



# The Culver Citizen

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## Culver Summer Camps sail away for 2014...

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ABOVE: A magnificent scene which greeted those who passed by or stopped in to Culver Academies campus was the daily sight of Culver Upper Camps' sailboats, Sunfish, and (seen here in the background) the three-masted schooner the RH Ledbetter. Culver's regular, six-week camp session ended last weekend (Family Camp is in session this week), one sign of the winding down of summer (to accompany the onset of Culver's public schools on Aug. 12). Culver Academies' boarding school session begins Aug. 26.

## In Brief

### VFW Ladies dinner Friday

Culver's VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary will be offering roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, a veggie salad, and dessert for \$9, as well as an open menu, at their dinner this Fri., Aug 8, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

### Quilters launch exhibit Friday at MoonTree

The Susanna Quilters of Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church will present their Quilted Creations at MoonTree Studios & Gallery from Aug. 9 through Sept. 5. There will be an opening reception with Susanna members Saturday, August 9 at MoonTree Studios from 1 to 3 p.m. Gallery is open Monday through Friday and on the last Sunday of each month. MoonTree is located at 9601 Union Road in Pymouth and may be reached by phone at 574-935-1712 or online via moontreestudios.org.

### Board openings in Culver

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for an opening on the Library Board and Tree Commission. If you are willing to serve, please submit your letter to Town Hall no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 12.

### Euchre, pinochle club

The public is welcome to take part in a new euchre and pinochle club meeting Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Library, 107 North Main Street in downtown Culver, in the lower level conference room.

### CBGC open house Aug. 8

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house at the Culver Elementary School on Friday, August 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. The public is invited to drop by, observe, and learn more about the club, which meets weekday afternoons during the school year and

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## Special Culver Community 'back-to-school' coverage 2014 - 15

## New school year brings changes in teachers, administration

As reported in previous editions of The Culver Citizen, there are several new faces in administration at Culver Community Schools, but the new school year launching Aug. 12 will also bring a host of new teachers to the school's hallways, in addition to several changes within the ranks of ongoing faculty members.

Director of operations/curriculum Chuck Kitchell reports there are six new hires already confirmed, with eight additional changes expected to be approved by the school board at its next meeting (that meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18, though Kitchell says it's hoped a meeting may be held this week, to formalize several positions in time for the start of school). All six currently confirmed are at the middle and high school level.

Darren Rodriguez is Culver Comm. High School's new varsity football coach, as well as a special education teacher at the school.

Kitchell says Culver Comm. Schools is "excited" at Rodriguez's arrival here from West Central, where he was "very much aware" of CCHS, having coached against its team as that school's varsity football coach many times in the past.

Haidee Temme, arriving from Oregon-Davis schools, will fill another special education post, this one primarily at the middle school. Temme, notes Kitchell, is from the area, so coming to Culver Community represents a kind of "coming home."

Mark Ringenberg will take over the business teaching post from Eugene Baker. Kitchell notes this is Ringenberg's first year teaching and he's "super excited."

Casey Earl will take over the high school English teaching post from Luke Biernacki, who has moved to the assistant principal and athletic director's position for both the high and middle schools.

Charles Karamon will take over the high school Mathematics courses formerly helmed by Mike Buschman, who has moved on. Karamon is already familiar with the area, explains Kitchell, having worked for Culver Academies summer camps.

Liz Pitera, also a local area resident who has substitute taught in the Culver system for several years, will now be the Culver Comm. Middle School 8th grade English teacher.

"We're super pleased with all of them," adds Kitchell.

Kitchell, who served as Culver Elementary School Principal since 1997, was appointed earlier this year as the Director of Operations/Focusing on Curriculum for the corporation.

"I'm excited about the change," he says of his own new post. "I look forward to having my hand in so much more of our corporation."

That includes a wide range of work, including oversight of the buildings and grounds and assisting the "young administrators" at all of the corporation's school buildings, as well as helping to steer curriculum and improve scores.

"I appreciate the opportunity to suddenly take on more responsibility in the corporation," he adds.

Previously reported changes kicking off this fall include the appointment of Erin Prosky, former elementary assistant principal, as principal of Culver Elementary School. The position of assistant principal at Culver Elementary will be filled by former middle school principal Julie Berndt, who will also be the Title 1 Director for the corporation.

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## Award-winning novelist Crandall in Culver Aug. 25

Award-winning novelist Susan Crandall will make an appearance in Culver on Monday, Aug. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. for a reception and book signing at Elizabeth's Garden - Flea Market Chic, 104 N. Plymouth Street.

The main focus of the event is on tling Past the Graveyard," which Feb. 4, and is the Target Book published in a cloth edition in 2013, pendent Bookseller Bestseller, Pick, and gained national "Graveyard" is Crandall's the genre of historical fiction, of-age story about a pre-co (more information is available

Amy Rubinate, who provided the voice for 'Graveyard's audio book version, re-en Earphones Award for her Crandall has gained network, especially in writing "Graveyard," though ahead



Crandall's latest novel, "Whis- had its paperback release on Club pick for February. Pub- it became a Southern Inde- an Okra Pick, an Indie Next critical attention.

tenth novel and her first in and is a 1963-set coming-cious nine-year-old girl at [www.susancrandall.net](http://www.susancrandall.net)). ed the voice for 'Grave- ceived the national Gold- work on the book. tional attention for her

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## Republican caucus will narrow town council candidates

A Republican caucus/convention will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 7, at the Culver Public Library, 107 N Main Street, to choose Republican representatives of the town of Culver on the ballot to fill vacancies for the Culver town council.

Republicans running to occupy seats on the council include David A Beggs, Robert K. Cooper, Jean H Rakish, Judith Sally Ricciardi, and Gilbert Standley. Libertarian Joel R. Samuelson is also in the running.

Council seats up this fall are those of current members Lynn Overmyer (who has announced she will not seek re-election) and Ricciardi, both Republicans. A third seat will be vacated when current councilman Bill Githens takes office in January as a member of the Marshall County council.

Doors at the caucus are locked at 7 p.m. and those in attendance must present a photo ID, according to David R. Holmes, Chairman, Marshall County Republicans.

## Campers learned 'Harry Potter'-inspired quidditch at Culver

**Editor's note:** The following article is reprinted, with permission, from [www.usquidditch.org](http://www.usquidditch.org), the website of US Quidditch, which is "dedicated to governing the sport of quidditch and inspiring young people to lead physically active and socially engaged lives."

Quidditch, for the uninitiated, started as a game played by characters in the fictional "Harry Potter" series of novels and movies, but was adapted as a sport in 2005 at Middlebury College in Vermont and is now played at over 300 universities and high schools by over 800 teams throughout North America, Australia, and Europe.

Alex Scheer is the current Midwest Regional Director, which spans across 12 states, from Ohio and Michigan over to the Dakotas and down to Kansas and Missouri

This summer marks the first that the sport was offered at Culver Summer Schools and Camps.

By Lindsay Garten

As quidditch grows, the age range of players continues to expand from the sport's origins on a college campus. Nowhere is that truer than in Alex Scheer's kidditch class at Culver Academy's Woodcraft Camp.

In order to ensure continued success, the quidditch community must expand its reach and look toward recruiting younger players. US Quidditch, formerly the International Quidditch Association, created a kidditch team within the development department in 2011. While teams routinely host kidditch events as part of their community outreach, there is still more that can be done. Scheer's class is just one way that quidditch players are helping to broaden the age range of quidditch players.

"The Culver Military Academy in Culver has allowed me to teach three, two-week segments of quidditch to our various divisions, ranging from the ages of nine to 14," said Scheer, co-founder of the Blue Mountain Quidditch Club. "It's really cool because the interest for the class has just blown up. The kids love it, [and] most of the staff thinks it's pretty cool and/or kind of adorable watching the kids doing it."

The idea of teaching the quidditch class at Culver came about when Zak Hewitt, a keeper from Bowling Green State University who worked at the camp last summer, suggested that Scheer consider working there too.

"I brought my hoops just thinking maybe [Hewitt] and I could get a game going," Scheer said.

They then asked if they could

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Uniquely Culver

A message from Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire

Welcome to Culver Community Schools Corporation! While our buildings are located in Culver, we are the only district to proudly serve four townships in four different Indiana counties: Aubbenaubbee Township in Fulton County, North Bend Township in Starke County, Tippecanoe Township in Pulaski County, and Union Township in Marshall County.

As the new superintendent, I am excited to begin a brand new 2014-2015 school year. My philosophy of education is one in which all students are able to work toward personal and academic growth each day while maintaining the sense of ownership and that special feeling that they matter and belong with-in the school community.

In my eyes, each student is special in his/her own way. Both teachers and students have individual needs, but it is our job as caring individuals to make the world a better place by understanding and helping each other. That's what makes a great school!

If you are considering sending your children to CCSC, we would love to speak with you. You may certainly contact my office at any time. You will always be welcome. We have several present and new teachers who are excited about beginning the year with us who would also be happy to work with parents and students.

If transportation is an issue, we may be able to determine a bus pick-up and drop-off point that fits your needs. Lots of great activities take place at Culver Community Schools Corporation.

Recently, Culver Community High School was named a Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. This amazing accomplishment can be attributed to outstanding staff, students, parents and community! Congratulations to all and let's have an exceptional 2014-2015 CAVALIER School year!



Vocational training offered to Culver students in auto technology and welding

If your student is looking for a solid career path or to acquire job-ready skills, consider one of two programs being offered this fall at the SCILL Center in Knox.

The SCILL Auto Technology Program is educating students in the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and engines. This spring, almost 80 percent of the SCILL Auto Technology graduates enrolled in institutions of higher learning, including two who are continuing to study engineering.

Those graduates not choosing to further their education leave the SCILL Auto Technology Program with the skills and certifications to find a good paying job in the local area.

In addition to Auto Technology, SCILL will also be offering a new course for students interested in a career in welding. There is a nation-wide shortage of this important position, including many local and area employers who look for certified welders every day.

This course will be taught by experienced and certified American Welding Society (AWS) trainers and will result in an opportunity to learn skills, be certified by the AWS, and leave the SCILL Center upon graduation with the tools needed to obtain a good job.

Both programs are a part of the North Central Area Vocational Cooperative, and are open to incoming high school juniors and seniors. Openings are still available in both programs, so if you desire more information about either program, contact Jerry Gurrado at the SCILL Center at 574-772-8001, or contact your child's guidance counselor, or go online at [www.ncavc.org](http://www.ncavc.org) to complete and transmit your application.



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Kiwanis raffle winners

Pictured are winners of this year's Kiwanis Club of Culver scholarship raffle. The top prize was a TruRyder Golf cart, while other prizes were an Old Town 160 canoe and an Ocean Frenzy kayak. Winner of the kayak was Robb Schmitt of Milwaukee, WI and winner of the canoe was Kathleen Kowalinski of Culver.

Pictured, from left, are Ben Smith III (winner), Larry Brockey (Kiwanis Club of Culver president), Judy Smith, Ben Smith IV, Nicole Smith, Bode Smith, and Jennifer Smith.

The Culver Kiwanis offered thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. Funds raised through the raffle are designated for the Kiwanis scholarship fund. Every year the Culver Kiwanis awards two annual and renewable college scholarships for local high school graduates.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver meets Thursdays in the Culver Library at noon. Visit [www.facebook.com/#!/CulverKiwanis](http://www.facebook.com/#!/CulverKiwanis).

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Highlights of the Culver Community Schools 2014-2015 school calendar

**Mon., Aug. 11:** Teacher work day  
**Tues., Aug. 12:** First student day  
**Sept. 1:** Labor Day (no school)  
**Sept. 19:** Prof. day (no students)  
**Oct. 10:** end of first nine weeks  
**Oct. 23-24:** Fall break (no school)  
**Nov. 27-28:** Thanksgiving break (no school)  
**Dec. 18:** Last student day prior to Christmas break (end of second nine weeks)  
**Jan. 2:** Last day of Christmas vacation  
**Jan. 19:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no

school; possible snow make-up day)  
**Feb. 6:** Prof. day (no students)  
**Feb. 16:** President's day (no school; possible snow make-up day)  
**March 23:** Spring break begins  
**April 3:** Good Friday (no school)  
**May 8:** No School (possible snow make-up day)  
**May 25:** Memorial Day (no school)  
**May 28:** Last student day  
**May 29:** Teacher work day/graduation day

2014-15 breakfast, lunch prices			
Culver Elementary	Breakfast \$1.25	Lunch \$.40	
	Lunch \$2.55		
Culver High/Middle	<b>Reduced</b>		<b>Adult</b>
	Breakfast \$.30	Reduced	Breakfast \$1.50 Adult Lunch \$3.00

Immunization requirements updated for back to school

MARSHALL COUNTY — Parents of incoming sixth graders may want to take note of changed guidelines for child immunizations. As of Feb. 1, 2012, Indiana Health Departments changed eligibility guidelines. You are eligible to go to health dept. if your child has no insurance, Medicaid, or insurance that does not cover immunizations. Marshall County Public Health Nurse, Susan Lechlitrer, said they are taking appointments for immunizations on Tuesdays and a few Monday dates. As the start of school gets nearer, she said they might add additional times. She said only children who are uninsured or qualify for health assistance such as Medicaid programs can receive immunizations at the Health Department.

Students who are covered under private insurance plans must go to their private providers for the needed immunizations and physicals. Required immunizations that are new for the 2014- 02015 school year include 2 doses of Hep A vaccine for kindergarten entry and the meningococcal booster doses for students in grades 11 and 12 (if the first dose was received prior to the student's 16th birthday).

Lechlitrer said, "Immunizations are spaced with certain times in between."

According to Lechlitrer, the Hep A doses for kindergarten aged students must be six months apart. She said the majority of the children the 25-30 children per week they are seeing now who will be entering kindergarten have received the needed immunizations.

Lechlitrer said, "When they hold registration at the schools is when we start getting a lot of phone calls."

Leadership Marshall County accepting applications for Class XX

Leadership Marshall County organizers are accepting applications for Class XX (Twenty). Leadership Marshall County (LMC) is a program dedicated to cultivating today's leaders to serve tomorrow's community by building a solid foundation of informed, action-oriented employees and citizens. Participants gain valuable exposure to community leaders, programs and service initiatives. Involvement in group projects encourages further investigation into long-term community goals, strategies and planning objectives. The program is designed to expand networks in both public and private sectors and improve communication among leaders.

Sessions are generally held one afternoon per month for nine months starting in September. Topics covered in this series include Marshall County government, agriculture, education, economic development, arts, tourism, health and human services and criminal justice. To date, over 300 community leaders have participated. Join the ranks! For more information, contact the Marshall County Community Foundation office at 574-935-5159 or visit the website at [www.marshallcountylmc.org](http://www.marshallcountylmc.org) or [www.marshallcountycf.org](http://www.marshallcountycf.org) for an application. This program is sponsored by the Marshall County Community Foundation and the United Way of Marshall County.

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Brett Berndt is the principal at CCHS, replacing former principal Albert Hanselman, who will be heading up the vocational cooperative for the multi-school group to which Culver belongs (that position, which for some years has been based in the Culver Community Administration building, has been moved to Plymouth).

As previously noted, moving up to the combined assistant principal and athletic director's post -- a return to an earlier administrative model -- will be Luke Biernacki, who has been with the corporation as an English teacher for six years.

Culver Community Schools board of education members include: Jack L. Jones - School Board President; Ken VanDePutte - School Board Vice President; Ryan Sieber - School Board Member; James M. Wentzel - School Board Member; Mark Maes - School Board Member; Bill Sonnemaker - School Board Member.

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# New Wesley pastor talks preschool, daycare, and his unusual path to faith

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As many in Culver already know, Wesley United Methodist Church's new pastor, Rev. Tom Harzula, is in town, along with his wife Jenelle and two-year-old son, Tommy.

Pastor Harzula arrives here all the way from Dillsboro, Indiana, near Cincinnati, something he says is "an answered prayer," due to the proximity of Culver to his wife's family's businesses in the Knox and North Judson area (the family owns several franchise businesses). Before the transfer, the two often only saw one another on weekends.

"To see each other every day is a blessing," he says. "I've been asking the Bishop to try to get us together."

Both Harzula and his wife grew up in the North Judson area, he explains, so Culver is not unfamiliar territory to him. In fact as a high school cross country runner, he says he always looked forward to running in Culver, where "at the end of the race there was a giant lake to jump into!"

And while Harzula has pastored at only two locations, that's added up to five actual churches prior to Wesley. He spent the past three years heading up three churches in the Dillsboro area, and one year prior to that, as pastor of two churches.

Pastor Harzula's journey to ordination was an unusual one -- in fact, largely the opposite of that of many. While raised as a churchgoer in his childhood, by Confirmation age, he says he had abandoned his faith and become a self-proclaimed atheist. It was in his third year of studies at Purdue University -- where he majored in International Studies -- that Harzula's minor in Philosophy helped lead him to investigate some challenging questions.

He bounced them off a longtime Christian friend and -- well, here he is today, a break from the all-too-frequent tale told of the devout Christian who loses his or her faith while at university.

Though he's obviously still getting a feel for the Culver -- and Wesley UMC -- community, Harzula says he's been "really impressed with the passion of the people" at his new church, where he says a handful of "town hall style," "get-to-know-you" meetings have helped him be-



Pastor Tom Harzula

healthy debate and discussion (about whether to open the daycare there), but I am really happy. We did our due diligence."

The daycare, he notes, is completely moved into the former preschool space on the ground floor of the church building, and will open Aug. 11. The preschool itself is slated to open Aug. 18, and still has a handful of openings.

It also has new teachers, taking over from former director Tracy Gordon. Gretchen Johnson will be teaching the pre-kindergarten class this year, and Robin Dorey will teach the 2 and 3-year-old class. Johnson brings the experience of working previously with an area Headstart program, as well as more than a decade of operating her own daycare.

"Many, many hours of preparation went into (making the preschool ready for this fall)," Harzula says. "There's a real almost vibrancy to these two ministries."

"Tracy did a really good job and set up the program for success before she left," he adds.

The new location for the preschool will be in the basement level of the church, where it will occupy a former youth room (in the southwest section of the basement) and choir room, both of which are in close proximity to restrooms.

"Wesley is proud of its choir,

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come more familiar with the congregation.

"As a pastor, even where there are problems or weaknesses, if people are committed -- and not just as a social club, but in doing the work of the Gospel -- that's the best thing to see," he says.

The "big news," he points out, is the opening of a new daycare at Wesley this week, it having moved there from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church down the street.

"We are legitimately excited," he says. "The church engaged in a healthy debate and discussion (about whether to open the daycare there), but I am really happy. We did our due diligence."

## Obituaries

### Herman D. Artist April 16, 1932 - July 29, 2014

CULVER — Herman D. Artist, 82, departed this life to rest with the Lord surrounded by his family. He will be remembered as a loving husband, proud father and best friend to many.

Herman is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Jean Ann (Brock) as well as four daughters: Denise A. Blankenship, Spartanburg, S.C.; Colleen A. Schumacher, Treasure Island, Fla.; Pamela J. McDonald, Lapaz; Zinnia A. Artist, South Bend and one son, Anthony L. (Karen); brother Ira B. of Plymouth; sisters Dorothy Mann of Knox, Edna May Mann of Ocala, Fla.; Betty Sausman of Holiday, Fla. Also left to cherish his memory are six grandchildren; Julianna, Cleveland, Lauren, Max, Hannah, Hailee and two great-grandchildren; Shyenne and Madalynn. Preceded in death are sons Daniel L. and Randy N.; brother Harry E. and sister Ruth Shuttleworth.

A celebration of life service was held for Herman on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014 at Kewanna Church of Christ, 116 S. Logan St., Kewanna. Visitation began at 12:30 p.m. and service at 1:30 p.m.

In honor of Herman's wishes, his body was donated to Indiana University School of Medicine. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to I.U. School of Medicine Anatomical Education Program, Room #MS 5035, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or to the charity of your choice.

### Marcille “Marcy” Cervone March 8, 1921 - July 28, 2014



KNOX — Marcille “Marcy” Cervone, 93, of Knox, passed away Monday, July 28, 2014. Marcy was born March 8, 1921 in Elwood. She is survived by her three children, Nancy (Zig) Zellmer, Jana (John) Higgerson, and Bill Cervone, and two grandchildren, Todd (Mindy) Higgerson and Ashley (Dallas) Zellmer. Marcy was a well known musician who traveled with her late husband, Jack, on many shows during the 1940s and ‘50s before settling in North Hammond and playing piano at many establishments in the area. She moved to Bass Lake in 2010 to play at the Bass Lake Pub and Ristorante and played there until her death. She was greatly loved by all. A memorial and celebration of her life will be on Aug. 31, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. (CT) at the Bass Lake Pub and Ristorante. M.C. Smith Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Info: 574-772-4211 or www.mcsmithfh.com.

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## Reunion - Master

MONTEREY — The 35th Master Reunion was held June 22 at Monterey Town Park with 54 members present.

Chad Master gave the blessing. Karl Master was the oldest; Emma Grace Market, the daughter of Jessica Nierzwicki and Matt Market and granddaughter of Frank and Mary Lou Langenbahn Nierzwicki, was the youngest; and Kathleen Klausing Kroeger traveled the greatest distance from Kansas. Prizes were given to the oldest, youngest and farthest traveled.

During the year there were six births, Kennedy Louise Ripberger, Allison Teresa O'Neal, Shane Francis Powell and Seth Nicolas Powell, Pierson James Spice and Emma Grace Market; and one wedding, Joshua John Skerl married Kimberly Marie Naso on Aug. 31, 2013.

Special anniversaries were celebrated: Ronald and Patricia Rensberger, 25 years Sept. 17, 2013; Barbara and Wayne Master, 30 years Oct. 22, 2013; June and Karl Master Sr., 75 years Feb. 24, 2014; Kirsten and Barry Master, 25 years April 8, 2014; Paul and Joyce Master Boland, 30 years March 29, 2014; Douglas and Colleen Hunneshagen Klausing, 30 years May 18, 2014; Jane and Richard Wilcockson, 35 years June 23, 2014.

There were two deaths: Carol Wolfram Master July 23, 2013 and June L. Master Feb. 24, 2014.

There were four eighth-grade graduates: Angela Weiland, Cassie Rough, and Preston and Payton Master.

There were seven high school graduates: Adam Depoy, Kira Master, Lucas Master, Leah Master, Benjamin Parker, and two exchange students, Dong Jae Lee from South Korea and Settawutt Punyarataban from Thailand.

There were five college graduates: Justin Master, Purdue University, movement and sports science degree; Mallo-ry Ulch, bachelor of business degree; Samantha Master, IUPUI, bachelor of business degree; Christina Klausing, University of Southern Indiana, Bachelor of Arts degree in art and Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Cum Laude; and Justin Hunneshagen, Ohio University, Bachelor of Science degree in astrophysics.

Next year's co-chairpersons will be Judy Master Rinehart, Linda Parker and Betty Wilcockson, with Brianna Marini as secretary.

Next year's reunion will be June 28, 2015 at Monterey Town Park with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

## Correction

In last week's (July 31) edition of *The Culver Citizen*, in the article, "Sen. Donnelly visits Culver Summer Schools," Senator Joe Donnelly was misidentified as a Republican when he is, in fact, a Democrat. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

## Zehner named to Trine president's list

ANGOLA, IN -- Jannie Zehner of Culver has been named to the Trine University School of Professional Studies president's list. Zehner is a senior majoring in Psychology.

To be named to the president's list, a School of Professional Studies student must take at least 12 credit hours and have at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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of her arrival in Culver she notes she also has a local connection.

"My husband's grandfather, George Crandall, was a math teacher at the (Culver) Academy. I believe my father-in-law, Robert Bates Crandall was born there, I know for a fact his youngest sister, Jane was, because their mother had a fall in the lake (during the winter months) just before she was born."

She adds her father-in-law attended the Academy as well, many years ago. Crandall herself has visited Culver in the past (while visiting friends with a cottage on Bass Lake), and looks forward to her visit later this month.

Attendance at the event is free and open to the public.





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LEFT: Culver Summer Camps counselors took on players from across the Midwest in an exhibition quidditch match July 25 at the Academies’ Oliver Field.

Campers were in the audience to cheer on the players.

## Culver hosts regional quidditch exhibition match

A Quidditch exhibition match was organized at Culver Academies' Oliver Field July 25 by Alex Scheer (see accompanying article) and Heike Spahn, the Director of Woodcraft Camp, between the staff quidditch team who had never played before, and players from all across the Midwest Region of the USQ, including from Ball State, Purdue, Ohio State, Central Michigan, Toledo, IUSB, and Blue Mountain Quidditch Club. The Midwest team totaled about 21 players at one time, according to Scheer, and the staff team had around 17 players.

Scheer says the Midwest team got off to a fast start and as the game wore on, the Midwest team's strategy put away pure muscle, as the MW team cruised to a 140 to 20 victory over the counselors. All of Woodcraft Camp was in attendance, as well as staff and some uppr camp staff,

totaling in around 1000 people watching this uniques event.

Quidditch is "a full contact, co-ed sport, combining elements of rugby, dodgeball, lacrosse and water polo," says Scheer. "The Snitch is a human dressed in all yellow, with a tail that the seekers have to catch, worth 30 points to end the game. The keeper (one per team) protects the hoops (three per side) that chasers (three per team) attempt to score with the quaffle (a slightly deflated volleyball, each goal is worth 10 points. The beaters (two per team) use bludgers (slightly deflated dodgeballs) to knock opponents out, forcing them to dismount their broom and return to hoops. the game only ends when the snitch is caught.

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teach a class at Culver, and the camp jumped on the idea right away. In the first week they were only allowed to take 80 students, but over 200 signed up for the class. The camp was so invested in the idea that they gave Scheer the money to make hoops.

“They were going to order me Peterson hoops and they didn’t order in time, so they [gave me 200 dollars to] make hoops,” he said. “So I ended up making the hoops. We now have the AVP quaffle [and] the three bludgers. I have 20 PVC pipes for the brooms and then we have, obviously, the six hoops.”

Scheer has adopted a regimented lesson plan to ensure that the children learn every aspect of the sport while having fun at the same time. In the first week they learn each position, ending the week with learning how to seek. He does this because at first the campers are only interested in playing seeker because they want to be just like the Harry Potter they saw in the movies.

“I want them to understand that there are other aspects besides the snitch and the seeker game,” he said. “And in doing that, the kids have found that chasing is similar to basketball. Beating is similar to dodgeball. And the kids, if give them a dodgeball, they love throwing it at each other, so they’ve actually really enjoyed beating and chasing even more so than seeking.”

Scheer is also planning on teaching the campers some advanced strategy and is working on making handouts.

“We’d like to teach them how to play quidditch with a little bit of strategy, not just the traditional ‘OK, let’s throw the ball to the teammates three times and then try to score’ [method],” he said. “I want to teach them basic strategies [with] a little bit of something more advanced.”

Scheer has changed the rules to accommodate the age group and to prevent injuries. For instance, there are no headshots or tackles. He has been successful thus far with no injuries and is hoping to continue with this perfect record.

This summer, in order to show the campers how adults play quidditch, Scheer is trying to get real players to have a scrimmage at Culver.

“We’re going to put together an exhibition game between some of the [players] from around the Midwest, getting mostly Ball State University players to come to Culver and do a one-night exhibition match to show the camp and to show all the kids what the game is like,” he said.

The exhibition match is currently scheduled for the evening of July 25, with the time to be determined. Scheer is looking for a minimum of 28 volunteers and is also hoping that some players will attend his class during the day to help coach the campers. His goal is to show the camp why

quidditch should continue to be a part of their community.

Heike Spahn, the director of Woodcraft and Junior Woodcraft Camps at Culver, however, is already very pleased with Scheer’s creativity in coming up with the idea of having a quidditch class.

“I always encourage counselors to come up with new class ideas that would be fun and educational,” she said.

Spahn is excited to see the children having fun during the class.

“The class meets outside of my office window, and the kids look like they are having a blast,” she said. “Plus, we are probably one of the only camps who have a qualified instructor teaching quidditch, so I know they are learning the fundamentals of the game.”

As the new Midwest regional director, Scheer is trying to get high school players involved in the quidditch community. As such, he sees Culver and other summer camps as a gateway for youth players to get involved once they are in high school and, most importantly, to start or join college teams.

“In the next few years if more and more kids come through the system, you’re going to see hopefully high school teams pop up not only in the Midwest, but the entire country because this camp actually caters to states all over the United States and to countries as far out as China, Russia, Egypt, France [and] England,” he said. “We now have the next generation of quidkids if you will, and I’m really looking forward to watching that happen.”

Scheer is thankful for the experience thus far and has enjoyed sharing his passion with the next generation of quidditch players.

“This is something that has been really amazing to do,” he said. “It’s a really great opportunity. I’m getting to share with these kids something that I’m really passionate about, something that I really care about and hold very dear to my heart. And I get to watch the joy on their faces when one of them scores a goal, or one of them makes a great beat, or one of them even makes a great save.”

If all goes well, Scheer, Spahn and Greg Kopp, director of instruction at Culver, would like to have the quidditch program back next year.

“I think short term, we want to have more staff members learn about the quidditch program and how to instruct,” Kopp said. “And long term, as long as there is interest, I see it being a class that is offered at Culver every summer.”

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Lake Max Assoc. annual mtg Aug. 9

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its annual meeting Sat., August 9 at 10 a.m. in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library. Those with questions may email LMA executive director Jane Grund at [lakedir@culcom.net](mailto:lakedir@culcom.net).

Book-binding history program Aug. 12

The Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes Helen Schultz, who will present a program which highlights the history of bookbinding, as well as display many handmade volumes, on Tuesday, August 12 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at CUTPL. This program is free and open to the public.

Canoe trip Aug. 13

A Culver park-sponsored canoe trip will take place Wed., Aug. 13 leaving from the beach parking lot at 10:30 a.m., then departing from the Olive Trail Yellow River bridge at 11 a.m. to float to the highway 17 “Little Bit” canoe rentals and campground. Cost is \$15 per person, and a beach lifeguard will lead the trip; all equipment is provided. Contact Marc Hayden at 574-842-3510 or email [park@townofculver.org](mailto:park@townofculver.org). You must be 16 years old or older to participate.

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Local family in need of support

An opportunity has arisen for the community to support longtime Culver resident David Schrimsher, who is

in need of both a new liver and kidney. Those wishing to contribute to the family may do so at [www.gofundme.com/bppuuk](http://www.gofundme.com/bppuuk). The family’s story is available in the July 31 edition of *The Culver Citizen*, as well as at the website above.

‘Huckleberry Queen’ to visit Culver Aug. 16

Mary Helms, the legendary “Huckleberry Queen” of Marshall County will be portrayed Saturday, Aug. 16 at an event sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver in the large meeting room of the Culver Public Library, starting at 10 a.m. Anna Liechty of Plymouth will play Helms in period dress, detailing her research on the colorful and controversial figure. For information on this and other upcoming AHS programs, email [historyofculver@gmail.com](mailto:historyofculver@gmail.com), call 574-635-0053, or visit [culverahs.com](http://culverahs.com).

Silver Hawks Town of Culver night Aug. 27

South Bend Silver Hawks will hold a Town of Culver Night Wed., August 27. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes game ticket and party patio from 6 to 8 p.m. (all you can eat picnic food and drinks). A caravan From the Culver beach parking lot leaves at 5 p.m. Register via [park@townofculver.org](mailto:park@townofculver.org) (attn: Marc Hayden Park Supt.), or call Culver beach at 574-842-3510. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 12 by 5 p.m.

Fly fishing class Sept. 13

A beginning fly fishing class, taught by Charlie Ray, will take place Sat., Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, starting at the east end of the park. Class is limited to 5 participants. Minimum age is 11 years old. This is a one session class that lasts three hours. Contact Marc Hayden at 574-842-3510 or email [park@townofculver.org](mailto:park@townofculver.org). Registration deadline is Sept. 10.

Preschool aides sought at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church is looking for two aides to assist in its preschool program from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please send resume to Pastor Tom Harzula at Wesley United Methodist church, 511 School Street, Culver Indiana 46511.

Culver Pipes and Drums begins free bagpipe, drum lessons

Culver Pipes and Drums teaches free lessons locally for interested potential members ranging from the age of 8 to adult. The pipe band is a not-for-profit entity which offers its members the opportunity for responsible participation and leadership in a community activity by developing and nurturing lifetime skills that benefit the whole individual. Interested parties should contact Pipe Major Brent Van Norman 574-249-1083 or email [brentlinda3@mchsi.com](mailto:brentlinda3@mchsi.com).

Lions seek backpack donations

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.

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).

Culver art class moves from studio to stables

By Jan Garrison , Culver Academies

Culver Summer Schools & Camps offered a new art class that took Upper Campers out of the studio and into the Robert C. Vaughn Stables for three weeks, this past summer.

Equine Sculpture offered campers the opportunity to create a sculpture of a horse. The class was taught by Jack Williams, the art instructor who runs the sculpture class during the Culver Academies school year. Kacie Hermanson ’12, who attends New York University, was the class assistant.

The Academies’ class last 16 weeks while campers had

just three weeks, so some steps were taken to save time. For example, Williams made the armatures for the campers so they could start working with the clay on the first day. But the basic concepts remained the same. And when the classes were finished, the campers had their sculpture to take home.

“I’m hoping the students fall in love with sculpting and horses,” Williams said. Even if they never create another sculpture for the rest of their lives, Williams said students can be transformed “artistically and psychologically” by working on such a piece.

They learned that sculpting is hard work, he added. The

campers stood for an hour at a time and focused on the horse’s details and transfered those to their sculptures. Since the model horse, named Farrah, doesn’t stay still, the campers also moved, rolling their wheeled stands as they go. The class happened five days a week over the three-week period.

“It is a demanding activity,” he added. “It takes an intensity of focus.”

Sculpting can also “become one of the happiest moments of their lives,” Williams said. Campers can find happiness and pleasure in their hard work. Being able

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and it should be," Harzula says. "But in talking with the choir and music director, they felt the space was better used for the preschool than storing choir robes and music books."

An open house for the preschool is slated for Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10.

Harzula emphasizes the space is safe -- with two fire exits -- and conducive to the preschool's endeavors.

"The space in those two rooms is almost equal (to the space previously used by the preschool)," he adds. "We're not tucking the kids away in a dungeon!"

He says both the preschool and daycare are ministries people in the broader community had been asking for.

"We want to continue to have our ears open to see how we can aid people who need help, whether its parents or groups with other needs, be they spiritual, emotional, or physical. We want to respond to the community -- that's what the Lord has called us to do."

He adds acknowledgement that people come to church for various reasons, but "whatever that is, we welcome you. The social element is a part of that, but more than that (the church) is people who will gather and encourage one another in faith and understanding."

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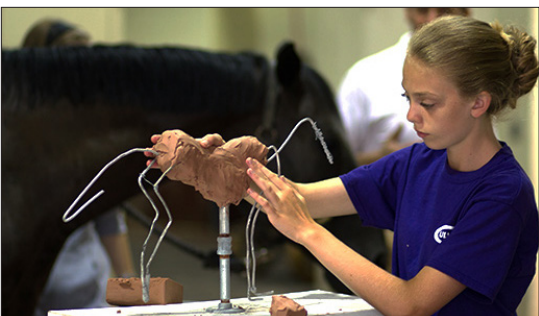
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Celia Cox works on her sculpture while instructor Jack Williams and camper Cassandra Kirby study the lines of the model horse Farrah.

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She wasn't originally thinking about taking the class until it was suggested to her. Now she is glad she did.

"I like it more than I expected," she said. "I'm not into the art-type things, but this is way more than that. You learn about the horse. You can touch it. You connect with the horse. You can feel the different shapes, angles, and curves. I'm seeing a horse in a completely different way."



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# Slip-sliding fun

Many local passers-by driving along East Shore Drive/State Road 117 likely had trouble not noticing the huge 'slip and slide' installed on the hillside on the boys' side of Culver Academies' Woodcraft Camp, often with crowds of campers lined up and heading down for a slide.

The large-scale version of a longtime backyard favorite is nothing new at the camp, but construction of the Woodcraft amphitheater last year necessitated a move from the slip and slide's previous home on a hillside further east.

