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## In Brief

### Firemen's golf outing June 13

The Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual golf outing June 13 at Mystic Hills golf course, with tee off at 8a.m. Four person teams are welcome to sign up, at a cost of \$60 per golfer. Oliver Ford is providing a vehicle for a hole in one, and lunch will be served after play. The department is still seeking door prizes to give away. Those wishing to sponsor a hole may do so at \$100 (as a Firefighter's Friend), \$150 (as a Birdie Sponsor), \$350 (as an Eagle Sponsor; includes a team of four). \$500 (as a Super Eagle sponsor; includes a large sign and four-person team). Questions may be directed to Fire Chief Mike Grover (574-220-6329), Assistant Fire Chief Ken VanDePutte (574-274-9942), or Ssecretary-Treasurer Dave Cooper (574-952-2809).

### Chairs for Charity drop-off June 6

Don't just sit there, better get your chair ready to drop off for the Chairs for Charity parade. Community members are invited to donate a special chair, any chair - old or new, big or small, classic or whimsical. Chairs must be dropped off this Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at 432 School Street in Culver or at 203 N. Michigan Avenue in Plymouth. All those donating a chair will receive two free tickets to the upcoming Live Auction Gala scheduled later this June. Tickets for the Gala will be sold at \$20 each and will be available during the chair drop off or by contacting a Culver Tri Kappa member. To catch a preview of other artists' chairs visit <http://chaircharity.blogspot.com>. Or keep your eye out for chairs popping up around town starting June 6.

### 4-H fundraiser

Union Township 4-H will be having a car wash and bake sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the lot next to the fire station in Culver. The 4-H'ers will be taking donations for the car wash in an effort to raise funds for the auction support group.

### Culver Kiwanis golf outing July 17

Culver's Kiwanis Club is planning its 12th annual golf outing to be held July 17 at the Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver. Shotgun

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## End of the line for the class of '09

Above: Culver Community High School's annual graduation exercises took place last Friday, sending members of the class of 2009 into the world. In the photo above, left, are pictured graduates (left to right) Drew Cultice, Ryan Carter, Anthony Bonine, and Jeffrey Clifton. In the photo at right are pictured Megan Myers, Liz West, Sarah Kirkland, and Lara Kapplusch.

## 'Chair parade' kicks off this weekend

A number of chairs are already in the queue for Culver Tri Kappa's "Chairs for Charity" community event, kicking off June 6 in Culver (see article in "Briefs," this issue).

Leading up to the month of June, as reported in previous issues of the Citizen, area residents have been encouraged to apply their creativity to virtually any sort of chair of their choosing in preparation for a "chair parade" throughout the month of June. The chairs will be displayed outside participating businesses in Culver and Plymouth until a June 28 auction

at the Culver Cove, during which they will be sold to the highest bidder in a gala fund raiser to support Tri Kappa's many philanthropic endeavors in the community, which include educational and cultural efforts.

From the local and nostalgic to the child-friendly

and colorful, event co-chair Andrea Cook is clearly impressed with the community's offerings so far. She has also developed a new passion for chairs, she says, since designing her first chair, signed and illustrated by children's author David Slonim.

"Every stage of this proj-

ect, to think about something new and imaginative. It is so much fun hearing from the people who have committed to donating a chair. Their eyes light up when they tell you where their chair came from and what their vision is for the chair."

Cook says her own chair contribution, "Razzle Dazzle," was designed "for the sassy and classy, someone who wants something hot to liven up her home decor while not sacrificing comfort and quality."

Cook's, of course, is only one of several chairs already parade-ready, some of which are shown here. Those with chairs to add to the offerings are encouraged to drop them off from 10 a.m. until noon at 432 School Street in Culver or at 203 N. Michigan Avenue in Plymouth. Those donating a chair will receive two free tickets to the auction (otherwise, tickets

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Jessica Saunders' chair creation, entitled "Covenant," was inspired by a rainbow theme when she noticed the six spindles on her chair. She included a favorite verse from Genesis reminding her of God's promise never to flood the Earth again.

ect, from the event's overall vision to the planning and execution of this program has been inspiring," Cook explains. "There is something fresh and magical when a community works together on an event that spawns creativity. Creativity allows people to talk

from 10 a.m. until noon at 432 School Street in Culver or at 203 N. Michigan Avenue in Plymouth. Those donating a chair will receive two free tickets to the auction (otherwise, tickets

## Culver Building Trades helps family achieve rustic dream

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Another year has ended for Culver Community High School's popular Building Trades program, another new home has been added to the community, and another family is happily taking up residence there thanks to the hard work of a number of CCHS students and program instructor Kyle Elliott.

Mike and Bonnie Ben-

nett's new home had humble beginnings with the pouring of concrete before the start of school last fall, after which the first week of the program was spent in the classroom discussing the basics of safety and framing. The following week, Elliott and crew were on the site, which is surrounded by 57 largely wooded acres on Thorn Road northwest of Culver.

The Bennetts say they

sought to take advantage of the setting and incorporate a rustic feel to the home. They've succeeded admirably: the railings, posts, stools, tables, and other facets of the house are made of stained, rustic wood which Elliott had to be ordered from a Michigan supplier. The entire building evokes an open, earthy air, right down to the stuffed raccoon, fox, and pheasant in the main room

on the ground floor.

Bonnie Bennett says the look was inspired by that of suppliers like Cabela's and Gander Mountain. "We wanted it to blend in with the land," she notes.

Mike Bennett says the couple had to move fast when the call came from Elliott. Area residents interested in having a home built by the longtime CCHS program - which charges homeowners only

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## Man slightly injured in Maxinkuckee boat explosion

CULVER — An Illinois resident suffered a mild first-degree burn to his left calf after an accident on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Sunday, shortly after noon, 55-year-old Gary S. Terpinahad just launched his 1994 Mastercraft ski boat from the Lake Maxinkuckee Public Access site in Culver.

According to investigating Indiana Conservation Officer Ken Dowdle, Terpinahad just launched his boat when boat exploded.

Terpinahad told Officer Dowdle that the boat's bilge ventilators were on and working properly when the engine compartment exploded. Terpinahad was the only occupant in the boat at the time of the explosion.

The boat, reduced to a floating pile of burnt rubber, wire and engine, was considered a total loss.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Units on the scene included the Culver Police Department, Culver Volunteer Fire Department, Culver EMS and conservation officers from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

## Former Culverite is sports fans' household name

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Readers of ESPN.com and viewers of the cable sports network's programs may just recognize the name Mark Schlachach. If not, a number of Schlachach's friends, former neighbors, and teachers in Culver undoubtedly will. That's because Schlachach, a national sports columnist for ESPN's website who also writes for its magazine and appears on television some three times per week during football, baseball, and basketball season, grew up here, adding to the list of many Culverites who have gone on to one degree or another of fame and renown.

Schlachach attended school in Culver from kindergarten through sixth grade, the grandson of Albert Schlachach, who worked at the IGA and Park N' Shop groceries "for years and years," he says.

"My fondest memory of him was when he was working and (longtime New York Yankees owner and Culver Academies grad) George Steinbrenner came in. He told George we were big basketball fans and he gave us autographed baseball hats."

Mark Schlachach's grand-

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Anniversary - Klausing



Colleen and Douglas Klausing of Monterey celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a formal dinner and dance May 30 at the Knox Community Center. The couple were married May 18, 1984 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Monterey with Rev. John Keifer officiating. The couple has five children: Cassandra Klausing of St.Louis, Missouri; Cathleen Klausing, a student at Kansas State University; Christina Klausing, at home; Cally Jo Klausing, at home; and Dennis Klausing, at home.

Douglas Klausing has been employed with the Indiana Department of Transportation for 24 years, while Colleen is a full-time mom. Doug is

also Captain of the Monterey Volunteer Fire Department. Colleen served as a Girl Scout Leader for 12 years. The couple also own and operate a grain farm near Monterey.

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Left: Chairs for Charity co-chair Andrea Cook’s chair, “Razzle Dazzle,” she says, is “designed for someone who wants something hot to liven up her home decor while not sacrificing comfort and quality.” Right: Marina Cavazos’ chair, titled, “I-Spy: Glimpses of Culver,” includes snapshots of Culver’s sights throughout town. Cavazos captured special details of Culver from photos of \town landmarks and shops, to its people and nature as seen through a camera lens.

are \$20 each; they will be available during the chair drop off or by contacting a Culver Tri Kappa member).

“We have a number of Culver and Plymouth businesses who have graciously

offered to host chairs,” says Cook, adding there may be a need for additional businesses to host. Those interested in participating (there is no fee to do so) may contact Cook at [acook@star-vacationsagency.com](mailto:acook@star-vacationsagency.com).

Chairs may be pre-viewed, and event details examined in more depth, via the Chairs for Charity blog, online at <http://chair-charity.blogspot.com>.

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Start is 2 p.m. (registration starts at noon). Individuals: \$65; foursomes: \$260; hole sponsorships: \$150. Dinner and soft drinks will be provided at the awards ceremony, and there will be door prizes and chances to win hole-in-one prizes. All proceeds benefit Kiwanis recipients. Contact Julie Bess at 574-216-4205 or [jbindexing@gmail.com](mailto:jbindexing@gmail.com), or Dusty Henrick at 574-842-4280 to sign up your team.

CUTPL Garden Club meets June 17

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Garden Club will meet Wednesday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at the library. The presentation will be, “Take Time to Design,” with steps towards designing your garden by Jodie Overmyer, following with open discussion. The program is free and open to all. Questions may be directed to CUTPL at 574-842-2941.

Trinity changes time

Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 Academy Road in Culver, will meet for worship each Sunday at a new time beginning Sunday, June 7. Worship services will be held 11 a.m. at the church beginning that day. Trinity, according to Pastor K.C. Dehning, has entered into a shared ministry with St. James Lutheran church in Logansport, with Dehning’s time divided between the two churches. Dehning says the shared ministry makes for “an exciting time

with lots of things happening,” and adds Trinity in Culver will continue to be as active locally as ever.

Culver Bible church holds VBS

Culver Bible Church will hold its Vacation Bible School June 8-12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All children ages 5 through sixth grade are invited to “Super Heroes” week. A “penny” offering will be taken each night to give towards missions. The church is located at 718 S. Main Street. For more information, contact Dave and Kay at 574-936-1916 or Pastor Dan and Kathie at 574-842-3056.

Culver emergency services softball game June 28

The annual Culver Emergency Services softball game, which pits Culver’s volunteer fire department against its police department and Emergency Medical Services crew, will take place this year Sunday, June 28, with the first pitch at noon. There will be four innings with 20 people per team, and the usual cook-out at the fire station afterwards. As in the past, the fire department will donate the “meat and drinks” (burgers, brats, buns, sodas, water, etc.). The police and EMS will bring sides and desserts. Also as in the past, audience entry into the event is a canned or non-perishable item for Culver’s food pantry.

EMT class offered

A basic EMT class will take place July 7 through November 16 at the Culver-Union Twp. EMS base at 200 East Washington Street in Culver. The class will be lead by CUTEEMS director Millie Sytsma, PI, CCEMTP. Cost is \$525 (which includes EMT-B textbook and clinical shirt); cclass will take place two nights per week plus two Saturdays. Class size is limited, and interested persons should sign up by June 15. For more information, call 544-527-6627 or email: [millie@culcom.net](mailto:millie@culcom.net).

Junior Rodeo to appear at LaPorte

The Indiana Junior Rodeo Association will be at the Laporte County Fair Ground on June 6 & 7, 2009. The association will like you to do an article about the hard work the cowboys and cowgirls do to get ready for the rodeo. The rodeo is free to the public and great family entertainment. For more information contact: Lisa Hartle, 6876 W 700 N, Culver, IN 46511, Phone: (574)250-7943.

Golf cart registration

The town of Culver asks residents to please remember that golf carts must be registered with the town to use on public streets within corporate limits. To register a golf cart, residents must apply at the Culver Town Hall, located at 200 E. Washington Street, between

the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 574-842-3140. Citizens need to provide golf cart insurance, VIN number, name, address and phone number. There is a cost of \$25 for the registration and is valid for a calendar year, not the date the registration is received. Ordinance 2007-009 states the regulation of the use of golf carts and fines within town limits. This ordinance may be viewed at Town Hall and is also on the town website at [www.townofculver.org](http://www.townofculver.org).

Leaf and debris regulations

The town of Culver reminds residents not to leave leaf or brush piles intended for pickup by the town in the streets. Instead, residents are asked to leave such piles on their own property, as leaves and other debris in the street may lead to clogged storm sewer drains, flooding, and other problems. Those with questions may contact Culver’s town hall at 574-842-3140.

‘Indiana postal murals exhibit this month

An exhibit on Depression-era WPA and other government-sponsored projects around Culver will remain on display through the first week of June, highlighted by “Local Treasures,” an exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society at the Antiquarian and Historical Society of

Culver’s Center for Culver History, located in the Carnegie room of the Culver Public Library on Main Street. The exhibit features Indiana’s WPA post office murals, of which Culver has one. A smaller exhibit on local projects will also be featured.

Wesley registration ongoing

Registration for Wesley Preschool at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street, continues. Wesley offers two classes, a junior class and senior. To qualify for the junior class, a child must be three years old by August 1, 2009. To qualify for the senior class, a child must be four by August 1, 2009.

Currently the preschool has a staff of three and hopes to keep growing. Please contact Jennifer Luttrell with any questions, 574-250-3852.

Play all six Marshall courses with \$50 United Way Golf Card

PLYMOUTH – Area golfers can receive green fees for 18-hole rounds of golf at each of Marshall County’s six golf courses for a total of just \$50 by purchasing the United Way of Marshall County’s Golf Card. All proceeds from tax-deductible Golf Card sales will be directed to United Way. The card is available at all county golf

courses: Indiana National Golf Club at Swan Lake, Mystic Hills Golf Club at Culver, Plymouth Country Club, Plymouth Rock Golf Course, Sprig O’Mint Golf Club, and Tri-Way Golf Club. In addition to the golf courses, the Golf Card is available at the United Way office at KeyBank, the Pilot News, WTCA radio station, or by contacting a United Way board member. Only 500 cards are available for sale. The value of playing all six courses is over \$200. Scheduled tee times are required and some dates and times may be restricted due to other events at the courses.

Marshall County United Way’s mission is to mobilize the caring power of our county community, particularly in the areas of income, education and health. For more information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, executive director, United Way of Marshall County at 574-936-3366 or visit the web site at <http://www.marshallcountyuw.org/>.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations’ normal business hours.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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## Sunfish Regatta sets sale July 18

The seventh annual Lake Maxinkuckee Sunfish Regatta sets sale Saturday, July 18.

The all-ages, free event is hosted at the John Zeglis cottage at 1614 East Shore Drive on Maxinkuckee's shores. The regatta will launch from the Zeglis pier with registration starting at 10 a.m., a skipper's meeting at 10:30, and the race kickoff between 10:45 and 11 a.m. The event will end by 2 p.m.

Consisting of two races in simple, triangular courses, the race will be followed by a return to the Zeglis home for a barbecue picnic for sailors and support crews. Ribbons and trophies are awarded for each class in the regatta: the youth, Culver Woodcrafter, women's, and seniors. Zeglis notes Laser sailboats are allowed in the regatta as well, and have a class unto themselves.

The Sunfish Regatta concludes with a traditional candy toss for the youth in attendance. More information may be obtained by emailing John Zeglis at john@jzeglis.com.

REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

**Thursday, June 5:** Sliced Turkey, bun, mayo, sliced tomato, potato salad, fruit salad, and milk.

**Friday, June 6:** Ham, cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.

**Monday, June 9:** Smoked Sausage, peppers

and onions, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bun, apple, and milk.

**Tuesday, June 10:** Country Fried Steak, white gravy, spinach, rice, pound cake, strawberries, and milk.

**Wednesday, June 11:** Meatloaf, baby bakers, sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

**Thursday, June 12:** Chicken Patty, bread, red potatoes, broccoli, peach pie, and milk.

**Friday, June 13:** Sloppy Joe, bun, corn, tossed salad with tomato, dressing, pears, and milk.

Community Calendar

**Thurs., June 4**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., rectory basement  
“Godspell,” Culver Academies Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

**Fri., June 5**  
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Medicare information with Leah Schrock, REAL Meals, noon, Culver Beach Lodge  
“Godspell,” Culver Academies Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

**Sat., June 6**  
Culver Academies Baccalaureate  
Chairs for Charity drop-off, 10 a.m. (see Briefs)  
4H fundraiser, 10 a.m., Culver fire station  
Carillon recital, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

**Sun., June 7**  
Culver Academies graduation and final formation

**Mon., June 8**  
Yoga class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Redevelopment Committee, 4 p.m., town hall  
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

## Winn completes course

AUBURN — Paul Winn of Culver has successfully completed the course of study at the Reppert School of Auctioneering, headquartered in Auburn.

The program is a two-week intensive course covering all phases of the auction business which include the selling of antiques, au-

tomobiles, real estate, farm sales, fine art, general auctions and a host of other types of auctions as well as advertising, marketing, communications, business development, legal and financial aspects of the auction business.

Faculty for the course is selected from among the

nation's most well known and respected auctioneers. Also included in the training are actual live auctions that are sold by the students during their course of training.

Winn is now one of the thousands of auctioneers educated throughout the world by the Reppert School

of Auctioneering since its inception in 1921. He has earned a Reppert diploma, the sign of excellence in the field of auctioneering, and is now available to accept assignments in the auction business.

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## Culver Cubs graduate

Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 held its annual graduation and promotion of Scouts May 26 at its regular meeting location in the basement of Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church. Awards and badges were given, and Cubmaster Chuck Dilts praised the Scouts and encouraged them to participate in summer campouts and continue in the program this fall.

Listed below are division leaders and Scouts pictured as well as the division into which each Scout will move. First row, left to right: Zane Kisela (Wolf), Grant Dexter (Wolf), Coltin Wynn (Wolf), Ardian Craig (Bear), Nolan Shaffer (Wolf), Nikolas Vela (Bear), Jack Campbell (second year Webelos), Wyatt Coiner (Bear). Second row: John Young (first year Webelos), Alan Dilts (second year Webelos), Garrett Reinhold (second year Webelos), Zackery Kisela (second year Webelos), Drake Garbacik (second year Webelos), Lucas Vela (second year Webelos), Aaron Hoskins (second year Webelos), Tomas Young (first year Webelos). Third row: Chuck Dilts (Cubmaster), Ruth Dilts (Bear Den Leader), Marsha Glassburn (Tiger Den Leader), Darrell Garbacik (Assistant Webelos Den Leader), Jerry Kisela (Webelos Den Leader), Jim Coiner (Wolf Den Leader) Not pictured: Dakota Bennett (Bear), Michael Boland (first year Webelos), Caleb Sheridan (first year Webelos), Austin Wood (first year Webelos).

Death notice - Bowen

**Jane Bowen**  
**May 21, 2009**

ROCHESTER, IN -- Jane Bowen, 70, of Westwood Lane, Rochester, died at 1:02 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She is survived by a daughter, Stephanie (John) Hoke of LaPorte; three sons: Daniel Bowen of Rochester, Jeff (Julia) Bowen of Plymouth and Bruce (Wendy) Bowen of Culver; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Lorelei Wilhite of Avon Park, Fla. and Sherri (Scott) Moran of Oswego, Ind and a brother, Dorian Back of Atlanta, Ga.

Visitation took place Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester two hours prior to the funeral services.

Funeral services took place Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made by e-mail at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

## CBGC Fabulous 50s auction, party just weeks away

The Culver Boys & Girls Club's Fabulous '50s silent auction and party will take place Friday, June 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Henderson Multipurpose Building, off State Road 10 on the Culver Academies campus.

Attendees can support the kids of the Culver Boys & Girls Club and have a great time while enjoying food, beer, wine, and cocktails from local restaurants. Participants will also have the opportunity to bid on exciting silent auction items from vacation stays and sports tickets and memorabilia, to original works of art. A special performance by acclaimed hula hoop artist Kara Vogt and a chance to cheer on 11 local celebrities as they compete in a spirited hula hoop contest, is also part of the fun.

Tickets are \$40 each or two for \$75, and may be purchased in advance or at the door. To find out more about the event or to sponsor a hula hoop contest contestant, visit [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org) Contact Sean Surrisi with any questions at (574) 360-1370 or [culverhomes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:culverhomes@sbcglobal.net).

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# The democracy of the dead

This week’s article on Mark Schlabach has special significance for me, largely since Mark and his twin brother Shawn were our neighbors growing up on Marmont Street (in my case) and Slate Street (in theirs).

I was certainly surprised recently to discover he’s a highly successful journalist and now a recognized face on the ESPN network. All of which seems a far cry, at least to me, from the days of our baseball and football games in the Schlabach’s wonderful spare lot, between our garage and their house.

It’s further ironic to be writing this column with memories of the Schlabach boys just on the heels of a column two weeks ago about growing up on our kid-infested block feeling -- as a very young child -- safe and protected within its borders and -- once past age 8 or so -- secure

knowing I could return to it after many forays across town on my bike. ++Mark was a few years ahead of



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

me in school so somehow his journalistic inclination escaped me completely, though it obviously didn’t escape the publishers of the Washington Post, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and ESPN among others. I certainly wish he and his family well

- And speaking of rum-maging through the past: another feature in this week’s edition puts me in mind of

a column I’ve been meaning to write. Photographing the Memorial Day service at Culver’s Masonic Cemetery gave me a chance to wander a few minutes around that cemetery as I do from time to time, and I’m always amazed at the significance of what I find there.

Someday I’m going to walk slowly amongst the graves with laptop in hand and write what comes to mind as one name after another leaps out at me.

No doubt if I live long enough I’ll begin to recall more and more of those names by personal interaction, but many of them now are familiar to me as almost larger-than-life figures from Culver’s past, many

of whom I never met.

One will find there names like Gignilliat, Osborn, and Eppley, names of renown the world over who had a lasting, monumental impact on some facet of Culver the town or the Academy (or both).

But one also finds names known and loved in Culver -- even if Culver past more than present -- whose impact might be unknown to the world beyond...names like Adams, Tusing, Medbourn, Cultice, Amond, Fishburn, Zechiel, Stabernow, Burns, and obviously a huge host of others.

I’m reminded of a favorite quote of mine by G.K. Chesterton about tradition “giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors.

“It is the democracy of the dead,” Chesterton wrote, which “refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be

walking about.”

That, of course, is the significance not only of the local cemetery, but the local paper, and...well, pretty much everything local. It’s the notion that everyone matters. Not only their “voice,” though certainly that, but they themselves, and no less than the celebrity plastered across our tv and computer screens.

We’ve come a long way, as a people, from the Medieval days when most common folks rarely went beyond sight of their own home or the local church... when the presence of their fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers was as unavoidable as the local cemetery, which they passed daily in the churchyard.

Today we traverse across oceans and nations in the course of an afternoon and often think little of moving to another state, sight unseen, to pursue a career.

I’m not necessarily knocking that, but I am suggesting there might be some value to a stroll through the local cemetery, especially if you think you might find some old friends there, which many Culverites could.

In fact, it’s odd how familiar the landscape of names in Culver’s cemetery is to me -- due in large part, I realize, to my interest in local history. I find I’m walking almost in “another” Culver, a real and physical presence of those gone before us: a Culver of the dead.

I’m not a superstitious person by nature, but I have to think if some wicked ghost pursued me in the Culver Masonic Cemetery...well, I don’t think I’d worry much. I’m pretty sure there’d be an army of friendly spirits to keep me safe there, and I’d be inclined to hang around and chat with them awhile, to see what I could learn.

## More than 150 years of the boats of Maxinkuckee

As quickly as it seems to have some, summer is virtually upon us, which is especially significant in Culver, which in many ways could be considered a “summer town.” Part of the culture of Culver historically has been its boats, which were of central importance before and for some years after the turn of the 20th century, during the heyday of Culver’s tourist days.

For decades, many of Lake Maxinkuckee’s watercraft were practically synonymous with the lake itself. What follows is a *partial* list of some of the sailing craft of Culver’s past; most of this list was compiled, to the best of the editor’s knowledge, by past Citizen editor and well known local historian, the late Robert Rust.

**1852:** “Queen of the Lake.” Large flat bottomed skiff, built by Isaac A. Morris.

**1874:** “The Anna.” Large sailboat, built by W. W. Hill.

**1876:** “The Nancy Lee.” Built by Capt. Ed Morris (editor’s note: Capt. Morris

was a locally famous personality in his own right, and also owned and operated the Morris boat house on the north shore of the lake).

**1878:** “The Victor.” First flat bottom sailing craft on the lake, a steamboat.

**1880:** “The Elephant.” An 18 X 20 foot sailing craft, in a cooperation building venture, built by the Lake View Club membership.

-“The Welcome.” In 1885 renamed “The Lake Forest,” it was a 14 X 50 foot two-deck, side wheeler steamboat built by Capt. Ed Morris

**1883:** “The Aubbeenaubee.” Possibly Maxinkuckee’s most famous steamboat, it was a two-decker. - “The Bessie.”

**1884:** “The Lloyd McSheeny.” A steamboat owned by Capt. Oliver

Knapp.

**1886:** “The Peerless.” A steamboat with a capacity: of 100 passengers built



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES  
Rare 1906 photo of the White Swan floating dance pavilion.

by Capt. Ed Morris. An 1894 advertisement says, “Steamer Peerless meets 7 trains daily at Vandalia Park and carries passengers to all Hotels.” This boat is best-known as that on which a

young Cole Porter played to the rhythm of the engine, before his career as a jazz composer would make him famous.

**1895:** “The W. R. McKeen.” An ironclad steamer. **1905:** “The White Swan.” A 30 X 70 foot, two-deck excursion ship built by Capt. Crook, it remained in service until 1907. The White Swan was a prominent tourist floating dance pavilion supposedly dismantled and converted to the Lord’s hotel, now a house at the top of Harding Court. **1938:** “The Red Wing.” Formerly on Lake Manitou, the 65-passenger, diesel powered excursion ship was purchased in 1938 by Art Simpson. Renamed “The Maxinkuckee,” it was later owned by Frank Amond and until 1976 was

boat, also one of Culver’s most famous. Its capacity was 200 passengers. Built by Capt. Crook, it remained in service until 1915.

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an immensely popular tour boat here.

**1941:** “CSS Fowler.” Culver Academy’s three-masted square rigger with auxiliary diesel power built in the CMA boat shop by W. C. Craft. Named for Comdr. O.W. Fowler, director, Culver Naval School. (it was replaced in 1984 by the RH Ledbetter).

**1958:** “CSNS Yarnell,” a 60 X 131 /2 foot, diesel powered destroyer type ship built in the CMA boat shop by W. C. Craft and nNamed for Adm. Harry Yarnell, CNS Director.

**1984:** “R.H. Ledbetter.” Virtually a replica of the retired “Fowler,” this could be considered the last of Maxinkuckee’s iconic watercraft still in operation today. Lok for it this July in the Moonlight Serenade.

## Name that Culver “citizen”

Last week’s mystery citizen stumped a number of our readers, apparently, as only two of you guessed correctly that the young lady in question was none other than today’s Pilot News editor Maggie (then Hopkins) Nixon. The hint about her special significance to Citizen readers, of course, pertains to her behind-the-scenes role giving the paper a look-over before it goes to press and assisting in a number of other ways, all from the Plymouth offices of the Pilot.



At left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Maggie (Hopkins) Nixon, then and now. Right: this week’s mystery citizen.



Main Street downtown but the Lake Shore Drive business district as well! We try to treat our readers right.

This week’s mystery citizen, pictured here, has put a smile on many a-Culverite’s face over the years. There’s a full dose of the editor’s eternal admiration and plenty of free parking on Main Street for correct guessers!

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## Culver history highlight

**June 3, 1909:** The Culver Cash Hardware Co. has added a National cash register to its equipment. It will do everything about the business except collect the bills and pay the rent. *Editor’s note: the register still sits in the Culver hardware on Main Street.*

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# CGA's Neer leads at Bremen Regional

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

BREMEN — Waverly Neer doesn't like to be compared to Alex Banfich. Watching her dominate distance races in Culver Academies' maroon and white, it's hard not to make the comparison.

Neer did her best imitation of legendary '08 CGA alumnus Banfich Tuesday, coasting to championships in both the mile and two-mile races at the Bremen Girls Track and Field Regional with respective times of 5:00.33 and 11:14.57, outpacing her closest competitors by more than five seconds in the 1600 and over nine seconds in the 3200.

"It's awesome," said Neer of her dual distance titles. "I came in through my 1600, and I was very happy with my race. I'm not as happy with my 3200.

I know I can do better. My time didn't really show that today.

"Overall I'm happy with my performance today, and I'm really looking forward to the state meet."

Neer — a sophomore transfer from Westfield who finished second in the mile behind Banfich at the state finals last year — has struck up something of a friendship with the eight-time IHSAA track and cross country champion and current Princeton distance runner, and she said that following in Banfich's footsteps at Culver Academies has been inspiring.

"I love Alex; she's such a great role model for me," she said. "I've always looked up to her even from middle school, and now that I'm getting a chance to run at the same school as her and follow in her footsteps, it's really something,



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer leads the field during the two-mile race at the Bremen Girls Track Regional Tuesday.

I mean a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I don't like to compare myself to Alex. Alex is different than I am, and I'm a different runner than she is, but definitely following in her footsteps and looking up at the record boards and having something to shoot for is something very encouraging every day at practice."

While Neer claimed two regional championships at Bremen, teammate Willow Smith held off Penn's Valerie Burns for third place and a state finals berth alongside her in the 3200. Smith cut nearly 10 full seconds off her seed time in the race with an 11:29.89, edging out Burns by just .16 of a second for the last ticket out to the state two-mile race.

"We knew Willow had a shot, but we thought especially the two that were behind her would run a lot faster than that," said CGA head coach Michael Chastain. "That was nice, and Willow, a credit to her, hung in there. When it was time to go she almost let it slip there at the end and then held on enough to get it, and we were real pleased with that."

While Smith held off Burns in the two-mile race, Bremen's Hope Jordan staved off the Penn junior in the mile Tuesday. In second place most of the race, Warsaw's Erica Ridderman passed Jordan heading into the final 200 meters. Finding herself in the final state-qualifying spot, the Lady Lions sophomore resisted a late push from Burns to clock out 2.13 seconds ahead of her with a school-record 5:08.94 time.

Jordan finished 24th in the 1600-meter state finals in her freshman season and said she's been motivated throughout the year by the prospect of another state run. She's been carrying around a picture of Bloomington's Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex, where the state championships are held, all season long. Following her third-place finish at Bremen, she'll be making a trip back there a week from Saturday.

After trumping Northern State Conference rival Amy Shirk from John Glenn for a runner-up finish in the half-mile run at sectional last week, Jordan surrendered the number three spot to her at regional.

Shirk was also scheduled to run the 400-meter dash Tuesday after placing third in the event at sectional. When the starter's gun sounded for the regional quarter-mile, however, Shirk walked off the track to conserve her strength for the 800, where she had stronger prospects of making it out to state in her senior season. The plan worked as Shirk rebroke the school record she had set at the NSC meet two weeks prior with a blazing 2:18.66, good enough for third place and just .34 of a second off the leader in a tight half-mile race.

While Shirk placed third in the 800 run, Plymouth senior Nicole MacLain finished on the wrong side of the bubble in her final

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# Culver concludes season at Boone Grove

By James Costello  
Sports Writer  
VALPARAISO — Culver batters struggled at the plate, and the two-time defending champion Wolves topped the visiting Cavs 7-2 at the Boone Grove Baseball Sectional Saturday.

Big Boone Grove left-hander Wayland Roach pitched a three-hit gem, while the Wolves got off to

Cultice struggled in the start, surrendering triples to Ben Vasquez and Lynn Strohl in the first and second. Vazquez was scored on a two-strike double by Roach— who finished 2 for 2 with two walks, two RBI and two runs Saturday — and Roach was plated in turn on an RBI single to deep center from John Sawa to put the

ing two frames to hold the Wolves to seven runs.

“The kid that we were going to start pitching today tore a ligament in his finger yesterday and wasn’t able to pitch so we went with Drew Cultice,” Elliott said. “For the first couple innings he was a little inconsistent getting out on top. There were several batters where he

was 2-0, and he ended up giving the extra-base hits on that.

“When we made the switch in there in the fourth Sam (Hissong) came in as a freshman and did a nice job. He’s got a great curveball. He’s not a power pitcher by any means, but he has a good curveball and was able to keep them off balance.”

Culver finally broke onto the scoreboard in the fifth as A.J. Neace reached on a mishandled grounder to short, Nick Zehner drew a walk and both were scored on another error at short, this time a misjudged pop-up to shallow center by Cultice all with two outs.

“I would’ve liked to have a shutout for (Roach),” said Thill. “I was a little upset at my shortstop for not catching that ball. It should’ve been caught. We always try to concentrate on pitching and defense. A shutout would’ve been a nice emphasis on it.”

While the Wolves, at 21-6, move on to face North Judson in the sectional championship game today, Culver closes its season at 5-22.

The good news is that, with only three seniors graduating, the future looks bright for the young Cavaliers next year.

“We talked to the kids, and what they do from now to next year is going to determine how good we are,” said Elliott. “We have some kids coming through that are going to push some of the kids who’ve started even for a couple years.

“We are very young and the kids from day one to today have improved.

We had a few rocky games here and there, but we had a lot more competitive games. We ended up winning one more on the season than we won last year, but we look for better things.”

• BOONE GROVE 7, CULVER 2  
At Boone Grove  
Culver: 000 020 0 — 2 3 1  
Boone Grove: 213 100 0 — 7 8 3  
Drew Cultice (L), Sam Hissong (4) and Dennis Davis; Wayland Roach (W) and John Sawa  
2B: Roach  
3B: Ben Vasquez (BG), Lynn Strohl (BG)  
Records: Boone Grove 21-6, Culver 5-22 (final)



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO

Culver’s Drew Cultice throws a pitch during the Cavaliers’ Class 2A Sectional game with Boone Grove in Valparaiso Saturday.

a fast start with seven hits for six runs in the first three innings against Culver starter Drew Cultice. Sam Hissong relieved him in the fourth, clamping down to allow just one hit and one run in three frames, and the Cavs capitalized on a pair of Grove errors for two runs in the fifth, but it was too little, too late as they bowed out of the state tournament.

“Obviously, we’d like to have had a few more hits and strung a few together to get some runs,” said Culver baseball head coach Kyle Elliott. “Their pitcher did a nice job of getting out on top. I think he ended up walking one and giving up the three hits.

“As the game went on I actually thought he got a little bit better. The hitting wasn’t there where we want it, but to the kids’ credit they didn’t give up and made him give a full seven innings out of it.”

While the Cavs mustered just three hits — two by senior shortstop Tony Leyva — Boone Grove’s offense started fast with eight hits in the first four innings, including a double and two leadoff triples in the first two frames, to jump off to a 7-0 lead.

With Culver’s number one pitcher Bryce Lindvall out with a torn ligament,

Wolves up 2-0 in the first. Strohl led off the second inning with his three-base rip to the center field fence and scored on a Nick Kid sacrifice fly to right in the next at-bat.

In the bottom of the third, Sean Hendron singled and stole second, Nick DiMarco took a base on balls, and Roach tapped out an RBI line single into center right. DiMarco scored on a Ryan Reynolds single in the next at-bat, and Roach scored on a fielder’s choice grounder to short that resulted in Reynolds being run down caught between second and third with Roach still on third.

“I thought that was a real good start for us, but we kind of got a little undisciplined at the plate the last half of the game,” said Boone Grove head coach Rollie Thill. “We’re up there wanting to do too much. If the ball’s out of the zone, take the walk. They were being a little selfish in my opinion and trying to do everything instead of just getting on base.”

Freshman Hissong took over for Cultice at the start of the fourth to clamp down, although he struggled at the outset, walking in a run after two straight hit batters. He recovered nicely, allowing just three Boone Grove runners on in the remain-

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300-meter hurdles race at Bremen. Seeded 11th going into the race, the Pilgrims senior was grouped in the slow heat of the low hurdles final and found herself all alone out in front with no one to push her. Her 47.5-second time was nearly a quarter of a second faster than last year’s winning time at the meet but was only good enough for fourth place Tuesday, and the senior rounded out her high school career with the disappointing result and a fifth-place finish in the 100 hurdles.

While Culver Community senior Liz West finished out her career with her fourth-straight high jump appearance at Regional, three LaVille sophomores concluded their seasons at Bremen. Emily Langford and Hanna Christy placed eighth in the shot put, respectively, and Elaine Schmeltz ended a strong season in sixth in the two-mile run.

• BREMEN GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL  
At Bremen  
TEAM RESULTS: 1. Penn 97.83, 2. Warsaw 65, 3. South Bend Riley

54, 4. South Bend Washington 50, 5. Culver Academies 43, 6. Elkhart Memorial 37, 7. South Bend St. Joseph’s 31, 8. Kokomo 30, 9. South Bend Adams 27, 10. South Bend Clay 25, 11. Plymouth 23, 12. Concord 22, 13. Cass 15, 14. Bremen 14, 15. Fairfield 14, 15. Western 9, 16. Elkhart Central 8.5, Eastern (Greentown) 8, 17. Northwestern 7, 18. Mishawaka 6.33, 19. John Glenn 6, 20. LaVille 6, 21. Manchester 6, 22. Goshen 4, 23. TIE Madison-Grant, Wawasee 3, 25. Northridge 2, 26. Jimtown 2, 27. TIE Oak Hill 2, 28. Logansport 2, 29. Bethany Christian 1, 30. Northwood 0.33.  
3200 relay: 1. Warsaw (Erica Ridderman, Lauren Smolen, Brooke Kline, Cendall Ogle) 9:34.46, 2. Penn (Sophie Glassford, Brenna Gonderman, Valerie Burns, Katie Husband) 9:36.46, 3. Riley (Maria Catanzarite, Kathryn Fowler, Mara Paluszewski, Bethany Werge) 9:43.54; 100 hurdles: 1. Jacques Donaldson (Riley) 15.55, 2. Amani Morgan (Adams) 15.58, 3. Meghan Czarnecki (St. Joseph’s) 15.88; 4. Amber Reese (Elkhart Memorial) 16.62; 100: 1. Allison Garner (Washington) 12.87, 2. Savannah Newsome (Adams) 13.04, 3. Chloe Brooks (Concord) 13.07; 1600: 1. Waverly Neer (Culver Academies) 5:00.33, 2. Erica Ridderman (Warsaw) 5:05.40, 3. Hope Jordan (Bremen) 5:08.94; 400 relay: 1. Washington (Jasmier Logan, Allison Garner, Claudia White, Avante’ Newsome-Gunn) 49.3, 2. Penn (Lindsay Grochowalski, Mackenzie Redman, Valerie Whitmer, Alyssa Hummel) 50.17, 3. St. Joseph’s (Katie Campbell, Morgan Carroll, Molly Moskwinski, Tayler Turner)

50.44; 400: 1. Elese Daniel (Clay) 57.05 (RECORD; old 57.09 set by Caitlin Lauer of Adams in 2004), 2. Savannah Newsome (Adams) 59.59, 3. Leah Moore (Warsaw) 59.96; 300 hurdles: 1. Jacques Donaldson (Riley) 46.88, 2. Corinne Coon (Warsaw) 46.92, 3. Meghan Czarnecki (St. Joseph’s) 47.02; 800: 1. Cendall Ogle (Warsaw) 2:17.59, 2. Maria Catanzarite (Riley) 2:18.36, 3. Amy Shirk (Glenn) 2:18.66; 200: 1. Avante’ Newsome-Gunn (Washington) 26.21, 2. Alyssa Hummel (Penn) 26.28, 3. Finesse Bartlett (Riley) 26.31; 3200: 1. Waverly Neer (Culver Academies) 11:14.57, 2. Kristina Galat (Penn) 11:23.61, 3. Willow Smith (Culver Academies) 11:29.89; 1600 relay: 1. Warsaw (Leah Moore, Cendall Ogle, Emily Hickerson, Corinne Coon) 4:03.39, 2. Penn (Sophie Glassford, Alissa Penland, Katie Husband, Natalie Obren) 4:03.82, 3. Elkhart Memorial (Kristina Bettis, Brionna Barnett, Brianna Culbreath, Marsha Goodman) 4:04.46; Pole vault: 1. Lauren Rice (Penn) 11-0, 2. Jade Boback (Fairfield) 10-6, 3. Nikki McCracken (Western) 10-3; High jump: 1. Emily Beckley (Cass) 5-4, 2. Zoe Wolfe (Eastern of Greentown) 5-4, 3. Jennifer Krumwiede (Elkhart Memorial) 5-3; Discus: 1. Jasmine Watson (Washington) 130-4, 2. Ashley DeWitt (Kokomo) 120-9, 3. Brit Sievers (Manchester) 119-2; Long jump: 1. Yalana Smalls (Clay) 17-3.75, 2. Jacques Donaldson (Riley) 16-7, 3. Avante’ Newsome-Gunn (Washington) 16-5.5; Shot put: 1. M.J. Doan (Penn) 42-7, 2. Ashley DeWitt (Kokomo) 40-8, 3. Sarah Shilling (Warsaw) 37-7.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## A talk with VanHawk

Culver Elementary School fifth grader Teeno Hite chats with Scotty VanHawk, motorcycle rider and team owner with the 4FR Toyota Trucks/GreenerAcres.org racing team. Looking on, behind Hite, are (from left to right) classmates Derek Keller, Josh Bodine and Brett Johnson.

VanHawk and company made a return visit to Culver Elementary School May 21 to express the importance of safety gear for the coming summer activities. Students were shown the safety gear worn by motorcycle racers and how helmets and pads can make their summer more enjoyable by preventing injury. The environment was another focal point showing students they don’t have to give up activities to try to make environmentally friendly choices when there’s an option. The students were treated to a tour of the team semi and received posters and trading cards.

“We were amazed at the level of awareness that the students have about the environment,” said VanHawk. “Helmets seem to be a given for most of them when riding bikes and or skating, which is a dramatic change from the first helmet safety program I gave over ten years ago. The kids wanted to know more about how the race team worked and how technology is applied to our sport. It is refreshing to know that there is a new generation of curious minds coming that will help shape a better world.”

Thanks to CES teacher Raeanne Stevens for assistance with this photo.

## CMA holds off Mishawaka

By James Costello  
Sports Writer  
PLYMOUTH — After breaking his throwing arm during the football season, Josh Wright has only recently begun pitching again.

The Eagles were happy to have the left-handed junior back Thursday. Wright got the save after inheriting the potential tying run on second with no outs in the top of the seventh, and Culver Military held off a comeback bid by Mishawaka Marian for a narrow 4-3 win in the opening game of the Class 3A Plymouth Baseball Sectional at Bill Nixon Field, setting up a semifinal game against the host Pilgrims on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

“Josh (Wright) did a nice job tonight,” said Culver head coach Kurt Christiansen. “He’s been real steady for us all year, at the plate especially and manning center field. We got his pitching arm kind of back a few weeks ago and he’s got a couple starts since then, and he’s sort of earned the number two spot behind Connor (Kucera), so Josh was ready in relief tonight. Connor got us to the seventh with a great outing, and then Josh showed up big.

“I’ve got a lot of confidence in Josh. He’s a really good kid; he’s a competitive kid.”

CMA jumped off to a

two-run lead in the first inning Thursday and tacked on another two in the fifth to widen the gap to 4-0 over the Cavemen as starting pitcher Connor Kucera put the team in position lasting into the seventh, but the junior right-hander started to fatigue during the sixth frame of his longest outing so far this year. The middle of Marian’s order collected three straight hits in its third time around against him, and CMA committed an error fielding a base hit to left that resulted in a pair of runs and cut its lead to two.

Christiansen said his team’s fast start against Mishawaka was a confidence-builder Thursday. The Eagles loaded the bases and plated two runs against Marian starter James Ross to go up 2-nil in the bottom of the first. Lezcynsl took over on the mound in the bottom of the second inning, giving up just two hits for no runs until the top of CMA’s order came around for the second time against him in the fifth.

“I thought that that was a huge advantage for us,” said Christiansen of his team’s two-run first. “Like any kid our guys play better with a little confidence, and I think that that was really important for us to load the bases in the first inning and hit the ball hard. They brought a lefty in after that in the second, and he did a

nice job. I took us a whole trip through the order before we started hitting him pretty hard.

“We’re going to need to continue to get competitive pitching,” Christiansen said. “I’m sure that, not going until Monday, we’ll probably be able to go back to Connor to some degree — he threw about 85 pitches today — and then we’ll have Josh (Wright) again. So on the mound we’ll need to get another competitive outing from those two, and then at the plate I think it’s just a matter of getting some timely hits. I think we had a nice approach tonight at the plate and if we take that approach against Plymouth I think we’ll give ourselves a chance, and that’s what we’re looking for, to give ourselves a chance.”

Kucera gave up nine hits for two earned runs in 28 batters faced with two walks and two strikeouts against Marian. Terhar finished with a pair of singles and a run for the Eagles at the game, while Andrew Smith doubled in the loss for the Cavemen.

• CULVER MILITARY 4, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 3  
At Plymouth  
CMA: 200 020 x — 4 7 3  
Marian: 000 002 1 — 3 8 0  
Connor Kucera (W), Josh Wright (7) and Maxwell Terhar; James Ross (L), John Lezcynsl and Nicholas Kwiatkowski  
2B: Robert Norell (M), Andrew Smith (M)  
HR: Wright  
Records: CMA 10-11, Marian 8-17 (final)

## CGA runs out of steam at Clay Regional

By James Costello  
Sports Writer  
SOUTH BEND — Alan Loehr knew going in his team was the underdog.

The Culver Girls Academy head coach hoped his IHSTCA 27th-ranked Lady

Eagles could jump off to an early lead against 18th-rated Penn and ride out the momentum to victory. The first part of the plan worked.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, they couldn’t hold on.

Penn topped CGA 3-2, while No. 30 Plymouth fell to 8th-ranked South Bend St. Joseph’s in a 5-0 sweep at the South Bend Clay Girls Tennis Regional Wednesday, setting up a championship match between the Lady Kingmen and the Indians today.

In individual regional play, meanwhile, Triton’s Aubrey Boardman lost in straight sets to Clay’s Cara

Brown at No. 1 singles, while Bremen’s Taylor Als and Brandy Leeper spoiled a reprisal bid by Northern State Conference rival

team match between the state-ranked foes as Ionna Aguilar maintained the lead throughout the first set but ran out of steam to eventu-



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Girls Academy’s Jessica Simon leaps for a shot during No. 1 doubles play at the South Bend Clay Tennis Regional Wednesday.

LaVille’s Sara Gurtner and Bekah Fagan after both tandems advanced out of the Bremen Sectional last week.

Culver’s No. 1 singles match with Penn was a microcosm of the larger

ally capitulate 7-5, then fell 6-1 in the second set.

“We had enough to give Penn a run at some point in the match, and the hope was that we could get that early





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## Scenes from CCHS grad 2009

Culver Community High School held its annual graduation exercises last Friday evening and Paul Paré was on hand to capture students’ preparations. Above: Alex Hnatusko is flanked by Anthony Bonine (left) and Drew Cultice. Right: Two celebrated CCHS scholars and athletes, Myles Pinder (left) and Justin Master prepare for the ceremony. Below: Alyssa Allyn (left) and Elizabeth Wojdyla chat while awaiting the call to begin.

## Author hopes event will spark conversation

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Thomas Ray Crowel, author of the much-discussed (and in some circles, controversial) recent novel, “The Passenger,” hopes people come to his June 13, 2 p.m. appearance at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, in part because he wants to clear up some misconceptions in the wake of this book. As most in the area have heard by now, the book is based on the true story of the 1986 murder of an Argos child named Brandie Peltz, a murder Crowel is optimistic will be solved one day now that the Indiana State Police have gotten involved in the cold case. One misconception Crowel says he hopes to clear up is that the case is not being “reopened.”

“All murder cases are open cases,” Crowel notes. “Jack the Ripper is still an open case.”

He says he’ll discuss with those in attendance June 13 the difference between eyewitness testimony – which he says can be shaky when a long period of time has elapsed – and circumstantial evidence.

“If a murder case is to be solved, it takes conversation from the public. When the public isn’t informed or is misinformed, a case gets cold.”

Crowel realizes, he says, some people aren’t happy with him because of the contents of the book, which makes implications as to who the killer may be, though he says the general public has been very positive and he has nothing but good things to say about the people of Argos.

He also recognizes the difficulty of discussing the matters depicted in the book, especially inasmuch as they relate to individuals in the local community with whom others interact regularly. “After a while they get weary and tired,” he says. “They’ve got to see these people (in their community) day in and day out...people in small towns are reluctant to say things.

“I consider everybody in the community a victim,” he adds, “but the one real victim is that little girl. Her life was taken...I hope she’s won’t be forgotten again.”

Crowel doesn’t consider himself an outsider to the area. Besides the fact that his grandparents once lived in the house in which the murder took place – something he only learned after the book came out – he owns five farms in the Argos area besides a house on Lake Latonka. Crowel grew up in Indiana and considers himself “a Hoosier through and through.”

Proceeds from any books sold at the free event will go to the Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

## Baker a part of CCHS team

By Lara Kapplusch  
Culver Community High School

Jamye Baker joined the Culver staff as the school treasurer who is responsible for the book store, lunch accounts, club accounts, and other finances.

Before Baker started here, she was a sales representative for the Spring Window Fashion Company.

“Culver is my hometown and my kids go to school here. I really like working at the school and every day goes by so quickly,” Baker said.

She graduated from Culver Community High

School and Manchester College, and participated in cheerleading during high school. She is married and has two children. She also has two pets. In her free time she likes to watch movies with her family and work outside when the weather is nice.

Baker has appreciated recent improvement within the bookstore.

“I was excited when my office got updated and changed around to be more efficient,” she added.

*This story appears courtesy of Vickie Benner’s CCHS journalism class.*

By Kalie Thompson  
Culver Community High School

Several Culver Middle School students have been honored for their poetry. Eighth graders in Sandy Bailey’s English class submitted poems to the Creative Communication’s poetry contest. Twenty-six poems from Culver were chosen to be published in the anthology “A Celebration of Poets.” This is a contest in which less than

50 percent of the poems submitted are selected to be published.

The students whose work was selected included John Ahlenius, Alexandria Baker, Erin Bau, Micah Budzinski, Stevie Clinger, Mikayla Cooper, Patience Durbin, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Peter Foersch, MacKennon Hicks, Brandi Hjertquist, Mark Hurford, Zak Kephart, Trista Littleton, Crystal Looney, MacKenzie MacDonald, Ashley

Martinez, Mary McKinis, April Nystrom, Lizzie Rainey, Sebastian Rigas, Matthew Shotts, Kortney Smith, Ryan Wilkes and Dana Wireman.

The students may also receive an award for a “Top Ten Poem.” Over \$3,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best poets.

In addition to the individual student awards, the Culver Middle School was recognized in the anthology with a “Poetic Achievement Award.”

The honor is given to the top ten percent of the schools, based on the number and quality of the entries accepted. The award also qualifies Culver Middle School to apply for one of Creative Communication’s \$250 Language Arts Grants.

*This story appears courtesy of Vickie Benner’s CCHS journalism class.*

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Above: CCHS Building Trades instructor Kyle Elliott, left, stands with Mike and Bonnie Bennett at the May 23 open house for their new Thorn Road home, built by Culver students learning building craftsmanship.



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Above: Culver Building Trades student Alex Sage cuts while fellow student Andrew Williams steadies.

Right: CCHS student Cody Kozubik, left, hooks up a light in the Bennett’s new home with fellow Building Trades student Robert Molebash looking on.



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## Culver council tackles variety of business

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A shorter-than-usual meeting of Culver's town council took place May 26, with council members running efficiently through business matters including a public hearing on ordinances 2009-003 and 2009-004, both of which raise the town's sewer rate and water tap fees, respectively. The council approved the second and third readings of both ordinances, with new fees expected to take place after advertisement, around the beginning of July.

The council also heard an

update from Mike Strang of engineering firm the Bonar Group concerning culverts at Lake Maxinkuckee's west shore outlet to Hawk Lake, which are in disrepair and will need replaced in coming years. Strang said a hole in the southernmost of the two culverts was difficult to photograph in recent weeks due to high water in the pipes. He also said he measured the pipe and confirmed no more "squashing" has taken place since last fall, indicating patching of the culvert should be sufficient until it can be replaced in the next two

years. Strang said Culver's street crew may be able to do the patching work, which would cost less than \$2,500 even if an outside contractor is hired.

Culver's many ordinances through the years will undergo a process of codification beginning within the next year, following a vote from the council to hire American Publishing to do the work at a cost of around \$8,000 split into four installments over more than one budget year.

Town clerk Casey Howard and council president Sally Ricciardi explained

codification involves consolidating and organizing existing ordinances from years past, as well as examining antiquated ones for possible elimination. If American Publishing – an experienced firm in such work recommended by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns – finds any legally questionable components of Culver's ordinances, added Howard, the town can be notified and recommendations be made. Council member Ginny Munroe also noted a committee has been formed to rewrite some zoning

ordinances for better linguistic clarity; the committee's finding can be shared with the codification firm, whose work is expected to take some 12 to 18 months. The effort will also involve digitization of town ordinances.

The council approved a request from Phil and Andrea Cook of 432 School Street to remove three red maple trees from the front yard of their property, along School Street itself, at the Cooks' own expense. Phil Cook, in attendance at the meeting, explained the trees will soon reach

a height so as to interfere with utility lines, and their foliage currently blocks the view of street signs and traffic. Cook said the family may replace the trees with smaller types such as weeping cherry or Japanese maple, but further back from the street.

Culver fire chief Mike Grover told the council six new divers in his department received certification recently, bringing the total to 10, some of whom are certified for more ad-

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mother on his mother's side was local, too, hailing from the Leiters Ford area.

After his parents were married, he says, he and twin brother Shawn and younger sister Chissy lived at a few different houses in Culver, the last and longest on Slate Street.

"It was the perfect place to grow up," he says. "I have very fond memories of Culver."

Schlabach says he blames his father, a huge Notre Dame football and Cubs baseball fan, for instilling in him a love of sports. His Culver childhood – which included countless backyard baseball and football games as well as involvement in the Little League here – added to the mix.

"We were always playing wiffle ball, basketball, tackle football," recalls Schlabach. "It was great because I had a twin brother. I played sports in high school, but I wasn't a great athlete."

The first in a long line of newspaper jobs for the journalist began with delivering the South Bend newspaper "on those hills near the root

beer stand. The first thing I'd do is pick up the paper and see if Notre Dame won or lost. I always read a lot...the ladies at Hook's (Drugs, now CVS Pharmacy) would sell me baseball cards for five cents a pack at the end of the season!"

When McGill's factory in Culver – where both Schlabach parents were employed – closed down, Mark's family moved to Atlanta. After graduating high school in Georgia, he attended the University of Georgia with plans to attend law school. But, he says, he "joined a fraternity and had too much fun!"

It was there Schlabach joined the staff of the student newspaper, The Red and Black, which had a daily circulation of 20,000 readers. He was sports edi-

tor for the paper for several seasons before the Atlanta Journal-Constitution hired him to cover high school games and later the University of Georgia sports beat.

A dream came true for Schlabach eight years later when he took a job at the

ous settings. "It was the best place I ever worked," he muses.

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Mark Schlabach then (left, in 1984) and now.

Washington Post. "I'd seen 'All the President's Men' about four dozen times," he says, adding the paper put a premium on good journalism and gave its writers the time and resources to create it. There, his concentration was on investigative journalism in the area of sports, and he was able to uncover unethical activities in vari-

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you in the chair and go! It's mostly live, about 99 percent. I do a TV show in Atlanta on Comcast Sports 2 (but) it's taped. It's a lot more relaxed."

In the south, Mark Schlabach is something of a household name.

"College football's a religion in the south," he explains. "In (Washington) D.C., not a lot of people cared about it. It's more of a pro sports town."

"I do get recognized down here (in the south); the name more than anything else. It's neat. I was picking up some tennis rackets the other day and the guy asked for my license. He recognized the name and said, 'Don't worry about it. Bring them back whenever you want!'"

The neatest thing is getting emails from other people named Schlabach. Ninety percent are from Amish and Mennonite backgrounds... it's a pretty popular name in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and parts of Indiana."

Schlabach lives outside the city limits of Madison, Georgia, about 60 miles east of Atlanta in a "little town just like Culver, with a lake 10 miles from town."

Places like Culver, he says, are hard to find nowadays.

"It may sound corny, but that's what we looked for when we moved down here. There's a lot to be said for the small town atmosphere."

"I've been back over the years and Culver hasn't changed much," he adds. "You've still got the root beer stand, the beach lodge, the Indian trails, and the military academy."

And in Georgia, as in places across the US, Culver is recognized.

"At one point," recalls Schlabach, "I had a CMA hooded sweatshirt on, and people would go by and say, 'Hey! Culver!'"

Giving voice to a flood of memories -- from favorite Culver Elementary School teachers to "walking across Lake Maxinkuckee when it was frozen, with the ice cracking beneath our feet" -- Schlabach clearly holds Culver dear despite the years gone by.

"I couldn't have asked for a better childhood than growing up there."





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## Honoring the fallen

The Culver community honored those fallen in battle May 25 as part of Memorial Day observations at Culver’s Masonic Cemetery and Culver Aacademies. In the photo at left, Culver VFW Post Commander Brian Linhart (with back to camera) salutes the fallen while facing VFW members, from left to right, Chaplin Charles Nix, Rudy Wakefield, Bryce Lindvall, Joe Miller, Joe Kieras, Rich Kelso, Harvey Podvin, Herb Newman, Tom Schmidt, Bob Ross, bugler Jim Jones, and firing squad commander Roger Wise. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Cemetery. In the right-hand photo, Culver Military Academy cadets help with Culver Academies’ Memorial Day observation, which took place in the Memorial Chapel and included the reading of the names of all Culver graduates to have died in service since the school’ inception.

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vanced, night and deep water diving. He also said the department’s annual golf outing will take place June 13.

Grover said the department is seeking docking for its emergency boat both earlier in the season than the early April date piers are installed in the town park, and later than the Labor Day removal each year of those same piers. He said moving the boat from its winter headquarters at

the fire station and loading it into the water can take as much as 30 minutes, too long a delay in case of emergency. He will discuss possibilities with Culver park director Kelly Young and consider the possibility of private docking for the boat if need be.

Union Township trustee Marlene Mahler told the council her board has chosen to allot the Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Service 60

percent of its fire and EMS funds, rather than the normal 50 percent.

Clerk Howard said a residence on Obispo Street received an ordinance violation fine of \$25 for trash complaints on the property.

Town manager Michael Doss said he will send out “friendly reminder” letters to several property owners in Culver with tall grass, in order to give them a “heads up as a courtesy rather than

a nasty-gram” warning the town may have to cut overgrown grass, which violates town ordinances.

Culver’s Lake Fest has requested the closing of several streets for the July 17 weekend event, said Doss, who noted he plans to speak to the heads of the fire and police departments as well as the park board before seeking direction from the council on the matter.

Council member Munroe

also informed the council she has replaced council member Ed Pinder as council representative to Culver’s Second Century Committee, which is identifying potential participants to represent the town, lake, and Academy communities and studying issues of impact fees and property values regarding development around the lake. Communication between various community entities is also

being discussed by that committee, Munroe added.

Audience member Jean Rakich, speaking on behalf of Culver resident Valerie Chase, said sewer gas odors long plaguing her home continue despite installation of a pipe suggested at a previous council meeting.

## Library computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes in June. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions for the month of June will cover Microsoft Office applications Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. The spring session of computer classes will conclude July 6 with a computer building class. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. Classes for June and the first week of July:

Microsoft Word: June 8 at 6 p.m. and June 12 at 10 a.m.

Microsoft Excel: June 15 at 6 p.m., June 19 at 10 a.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint: June 22 at 6 p.m., June 26 at 10 a.m.

Microsoft Publisher: June 29 at 6 p.m., July 3 at 10 a.m.

Computer Building: July 6 at 6 p.m.

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## DISCOVER Plymouth ...and WIN

## Shoppers encouraged to “Discover Plymouth”

PLYMOUTH – Shoppers have three days this week to “Discover Plymouth” and qualify to win prizes – including a grand prize of a 3-day, 2-night getaway vacation with a \$100 gas card.

Organized by the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, the “Discover

Plymouth” promotion is the first in its “Shop Plymouth First” campaign.

A special “Discover Plymouth” flyer will be inserted in Tuesday’s and Thursday’s Pilot News, weekly newspapers in Marshall and Starke counties this Thursday, and will be available at participating businesses.

The special flyer is the key element to the promotion because shoppers will use it as a guide to the 28 participating businesses.

During the three-day period – this Thursday, June 4 through Saturday, June 28 – shoppers must visit at least 15 of the 28 participating businesses and have each business validate the back of the flyer.

The validated flyer must be returned to a participating business by 5 p.m., Monday, June 8, or the chamber office, 120 N. Michigan St., in downtown Plymouth.

The “Discover Plym-

outh” promotion is open to anyone 18 years old or older. Drawing for the top three prizes will be from all eligible entries.

The grand prize, provided by Fernbaugh’s Diamonds & Fine Jewelry in downtown Plymouth, is a 3-day, 2-night getaway vacation to any one of dozens of Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, the grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gas card.

Second prize is a Char-Broil Tradition Gas Grill, compliments of Lowe’s in Plymouth.

Third prize is \$50 in Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce “Chamber Bucks.”

Chamber officials and participating businesses encourage shoppers to secure their flyer and “Discover Plymouth” this Thursday

through Saturday.

“Discover Plymouth” participating businesses are: Jimmy John’s, Swan Lake Golf Resort’s Indiana National Golf Course’s Pro Shop, Christos’ Family Dining, Fernbaugh’s Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, Opie’s Deli, Centier Banks, Beef O’ Brady’s, The Book Worm, Plymouth Country Club Pro Shop, Kabelin’s Ace Hardware, King’s Jewelry, Maggiemoo’s Ice Cream & Treatery, the Marshall County Historical Society and Museum, The Memory Zone Scrapbook Store, Felke Florist, Plymouth Party Pack, Dorothy’s Hallmark Store, Scooter Warehouse, Ponderosa Steakhouse, Lowe’s, Quick’s Lanes, The Brass Rail, ServPro, The Remembrance Center, Yoder’s Sports Center, The UPS Store, Dairy Queen and Miller’s Senior Community.

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and then keep that momentum enough where we could get away with three points,” said Loehr. “We did early; we were on top in three of the five courts, and then when Penn fought back — they’re good competitors — we didn’t have enough left to restart and get it back again to get on top. I think the first singles match was indicative of that. We were up, we were up, and she loses a tough first set 7-5, and then she

just had nothing left. I think that’s the story of the team match itself.” Although CGA fell a match short of the team victory, the Eagles were able to post wins at 3 singles and 1 doubles Wednesday. Angelina Garcia trumped Penn’s Cara Rectanus in two close sets of 7-5, while the Eagles No. 1 tandem of fraternal twins Jessica and Andrea Simon held off a second-set comeback by Meredith Lee and Taylor

Atkins to put them away 6-1, 6-3. While the rest of CGA’s lineup bows out of the state tournament at 11-4, the Simon sisters stay in contention for an individual regional title. “The Simon twins are fun to coach. They’re spirited and it’s hard to root against them on any day, and we’re proud of what they’ve accomplished,” said Loehr. “They’ve only been playing together for about six matches this year. It took

us that long to figure out they’d make a nice combination.” “It’s really great for us to be able to share it because (Andrea) has had some health issues, and we didn’t get to play together last year,” said Jessica Simon of the regional win. “Tennis is really important to our family, and it’s really important to us.” “We can share it between us,” added Andrea. “It wouldn’t mean the same

thing if it was someone else.” SOUTH BEND CLAY GIRLS TENNIS REGIONAL At Leeper Park Team matches • SOUTH BEND ST. JOSEPH’S 5, PLYMOUTH 0 SINGLES: 1. Aliana Roberts beat Nicole Beguin 6-2, 6-3; 2. Jessica Rink beat Chelsea Bengé 6-0, 6-1; 3. Abby Watkins over Kara Gilley 6-1, 6-0 DOUBLES: 1. Bridget Veldman-Elle Harding beat Meagan Barrow-Carly Plumlee 6-2, 6-1; 2. Darby Mountford-Michele Fredlake beat Shannon Elliott-Lindsay Renz 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-4 • PENN 3,

CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2 SINGLES: 1. Johanna Manningham (P) beat Ioanna Aguilar 7-5, 6-0; 2. Alexandra Brinker (P) beat Brandy Banks 6-1, 6-0; 3. Angelina Garcia (C) beat Cara Rectanus 7-5, 7-5 DOUBLES: 1. Jessica Simon-Andrea Simon (C) beat Meredith Lee-Taylor Atkins 6-1, 6-3; 2. Kathleen Keller-Maghan Feeley (P) beat Jill Sitjar-Brindy Hamstra 6-4, 6-1 Individual matches SINGLES: Cara Brown (Clay) beat Aubrey Boardman (Triton) 6-0, 6-0 DOUBLES: Brandy Leeper-Taylor Als (Bremen) beat Sara Gurtner-Rebekah Fagan (LaVille) 7-6 (7-3), 6-2

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