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In Brief

Lions Club flea market-bake sale this wknd

The Culver Lion's Club flea market will be inside the train station-depot on Lake Shore Dr. on Thursday, April 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday, May 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 2 the Flea Market will be outside from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. with breakfast and bake sale from 7 a.m. to noon. Those with items to be donated may call Russ at 574-274-9060.

"Hello Dolly!" auditions this wknd

Auditions for this summer's Maxinkuckee Players production of "Hello Dolly!" in Culver will be held at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium as follows: Sat., May 2 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Sun., May 3 from 2 to 6 p.m. All times EST. Be prepared to read from a script and bring a song of your choice. A pianist and CD player will be available. Questions? Contact Becky Liechty, by phone 574-952-5117, email bliechty@embarqmail.com.

Garner on Carnegie libraries Saturday

Architectural historian Kurt Garner will trace the history of Andrew Carnegie and his influence on public libraries on Sat., May 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. The program is free and open to the public.

Culver BPA seeks donations

The Culver Community High School Business Professionals of America will send nine students to the National Conference in Anaheim, California, later this spring and is asking local donors to help raise money to cover plane tickets, hotel rooms, and food. A GoFundMe internet fund-raiser has been set up to aid in their efforts; it may be found online at www.gofundme.com/pmttdog.

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. through the month of April. Classes will focus on smartphone and tablet training. Laptops

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On the dean's list

ABOVE, LEFT: For the first time in its more than four decades' existence, Culver Girls Academy has an alumna at its helm, following the announcement that Lynn Rasch, a 1976 graduate of CGA, is now the Dean of Girls. SEE FULL STORY BELOW.

Rasch is first CGA alumna named head of Academies girls' school

By Doug Haberland, Culver Academies Alumni Magazine

Seated comfortably behind a polished desk with the title Dean of Girls on the nameplate before her, a smile breaks across the face of M. Lynn Rasch, the first graduate of Culver Girls Academy to bear that distinction.

"I chuckle," says the '76 alumna, "and wonder what Dean England would have thought?"

(Having had the privilege of knowing Mary Frances England briefly before her death in 1996, my personal opinion is that the founding director and first dean of Culver Academy for Girls, would likely ask, "What took them so long?")

It's all about timing. Forty-four years into the history of CGA, the time was right for Culver. And twenty-two years into her tenure as a counselor and assistant dean, the timing was right for Rasch. She began the 2014-15 school year as the Interim Dean of CGA, but interim went by the wayside as 2015 unfolded.

Now, two months into her role as CGA's tenth Dean of Girls, Rasch is reveling in every minute.

"It's been an amazing experience thus far. It has exceeded all my expectations," she said. "I did not know I would enjoy it so much. I truly love working with the students and the staff."

Rasch had been assistant dean to Laura Weaser since 2002, and relished that role because it allowed her to stay involved with her passions: coaching the Equestriennes and coordinating Global Pathways Spring, the spring break cultural/service trips. Therefore, she chose not to pursue the dean's position when Weaser resigned at the end of the 2012-13 school year and

moved to College Advising.

In the meantime, however, Rasch had already decided to step down as head coach of the Equestriennes after 2013-14, turning the reins over to Savannah Kranich '05, an assistant director of Admissions and the girls' polo coach. Then, unexpectedly, the Dean of CGA position was again open when Weaser's successor, Darlene Greene, chose not to return for 2014-15.

Rasch stepped into the breach as the Interim Dean of CGA, but by November she had decided she wanted the job outright. "I knew I wanted the challenge and the opportunity."

Once Rasch knew she was ready, it was a no-brainer for Culver.

"We can all relax knowing that an experienced hand is on the tiller," Head of Schools John Buxton said. "Twice Lynn has stepped into the CGA Dean's role to cover for others, and each time she has delivered professionally and gracefully. She understands that her role is to serve those she leads. We are fortunate to have someone with her experience in the position."

"Lynn is the consummate professional and her presence will be steady and thoughtful as she guides the CGA program," Weaser said. "Her long and loyal commitment to Culver in a number of roles has given her remarkable experience that makes her uniquely qualified to lead CGA. The fact that she is an alumna of CGA makes it all the more special."

As dean, Rasch said her immediate goal "is to bring a very positive feeling to the school year." With 351 girls, the largest enrollment in CGA history, she is looking at "the totality of the Culver experience" and has already seen "positive changes in the CGA atmosphere."

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Lions laud leaders

Annual CCHS banquet recognizes students

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Lions Club put the spotlight on student leaders from among Culver Community High School's graduating seniors last Tuesday at its annual senior awards banquet, held in the high school cafeteria.

Following a call to order by Lions president Susan Elizondo, Lion Dan Adams led the group in singing one verse of "America" and Lion Kathy Lintner led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Ned Davis, after which Elizondo welcomed approximately 100 parents and guests.

CCHS' Jazz Street Choir, led by Diane Derrow, serenaded diners prior to introductory student remarks from Haley Klimaszewski, daughter of Eugene and Lori Klimaszewski of Culver.

Speaking in her role as Student Council president, Klimaszewski thanked the faculty and staff of the school as well as students' families

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New eye care initiative continues Culver Lions' tradition of service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If there's one constant in the service life of Culver throughout the past 70-plus years, it's the presence of the Culver Lions Club and the almost staggering array of services and activities it's spearheaded since its local inception in May, 1943.

The club -- which meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the train station - depot it restored in the 1980s, itself a landmark preservation and service effort -- recently added a new facet to those services by way of its participation in Operation Kidsight (www.indianalionseyebank.org), a statewide vision screening program which works to identify treatable or preventable causes of blindness in preschool children (ages 1 through 6).

Culver's Lions recently brought the program to stu-

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Demise of a landmark

ABOVE, RIGHT: The building which housed Sportsman's Bar in Monterey for decades collapsed unexpectedly last Friday, leaving a pile of rubble still in process of removal at press time. The bar had closed a few years earlier and no one was inside, or injured. SEE STORY BELOW.

Monterey's Sportman's building collapses

The site of a longtime Monterey business collapsed unexpectedly Thursday evening, drawing a sizable crowd and hastening crews towards safety-oriented cleanup efforts.

Sportsman's Bar and Grill at 501 North Main in downtown Monterey began to collapse between 5 and 6 p.m. April 24. Witnesses reported the building's outer wall had been bulging for some time before the incident.

According to Doug Denton, a Monterey resident active in a variety of community endeavors there, the building was empty and there were no injuries. Zehner Excavating handled some clean-up to facilitate public safety at this time. Denton adds that the building had recently been purchased but was "still in the transaction stages" Monterey's fire department and Pulaski County Sheriff's Department also assisted at the scene.

Sportsman's dates back to at least 1935, when Burwell Woodward and Fred Bauer opened a tavern which would become part of what would later become Sportsman's, according to historical sources available in the Monterey library. Walt Kelsey would eventually buy the tavern and name it Sportsman's Bar. It changed hands several times since then, and closed in 2011.

Culver-filmed 'Savages' movie finds distributor

A movie shot in Culver during the summer of 2013 and featuring a host of well-known Disney Channel and Hollywood actors and actresses has officially found its distributor and is now being sold in the various International markets, according to James Simmons, producer of the movie.

"Little Savages" was shot -- and set -- on location in Culver during the month of August, 2013, by small, faith-based film company Bearfruit Films, and involved actors ranging from Leigh Allyn Baker, Jamie Kennedy, and Kenton Duty, to Katherine McNamara and Adam

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Lions 'Spring Fest' starts early this wknd

What: Culver Lions Club's annual "Spring Fest" event

Where: The Lions depot - train station, at 615 E. Lakeshore Drive in Culver

When: Thursday, April 30 (flea market inside the depot from 4 to 8 p.m.); Friday, May 1 (flea market inside the depot from 4 to 8 p.m.); Saturday, May 2 (breakfast and bake sale from 7 a.m. to noon, and flea market outdoors from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

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LEFT: CCHS club and organization presidents were (front row, from left) Haley Klimaszewski, Dustie Pier, Tatum Schulz. Back row: Mickella Hardy, Summer Turney. CENTER: Recipients of CCHS department awards included (front row, from left) Mickella Hardy, Natasha Harris, Marcus Manns, Haley Klimaszewski, Garrett Jenkinson. Back row: Mark Mayer, Tatum Schulz, Summer Turney, Janelle VanDePutte. RIGHT: Kathryn Blocker received the Lions Club's annual scholarship. From left, Karen and Estel Blocker, Kathryn Blocker, and Blocker's grandparents, Lions members Jim and Roaslie Bonine.



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for their support.

She recalled the host of faculty and even administration changes from last school year to this, including the addition of four new high school teachers and the ascension to principalship of Brett Berndt and vice principalship of Luke Biernacki.

The Student Council, noted Klimaszewski, planned and prepared Homecoming (with Natasha Harris crowned queen) and Snowcoming (with Marshall Anderson as king) events, as well as holding a Pennies for Patients fund-raiser to fight leukemia and lymphoma. A new end-of-year dance is also planned, she added.

CCHS' Business Professionals of America started the year with a bumper crop of 50 members, she noted, and sent 30 students to the state finals competition in Indianapolis, "phenomenal number." In all, eight students will head to Nationals in Anaheim, California, next month, the highest number ever from CCHS.

Klimaszewski praised the efforts of math teacher Charles Karamon, who was "roped into BPA" as faculty sponsor.

She also reported on the community service efforts of the school's CAVS Club and CYCO, its cooperative with Culver Academies. She thanked CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon for her efforts in leading both.

Another milestone for the school this year was its four-star rating via the State of Indiana Dept. of Education and an "amazing season" for the girls' basketball team, which marked the final year of Culver's membership in the Northern State Conference by becoming NSC champions and playing undefeated on its home court.

Klimaszewski expressed school pride at the accomplishments of Tristan Rodriguez, an "extraordinary wrestler" who made it to the state championships.

She also thanked the Lions Club for its impact on Culver.

"You all have taught me so much about selflessness and compassion," she said.

Speaking in her role as class president, Tatum Schultz,

daughter of Troy and Hollie Schultz of Culver, noted the senior class includes 62 members (34 girls and 28 boys), whom she described as "determined, hardworking, and fun."

She recounted the class' participation in Fall Bonanza and Sports Spectacular (it came in second place in both events this year).

Schultz cited Klimazewski's landmark receipt of the Lilly Scholarship earlier this month, adding that Klimaszewski "has worked very hard with her academics and has put many hours into community service."

She pointed out that seniors Preston Hansel, Donna Zehner, Mickella Hardy, Angela Lewellen, and Schultz herself were chosen as North South All Stars (Hansel for football and the girls for basketball, with Hardy for soccer). Hardy and Schultz were chosen as Academic All State Honorable Mentioned, and Lewellen played in the McDonald's All Star game. Zehner had the opportunity to play in the Top 60 workout. Several class athletes have committed to play college sports, including Janelle VanDePutte, Bayli Fearnow, Angela Lewellen, Donna Zehner, and Mark Mayer.

Schultz also noted that Hardy, Alexander Anderson, and Bayli Fearnow participated in the Mexico mission trip earlier this year.

The class, she added, has also endured a death of a classmate, Steven Suthard.

"He is missed and we will always know that we are going to miss one person on graduation night," she said.

Some 30 were preparing to leave the next day on the school's annual senior trip to Florida as well.

Student awards and recognition

Sheldon presented the class awards to the following students:

Riley Dare, son of David and Samantha Dare, Rochester, was not present but was honored with the Social Studies Award.

Mickella Hardy, daughter of William and Heather Roberts, Culver, was honored as Art Club President and Spanish Club President.

Natasha Harris, daughter of Warner and Amy Harris, Culver, was given the Choir Award.

Garrett Jenkinson, son of Mike and Susie Jenkinson, Leiters Ford, received the Vocational Award.

Haley Klimaszewski, daughter of Eugene and Lori Klimaszewski, Culver, was honored with the English, Science, and Yearbook Awards. She was also the B.P.A. President, CAVS Club President and Student Council President.

Marcus Manns, son of Kim Manns, Monterey, received the Band Award.

Mark Mayer, son of Ronald and Patricia Mayer, Culver, was given the Business Award.

Dustie Pier, daughter of Paul and Tonnia Pier, Culver, was honored as National Honor Society President.

Tatum Schultz, daughter of Troy and Hollie Schultz Culver, was senior class president and received the Mathematics Award.

Maren Stormo, whose foreign exchange parents were Ryan and Denise Sieber of Culver, was not present but received the Spanish Award.

Summer Turney, daughter of Sheri Turney, Monterey, was honored as Science Club president and received the FACS Award.

Janelle VanDePutte, daughter of Ken and Janna VanDePutte, Culver, received the Art Award.

Elizondo noted the Lions give a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving senior each year, with this year's award being officially conferred by Lion Jim Bonine, whose granddaughter **Kathie Blocker** received the scholarship (CCHS faculty choose the recipient).

Blocker, daughter of Estel and Karen Blocker, Culver, thanked her parents and grandparents, as well as the Lions, for their assistance.

"Because of the many service organizations in Culver, especially the Lions Club, there are many opportunities to get involved," she said, adding her grandparents' many years of service to Culver "set an example for us all."

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Obituary

Paul Francis Schmidt
April 19, 1937 – April 20, 2015

CULVER — Paul Francis Schmidt, 78, of Culver passed away on Monday, April 20, 2015 surrounded by family. Paul was a loving and dedicated husband, passionate teacher, wonderful father and grandfather who inspired others to live up to their full potential.

Paul was born near Leiters Ford at the family farm on April 19, 1937, to the late Frank and Marie Schmidt. Paul received his bachelor degree from Saint Joseph's College and his masters in mathematics from Ohio State. He married the love of his life, Carol Ann Schmidt on Aug. 20, 1966.

Paul is survived by three children and their spouses; Rob Schmidt of Santa Monica Calif., Angie Schmidt and Greg Curran of Plymouth, Cynthia and Jerry Rainey of Culver. He is also survived by two granddaughters; Elizabeth and Rebecca Rainey.

Paul, the oldest of 10 children, is survived by the following siblings; Margaret Stukenborg, John Schmidt, Harold Schmidt, Thomas Schmidt, Leona Schmidt and Cathy Eley.

Paul was preceded in death by his brothers James Schmidt, William Schmidt and Richard Schmidt

Paul was a devout Catholic serving on the board for the Holy Family Foundation for over 10 years.

Paul inspired countless students while teaching high school mathematics at Culver Community Jr.-Sr. High School during his career which spanned over 35 years, retiring in 1997.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in Paul's name to either Hospice of Marshall County or the Charles B and Lenore M Keitzer Memorial Trust via the First National Bank of Monterey.

A memorial was held at St Mary's in Culver on Friday, April 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The mass took place at 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 24. Friends and family celebrated Paul's life immediately following at the American Legion in Monterey.

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

Geiselman memorial celebration May 2



Ralph Geiselman
Nov. 23, 2014

CULVER — The memorial celebration for Ralph Geiselman of Culver will be held Saturday, May 2, at the Wesley United Methodist Church located at 511 School St. in Culver. Services will begin at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share joyous thoughts and memories about Ralph's remarkable life.

He passed away on Nov. 23, 2014, at the age of 93 while a resident of Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Frances, who also now resides at Miller's, and by his son Edward of California.

101st birthday - Murphy

Bill Murphy, of Culver, will turn 101 on May 6, and anyone who wishes is encouraged to send him cards and greetings. These may be sent to Bill Murphy, 730 School Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

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County spellers battle for top at Culver-hosted Bee

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After an intense hour-plus of spelling 147 words in 32 rounds and months of planning -- which included studying 750 words in all to prepare -- participants in the 33rd annual Marshall County Spelling Bee could finally rest and take a (metaphorical) bow.

The event, held Thursday night at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium, pitted 24 students from grades 5 through 8, and from eight Marshall County schools in all, against one another. Those students had been the top spellers in their respective grades.

Emerging the winner after successfully spelling the word "colloquy" was Edward Garcia, an 8th grader from St. Michael's Catholic School in Plymouth who was actually experiencing his first -- and, due to the grade level range of the contest -- his last shot at the bee this year.

Dr. Vicki McGuire, superintendent of Culver Community Schools, introduced the event with thanks to main sponsor The Pilot News Group, as well as local business sponsors who helped fill "goody" bags for all contestants.

She also introduced Val Cultice, pronouncer for the event, and coordinators Raeanne Stevens, Teri Zechiel, and Darcy Lyman, all faculty members with the school corporation. Judges included Culver 6th grade teachers Jean Ahlenius and Todd Shafer, and middle school guidance counselor Missy Trent.

Competition was stiff during the opening rounds of the bee, which saw several students -- including Culver 5th grader Anna Gregorash, 8th grader Sarah Luttrell, and 6th grader Joselyn Bennett eliminated, among other students.

Eventually only three spellers battled for a number of rounds before Mark Bahr, a Bremen Middle School 6th grader, fell shy of the mark at the word, "bursar," leaving Garcia and Zechiel facing off for the last rounds, during which any missed word affords the other student the chance to spell it correctly. If that task is accomplished, a second word is given the correct speller, who can win if correct then. If not, his or her opponent gets a shot at it.

After a lengthy back and forth, Zechiel missed the word, "macabre," which Garcia spelled correctly. He followed



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

TOP: Culver Elementary 6th grader Joselyn Bennett concentrates during a tense moment during the 33rd annual Marshall County Spelling Bee at Culver Comm. High School last week.

CENTER: Lilly Hayes, 7th grader from Culver, at the microphone during the Bee.

BOTTOM: Winners of the Spelling Bee included, from left, Edward Garcia (8th grade, St. Michael's Catholic School of Plymouth, first place), Samantha Zechiel (8th grade, Lincoln Jr. High, Plymouth, second place), and Mark Bahr (6th grade, Bremen Middle School, third place).

with a successful spelling of "colloquy," leaving him the grand champion with Zechiel -- a Lincoln Junior High 8th grader -- in second place, and Bahr in third.

Garcia, who said he was "surprised" to have won, explained he utilized technology to sharpen his spelling skills, downloading an app which prompted him to type in each word after it was played audibly.

"I did that a lot!" he said, noting he began the process when the list of words was first given to contestants in early March.

"For me it's a huge accomplishment," Garcia added with a smile, noting this was both his first and last spelling bee.

'Funny Girl' at library book-film club

career.

The film stars Barbara Streisand and Omar Shariff (Streisand won the 1968 Best Actress Award for her portrayal of the Ziegfeld Follies comedienne Fanny Brice).

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group, "A Novel Approach," will meet Wed., May 6 at noon in the library's large meeting room to discuss "Fanny Brice, the Original Funny Girl," by Herbert Goldman

Only her mother believed in Fanny's stage routines, but after her performance at Keeney's Music Hall, she was headed for stardom. Her marriage to Nick Arnstein, a gambler, was the only cloud over a brilliant

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the dis-

cussion afterwards.

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Donation destinations for old clothes

(This column originally printed Jan. 20, 2014.)

Did you know that 23 billion pounds of clothes flow into the United States every year? Since many of us toss worn out or damaged clothes instead of mending them, most of those clothes, along with other textiles, eventually end up in the trash. It's tragic, because 100 percent of textiles such as clothing, shoes, purses, drapes, sheets, and even soft toys can be recycled.

If you are cleaning out your closet this winter and wondering what to do with your textiles, here are a few places to drop off your used threads for reuse or recycling:

Donate clean, reusable clothing, bedding, window treatments, and table linens to reputable charities such as Goodwill and Salvation Army. These charities will also take clean textiles that are not re-wearable, such as rags or single socks, because they can sell them to fabric recyclers. The proceeds from their sales of textiles funds job training programs and creates job for people who need them. Stay local by giving your textiles to local charities such as the Marshall County Neighborhood Center as well as church or community clothing drives.

You can also donate your clothing to one of those large collection boxes popping up around town. Be sure to pay attention to the information on the outside of the box, however. Determine which organization sponsored the box, and then visit their website, if possible, before you donate. Some of those boxes support non-profit causes, such as the Special Olympics. Others are placed there by for-profit companies who make money by recycling clothing donations. If it bothers you to think about funding a for-profit company by giving them your old clothes, stick to a charity you know.

Donate your clothing to a specific charity. The Cinderella Project takes previously worn formal gowns. Vietnam Veterans for America helps returning and injured vets with the proceeds from their clothing donation. Dress for Success collects professional clothing for unemployed people who are gaining job skills and need appropriate clothing for interviews. All these organizations are easy to find on the Web. Check earth911.org for more suggestions on specific charities for your old duds.

You could also donate to your friends — and vice versa. Have a clothing swap! If you are ready to change your wardrobe, get together with friends to “shop” each other’s closets. Or swap children’s clothing if your friends’ kids are the same age as yours. The website realsimple.com has some guidelines for throwing a swap party.

Shop at H&M. This may not seem like an obvious place for a clothing donation, but some retailers are now beginning to take responsibility for their impact on the planet. Our constant craving for new clothes uses up resources (land for growing cotton, petroleum for textiles and shipping) and creates pollution (clothing dyes are often dumped into waterways). H&M, North Face, Patagonia, and American Eagle are just a few of the popular retailers that are collecting old clothes in their stores or by mail. Some stores even give a discount for customers who donate!

Of course, you can always sell your old clothing. But if you need the storage space right away and want to move them out, there are plenty of places who would gladly take the old jeans, jammies, T-shirts, and trousers off your hands.

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

Library memories, from the inside

The Culver-Union Twp Public Library at 100

Editor's note: In conjunction with the ongoing observation of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's centennial this year, printed below are former staff person Marizetta Kenney's reminiscences of working at the library starting in the late 1950s, making her possibly the earliest staff person at the library still able to tell the tale. Portions of this text were read aloud by Kenney at the library's centennial kick-off last December.

By Marizetta Kenney

The first library I was in was probably in Hamlet, Indiana, during World War II, when my parents were working their way closer to the munitions plants in Kingsbury, Indiana. I can just barely remember being carried into what I now know was a library.

When we moved back to Culver in 1945 to live with my grandmother and modernize the house, as well as help my grandmother, I was carried to the library in Culver. I do not know how my mother managed the huge flight of concrete steps which led to the main floor of the library, as she had a damaged heart, but both parents and my brother had a library card, and as soon as I was old enough, so did I.

When I first came to the library, there was a big desk, so high I could only see that there was someone behind the desk because Mom or Dad was holding me. The library was very quiet, and at that time, there was only one shelf of children’s books, to one side and a little behind the desk.

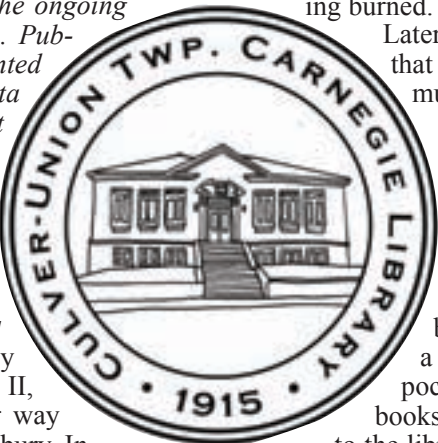
I think the stairway to the basement was behind a railing, which was part of the office. There were restrooms in the basement, I believe a coal room, and a room where they stored the books they were discarding, but were not allowed to sell. I still think it is a great pity that such a rule was instituted, but at least libraries can now sell books they no longer need, or books that have been donated but are not needed.

The windows in Culver’s old library were elongated and could be cranked open or shut by use of a long pole. The windows were high on the walls and let in quite a bit of light.

I loved that library. It was quiet, it had what seemed like millions of books, I could sit at the tables and draw or color if I was neat and tidy about it.

The original library had a stage and “opera seats” in the basement to be used for programs or meetings.

Little by little, the churches that got started, like the Culver Bible Church and the Lutheran Church, used it -- and St. Mary's (Catholic Church) used it when their build-



ing burned.

Later, the library expanded their holdings into that area and then it was used for a temporary museum.

Later, when I was in my teens, Jane Scruggs, the then librarian, asked me to work as a “page,” which mostly meant shelving the books properly. But Jane wanted me to learn more than that. She introduced me to the card catalog and the numbers to put on the spines of the books, and how we marked the inside of a book and put a date due sheet and a card pocket to let us know who had borrowed the books and when they were due to come back to the library. She taught me the system used for shelving books. She also asked me to go through the non-fiction and see that the books were in order by the Dewey Decimal system.

She didn't have another adult working at the library at that time. Pete Trone was the treasurer.

I had worked at the dime store across the street, which paid 75 cents an hour. The library paid a dollar an hour!

In the meantime, I had become acquainted with Mr. Fred Stettbacher, who lived a block north of our house. He let me help in the school library and encouraged me to pursue library science, too.

I think I was only in the school library when I was in junior high, or at least I don’t remember helping in the high school library. But by the time I was ready for college, I knew I wanted to be a librarian.

I knew if I wanted to go to college, I would need whatever financial aid I could get. Because I lived in Indiana, I would qualify for financial aid if I went to a state-supported school, so Indiana University in Bloomington would serve the purpose.

In those days, the local bank gave scholarships to seniors pursuing higher education, and I received one of them.

I later had to transfer to a smaller school, due to illness. I was given a full grant from the State of Indiana for my Master’s Degree. The only small school in the entire nation which offered a library science master’s degree was Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, Illinois.

During summers I continued to work at the Culver library.

There was no opening at Culver’s library when I got home, but the town’s clerk-treasurer resigned about 6 months after election and the town board appointed

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Adult speed

The 200 Meter Dash (half way around the track) world record was broken last month. Unbelievably, the record was set in an age group class that most of us would not think exists- the Men’s 95 Year Old Category. Although much slower than Usain Bolt’s overall world record of 19.19 seconds, Charles Eugster’s 55.48 seconds

time is still blazing. The 95 year old retired dentist is a vocal advocate of health in old age, and he boils down his success to three disciplines: hard work, diet and exercise. Remarkable, Eugster took up exercise relatively recently, when at age 87, realized that we was looking and feeling old and weary. So, he joined a body building club, started rowing and began sprinting. He is quoted, “Man has destroyed the wonder of aging by transforming it into an age of degeneration, disease and sedentary living”.

Certainly, men and women are living longer, and the quality of life theme rings ever true in our generation. To increase speed, strength and flexibility, try a few of the following routines:

- Warm up thoroughly.
- Speed/Agility drills should be performed two times per week, usually on separate days to other training
- A typical session may consist of 5 sets with 8-10 repetitions, comprising a work to rest ratio of 1:5 (a 5 second sprint should be followed by a 25 second recovery period). Choose two or three of the following speed/agility drills for each session.

1. Basic sprints – set two cones out 10-20 meters a part. Sprint from one cone to the next and slowly jog back to the start. Mix it up by making the sprint more difficult at the start by moving from a lying down or backward position.
2. Rolling start – same as above, but jog 10 meters before sprinting to improve acceleration.
3. Uphill sprints – In competition, the first few strides are crucial. Running up a slight incline (30-40 degrees) helps develop power and acceleration.
4. Downhill sprints – downhill speed develops leg turnover and coordination. Keep the hill slight. The distance downhill should be between 40 and 50 meters.
5. Intervals – Set five cones out, 30 meter apart. Sprint 30 meters; jog 30 meters, etc. to the final cone. Walk back



Heartbeats and Footprints
By DANA NEER

to start and repeat.

6. Cruise and sprint – Mark out a distance of 100 meters. From the start gradually accelerate to reach full speed at 60 meters. Sprint all out for final 40 meters. Repeat 5-8 times.

7. Ladder drills – A ladder is a simple training device that helps improve coordination and leg speed. Purchase a flat nylon ladder (available at many fitness stores) or place

tape on the ground resembling a ladder. Side step, quick step or jump to avoid hitting “rungs”.

8. Agility drill – set up a series of 8 cones in a straight line about one meter apart. Weave through the cones, turn and weave back to the start.

9. Shuttle runs – set up 2-3 pylons 25 meters apart, with bean bags at each pylon. Sprint to each spot, picking up a bean bag and running to the first pylon, placing the bean bag on the ground. Repeat until all beanbags are located at first pylon.

10. Dot drills – place “X” marks on the ground in a pattern of a five on a dice. Jump with both feet from dot to dot. Progress by jumping with one foot and changing jumping patterns. Hopscotch is a great drill too.

11. Plyometric box jump drills – the most common drills include hops, jumps and bounding movement from box to box or stairs. Keep the height of the box or stairs reasonable by allowing for controlled rebounding to the next obstacle.

12. Stair running – Quick up the stairs at a local track stadium. Once in a while run two steps at a time. Use the return to the bottom as your rest interval.

13. Forward/Backward sprints - set up two markers 10 meters apart. Sprint forward to the first marker and sprint backward to the start.

14. Plyometric hurdles – set several hurdles or barriers at 1-2 feet high, 5 feet apart. Hurdle each obstacle, immediately upon landing sprint to the next spot, driving knees forward.

Living a full, energy-filled life encompasses many things, and certainly, quick, nimble activity is a key to that goal. Try a few of the above exercises. Who knows? At age 40, 60, 70 or beyond, you too may set a new world record someday.

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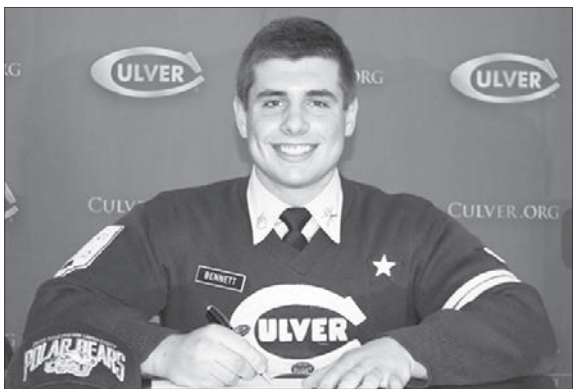
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Eleven Culver Academies student athletes announce collegiate choices



Kyle Bennett of Culver will be playing for Ohio Northern University.

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies
Eleven Culver Academies seniors and first-classmen officially announced their college choices on Wednesday, April 15, the first day for signing National Letters of Intent for spring. Only student-athletes committing to NCAA Division I and II are required to sign National Letters of Intent. Division III and Ivy League schools do not provide athletic scholarships.

Kyle Bennett (Culver) will play football and enter the engineering school at Ohio Northern University, a D3 school.

Kaley Concannon (Longwood, Fla.) signed a National Letter of Intent to row at Stetson University, an NCAA DI school.

Tavia Maurovic (Windsor, Ont.) signed an NLI to play golf at Mercyhurst University, a D2 program.

Mitchell Kokko (Madison, Miss.) will be a preferred walk-on for the University of Notre Dame fencing team. He will enter the Mendoza School of Business.

Rugby players Jeremy Dorrell (South Bend, Ind.) and Quentin Haley (Winamac, Ind.) will continue their careers at the University of New Hampshire and the University of Central Missouri, respectively.

One Prep hockey player, Spencer Cage (Carmel, Ind.), will play at Division III power Middlebury. Four other members of the Prep hockey will play juniors before heading for their choices. Karch Bachman has committed to Miami University (Ohio); Ian Murdoch (Western Springs, Ill.) will go to the United States Military Academy; Nick MacNab (Indianapolis) will attend Yale; and Dean Shatzer (Castle Rock, Colo.) has committed to Dartmouth.

To date, 18 student-athletes from the class of 2015 have announced they are taking their talents to the next level.

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VanDePutte headed to Ancilla

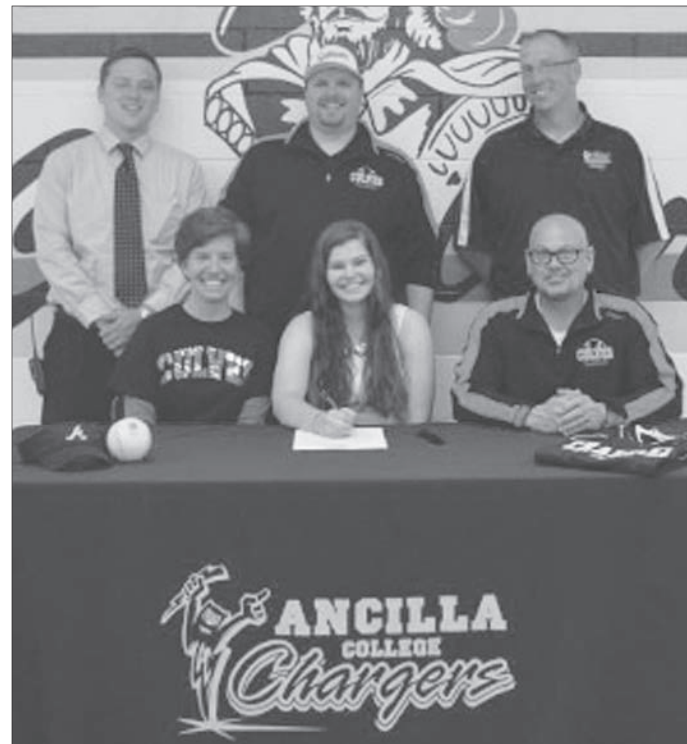


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Culver Community's Janelle VanDePutte signed on to play softball at Ancilla college next season. Pictured from left to right are, seated: mother Janna VanDePutte, Janelle VanDePutte, father Ken VanDePutte; standing: Culver Athletic Director Luke Biernacki, Culver softball coach Brian Hamann, Ancilla College softball coach Scott Reese.

CULVER — Culver Community High School senior Janelle VanDePutte recently signed her National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Letter of Intent to play softball at Ancilla College.

VanDePutte is a four-year letterwinner and has been identified as a scholar-athlete for the Cavaliers. As part of BPA, she was ranked third in the state and 13th in the nation in 2012, first in the state in 2013, and 8th in the nation in 2014. She has also received art awards from Tri-Kappa.

“Ancilla was close to home with a caring atmosphere, smaller campus and lots of one-on-one attention,” stated VanDePutte. “The chance to further my softball career was an opportunity that I could not pass up.”

“Janelle is a versatile softball player,” began Ancilla coach Scott Reese.

“She can pitch, play first, second, or the outfield. That will be a tremendous asset for our team and help her with opportunities, as well. I am excited that Janelle has decided to become part of the Ancilla softball family.”

Janelle is the daughter of Ken and Janna VanDePutte of Culver and plans to major in Criminal Justice while at Ancilla.

Sports briefs

Girls tennis

CGA snaps streak

Culver Girls Academy's tennis team snapped its losing streak with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over visiting Mishawaka Marian Wednesday evening.

Alena Arkhipov and Kingsley Cortes earned the Lady Eagles their two singles victories, with respective 7-5, 6-4 and 6-2, 7-6(3) wins in the 1 and 3 spots.

Regina and Amanda Padilla were 6-3, 6-2 winners at 1 doubles, while Katherine Hansen and Grace Holzer won their first set at 2 doubles but ultimately succumbed in three.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3,
MISHAWAKA MARIAN 2
At Culver

Boys golf

Culver competes at 3-way

John Glenn's boys golf team earned a victory over two teams, while Culver Community finished at the bottom of a three-way meet at Mystic Hills Thursday.

C.J. Jaske shot 41, Sam Newhart shot 43, Cole Sarber carded 46, Mason Hatfield turned in a 50, and Lucas Stegemiller shot 53 for Glenn.

Culver was led by Tevin Jones with a 43. Austin Bailey

shot 50, Tyler Binkley shot 55, Cody Rieckhoff shot 68, and Caleb Sheridan shot 76 for the Cavs.

• JOHN GLENN 180, WESTVILLE 216, CULVER 216
At Mystic Hills (par 35)

Boys track and field

Culver splits 3-way

Culver Community's boys track and field team split with visiting Roch-

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718 South Main Street
CulverBible.org
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Eve. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Daniel Huhn
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Emmanuel United Methodist Church
401 S. Main St., Culver
842-2133
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Tom Richards
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574-842-2331
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Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.
Children and Adults
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Memorial Chapel
Culver Academies
Protestant Chapel - 10:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Sam Boys, Chaplain
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Mt. Hope United Methodist Church
7022 W. 700N
574-542-9333
www.mthopechurch.com
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bob Metzger
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Sovereign Grace Baptist Church
110 N. Main St., Culver
842-3629
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
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<http://steculver.org>
Eucharist - 6:00 p.m.
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www.culcom.net/~stmarys/
Sunday Masses - 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Fr. Jeffrey Largent
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430 Academy Rd.
www.trinityculver.org
Sunday Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Pastor: K.C. Dehning
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Wesley United Methodist Church
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Labor Day-Memorial Day -
9:00 Sunday School
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~2 Corinthians 11:27-28

Bible Trivia

— BY WILSON CASEY —

1. Is the book of Terebinth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What sprang up and shadowed over Jonah's head, delivering him from his grief? Hemlock, Gourd, Flowers, Fig tree
3. From Judges 16, where did Samson tell Delilah that his great strength lies? Deep voice, Mighty arms, Long hair, Kind heart
4. Who married King David after her evil husband, Nabal, died? Tamar, Abigail, Vashti, Sarah
5. Which man's name in the book of Genesis means "hairy"? Seth, Cain, Abel, Esau
6. How many times is the word "Lucifer" in the Bible (KJV)? 1, 13, 39, 66

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Gourd; 3) Long hair; 4) Abigail; 5) Esau; 6) 1

Maxinkuckee Yacht Club, Environmental Fund among MCCF grant fund recipients

The Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) announced the first round of 2015 grants from the Foundation’s Community Fund and the Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr Fund during an awards presentation held April 8 in Plymouth. Twice each year, nonprofit organizations are invited to submit proposals for new, innovative and collaborative projects. Members of the community serving on the MCCF Grants Committee evaluate the proposals and conduct site visits during a competitive application process.

Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr. Grants

The Ralph C. Vonnegut Jr. Fund was established to provide annual funding for environmental, educational, or recreational projects directly related to Lake Maxinkuckee. This year \$14,699 was awarded to the following organizations:

- Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, Inc: \$5,000 for a Watershed Management Plan providing assessment and management information to achieve water resource goals
- Maxinkuckee Yacht Club: \$9,699 for new sailboats and equipment for a redeveloped, expanded and more accessible Junior Fleet youth sailing program

Community Fund grants

During the Spring 2015 grant round, \$87,660 was



Front row, from left: Linda Yoder (MCCF Executive Director), Heather Barron, Darlene Derfield, Eric Keilman. Second row: Kathy Clark, Ann Fitzgerald, Sara Spasic, Diane Fisher, Loretta Schmidt. Third row: Becky Furry and Ed Furry, Jim Burroughs, Mark VanDerWeele, Joe Krom, Jerry Chavez, Kathy Frazier, Kevin Boyer (MCCF Grants Committee Chair), Morris Riddle, Collin Seitz and Todd Zeltwanger.

awarded to twelve organizations in Marshall County for the following projects:

- Ancilla College-Nursing Program: \$15,000 for a Pyxis Medstation Training Unit
- Argos Lions Club: \$2,160 for a fire suppression system at a Marshall County 4-H Fair food booth
- Argos Park Board/Town of Argos: \$25,000 for installation of a splash pad in the Argos Town Park

- Blessings in a Back Pack: \$2,000 for new programs at John Glenn School Corporation and Union-North School Corporation
- Bourbon Public Library: \$6,000 for building improvements
- Crossroads Church: 42,500 to initiate a Kids Hope program with Jefferson Elementary
- Marshall County Economic Development: \$10,000 to provide Marshall County funding support for the four-county region (Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties) to develop a Regional Cities of Northern Indiana five-year plan and funding proposal
- Marshall County Running Club: \$2,000 to start a youth health program centered on walking and running
- Plymouth Youth Softball: \$5,000 for improvements to the girls fastpitch softball diamond at Centennial Park
- Potawatomi Park, Inc.: \$5,000 to assist with a new park entrance sign
- Turning Point Housing, Inc./Heminger House: \$8,000 for repairs to windows, doors and floors at Heminger House
- Project Lead The Way: \$5,000 for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum in public and private schools in Marshall County (\$30,000 funding over 3 years as part of five-county \$4.4 million regional match grant).

For more information about the Foundation, call 574-935-9159 or visit www.marshallcountycf.org.

Johnson of Culver is Tri Kappa State Scholarship winner

The Culver Tri Kappa Chapter has announced that Russell Johnson of Culver is a recipient of the Tri Kappa Fine Arts State Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. The Tri Kappa State Fine Arts Committee grants two scholarships every year to a college student enrolled in the area of dance, drama, art or music and focused upon either performance or education.

Johnson is currently attending Berkley College of Music.

Tri Kappa State Convention

The 61st State Convention of Tri Kappa was recently

held at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Council President, Kathryn Dory of Greencastle presided. Representing the Culver Epsilon Nu Chapter were Colleen Denham (Province XII State Scholarship Chair) and Jennifer Luttrell.

Several business sessions and educational workshops were held during the three day meeting. Tri Kappa’s Philanthropy Committee began a new journey with Rile Hospital, a journey that supported the Riley Children’s Foundation and Riley Cheer Guild and the HANDS in Autism program. Over \$37,000 was given to Riley Hospital. The Scholarship Committee reported that local, province, and state scholarships totaled almost \$500,000 annually for

Indiana students. The Mental Health Committee donated \$18,500 to organizations to promote the mental health needs of children and adults. The Fine Arts Committee has been actively involved in the Hoosier Salon since it was organized in 1926. The Tri Kappa Art collection is on display at the newly renovated Logan Library at Rose Hulman in Terre Haute.

Tri Kappa is a statewide philanthropic organization known for its works in charity, culture, and education. It has nearly 8,500 members in 144 Active and 113 Associate Chapters throughout the State of Indiana.

RCNI encourages public to submit projects to transform regional economy

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (April 14, 2015) – In preparation for submitting an application for a grant from the State of Indiana’s Regional Cities Initiative, the Regional Cities of Northern Indiana group has been working collectively to identify a short list of bold economic development projects that will help transform the economy of the entire four-county region. As part of this process, the public is now being encouraged to submit project applications that can also be considered for inclusion between now and May 1.

“While many projects have been identified through work group sessions held in Elkhart, St. Joseph, Marshall and Kosciusko counties, we want to ensure that all potential projects have the opportunity to be considered for inclusion in the plan,” said Steve McKnight of consulting firm Fourth Economy. “Opening this to the wider public through this online application process is important.”

“We’re seeking applications for projects that enhance the community to improve the economy and quality of

place,” said Amish Shah, President of Kem Krest Corporation in Elkhart. “Ultimately that’s what will attract talent to support our growing innovation-based economy.”

“Programming is a critical part of the overall regional plan,” added McKnight. “If the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) agrees that we have developed good programming and good projects, we’ve got a shot at matching grants from the Regional Cities Initiative. And that money will be used for the brick and mortar projects.”

The IEDC criteria requires distinct, feasible projects with realistic budgets, return-on-investment calculations and clear timelines. Projects must be implementable within a 12-month time frame and their budget should represent a public-private partnership that consists of 60% private sector funding, augmented by 20% co-investments from both the local and state government.

Projects may fall into these major areas: infrastructure, redevelopment of blighted physical assets, cultural ameni-

ties, quality of place, industry-specific development, education and incumbent workforce, innovation and technology, and talent attraction.

“The exact amount of available state funding will be determined through the legislative process. And while the proposed level of investment to our region has the ability to increase the scope and speed of project implementation, it is important to recognize that in any event, we benefit greatly by collaborating regionally to develop a bold vision for our future,” Shah said. “This process is already providing a very strong portfolio of ready-to-execute projects that will move us toward that vision.”

Project applications will be reviewed by the Regional Cities of Northern Indiana steering and strategy committees. A Regional Development Authority (RDA) will be established to support ongoing Regional Cities of Northern Indiana activities.

The public is invited to view the project intake form at: www.RegionalCitiesofNorthernIndiana.com.

Maxinkuckee Singers to present ‘Makin’ Music — 2015’

MARSHALL COUNTY — Maxinkuckee Singers will be presenting their spring concerts called “Makin’ Music — 2015.” All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. EDT. The show in Knox is at 6:30 p.m. CDT. Dates and venues are as follows:

- April 30 at Plymouth, Plymouth United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St.
- May 4 at Argos, Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St.
- May 5 at Rochester Community Presbyterian Church, 530 Jefferson St.
- May 7 at Bremen, Bremen United Methodist Church, 302 W. Plymouth St.
- May 11 at Knox, Knox United



Methodist Church, 201 S. Shield St.

- May 13 at Culver, Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St.
- May 14 at Plymouth, First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St.

Under the direction of Kathy Overmyer with Betty Martens at the keyboard, this not-for-profit group has been entertaining the Marshall County area for more than 27 years. The group offers a wide variety of popular, sacred, standard, comedy and dance numbers, solos, and duets.

This spring’s shows are free to the public with a free-will donation accepted. For further information, call Kathy at 574-276-2287 or check out www.maxsingers.org.

LEFT: Members of the Maxinkuckee Singers are (first row): Joy Ritenour, Laura Snipes, Wendy Wise, Lenore Jones; middle row: Tom Boys, Brad Foster, Kathy Overmyer, Julie Scott, Betty Martens; back row: Matt Sutton, Brian Liechty, Becky Liechty, Doug Neilson, and Dan Adams. Not pictured: Sarah Talley

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Hicks, among others.

Archstone Entertainment has been signed on as distributor for the movie and began licensing the film in Berlin in February, according to a recent email release by Simmons.

“We are obtaining close to our high ask price on the territories they have already sold and there are more territories that will be licensed in mid-May at the renowned Cannes Film Festival,” he added.

Archstone is also promoting a new international trailer for “Little Savages” which features plenty of familiar Culver scenery, and may be viewed online at achstonedistribution.com/film/Little-Savages.

Simmons adds that Millenium Entertainment (recently acquired by Alchemy) will represent the domestic rights for “Little Savages.”

“Details are still being worked out,” he continues, “but this could come in the form of TV original premiere that airs on ABC Family or Disney XD. It could manifest into a limited theatrical release. Domestic release is still being coordinated. Overall, we are very pleased with Archstone as a distributor and we are in a great position with ‘Little Savages.’”

Simmons adds that it’s possible “Little Savages” could be available on DVD for the public by Christmas, though again, nothing has been firmed up as of now.

“I’m really happy with the outcome,” he says of “shopping” the film to distributors. “A number of distributors liked it and made offers.”

It’s not impossible, depending upon response to the movie, that a sequel could still happen. That notion would certainly go well with the actors involved.

“We had a great relationships with all the actors,” Simmons notes. “They would all love to come back.”

“Savages” is one of three films Bearfruit has produced to date. Its first, “Rumors of Wars,” may now be seen on Netflix and the DVD is in select stores and online.

“It’s doing really well,” says Simmons.

“Griddle House,” a film the company shot in 2014, is close to completion and will be taken through the same steps as “Little Savages.”

A premiere event for “Little Savages” was held to a packed audience last Labor Day weekend at the Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival.

Bearfruit Films may be found online at www.bearfruitfilms.com.

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ester and Caston Thursday, beating out Caston 60-45 but falling a single point shy of Rochester.

Troy Bolds won both the 400 and the 200 dashes, and participated on the Cavs’ winning 400-meter relay squad with Roman Vantwoud, who won the 100, and Lance Beaver, who won the 300 hurdles, placed second in the 110 hurdles and was a winner in the 1600 relay. Beaver and Bolds were also winners with the 1600 relay.

Culver went one-two in the shot put, where Sam Castaneda and Alecks McBee finished in first and second, respectively, and Castaneda was second in the discus. Aaron Becker finished in second place behind Beaver in the 300 hurdles.

• ROCHESTER 61, CULVER COMMUNITY 60, CASTON 45

At Culver

Girls track and field

Culver girls fall to Rochester, Caston

Culver Community’s girls finished at the bottom of a three-way pile with Rochester and Caston at home in Culver Thursday. Rochester beat Caston to top meet field.

Justine Dexter won both the 400 and 200 for Culver.

Jennah McCarthy was second in both the hurdles races.

• ROCHESTER 79, CASTON 54, CULVER 26

At Culver

Boys lacrosse

CMA teams earn wins

Culver Military’s prep and varsity lacrosse teams claimed a pair of victories over visiting Brother Rice of Michigan Friday at the Academies.

In the prep game, Ethan Walker scored six goals, and Dawson McKenzie added four more. Alec VanDeBovenkamp made seven saves in the 13-5 win.

In the varsity game, Dominic Puzevic, Nate Clurman, Joe Johnson, Luc Anderson and Mark Ferrino all scored

two goals for CMA. Anderson dished out three assists, while Johnson and Clurman finished with two assists apiece, and Reeves McKenny notched eight saves in the 12-8 defeat of Brother Rice Orange, which kept the Eagles varsity perfect at 10-0.

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 13, BROTHER RICE (Mich.) 5

At Culver

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 12, BROTHER RICE ORANGE 8

At Culver

CMA stays unbeaten

Culver Military’s varsity lacrosse team handed visiting St. Joseph a convincing 10-2 defeat Wednesday.

Matt Turner accounted for most of the Eagles’ offense with six goals in the contest, and Luc Anderson scored and dished out two assists.

CMA stays unbeaten on the season at 8-0.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 10,

ST. JOSEPH 2

At Culver

Park board accepts bid for floating pier material

Material from a retired floating pier aimed for removal from its storage space at the Culver town park has finally found an official home, following a vote at the Culver park board meeting April 20, according to park superintendent Marc Hayden.

A sealed bid for \$25,100 for purchase of the material – which had been formally declared as excess inventory – was accepted from the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, during the meeting.

The floating pier had first been installed in April of 2013, following several years of planning and debate as to its specifications. Soon after its installation, the pier partially collapsed, leading to controversy as to whether remedy of the problem was the responsibility of the installer or the park itself. Even finding a business willing to remove the pier proved a challenge, though by the end of 2013 its parts were being stored on park property, and

County DUI Task Force announces results

The Marshall County DUI Task Force today announced the results of patrols during their second quarter of operation, the months of January through March. The Marshall County DUI Task Force is a cooperation of officers from the Marshall County Sheriffs Department, Plymouth Police Department, Bourbon Police Department, Bremen Police Department, and the Culver Police Department.

In all, Task Force officers dedicated 49 hours of extra patrol against impaired and dangerous driving. Officers stopped 91 motorists issuing 144 citations and warnings. Officers made arrests for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, Driving While Suspended with a Prior Conviction, Operating Without Ever Receiving a License, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, False Informing, and Driving While being a Habitual Traffic Violator.

The Marshall County DUI Task Force reminds everyone to plan ahead before going out for the night. Have a sober driver come along or make arrangements for a ride to get home. Please be responsible when traveling the roads and report all drivers thought to be impaired to 911.

To learn more about Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest enforcement efforts, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

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me to be the clerk-treasurer. I held that position through the end of 1983.

I worked for a few years at Plymouth Public Library, a few years at Argos Public Library, and discovered that while I had a degree to become a head librarian, the truth was that I didn't like administration. What I liked was in-

teracting with people who were doing research, or helping them find what they were looking for. I loved cataloging.

- were officially voted to be disposed of last year.
- Among other items approved by the board included:
- Change of regular park board meetings to the second Monday at each month at 6:30 p.m at the beach lodge.
 - Purchase of a 52-inch V-Ride Skag commercial mower from Culver Power Equipment for \$7,360.
 - Two phosphate-free fertilizer applications by Sellers Service for grounds maintenance and eight applications to pier shoreline rocks to limit vegetation growth within the rocks.
 - Kayak and paddle board rentals to be provided by Sail22 at the beach area.
 - Purchase of 30 new decorative trash containers and a \$4,000 donation towards their purchase by Carol Zeglis.
 - Purchase of four pet waste stations totaling \$796 from Lester Recreation Designs.
 - Purchase of 66 12 by 4 inch by 4 foot plastic play-

Fashion show, high tea is fund-raiser for library centennial

A fashion show and tea focusing on the century the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library has been in existence is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m. in the Culver Woodcraft Camp's Penske building.

The event will be a fund-raiser for the library's centennial.

The tea will be modeled after England's High Tea and fashions will represent the 100 years that the Carnegie library has been in service to the Culver community. Models will also be presenting the newest fashions and accessories available various Culver apparel stores including Fishers, Diva, Civies and It's YOU!

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the library and Cafe Max in downtown Culver. Seating is limited to 100.

In conjunction with the event, organizers are seeking fashions from each of the decades represented (1920s, '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s). To assist, please call Patty Stallings at 574-842-2118.

ground border material pieces at \$1,650 from Lester Recreation Designs.

- Maintenance of park grounds by park employees.
- Hourly rates for department employees ranging from \$8.25 to \$10 per hour.

During his superintendent's report, Hayden noted that seasonal cleaning supplies and new paper product dispensers will be installed throughout the beach lodge and that an employee check-in and check-out area has been established within the park superintendent's office.

Cleaning of the building and storage areas continues to establish ample storage area for park needs, he said.

Zehner excavating will top-dress the beach area, and pier slot client 2015 beach passes will be mailed out in short order, he added.



Zehner is CBGC Member of the Month

ABOVE: Alex Zehner was the March Member of the Month for the Culver Boys & Girls Club.

He is 11 years old and in 5th grade. His favorite parts of club are free rotation and getting homework done right away so he can play.

CBGC meets weekdays at Culver Elementary and may be contacted at 574-250-0103.

Lions from page 1

dents at the Wesley Preschool and Daycare in Culver, at no charge to youngsters' families. Instead, funds are provided through services and projects of The Indiana Lions Eye Bank, the Lions Clubs of Indiana, and contributions from both individual and corporate donors.

Following the screening, parents receive notification of the results, with those who "fail" or are "referred" then advised of the possibility of a vision disorder ad encouraged to make an appointment with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Operation KidSight is a project of Lions' Clubs throughout Indiana and The Indiana Lions Eye Bank (in partnership with the Indiana Lions Foundation, and the Indiana University Department of Ophthalmology), and continues the longstanding efforts of both the international and local Lions Clubs to focus on eye care (collecting eye glasses for the needy and vision and hearing screenings for older students have long been staples of the Culver club's offerings).

And while it's tempting to suggest spring is the season the Culver Lions are "popping up all over" (by way of their annual CCHS senior student banquet -- see coverage in this edition of The Culver Citizen -- or their annual "Spring Fest" this weekend -- see sidebar to this article



Lions Club volunteers work with a youngster at Culver's Wesley Preschool recently as part of the new KidSight eye screening program initiated by the Lions Club of Indiana.

teracting with people who were doing research, or helping them find what they were looking for. I loved cataloging.

I have a deep gratitude to the many, many people who believed in me, who hired me, who worked with me, who encouraged me, and many of whom I still correspond with.

-- or their May 30 "White Cane Day" to collect funds and raise awareness for the needs of the blind), anyone who's lived long in Culver knows there really isn't a season when the club is invisible.

That includes summer, when they'll be visible not only with White Cane Day once again on July 31, and not

only in various roles at the Culver Lake Fest, but surely most visibly at their own annual corn roast on the final Saturday in July (this year that's the 25th), itself dating back nearly to the inception of the club.

That also includes fall, when they're likely best known for their annual flea market and bake sale (this year the weekend of Oct. 2), as well as the children's Halloween party (one of the oldest continuing children's activities in Culver, if not the oldest). Nor is the club hibernating in winter, whether its co-sponsoring that other ancient Culver staple, the children's Christmas party, or toasting Cul-

verites who exemplify the club's own motto ("We serve and we serve and we serve!") via the its annual awards night in January.

In between, club funds are routed to community endeavors like the student-oriented DARE program, the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, Marshall County Area Council of Churches, the Culver Food Pantry, Culver's baseball youth league/soccer program, the Culver Boys & Girls Club, Culver/Union Township EMS, CCHS BPA and choir, the joint CCHS-Culver Academies annual Mexico mission trip, and more.

Last month, club members also continued another ongoing annual tradition, that of Liberty Day at Culver's middle and high schools (the club also visits Culver third graders to provide them with dictionaries each year). And the Lions are consistently visible at Culver's Winter Fest, Boys & Girls Club auction, Lake Fest, Gift of Warmth/ Film Festival, and Fall Fest.

Also throughout the year, not only does the club hold meetings and some of its events at the depot, but the site has long played an important role as a community gathering place, available for events and also private rental (contact Mike Overmyer for availability, at 574-842-2446).

Those interested in joining the club are encouraged to contact Lion Jim Harper at 574-842-2962.

And lest the public miss any of this, Lion Jill Neidlinger recently coordinated the launching of a new, improved website for the club at culverlions.org. There you'll find everything from meeting schedules to photos of past events, as well as any contact and logistical info you might need.

Rasch from page 1

The CGA theme for the year chosen by student leaders is ohana, the Hawaiian word for family. Interestingly, Rasch lived in Hawaii from 1986-88 while she obtained an associate's degree in travel management. With that background, she will continue to oversee the Global Pathways Spring program and will co-host a trip to central Europe in March with thirty-one students.

Now the assistant coach of the Equestriennes, Rasch is indebted to the Horsemanship Department and mentors such as Command Sergeant Major John W. "Sarge" Hudson and Captain R. Jeffrey Honzik H'65 for the impact they had on her life.

Interestingly, Rasch's first exposure to Culver came when her stepbrother Kenneth Zinn came for a campus visit. She was smitten with the school and the riding program. When financial issues put her final Culver year in jeopardy, Rasch struck a deal with her dad: "You fund my last year at CGA and I'll fund my college education."

As a CGA student, Rasch said she connected with the Horsemanship Department. She returned from 1980-86 as a horsemanship instructor and credits Honzik for challenging her outside the riding arena. Over her objections, Honzik named her coach of the Equestriennes in 1981, a leadership position she went on to savor for twenty-six years.

She also thanks Superintendent John Mars for hiring her in 1980 before she had completed her undergraduate degree. Rasch finished her degree at night and went on to earn three degrees in seven years (Brigham Young University, Lake Erie College, and Eastern Michigan).

In 1985, the Equestriennes' received their first invitation to a Presidential Inaugural Parade, which ended up being canceled by severe weather. As Equestriennes coach, she has helped prepare horses and riders for seven inaugural

parades. She rode in three and walked in two. The inaugurals and the appearance of the Equestriennes and Lancers in the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky, highlight her Culver career on with horsemanship.

"I love coaching and seeing the girls, the horses, and a performance come together," she said, calling the WEG "a fantastic performance in front of the royalty of the horse world."

In 1993, after seven years away, Rasch had the opportunity to return to Culver. She had two options: return as an equitation instructor or become a CGA counselor. She chose the latter; "I wanted to try something new."

Rasch spent 1993-2002 as the counselor of Atrium dorm, rising to the position of senior counselor. When the Student Life Office was reorganized in 2002, Laura Weaser went from Dean of Students to Dean of Girls, and Rasch was named the Assistant Dean of Girls.

Weaser lauded Rasch's organizational skills, attention to detail, and "an ability to anticipate what was needed next" during their eleven years as a team. "Her calm, compassionate, and level head were key, especially in difficult and trying situations. She was always able to balance the varying demands placed upon her and did so with seeming ease," Weaser said.

As the first graduate to serve as Dean of CGA, Rasch brings the history and perspective of a student and a young staff member. She knows "where we've been and where we want to go. I know the importance of tradition and ceremony and I understand the community.

"I know what this school did for me and what opportunities it can provide for young women and men," Rasch said.

Admittedly, she is still learning. Rasch wants to visit other schools and see their programs, grow the CGA lead-

ership program, and continue her own professional development.

"But I didn't know it was going to be so much fun. I enjoy working with so many exceptional young women," Rasch said.

In early March, it was announced that Ithaka counselor Ann (Schneider) Kelly '94 will assume the role of Assistant Dean of Girls in August 2015. She is one of CGA graduates who are part of the CGA Student Life staff. Others are Diane Hansen '75, Ann Rutledge '79, Angie Fulton '98, and Jai Hayes '02.

Rasch is proud of "having the opportunity to connect with young women and men over the years, to see their growth and success, and what they have accomplished with their careers and families by having attended the Academies. I hope I've made some small impact on their lives."

It is clear the impact all of her Culver experiences have had on Rasch.

"I am humbled and awed by this responsibility," she said, and of this she is certain: "There won't be any grass growing under our feet. CGA doesn't rest on its laurels."

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Late dismissals Fridays for Culver schools

Culver Comm. Schools have begun late Friday dismissal to make up for this winter’s school cancellations due to snow. Residents are encouraged to be on the lookout for students following the Culver Elementary School’s 3:30 p.m. dismissal (as opposed to the regular 2:30 time slot). Late dismissal will take place every Friday through May 8.

Culver history bike ride May 7

A moderate ride around Culver with a venture into the town’s history will begin at Rideon Bicycles, 115 E. Jefferson Street in Culver on Thursday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. (the ride itself will begin at 6). Riders are encouraged to bring their own bicycles or rent one from Rideon, to take part. Local historian Jeff Kenney will lead the tour, which is expected to take from 60 to 90 minutes, and will conclude near the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, where those wishing to stay and enjoy a meal may do so.

Town-wide cleanup May 9

Culver’s town-wide cleanup scheduled for Sat., May 9. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

Culver culinary tour scheduled for May 9

A culinary tour of Culver is being launched by Northern Indiana-based Flavor574 for Saturday, May 9. The trip costs \$125 a person and is limited to 40 people. Sign up by calling Kim Wright at Menno Travel Service, 574-534-1521.

Maxinkuckee wetland tours

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will host its annual Wetland Tour events May 9 and June 6, during which attendees will be guided through the three major tributary wetlands of the lake. To participate in a tour, and receive a t-shirt, call the LMEC office at 574-842-3686 or email lmec@lakemax.org to provide your name and shirt size. Only 25 people can be accommodated per tour (if more wish to come, an extra day may be added in May and June).

Mystic Hills men’s senior golf starts May 6

Mystic Hills Golf Course’s men’s senior golf starts Wed., May 6 at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend. You must be 55 years old to qualify. There is no weekly commitment; just show up. The fee is \$17 for nine holes from senior tees. All skill levels are welcome. Those with questions may contact Mystic Hills at 574-842-2687 or Bob Austgen 630-624-8521.

Tour de Max May 16

Culver Tri Kappa’s annual Tour de Max bicycle event will take place Saturday, May 16 and will include 10, 30, and 63-mile routes. Riders may register online at www.active.com or request a registration form by emailing tour_de_max@yahoo.com. Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1st through the morning of the ride.

Reservations open for June 12 CBGC auction

The Culver Boys & Girls Club’s “Building Brighter Futures” auction event will take place Friday, June 12 at the Ward Lay Dining Hall on Culver Academies’ campus. This year’s will be a bluegrass-themed party. The admission fee is \$40 a person or \$75 for a couple. Reservations may be made at 574-842-2000. For those who can’t attend, donations may be made to CBGC at P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

Culver High School reunion June 27

A reunion for Culver High School (CHS) alumni is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs on CDs which will not be returned) to Tom Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315. Email tomcurtis787@gmail.com or call 508-369-1506 (cell). Reunion ticket requests must be received before Sat., June 20, and include a check for \$25 for each reunion attendee. Requests must include name, address, and CHS class year of each requesting alumni or former CHS student, as well as a phone number and e-mail address for the requestor (if available).

CHS 1950s classes meet-and-greet June 27

In addition to the Culver High School reunion set for the evening of Sat., June 27, a “Meet and Greet” for all CHS alums from the classes of 1950 to 1959, hosted by the class of 1955, will take place the same day at the town park depot - train station on Lake Shore Drive, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments (iced tea, water, lemonade and cookies) will be provided by Culver Coffee Company.

Rarities on exhibit at Academies gallery

A page from the first book printed on the printing press is among a wide array of pieces exhibited at the Crisp Visual Art Center on Culver Academies’ campus through June. Several diverse exhibits include works around the themes *Landscapes*, *ART/WORD*, and *Culver Connections*, respectively. The Galleries at the Crisp Visual Art Center are open Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment at 574-842-8278.

Fund-raiser for former CES student underway

Local students have been raising funds for 10-year-old former Culver Elementary student Giovanni Jurado, who is in need of a new kidney. More information and updates on Giovanni can be seen via [facebook.com/prayersforgiovanni](https://www.facebook.com/prayersforgiovanni). A fund-raising website has been set up at www.gofundme.com/hsle0w for those wishing to donate.

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Golf season 2015: How you can get involved

Chad Hutsell
Head Golf Professional at Swan Lake Resort

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