argos. We want to make sure that if you're sick in Culver, Indiana, everything they can do in Chicago you can get here. It's not as important for certain instances. But it's the big stuff -- the full arrest of heart, for example -- it's the life-saving calls that people don't understand the difference in. They see we're here to help and we're doing everything we can, but as far as what we can and can't, there are still big differences. The new Advanced level is giving us more of an opportunity to provide care, but it's still not as high as we could."

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Obituaries

Mary McCaw Harris

May 18, 1938 - July 13, 2014

CULVER — Mary Harris, 76, of Culver passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2014 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Mary was born on May 18, 1938 to the late William and Annie (Stewart) McCaw. On Dec. 10, 1968 Mary married Robert Harris, who survives.

Mary was a great lover of animals domestic and wild, all of which frequently came to her for treats. She served as Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader in the Culver community, and is well remembered for her many years of service at the Culver Public Library. Above all, she cherished time spent with her family and especially her grandchildren on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Mary is survived by brother Bill (Gretchen) McCaw of Naples, Fla. and sister Margaret Kaczmarek of Ft. Myers, Fla. She is also survived by daughter Anne (Jack) Johnston of Culver and son Brian of Culver; stepdaughters

Laura (François) Lincoln of Gibsons, British Columbia and Karen of Culver; stepson Robert of Wilton Center, Ill.; grandchildren Selene and Eric Lincoln, Vicky and Annie Fillow, and Nora and Owen Johnston. She was preceded in death by stepdaughter Katherine.

Friends may join Mary's family in celebrating her life at Wesley United Methodist Church on Friday, July 18, 2014. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. with a memorial service and burial to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mary's memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

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

Loren R. Carswell

Sept. 5, 1931 – June 16, 2014



CULVER — Loren R. Carswell, 82, passed away in his home with his loving family by his side at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014.

St. Francis of Assisi's prayer begins with a timeless and sacred request, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."

Loren was born Sept. 5, 1931 to Roy and Lorna Dillingham Carswell in Bourbon. He graduated from Bourbon High School in

1949, Purdue University in 1953 with a degree in agriculture education, and earned his master's degree in science education in 1967 from Middle Tennessee State College. Loren was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army while stationed at Ft. Sill in Lawton, Okla. in 1953. After his service to his country, Loren began his distinguished teaching career in 1955 at West High School in Plymouth. He taught at La Paz, Culver, Kewanna, and Culver Military Academy and retired in 1992 after teaching biology there for 23 years.

When Loren was not in the classroom, he was busy coaching basketball and officiating baseball, basketball, and girls volleyball, for which he received the Interscholastic Official Association Award for Excellence in 1998. He volunteered for the Red Cross Bloodmobile and Meals on Wheels and was a member of Walnut Church of the Brethren in Argos where he was a deacon, sang in the choir, and served on many committees.

Loren married Susanna Burroughs on June 8, 1952 and they had four children; Gregory, Rae Anne, Karen, and Rhonda. Loren is survived by his wife Susanna, daughters Rae Anne Carswell, Karen Carswell, Rhonda Anderson, and grandchildren Tucker Anderson, Mitchell Anderson, Riley Carswell, and Bryce Carswell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Lewis and Willis, sister Marilyn Stewart, and son Gregory.

Loren Ralph Carswell lived his life as an instrument of the Lord's peace, love, and grace for 82 years. His devotion to his family, his church, and his community are evidence of a life lived to the fullest.

Visitation was from 3 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2014 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2014 in the Walnut Church of the Brethren, 5875 19th Road, Argos. Pastors Bob Rice and Richard Dean officiated. Visitation resumed one hour prior to the service in the church.

Burial was in the Walnut Church Cemetery in Argos with Military Honors provided by members of the Argos American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walnut Church of the Brethren Roof fund or Choir Fund, 5875 19th Road, Argos, IN 46501.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the website: www.johnson-danielson.com

Death notice

Pauline McVicker
July 11, 2014

CULVER — Pauline McVicker, 89, of Culver, died Friday, July 11, 2014.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox is in charge of arrangements.

Correction

In last week's coverage of storm damage in the Culver area, a wind-damaged tree pictured was incorrectly identified as being outside First Farmers Bank in Culver, when in fact the tree was located on the property of the First National Bank of Monterey on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. The Citizen regrets the error.

Council discusses complaint properties, passes Elkay abatement

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver could consider something along the lines or a board of public works to put a finer eye on remediation of problem properties in town.

Nothing official -- or even close to it -- towards that end emerged from last week's (July 8) meeting of Culver's town council, but there was discussion which began with audience queries about the high grass at a property at College Avenue and State Street on the north side of town.

The same property was the subject of discussion last year as well, when the owner told town officials --who approached him about the waist-high growth visible from the street -- that he was growing native grass in the front yard.

Town manager Dave Schoeff said town ordinances need to be more stringent and specific in order for him to take action on the property. He noted the ordinance states lawns should be mowed at least once per month, and as of now, the College Avenue property may be in conformity.

Also discussed was the height of grass at the former City Tavern building on Lake Shore Drive, which was cited as being owned by the same individual, though council member Ginny Munroe said the property reverted back to its previous owner.

It was agreed letters would be sent to the property owner.

Some audience members suggested that if uncut grass in town were addressed, houses one audience member described as looking like "meth houses" be considered as well.

Munroe noted that one house in question, on South Main Street, had already been examined, adding, "It takes an awful lot for them to condemn a house."

A house on West Jefferson was also cited as being unsightly and in need of redress by the town.

It was suggested the town look at surrounding towns' ordinances to create more stringent standards for Culver, something Schoeff said he had done, and that he was working on proposals for Culver. .

In discussing boards of public works operating for such purposes in other communities, Schoeff said unsightly properties seem to be a growing concern in Culver, though he suggested such matters raise questions as to when government is overstepping its bounds.

"You've got to be real careful when you're telling people how to take care of their homes," he added.

Also discussed was buckling concrete on the sidewalk outside 107 S. Main Street, with Schoeff explaining he's been in touch with the contractor who poured the concrete and hopes to have the matter remediated within a few weeks. He said several contractors and concrete experts had examined the buckling and "Frankly, everyone's baffled."

Tax abatement, other actions

The council held a public hearing, without comment from anyone in attendance, regarding a tax abatement for

the Elkay plant in Culver, which plans to add around \$1 million in equipment and approximately 100 new jobs over the course of the next few years. The abatement was approved by council.

Also approved on all three readings -- following another public hearing -- was the vacating of a town-owned right-of-way near Clymax Street on the west side of Culver, which will facilitate construction of a Culver Comm. High School student-built Building Trades house, according to attorney Jim Easterday, who made the request.

Passed on first reading only was legislation regarding the operation of off-road vehicles (commonly known as ATVs or UTVs) on the streets of Culver.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger explained the State of Indiana enacted a statute with various provisions to allow the vehicles to operate on roads, streets, and so forth, in conformity to local legislation. Clevenger noted town marshal Wayne Bean requested the vehicles be registered with the town -- similar to the manner of golf carts in recent years -- but that the town has no authority to levy additional registration fees (instead, local registration simply allows police to be aware of how many such vehicles are operating in Culver).

Other council actions included renewing the town's text alert and messaging service, at \$995 for the year; paying for testing of five water meters \$1,575 and one at the water plant for \$450; approval of the contract to supplement operations cost of the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center (at the request of town clerk Karen Heim); and \$4,450 for a new air conditioning unit for the town hall. Also approved was a request for a sign identifying the Visitor Center (as well as the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History) on the exterior wall of the First Farmers bank building.

In other discussion, Culver EMS director Brandon Cooper informed the council that the department passed state inspections and is now certified to operate under the new Advanced EMS designation, which went into effect statewide this month.

The council approved a request from Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield for repairs to the department's rescue boat, whose wiring he said apparently rodents had eaten. He noted he didn't have exact totals for the repair yet, and added the department's john boat and hovercraft are in working order, should a water rescue be necessary.

The council approved payment of \$13,679 in repairs to one of the department's main fire engines, something Wakefield said he has asked the township trustee to consider helping pay for. He said the department's maintenance budget is at 320 percent of normal, due to the unexpected cost.

It was also noted a public hearing to finalize Culver's comprehensive plan is scheduled for the July 22 council meeting.

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Culver siren explained in wake of recent severe storms

A number Culver residents expressed befuddlement over the tornado siren warning system put into use very early on the morning of June 30 during a severe storm which, in some parts of Marshall County, also meant a tornado touchdown.

As some readers noted, a tornado siren did sound between 12:30 and 1 a.m., during the storm. However, many in the Culver-Union Township area reported the siren as fairly faint, a puzzling fact given the volume of the downtown siren within the town of Culver, and several additional warning sirens placed so as to extend the warning signal evenly throughout the township but outside the limits of the town proper.

The explanation, received after print deadline last week, is that the standard tornado warning, which is initiated by Marshall County officials, was never put into play. Instead, those who heard a tornado siren only heard the one located on the campus of Culver Academies. School officials there opted to sound the warning largely to ensure their staff were aware of the impending severe storm and campers there taken to safety.

While Marshall County's county-wide (or Culver-Union Township area) siren can be alerted remotely by the county and does include the Academies campus siren, the Academies may also initiate their own siren without simultaneously sounding the alarm in a wider area.

What some Culverites heard during the storm, then, was a single siren on the campus.

Three tornadoes were confirmed to have touched down in Marshall County during the storm, though none in the Culver area.

Questions about the county's weather warning sirens

were raised at the most recent county commissioners' meeting last Monday.

"I have heard some rumblings out in the community about the weather sirens not being activated," said commissioner Kevin Overmyer. "Have we found out why or do we know what has happened?"

"As you all know I have no control over that," said county emergency management director Clyde Avery. "However I did get a couple citizens call asking about them not being activated."

The National Weather Service has nothing to do with the follow up about the sirens. Instead, that's the responsibility of members of the county to have a dedicated plan as far as who is responsible for activating those alarms.

"One of the things I really want to stress," said Avery "Warning sirens are not designed to warn people inside of buildings. That is why we constantly stress the importance of going out and purchasing an emergency alert radio."

The radio alert tone will go off during a warning issued by the NWS. The tone is set up to be loud enough to wake individuals from sleep if the storm passes through during the night. Commissioner Deb Griewank still had questions about the sirens.

"The weather radio is available out at the Sheriff's Department, obviously, and the Sheriff's Department are the ones that are in charge of pulling the sirens, correct?"

Avery responded, "Not for all the jurisdictions. They have access to some of the sirens that are located in the actual county, parts that are located in the rural parts of the county, down in Union Township. They do have the ability to activate Plymouth's sirens. I believe they also have the ability to activate Culver and Bourbon. Bremen

is responsible for taking care of Bremen and Lake of the Woods.

Avery continued, "Quite honestly there were a lot of things that, again as I have mentioned in previous reports, that need to be corrected. And we need to get people on board. And we need to get people to start cooperating with making sure we are implementing the plans that we have in place."

The Marshall County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is a guide for what emergency response agencies should do in the event of an emergency. It has specific steps for each agency to follow if and when an emergency event takes place. It is a requirement of the federal government, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS).

The purpose of the plan is to coordinate everyone's actions so that efforts are not duplicated and that emergency situations can be handled efficiently and effectively. The plan is currently being updated. It has been updated and submitted to the commissioners for their approval.

"My understanding, even with the updates, and last Tuesday's power outage in our building (the Marshall County building) if we would implement the new updates it still would not work," said Griewank. Avery acknowledged that was true due to the fact that they would then be relying on phones to communicate. There is only Avery in the office and two hands cannot answer six phones.

"I hate to be so blunt about it," Avery said, "but I don't know how many people are going to get hurt seriously or killed before we start doing the things we should be doing."

Diona Eskew contributed to this article.



A Lake Fest blast from the past

LEFT: A Citizen reader who shall remain nameless submitted this cover photo from the Culver Citizen in July, 1994, when Culver Comm. High School student Janette Doty was crowned Miss Maxinkuckee during kick-off festivities for that year's Culver Lake Fest.

Janette, whose last name today is Surrisi, has since then become involved in a number of local endeavors, for the former Surrisi art gallery in downtown Culver, to local politics, to a variety of local volunteering efforts. Her husband Sean is city attorney in nearby Plymouth.

The Oasis - a poem

Editor's note: the following poem appeared in the pages of The Culver City Herald (predecessor of The Culver Citizen) in the summer of 1897. Issues of the paper from that era and others may be viewed online at www.culverahs.com, the website of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Its the Lake called Maxenkuckee
The people love so well,
And of its scenes and pleasures too
We all do love to tell.
And 'round its shore and on the banks
To sit and walk and lounge
To look and see and feed upon
Tho sights that there abound.
To look into her peaceful face,
To feel her cooling breath,
To iisten to her gentle voice
Will sooth the savage breast,
But, be upon her broad expanse
When waves and billows roll
Will make you think the time has come
To hunt a safer hole.
Its to this lake the thousands come
To drive dull care away,
To lay themselves in natures arms
And rest the live long day.

They come by train and wagon way
By "foot-back" some do come,
For any way to reach this lake,
Is just the way for some.
Here lawyers, doctors, merchants come
And k'statesmen" great and small,
The politician may be seen
And with him too his gall.
The lover and his "choicest one"
Beneath a tree you'll see
But not a word will either speak
Nor is there room for three.
To go upon the lake's broad space
So wide, so deep, so clear,
To fiih, to sail or ride the waves
Is sport for thousands here,
O, yes indeed its quite a place
To rest, to "spark," to swim.
And one can
drink a "little bit" See Poem page 7

Letters to the editor

Danish student thankful for 'amazing year' in Culver

Dear Family, friends, and people of Culver,

About 11 months ago, when I arrived in Indiana, I didn't have the slightest idea about the affection that I now have, 11 months later, for this place. To be honest, I didn't even have the slightest idea what Indiana was like. I knew of Indiana Jones but that was about it. I had also heard that Indiana had a lot of corn, and after about 30 minutes of driving home from the airport, I could confirm that statement. Indiana had A LOT of corn. It was quite a change for me, and very different from what I had imagined America to be. Just like many other silly, perhaps unknowing, Europeans, I imagined the entire U.S. to be like California or New York, because that's all you hear about... No one ever mentions Indiana. So it was quite a realization when the reality struck me. 11 months later, I can honestly say that I wouldn't trade this place and this year for anything. If I hadn't come to Culver, Indiana, chances are that I would never have had the great opportunity to experience this place at its best, and most importantly meet so many great people. I can't imagine not having lived in Culver with all these people, and I'm so happy that I came here.

When I arrived in Culver, I immediately liked the little town. Culver is such a nice, charming town and I understand why so many people spend their summers here. Culver is the perfect getaway from the stress of bigger cities. It's the life in the slow lane which is part of Culver's

charm. It's not just a little vacation town. It's much more than that, and I'm gonna miss it a lot, when I leave.

However, what made this year memorable for me has to be all the great people I have met. From my host family "the Siebers" whom I think of as my American family, to all my great friends in school that I'm going to miss so much. But not only do I want to thank my friends and host family for a great year, I want to thank everyone else that made my year special. Thanks to all the people working at Culver Community High School. You all helped me a lot and made me feel comfortable. Thanks to all the nice people of Culver and thanks for all the kindness that you all meet me with, it's deeply appreciated.

However, the biggest "thank you" goes to my host family. I couldn't have asked for a better family. You guys went far beyond what you needed to do to make my year a good experience. You gave me so many great memories and you introduced me to your incredible family that I'm gonna miss a lot. You took a complete stranger into your family, and made my year perfect, and for that I am forever grateful.

Now, as I end this letter, I hope that you all understand how much I have enjoyed this place and this year. I'm always going to carry with me all the great memories that I have from this place, and I will come back many times to visit, that's a promise. To those people that I now call friends, thanks for everything and thanks for a great year. And to my closest friends here in Culver that I know I will see again -- thanks for an amazing year. See y'all in the future!

Sincerely,

**Henrik Bill
Denmark**

Editor's note: The above letter was written by a Danish exchange student who has just returned home to Denmark, having spent the past year as an Aspect Foundation exchange student attending Culver Community High School and staying with a local host family. Those who would like to learn more about how their family can host an international exchange student in Culver, contact local Aspect Foundation coordinator Debbie Houston at 765-730-313 or call the national office at 1-800-US-YOUTH. www.aspectfoundation.org.

Appreciation of McAllister rites

Dear friends,

Our family is so grateful for the tribute given to Jim McAllister on June 28 at Culver Masonic Cemetery. So many friends and family took the time to honor his dedication and accomplishments of his military career.

We particularly want to acknowledge Bill Wilson, editor of the Rochester Sentinel, for the publicity and for being our facilitator for the occasion. Jeff Kenney also wrote a great article in The Culver Citizen, and Tom Migonis for his immediate response, his professionalism and organization of everyone involved in the rites, Manitou Post #1343, Fulton County Honor Guard, Indiana Patriot Guard, and Culver Finney-Schilling Post #6919 for their participation.

Everyone in attendance remarked that the solemnity and professionalism of all involved made this a very meaningful event.

Thank you, each and every one, for making this possible. Our family is extremely grateful, and we know Jim's spirit was smiling down on us.

Sincerely,

**Harriet McAllister Provost
Martha McAllister and family
Brenda McAllister and family
Gwen McAllister Morett and family**

Lions backpack time

Dear Editor;

The Culver Lions will again collect monies and supplies for the Culver Elementary School systems, to make sure all students have the needed supplies. To give, you may contact any Lion, or call Jim Harper at 574-842-2962. Your response in the past has been very admirable, please continue the generosity.

**Jim Harper
Culver**

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Kiwanis golf outing this Friday

Culver's Kiwanis Club will again host their its Children's Youth Programs Charity Golf Scramble at the Pete and P.B. Dye designed Mystic Hills Golf Club Friday, July 18, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. (registration is at 8 a.m.). They invite all interested golfers to come join the fun. This year represents their 17th year at Mystic Hills Golf Club, and to date the event has raised over \$65,000 for local youth scholarships and other charitable endeavors. This year the funds will benefit the Culver Boys & Girls Club, Riley's Children's Hospital, and Kiwanis' Scholarship Endowment. Entry fees (\$280 per foursome or \$70 per individual) include 18 holes of golf, food, soft drinks, awards reception, door prizes, favors, good times, and great camaraderie. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$170 per hole. Please call Julie Bess (865-603-2241) if you have any questions or to enter a team.

Keep up with the latest Culver news online at www.culvercitizen.com and [facebook.com/culvercitizen](https://www.facebook.com/culvercitizen)

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Peterson (Thomas Boys), and Peterson's secretary Rose (Wendy Wise), hatch a plan to have Conrad give his "one last kiss" to a lucky girl selected at random from Conrad's devoted fan base. Secretly the pair is using the whole stunt to earn enough money for Peterson to go to college to study English and become a teacher, much to the disdain of his overbearing and somewhat racist mother. The fan, Kim MacAfee, has a bit of drama of her own as she tries to go from teen to woman within a matter of days, and starts "going steady" with Hugo Peabody. With a superstar, a protective mother, a jealous boyfriend, a carefree secretary, and a bunch of screaming girls, things couldn't be crazier in the little town of Sweet Apple, making it the perfect setting for a musical. Although this show isn't anything like the colorful operetta the Players put on last year ("Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat"), they are happy to say that the cast does feature quite a few younger members. The teen chorus brings some lighthearted and comical moments to the show, while the character of Kim's adorable younger



Teen chorus cast members in the Maxinkuckee Players' production of "Bye Bye Birdie" rehearse their dance number "A Lot of Livin' to Do" featuring lead characters Conrad Birdie (Brad Foster) and Kim MacAfee (Sarah Talley).

brother (played by Luke Shafer) will have you clutching your playbill and saying, "Aw," during his lines. There is still no shortage in adult performers and content in the show, however, and audiences can look forward to many laughs from characters such as Mr. MacAfee (Brian Liechty), Mrs. Peterson (Andrea Mallory), and many more. Becoming the characters they play has been a real joy for The Players, and no matter the size of the role each performer considers their contribution to be equally helpful toward making the show a success.

Culver studengts on IUSB Dean's List

SOUTH BEND - Charlotte Ridenour, Cassandra Van-Sky, and Jiabao Wang, all of Culver, have been named to the Deans' list for the spring semester at IU South Bend.

Culver's Hill graduates Franklin College

FRANKLIN — Franklin College 2014 commencement ceremony took place Saturday, May 24 in Spurlock Center Gymnasium on the Franklin College campus. A total of 212 students received an undergraduate degree. Lucas Nathan Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill of Culver, received a bachelor of arts in business (finance and international).

Overmyer says that, "Bye Bye Birdie' is a fun light hearted show. It will make you laugh and take you back to a simpler time in the 1950s. There is plenty of comedy and familiar music and well as entertaining dance numbers sure to get everyone's toes tapping." Audience members are sure to be entertained by the performance, and can get excited for a show that will leave them humming the catchy songs for days to come. All six of the Players' performances will be held in the Culver Community High School Auditorium. Tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for children 18 and under (opening night tickets will be \$5 for all ages.) The showings and times are listed below, but you can visit the Maxinkuckee Players and Singers website for more information.

Friday, July 25 - 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 27 - 4 p.m.; Weds., July 30 - 7:30 p.m.; Friday, August 1 - 7:30 p.m.; Sat., August 2 - 7:30 p.m.; Sunday August 3- 4:00 p.m.

Daycare from page 1

at Wesley, with a secret ballot (33 in favor and 17 opposed) open only to registered church members following a presentation on the pros and cons of establishing a childcare ministry there. This according to daycare director Sheryl Tompos, who will carry over her position -- along with three staff members -- from St. Mary's to Wesley. The new initiative begins as new Wesley Pastor Tom Harzula arrives at the church. St. Mary's childcare ministry fist opened in 2005, with Tompos beginning her tenure there the following year. Last year Tompos -- putting to use her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education -- succeeded former director Shannon Shepard, having already been assistant director since 2009. Current assistant director Rebecca Sorg -- employed with St. Mary's daycare since 2011 -- holds a BS in Psychology from Purdue University and brought a background in preschool teaching at Fort Wayne with her to the position. Tricia Mayer and Brittany Cowell, with St. Mary's daycare since 2008 and 2011, respectively, will also make the transition to Wesley. All staff are CPR and First Aid certified. "I'm sad that St. Mary's closed," Tompos comments, "but excited at the new opportunity to be at Wesley."

The new daycare at Wesley, says Tompos, will occupy the space which was formerly home to the church's preschool, in the west end of the church building on the ground floor. Items from St. Mary's former daycare -- which are being given by St. Mary's to the new operation -- were slated to be moved to the Wesley space this week. Tompos notes Wesley's preschool program will continue (and in fact, proximity between the two entities may make for an attractive combination for parents with children enrolled in both), though its specific location, in light of the change, is to be announced. Both are slated to open August 11, prior to the start of this school year. This in spite of the relatively short time frame allotted to complete paperwork and approval to open the daycare, though Tompos says the new Wesley operation will fall under a similar exemption to that put into place this past winter, when St. Mary's childcare ministry had to relocate to a temporary house site on 18B Road, due to frozen water pipes at its regular home on College Avenue. She notes 11 parents have already registered for the Wesley program, and she expects most or all from St. Mary's to transition to the new operation, which -- due to space configuration -- can accommodate 15 youngsters, a loss of just one from the 16 allowed at St. Mary's.

The new Wesley childcare ministry, Tompos explains, includes developmentally appropriate activities; exploration through dance, music, imagination, drawing, painting, and writing; circle time to enhance learning; Bible stories to build respect, care, kindness, and love towards others, and an emphasis on kindergarten prep. The ministry accepts children age 6 weeks through kindergarten and has an open door policy and relaxed schedule for infants, she adds. Daycare hours are 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The program, Tompos explains, will also follow the previous St. Mary's schedule of closing during the summer, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and spring break, though she emphasizes the need for summer care will be assessed down the road. Meanwhile, as reported in an earlier edition of The Culver Citizen, Culver's other daycare -- Max's Playhouse, one of only two fully licensed daycares in Marshall County, on State Road 10 -- is moving forward with renovations slated for completion by August to add a separate infant room. Max's mixed age group room will become toddlers only, and renovation will add six spaces to the program, according to owner and director Brandy Pohl.

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Tomborello as a family-friendly adventure set in Culver, Indiana, where virtually every scene was filmed.

In fact, the small, independent Bearfruit Films took an unusual approach to the shooting of the movie: cast and crew were housed and in many cases fed and entertained in the Culver area with the support of local businesses, entities, and individuals. The upshot for Culver was the prominence of the community within the movie itself, as a slate of well-known actors shot scenes in familiar locales such as the Original Root Beer Stand, Culver Marina, Lakehouse Grille, Culver Academies, and more.

When first proposing to shoot “Savages” here, Simmons expressed hope of securing one or two nationally known stars of Disney television series; instead, over a dozen name actors from a variety of television and Hollywood productions spent the month of August in Culver, interacting between takes with local well-wishers and local extras, and by all accounts cast and crew had an extremely positive experience here.

“The movie was practically co-produced by Bearfruit Films and the town of Culver and Culver Academies,” Simmons says. “A number of the actors said it was the most enjoyable production they’ve ever been a part of. They loved the lake days, the restaurants, the Academy – they loved Culver. If we called them and said, ‘We sold the film for \$5 million and they want to film a ‘Little Savages 2,’ they’d all say, ‘I’m in.’”

Simmons says he’s screening the current cut of the film to investors and friends and gathering edit notes and feedback for a final edit. The current cut is also being shopped to large distributors, and Bearfruit has already received at least one offer and a number of requests to view the film, from smaller distributors, he adds.

Simmons emphasizes that less than a year to arrive at the finished, polished product that “Little Savages” is today is actually quite remarkable. Famed film composer Aaron Zigman (who scored such films as “The Notebook,” “Bridge to Terebithia,” and “Sex in the City,” among others) supervised the score that was just recently added.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
“Little Savages” movie producer James Simmons (second from right) alongside co-producer Phil Glasser (left) and lead actors Noah Lomax (center) and Katherine McNamara (right) during shooting of the movie last summer, in this case at “Cherry Villa,” the former Barnes cottage on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee.

He notes there were “thousands of hours” of footage and multiple takes shot with more than one camera, and that voice-overs and other audio corrections needed to be made.

Simmons, who stopped briefly by the Antiquarian and

Historical Society of Culver’s annual meeting at the Culver Public Library Saturday morning to deliver an update on the movie, told the audience there that the filmmakers “wanted every second to be perfect” in the finished product, even if it meant taking longer to release the film than it otherwise would have.

Bearfruit Films is, as Simmons put it while addressing the Antiquarian audience, only the production company, but someone with the know-how and ability needs to get the film in front of audiences. That will mean, initially, in US movie theaters, with DVD availability and international distribution to follow.

Meantime, the producer and his family are actually spending this summer in Culver. He has assisted Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History (www.culver-ahs.com) director Anna Campbell with creation of a **special exhibit** at the museum, 102 W. Jefferson St., Suite B (inside the First Farmers Bank building) in downtown Culver. Featured will be original props and other items used in conjunction with the movie, as well as exclusive video content focusing on the production, including a trailer available for viewing only at the museum, starting this weekend.

Simmons will be on hand at **the Antiquarian booth at Culver’s Lake Fest** this weekend as well, where a special exhibit will focus on the history of Culver’s relationship with Hollywood.

More information on the movie will be featured in *The Culver Citizen* as it becomes available, and a review of a special screener of the movie provided to the *Citizen’s* editor is planned for the next edition of the paper.

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matically different situation than Culver faced when its EMS service began in 1979.

And one area Culver differs from some communities is in the pool it has to draw from for volunteers. While a community the size of Plymouth clearly has tens of thousands more potential volunteers, Culver not only suffers from an already small population base to begin with, but does so even more today than in decades past, as the year-round population of Culver continues to dwindle and its already-small resident pool ages.

Compounding the complexities in finances is the fact that, according to Cooper, it's difficult to pinpoint exactly how much income the EMS will bring in each year; that depends on a complex mix of how much patients do or don't pay, and how insurance companies handle payment.

"Insurance has changed, and if you don't need an ambulance, if you call we have to come. We can't say, 'No.' We have to take you (to the hospital), but we can't make you pay in the long run. It gets frustrating at times, but if you call, we haul."

And, he adds, "Obamacare really hurt us. Our part-timers were working whatever shifts they wanted. Now, with

12-hour shifts you can work up to 60 hours and after so long you have to offer them insurance. If we had to do that, it would really hurt."

Pay also has to stay competitive with surrounding communities, he says.

"Kim could go work in South Bend and make a lot more money, but she cares about Culver. But we have to stay competitive to keep her, and so many people are the same way."

Future options

The question of Culver transitioning to a paramedic service also received a good deal of attention, but a few years prior to the advent of the new, state-mandated levels in effect today. Back then, the notion was ultimately dropped as too costly. Cooper, however, points out that the new Advanced level CUTEMS has attained is very close to paramedic in terms of equipment. Instead it's the medication and personnel which add the most cost.

"It's the staffing more than anything," he says.

Basically, according to Cooper, the paramedic level includes the same staffing requirements: one advanced EMT and an ambulance driver, 24 hours per day. The problem facing Culver's service, however, is getting its volunteers certified. The department recently offered a class here which five people took advantage of -- four volunteers and one full-time staff member. The next step is attaining national level certification. Everything was slower than expected, says Cooper, with regards to state certification; he notes even the state instructor said the whole process was all new for him as well.

During CUTEMS' state inspection a few weeks ago, that inspector noted virtually every EMS department statewide is facing similar challenges.

"Politicians made the decision (to change the state's EMS certification levels) without asking people in the field what makes the most sense," says Cooper.

"So now we're trying to adjust to try to figure out how to integrate that into what we're doing."

All of Culver's part-time EMTs are actually paramedics, though at present there are many life-saving skills they're not legally allowed to use on the job. But, says Cooper, Culver does have the staffing to provide those services if it transitioned to a paramedic service.

"People don't understand and don't care until it's their family member or loved one. For \$50 more per family per year, we could provide that. That's what's tough."

He adds that he understands council members' budget concerns, but "you're talking about lives. It's not a new sewer truck, it's somebody's life. Kim (Irsa) and I both live in town -- it could be you or me or somebody else."

Cooper adds that the service intends to push for a third full-time EMS staffer at budget time, later this month, primarily due to the dearth of coverage when someone is sick or asks for time off.

"It will cost more money. But if you look at the long run, you have to have somebody here anyway, whether it's a part or full-timer."

In fact, he's hoping the third full-timer could also be the EMS director, a position he found himself with on a volunteer basis in spite of being a full-time police officer for Marshall County, among other time constraints.

"A volunteer director is unheard of anymore," he says. "I enjoy it, but it's not something I want to do. I would love to continue to volunteer."

Other future alternatives include moving to a county-wide system as other communities use, but they do so by relying heavily on fire department members to be first responders.

"So if you live in Ora, for instance, or somewhere in the county where there's no ambulance close by, their fire department can act as a first responder," Cooper explains. "Monterey is an example; their firemen can give oxygen and help package patients for transport."

Another option for the future could be an EMS territory. Similar to already-existing fire territories, such a paradigm allow a service like Culver to partner with geographically logical townships and/or communities, establishing a tax base undergirded by the territory as its own board-governed taxing entity, which should adequately fund the service and do so in a manner accepted by the State of Indiana.

Culver could, for example, partner with West Township or Monterey to form such a territory.

At present, says Cooper, EMS territories are in the discussion stages by the state legislature.

The main drawback, Cooper explains, would be the difficulty of changing established patterns of staffing and ambulance usage over the course of years.

In the end, Cooper surmises, the community must decide what it thinks best.

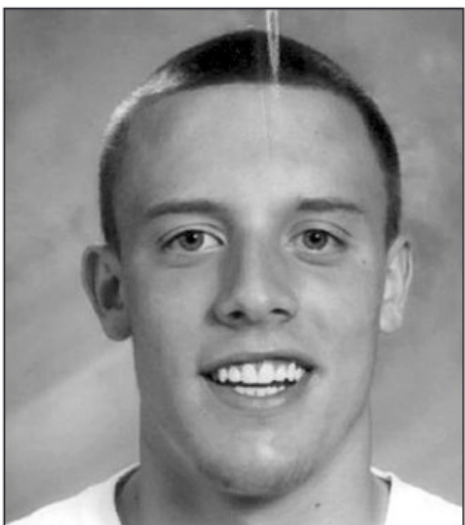
"We're still not going to have volunteers, whether we're an Advanced or Basic service. What are you saving in the long run? I want what's best for my family and community. It comes down to dollars and cents."

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10-year Marshall County 4H members from Union Township

ARGOS - 10-year members of Marshall County 4H from Union Township, recognized at this year’s fair include: Trent Elliott, son of Kyle and Lori Elliott; Saman-

tha Howard, daughter of Scott and Dianna Howard; Kay-la Shaffer, daughter of Don and Susan Shaffer; Michael Skiles, son of Jack Skiles and Patricia Herrell.

This year’s fair started Sunday and will conclude Saturday, July 19.

Strange lights over Lake Maxinkuckee raise questions

More than one Citizen reader contacted the editor over the weekend inquiring as to the origins of what reader Sue Roth described on the Citizen’s Facebook page as, "Several well spaced lights, from the south, heading west around the lake."

So far, no one has submitted a theory or explanation, though others have acknowledged seeing the lights, which Roth and others reported seeing the evening of Saturday, July 12.

Roth added, "This may have been happening all summer, and we just noticed!"

Presumably the occurrence won't evolve into similar consideration as a November 19, 1990 article in The Culver Citizen entitled, "The Many Lights Of Culver."

It was noted in that article that, "Reported sightings of unidentified bright lights in the sky have dozens of residents in this small farming town thinking about close encounters, possibly of the third kind."

A number of readers reported seeing "strange light patterns hovering above the town's landscape" since early October of that year.

Then-editor of the Citizen, Fred Karst, reported the pa-

per had logged "quite a number of calls" about possible unidentified flying objects around this period, and Karst himself even reported strange lights in the sky the evening of Oct. 4.

At the time, Lt. Bill Harrison of Grissom Air Force Base said none of the lights resembled aircraft emanating from the base.

Present-day Citizen readers with an explanation (or reasonable theory) as to last weekend's light show are encouraged to contact the Citizen at 574-216-0075 or culvercitizen@gmail.com.

Poem from page 4

Or “fill-up to the brim.”
Numerous little cottage homes
ith flowers gardeus round,
With hammocks swinging here and there
And music’s charming sound,
With little children, boys and girls
And mammas, papas too
Are here and there in family groups,
As they are wont to do.
For there’s no sport of any kind
To high or low in price
That is not here for all for to get
And all of Course is nice.
The "strait and narrow path” is closed
The “broad road” has no gate
You take your choice and pass along
From early morn till late.
Its from this lake that nature makes
The tons and tons of ice
That's shipped around in summer time

For use "veil water's ice.”
There are three handsome steam-boats here
The “Peerless” and “McSheehy,”
But the favorite of the people
Is the “Aubbeenaubbee”
There are six hotels 'round the lake
here’s boarding houses too
You take your choice and pay the price
Aud eat till you get through.
"Old Maxenkuckee” feeds all well
Its natures paradise.
You take a bath in summertime
In winter get your ice.
“Culver” Military school is here
Where students by the score
Are taught the "art" of soldier life
On Maxenkuckee’s shore.
“H. H. C—, the grand “ old man”
The founder of this school
As one of God's phiiantrophers

Obeys the "golden rule.”
He is a man in thought and life—
A benefactor sure
He’s made this lake and ‘Culver town’
The place where pleasures cure—
The ills that disappointments-cause
And business cares indict
And never has he failed to tight
In natures fierce conflict.
Every heart has sorrowed much
Because afflictions hand
Has laid its blight upon the health
Of this, dear good old, man :
But we’re told he's "pulling through."
May God his health restore
For never will another come
To Maxenkuckee’s shore.

-H. E. Winks.

Bearfruit from page 1

been resting on its laurels in the wake of filming ‘Savages’ last summer. Its first film, “Rumors of Wars,” was screened in select theatres around the country this past spring, will play in thousands of churches this fall, and is scheduled for DVD release in November.

Meantime, the company shot a new movie, “The Griddle House,” based on a successful Nashville, Tenn. stage production, this past March. That film, which includes television star Luke Perry as one of the leads, is presently in post-production.

Numerous other projects are in development for the next two years, including a movie currently being prepped to film in Grand Rapids,



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

The cast and crew of “Little Savages” pause during shooting at the Original Root Beer Stand in Culver, for a group photo during shooting of the movie last July.

Michigan, which is partly what brought “Little Savages” producer and Bearfruit co-founder James Simmons and his family back to Culver for the summer and into late October.

While Simmons says his family’s stay here was unplanned (though welcome), their return to Culver proved Providential, partly because the family simply loves Culver (a love which precedes last summer’s “Little Savages” experience; Simmons’ wife summered here every summer until her early 20’s, and the two have great memories of spending time here early in their relationship). And partly the location is helpful in his work shooting in Grand Rapids, and he’s happy to connect with the local friends and investors who helped produce “Savages,” as he continues to grow Bearfruit Films and develop future projects.



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ISP warns of telephone scam

The Indiana State Police are warning the public of a scam that has moved to Indiana. It seems as quickly as you hear about one scam it disappears and another one starts. The latest scam that is circulating involves individuals claiming to be from the IRS.

Officials are investigating a phone scam involving callers who impersonate Internal Revenue Service represen-

tatives and demand immediate payments with pre-paid debit cards and wire transfers. The caller often claims the victim owes thousands of dollars in overdue taxes. According to the IRS the agency would always make contact with the taxpayer first by mail or with a personal visit.

The scam continues when the caller tells the victim he cannot use standard forms of payment, specifically a cred-

it card to pay the taxes. The caller tries to justify why the money has to be wired to a PayPal account or paid using a prepaid debit card. If the caller is unsuccessful talking to the victim the scammer will then threaten the victim with an arrest warrant. The IRS doesn't have the authority to issue warrants.

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'I Am an Artist' classes Sunday

"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. Classes will take place outside the Culver Lions Club depot-train station, under its awning, at 615 Lakeshore Drive, Culver. To register, visit www.unlockedcreativity.com or email shelly@unlockedcreativity.com.

Public hearing on comprehensive plan July 22

The Culver town council will hold a public hearing July 22 at 6:30 p.m., at the Culver town hall located at 200 E. Washington Street, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. 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.

Sidewalk days July 25-26

Culver's annual sidewalk days will take place Fri., July 25 and Sat., July 26, outside participating retail outlets in the downtown Culver area, during normal business hours.

July book study at Wesley UMC

Discussion about the book, "When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself," will be held each Thursday, July 17 through 24, at 7 p.m. in Wesley UMC Fellowship Hall. Summaries and discussion questions of each chapter will be provided by Mary McDaniel, Wesley United Methodist Church pastor intern, and reading the book is optional. Light refreshments will be provided.

Computer classes in July

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes in July on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., including Social Media (July 18); and Cloud Storage (July 21 and 25) Bring your own computer or use one of ours.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Garrison parades move to Saturdays, 7 p.m.

The Garrison Parade for Culver Summer Schools & Camps is being moved to Saturdays at 7 p.m. EDT for the 2014 summer. The parades are held on the Henderson Parade Field south of the Vaughn Equestrian Center. The traditional Woodcraft Council Fire is also on Saturday and

will now begin at 9:30 p.m.

Carillon recitals every Saturday

Carillon recitals at Culver Academies' Memorial Chapel take place each Saturday through July 26 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome to attend these free event.

CBGC Kidstop program

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 Elementary School.

Applicants sought for school board

Culver Community Schools Corporation is seeking applicants to be considered by the remainder of the board to serve as a replacement following the resignation of a board member. The applicant must reside within the boundaries of District 5 - Culver. Interested individuals should address a letter by Monday, July 14 to Superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire or Board President Mr. Jack Jones, Culver Community Schools Corporation, 700 School Street (location), P.O. Box 231 (mailing address), Culver, Indiana 46511-0231. Any questions can be directed to Superintendent McGuire at 574-842-3364.

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. This beautiful, patriotic display will be available through mid-August 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

Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 9

The Lake Max Triathlon launches Sat., Aug. 9, from Culver Academies campus. The USAT-certified triathlon is a 400-meter swim, 12 miles of biking around the lake, and a 5K run. Teams are welcome New this year will be the Lake Max Kids Triathlon with reduced distances. All proceeds collected are donated to the local Lions, Kiwanis and Culver clubs to help with their humanitarian causes. Register online at culver.org/lakemaxtriathlon. Those wishing to spend the weekend can check here for accommodations.

International exchange students seeking local host families

Visiting students, ages 15 to 18, from around the world

are seeking host families in and around Culver for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic school year. Host families are needed for the fall semester and full school year. iE-USA, the sponsoring program, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and understanding through intercultural and academic exchange. To learn more, 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.

Friends offer weekly book sales

As a new offering this summer, the Friends of the Culver Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale every Saturday starting May 17 and ending August 30. Hours are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The book sales will be in the Carnegie Room, in the lower level of the library. To donate books, bring them to the the library during library hours.

Farmer's Market open

The Culver Farmer's Market is open Saturdays at the northwest corner of Main and Ohio Streets, across from CVS. The market will have new hours this year, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Interested vendors please call at 574-842-2648 (ask for Barb).

Schools seek input on Eastern Pulaski bus route

Culver Comm. Schools Corp. is considering running a bus route for any student(s) in the Eastern Pulaski area who would be interested in attending Culver Community Schools in the fall. This would be transportation and tuition free services to the students that enroll for the 2014-2015 school year. Those interested are encouraged to contact the Administration office at 574-842-3364.

CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

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 set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

CHS reunion revelers

Several Culver High School classes were part of the annual CHS reunion last month, which especially honored the 50-year class of 1964, as well as other classes ending in "4" and "9." The reunion, held in the Culver Elementary gymnasium (which for many years was the CHS gymnasium), included a catered meal and slideshows of vintage images of CHS class members, as organized by Tom Curtis of Culver.

Pictured in the TOP PHOTO are members of the class of 1964. Front row left to right: Pam Phelps (Clark), Bonnie Saft, Beverly Barshe (Wolfe), Martha McAllister, Sharon McGaffey (Randel). Back row left to right: Diana Boots (Martin), Sharon Norris (Miesel), Lucy Osborn, Janet Beck, Nora Sheppard (Johnson), Bob Carter, Charles Snyder, Ned Davis.

Pictured in the LOWER PHOTO are members of the class of 1954. Front row, from left: Sue Andrews Hinsey, Dorothy Swoverland Overmyer, Nancy Morrison Kersey, Virginia Lesko Novak, Jean Curtis Sisk, Barbara Porter Jones, Patricia McGaffey Birk, Lucille White Bradley. Second row: Marilyn Mikesell Dillard, Larry Lindvall, David Osborn, John Middleton, Jim Jones, Sandra Fitterling Keyser, Sandra Hoesel Middleton. Third row: Gary Bennett, Roger Wise, Henry Lewis.

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them, the calls are originating from cell phones or over the internet from all over the U.S. and tracking down the 21st century con artist is no easy task. The state police feel that a well informed public is the best defense in combating scammers and remind everyone that these phone scams and cyber crimes are becoming commonplace.

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Board-Certified Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Gina Moore is relocating
her practice from Plymouth to
Woodlawn Medical Professionals,
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Monday, July 14

Gina received her Doctorate of Nursing
Practice (DNP) from Valparaiso
University. She currently teaches for
Valparaiso University in the undergraduate
nursing program as an adjunct clinical
instructor.

Gina has 11 years of experience as a nurse
practitioner. She is a board-certified family
nurse practitioner by the American
Nurses Credentialing Center. Gina has
7 years experience as a Certified Diabetes
Educator (CDE) by the National
Certification Board for Diabetes Educators.

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