

# The Culver Citizen



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## In Brief

### 'Messiah' in puppetry at Culver Bible

The Sonlight Puppeteers from Culver Bible Church will be presenting "The Messiah" at the church, Sunday August 23 at 6 p.m. This hour long program depicts the life of Christ using puppetry and songs. For more information, contact Pastor Dan Huhn at 842-3056.

### Culver bike history tour

Bicyclists are invited to bring their own bikes and meet at the Bike Barn for a Culver History Bike Tour Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m. for the free event, which will be led by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and is expected to cover no more than four to five miles of riding. The Bike Barn will not be supplying bicycles for the event, so cyclists should come prepared with a bike and any necessary gear for the ride. Slated for the event are stops at historic sites within the town of Culver itself, where discussion of the history of each chosen site will be shared alongside photos from each location in the past. Helmets are encouraged for all riders in the event, which should take an hour or less.

### End-of-month meal at St. Mary's kicks off Aug. 30

A new offering by St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church is its end-of-month community meal, which begins August 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Indiana basketball author to visit Culver

Indiana author Emerson Houck visit the Culver library Wednesday, September 23 at 1 p.m. He hopes to meet old-time and newer players and fans and see their memorabilia – photos, posters, pennants, newspaper articles, etc. – towards a scrapbook to give to the Indiana Basketball Hall of

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## Three decades of service

Past and longtime members of the Culver-Union Twp. Emergency Medical Services joined present members and guests August 9 at the ambulance garage and offices for an open house celebrating CUTEMS' 30 years of existence. Pictured (left to right): Ron Cole (current EMT-Advanced), past EMTs John Hoover, Art Newman, Glenn Whitmarsh, Jackye Berger, Sally Ricciardi (current EMT-Advanced and past director), Susan Flora (past Director) Helen Osborn, Marizetta Kenney (past dispatcher), Karen Breyfogle, Bob Breyfogle (past driver), Marcia Combs (past director) Jim Bonine (operator of Culver's ambulance prior to CUTEMS' establishment), and Larry Norman. More photos from the event appear on page B4

# New building rates, siren status on tap for Culver council

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council took first steps towards an amended rate schedule for most building permits within the town, at its August 11 meeting. The council approved the new ordinance following a public hearing held by Culver's plan commission July 21, an outgrowth of an extensive review of existing building permit rates by members of the plan commission, particularly Jeanette Surrisi, according to plan commission chairman Kelly Young. Young said the study was conducted per an earlier request by the town council, whose members had concerns the permit structure wasn't adequate to compensate for the town's costs in regulating new projects. Surrisi, said Young, "spent a great deal of time" examining building permit fees in nearby cities, towns, and counties, whose fees were considerably higher than Culver's have been. Council president Sally Ricciardi said the proposed new ordinance "should bring the fees -- not up to what cities charge -- but a little bit higher than what Culver has been charging, so they cover the expenses hopefully of what the building commissioner (incurs)."

Culver building commissioner Russ Mason said two of the existing areas covered by the town's building permit fees – decks and demolitions – stayed at the same rate in the new ordinance, with the rest increasing somewhat.

Council member Ginny Munroe, noting this spring the town's permit-related expenses were higher than their revenue, asked if enough money has been collected yet this year to cover Mason's expenses. Town clerk Casey Howard reported as of the end of July, building-related funds are short to the tune of around \$1,500.

Young noted building permit applications so far this year are "about on target" with the level of previous years' applications, but the tendency this year is towards smaller projects such as decks, rather than larger builds such as new homes, a trend Munroe noted is in line with the present economic situation.

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## From Uganda to Culver

### New St. Mary's priest is Monsignor, hails from Africa (but just call him 'Father')

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

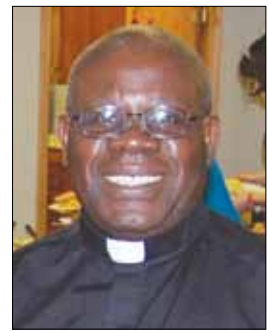
Taking up the mantle as parish priest at Culver's St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church (and priest to Culver Academies' many Roman Catholic students) is a man who brings two attributes to the parish which are firsts for the Culver community. He is, first of all, the first parish priest at St. Mary's to hail from Africa (specifically, the country of Uganda). He's also officially

a monsignor, an honorary title bestowed by the pope himself, though Fr. Thaddeus Balinda is quick to ask to be called "Father," as is typical of Catholic priests, and not "Monsignor," and for that matter would prefer to be simply, "Father Tad."

The youngest of eight children born in a country village in western Uganda, Balinda was actually born at the Roman Catholic parish at which his father was head catechist over other catechists (teachers of the Catholic faith). Most of the priests at the Fort Portal parish of Balinda's childhood – when he says he received his calling to be a priest -- were white priests from Canada working as missionaries in Africa.

After attending high school locally, Fr. Balinda spent six years in minor seminary, ending in 1985 when he took his first phase of major seminary (in philosophy, in his case), ending with a bachelor's degree in philosophy, to which he added one year of work in a Catholic parish to prepare him for that part of his upcoming work. Earning a theology degree in

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Fr. Tad Balinda

## Police chief address solicitor concerns

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Several Culverites expressed concern to the *Citizen* about at least one – if not several – door-to-door solicitors acting aggressively and representing a company one area resident says he researched online and found might be a scam.

Most of the activity took place in the course of one or two days the week of July 20, and residents from the north and south ends of town, as well as West Shore Drive, reported similar situations: an aggressive young sales person assuring residents he or she may win a vacation and even college tuition if enough of a given product is sold.

Culver police chief Wayne Bean encourages citizens to notify his department of door-to-door solicitors. "If (residents) call us we'll try to see who they (solicitors) are and what they're selling," he says. "We ask them for their license and information and copy it at the station, so if something comes up, we know who we're dealing with."

Bean stresses residents who feel uncomfortable with any salesperson's tactics shouldn't allow the individuals in the door. "Don't hesitate to call us while they're there," he adds.

An even more prevalent, ongoing problem, as many have become aware in recent years, is online and mail-in scams. Bean emphasizes residents receiving a check in the mail telling them they've won something should be sure not to cash it. "There's still some scams out there," notes Bean.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Culver's Ulch graduates police academy

Troy Ulch, above, is back on Culver's streets as a certified police officer following 15 week of police training at Indiana's Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, at which Ulch started April 20. He graduated from the Academy July 31 and returned to Culver recently. Ulch is now one of four full-time Culver police officers including chief Wayne Bean and officers Chad Becker and William Strong.

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Houghton Lake, seen here in spring, 2006, is part of an area owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy, an organization which has agreed to take over management of adjacent, town-owned property just west of Culver.

In response to council member Ralph Winters' suggestion Union Township could kick in funding to cover the town's permit fee shortage, since he said "75 percent of the revenue is outside town (in the township), Howard noted Union Township board member Bobbie Rhunow told her a discussion about the matter would likely take place among members of that board.

Mason, suggesting the new fee schedule shouldn't be posted online until final approval by the council to

avoid confusion, notes residents may read the ordinance – which includes the new fees – at the front of the town hall. The council has two more readings to pass before the ordinance is formally adopted.

During the public input portion of the meeting Culver resident Bill Roth asked the council about "the fire siren, 20 feet high, at the base of our driveway," noting the council had reached an agreement concerning the siren 13 months ago, which included installation of a new, more powerful

fire siren at the town hall and conversion of sirens on the south and north ends of Culver to tornado-severe weather only alarms, eliminating their use as fire signals (and thus eliminating frequency of their usage).

Roth said he was aware "every time the siren goes off, we have to realize somebody in our community is hurting and people in our community are going out of their way to help them, and that is terrific," but asked the council for an update on progress of installing the new siren at the town hall.

Culver fire chief Mike Grover said he recently spoke with township trustee Marlene Mahler, who has been handling an effort to regulate

warning sirens around the town-ship and who had originally expected to receive extra utility poles from a purchase by the city of Plymouth for use in mounting sirens; that purchase, however, was canceled. Later, he said, the township was promised a pole from the town of New Paris, but that also fell through; as of two weeks ago, the township has been waiting for poles from South Bend. "We're waiting on a pole," Grover explained. "Because of financial reasons, we don't want to purchase a new pole. So we're waiting on a free pole -- the cost of a new one is pretty substantial."

Grover noted the town does have the new fire alarm itself, as well as people lined up to install both pole and siren, but the pole remains the holdup.

Roth asked about the possibility of "a better and more high tech system of communication for the volunteer firemen" than the fire siren. "Not unless they strap a siren on every fireman's back," replied Grover, adding radios aren't always reliable and most firemen live in town, close enough to hear the siren, which also notifies vehicles of fire trucks impending arrival.

In other discussion, the council heard from Stuart Orr of the Nature Conservancy, an environmental management firm with sites across Indiana and the US, including the 360-acre Houghton Lake property purchased in December, 2005 as part of the Osborn estate just west of Culver's north end.

Presenting various publications and a map of the project, Orr explained he'd originally contacted town manager Michael Doss about collecting seeds from adjacent property formerly housing a fish hatchery and today owned by the town of Culver. Doss and the council expressed interest in the Conservancy taking over management of the town's property as well as Houghton Lake, something Orr said the Conservancy would be willing to do.

Orr told the council the Conservancy's goal is to restore the former agricultural area to its original state as wetland and prairie. At the Houghton Lake site, Orr said, "we have about 100 acres of fen, a special type of groundwater-fed wetland fairly uncommon globally due to drainage and agriculture. There's a whole suite of natural plant species found here that are also uncommon (and) we also have a few state-listed

reptiles."

A number of plants on the town-owned property are uncommon in the area as well, Orr added, noting that land could be helpful in the Conservancy's efforts to "beat back" several invasive plant species such as the grass phragmites as well as an aggressive, non-native form of cattail; some management, he said, would include controlled burns. Orr also said there are river otters on the site.

Culver park director Kelly Young, who previously had requested the park board discuss the town-owned property, said that board had no problem with the proposal, which she added does not appear to violate an agreement with the state formed when the town was first given the land more than 25 years ago. The council approved Nature Conservancy's management of the land.

Ginny Munroe raised discussion on behalf of Culver business owner Susie Mahler following up on a previous meeting's discussion of limiting two-hour parking on the east side of South Main Street, in front of several businesses there including Lakeside Auto, Culver Lodging Realty, and the Collins Real Estate and apartment building. The council had previously decided there was sufficient parking for each business there so as not to warrant limiting parking on that block to two hours at a time. However, Munroe said Mahler feels limiting parking time might aid businesses one block north, particularly the Corndance Café and Café Max, the latter of which Mahler owns. During busier periods, Mahler noted, the two restaurants service 200 customers and more, and higher parking turnover could held ease the parking burden. She also added concern that some parking spots on the block south

have been used lately "for advertising purposes."

Some council members, however, noted peak times for restaurants in the area seem to be weekend nights, when two-hour parking limits aren't enforced anyway. Ricciardi said she has driven downtown during the lunch hour often and the parking there "doesn't seem packed."

The council also renewed for three years an agreement with Pulaski County facilitating Culver's EMS answering ambulance calls to the Monterey and adjoining Pulaski County areas. The previous three-year agreement expires December 31, 2009. Beginning January 1, 2010, an annual payment from Pulaski County to the EMS will increase by \$500 annually, starting at \$5,500 in 2010 and ending at \$6,500 in 2012. The Culver-Union Township EMS is expecting arrival of its new ambulance by the end of this month, reported CUTEEMS' Tim McCarthy, who also said 26 people are attending a Culver-sponsored basic EMT class, with two attendees from Culver. CUTEEMS had 31 ambulance runs in July, bringing the total to 242 to date for 2009.

Culver police chief Wayne Bean said his department's new, 800-mahertz radios are being installed, and the council approved purchase of high-capacity shelving for Culver's fire department to house its SCUBA diving equipment.

Sally Ricciardi will represent Culver at the Marshall County Blueberry Festival where the town will receive a "Spirit of Community" award and will be highlighted as Community of the Day one day during the festival. Dick Brantingham will represent Culver as a marshal in the Blueberry parade on Labor Day.

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## Letter to the editor

### Golf carts on the road: just a safety issue?

I have followed with interest your coverage of the Golf Cart matter and wish to add my comments, notwithstanding the unfortunate, uninformed, divisive and immoderate class warfare rant published in "Letters" last week.

Golf carts have been moving off the golf course for many years and are now routinely used at sporting events, hospitals, airports, college campuses, national parks, businesses, military bases and resort communities, such as Culver. Golf carts are an attractive transportation solution due to their low air pollution and cost effectiveness when compared to traditional motor vehicles.

Golf carts are slow moving vehicles, traveling about the speed of bicycles. Bicycles, however, travel at unpredictable speeds; some slower, some faster than golf carts. Golf carts, because of their size are far more visible than bicycles (a most important safety factor) and provide the occupants with a crush zone in the event of vehicle collisions. The attributes of predictable speeds, far greater visibility and energy absorbing crush zones perhaps explain why the safety record of golf carts, off golf courses, dwarfs that of bicycles.

Similarly, bicycles offer an alternative to traditional motor vehicles. We find government entities promoting their use with signs on county and state roads throughout Indiana. Bicycles have been in use for over one hundred years. Their use is widespread and their safety risks to life and limb are well known in the medical community. In 2006 over 240,000 children required treatment in hospital emergency rooms (ERs) for bicycle traffic accidents. Seven hundred are killed annually. Motor vehicle collisions account for over 90 percent of bicycle deaths. The comparative golf cart figures reveal 6,000 injuries per year nationwide. While last year Indiana reported one death in a golf cart, the accident was caused by an 89 year old impaired automobile driver. In over forty years of covering ERs, in the vicinity of several golf courses, I have not encountered one case of golf cart injury, nor have any of my colleagues.

Given the striking difference in operator safety, why has the legislature chosen to criminalize golf cart use and promote much more dangerous bicycle use on our roads? And further, if "...it's just a safety issue," Representative Dembowski's words, why are golf carts that are heavily regulated and taxed within Culver safe, while the same carts, a few more yards down Academy Road become a criminally unsafe risk?

This pointless law is increasing the costs of transportation, contributing to air pollution and represents yet another unwelcome, ill advised, ill conceived government intrusion into the daily lives of Hoosiers. Do the right thing, Representative Dembowski, repeal this law.

**Leo G. Watson, MD**  
Culver, Indiana

### Golf carts viable transportation, not status symbol

In response to Jonathon Penhurst's letter to the editor, I would suggest he examine what is happening in other small towns in Indiana and around the entire country. Increased use of golf carts as neighborhood transportation is not trend limited to the "the wealthy" in Culver, but is happening nationwide. Golf carts offer a low cost, low maintenance means of transportation replacing a second car, in many applications. There are abuses in any means of transportation, including golf carts. I have not, however, heard of any accident or injury that has ever occurred in the town of Culver on a golf cart.

I, personally, do not operate a golf cart in town but respect the right of Culver citizens to follow this national trend and the right of town authorities to regulate the use of the carts as their use grows. Mr. Penhurst should read the regulation. He would then know what is required equipment on the carts to operate them in town. Golf carts are viable transportation, not a status symbol.

**Jim Sturman**  
Culver

## Death Notices

### Chadwick

**John W. Chadwick**  
Aug. 12, 2009

CULVER — John W. Chadwick, 86, of Culver, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by cousins and nephews in England.

There will be no visitation. Services were Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

### Sellers

**Harold J. Sellers**  
Aug. 10, 2009

MONTEREY — Harold J. Sellers, 94, of Monterey, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

He is survived by son, Randy Sellers of Monterey; daughters: Carol Sue Ely of Monterey, Phyllis (Vern) Whiting of Monterey and Barbara Hall of Homedale, Idaho; brothers: Paul (Arlene) Sellers of Knox and Jim (Nancy) Sellers of Knox; sister, Glenda Salzer of Knox; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Aug. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services were Friday, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Pulaski County Memorial Hospice.

### Schultz

**Marvin Harry Schultz**  
Aug. 8, 2009

CULVER — Marvin Harry Schultz, 79, of Culver, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at home.

He is survived by sons: Terry Schultz of Culver and Mark Schultz of Culver; brother, Norman Schultz of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services were August 12 at 1 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be at Grovertown Cemetery.

### Guise

**Mary E. Guise**  
Aug. 12, 2009

CULVER — Mary E. Guise, 91, of Culver, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at 10:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by son, Stephen Guise of Culver and daughter, Mary Jane Guise of Logansport.

Visitation is Monday, Aug. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church Choir or UMW or to the Bruce Lake Cemetery Association.

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## Engagements

### Kreiter-Stanko



Marcin Stanko and Tommi Jo Kreiter, both of Loveland, Colo., announce their engagement to be married Sept. 6, 2009 at the Church of Christ, Etna Green.

The future bride is the daughter of Tom and Donna Kreiter of Tippecanoe. She is a 2001 graduate of Triton High School. She also graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, with a bachelor's degree in 2005. She is employed as a quality analyst with Colmar Inc. in Fort Collins,

Colo.

The groom-elect is the son of Stanley and Maria Stanko of Munster. He is a 2001 graduate of Munster High School. He graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, in 2007 with a bachelor's degree. He is employed at G.E. Johnson Construction Company in Denver, Colo. as a project engineer.

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### Gunnoe - Hostetler



Jesse Lee Gunnoe of Bremen and Haley Hostetler of Plymouth announce their engagement to be married Sept. 26, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony at the bride's Grandmother JoAnn's home.

The future bride is the daughter of Sabra and Ed Schneider of Plymouth and Rodney Hostetler of Plymouth. She is a 2008 graduate of Argos High School. She attends Ivy Tech Community College and will earn an associate degree as a medical lab technician in 2012. She is employed at Taco Bell in Plymouth as a shift manager.

The groom-elect is the son of Jack and Kami Gunnoe of Bremen. He attended Bremen High School and earned his GED in 2007. He attends Ivy Tech Community College and will earn an associate degree in culinary arts in 2011. He is employed at Vector.

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## Faith is a funny thing

Mark 4:26-34

It is fashionable to be cynical these days. There are lots of proud, educated, worldly people who consider themselves to be above religious belief and anything as common as faith. I will observe that faith is a funny thing. Even the most angry atheist typically has faith in all sorts of things.



### Pastor's Corner

By Tom Haynes  
St. Elizabeth's  
Episcopal Church

This faith may not include God, but faith is faith. Most of us don't really understand what is happening when we flip a light switch. We have every expectation

though that the lights will come on though. In a motorcycling magazine once the tech editor said in an article that "Electrons are not ham sandwiches." I have often laughed about this because we believe in electrons, and we rely on them in a variety of ways, but we can't hold them or turn them over to see where they are made. We listen to those who know about such things, we observe the effects, and we believe.

As I type this article at my laptop, it is time for school to start again, but I find myself thinking about the recent Final Formation at the Academies. Those of you who have been there can appreciate the humbling experience. These are students who are teetering on the edge of their adult lives. They are capable and bright. Most of them are fairly charming, and they have enormous potential for growth and leadership.

Teachers, parents, grandparents, and coaches all have a tremendous impact on the lives of these students, and we see potential at Final Formation. We have no clue really where they are headed. We have a concern for the future and an adult awareness of all the hazards out there. There are plenty of reasons we cry sometimes at events like Final Formation.

I love the image of the mustard seed and the tree it becomes. Jesus draws a verbal picture for us in the reading from Mark, and the mustard seed image is an appropriate one for Final Formation. We see these students as great things in unassuming packages just as they are about to grow.

Now there is a mysterious quality in all this. Electrons are not ham sandwiches after all. Faith is a funny thing. The Gospel tells us "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how." We don't have to understand how it works. We have to believe that it does. Then we do our part and get out of the way.

I have to say that I don't understand everything there is to know about education. If I claimed to, you would know I was lying. We do the best we know how and then "sleep and rise night and day." The work we have done will take root, and sprout/grow. Not only do we not need to know how it all works, the Gospel tells us we won't. The seed grows and we do not "know how."

We have to have faith in God's plan. This is a huge step for some people, and it is a challenge for any of us sometimes. We want to know where we are headed, and we want to be the masters of our own destiny. This idea that we are in control is important to American culture, and I am telling you to be counter-cultural here.

So we act on faith and answer God's call. We trust in God to provide the growth, and we have to believe. Here is the awesome responsibility we have. We are walking witnesses to God's love, and small things now can have a huge impact later. Blessings to each of you from St. Elizabeth's!

*Tom Haynes is the Pastoral Leader at St. Elizabeth's as he prepares for ordination in the Episcopal Church. He also teaches math at The Culver Academies.*

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## August of '38

In the Michigan Road Treaty of 1826, the Potawatomi Indians ceded a swath along the Wabash River, their southern border



### It's Still the Lake Water

By John Wm. Houghton

with the Miami, and another near Lake Michigan, in exchange for an annual payment of \$2,000 in silver (for twenty-two years), \$2,000 for education (to be continued as long as Congress thought necessary), and 160 bushels of salt, and the erection of a blacksmith shop and a mill. The mill was built, I believe, at the outlet of Rochester's Lake Manitou.

The treaty also gave up a 100' wide strip of land for construction of a road from Lake Michigan to the Wabash, along with a contiguous square mile of good land for every mile of the whole route of the road, from Lake Michigan to the Ohio, to be sold to pay for construction of the road. As I mentioned in a column last summer, the treaty did not specify that the road follow the straightest possible path: in fact, the Michigan Road meanders across Indiana (it is US 31 in Marshall County), avoiding swamps, but also allowing the state to seize all the more good land. For over a century, it seemed as though the provision that the right-of-way be 100'

wide was also something of a land grab. The road itself wasn't nearly that wide, and neighboring farmers typically used the property

as if it were their own. In 1935, however, the state reclaimed the full right-of-way in order to widen the increasingly busy highway.

In 1832, at an island where old US 31 crosses the Tippecanoe River north of Rochester, the US negotiated another treaty with the Potawatomi, ceding most of their remaining land. This agreement provided various reserves, including three for chiefs in the Culver area: Aubenaubee's, of 36 square miles, at the southeast corner of the lake, reaching south into Fulton County; Neeswaugee and Quashqua's, of three square

miles, north of Aubenaubee's, with the settlement on 18th B Road just east of the lake; and a reserve of 22 square miles for Menominee and three other chiefs, centered around Twin Lakes, but reaching south to within about two miles of our current city limits.

Further treaties eliminated even these reserves, usually with provisions that the Native Americans would leave within two years for lands across the Mississippi. Neeswaugee made such an agreement in December, 1834, and in April, 1836, Paukooshuck (who had succeeded his father, Aubenaubee, after executing him for murdering one of his wives) signed away

tently refused to sign.

In June, 1838, Congress passed a "preemption" law, providing that white settlers who had been squatters on reserves for four months could claim a 160-acre homestead when the Indian title was extinguished. On August 5, the appointed day under the 1836 treaty, the squatters demanded Menominee's land, and the chief made it clear he had no intention of leaving. Over the next two weeks, one of the settlers, John Watters, reported that Indians had taken a hatchet to his front door, and ten native cabins were burned in retaliation. Gov. David Wallace (father of Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace, the



This early 20th century postcard shows the unveiling of the Chief Menominee monument on Peach Road north of Culver 100 years ago. In front of the statue is Julia Po-Ka-Gon, Menominee's granddaughter.

Aubenaubee's reserve. Finally, in August of 1836, Menominee's three associates agreed to a treaty giving up their reserve, but Menominee himself persis-

author of Ben Hur) came north to investigate, and, on returning to Logansport, authorized Gen. John Tip-

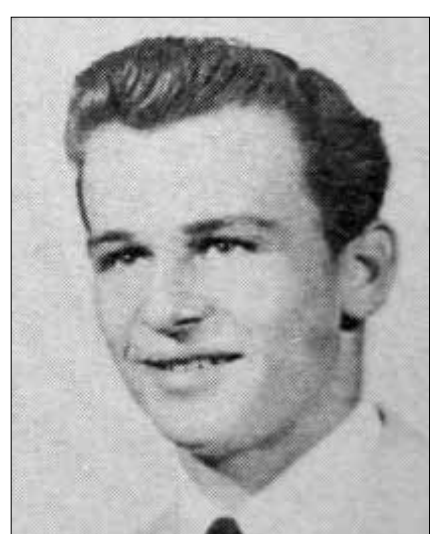
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### Name that Culver "citizen"



At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Albert Hanselman, then and now. Below: this week's mystery citizen.

Carin Clifton, one of our "super-guessers," was the only reader to guess last week's Mystery Citizen, who stumped most others, apparently. He was none other than Culver Community High School principal



Albert Hanselman. The hint that he's about to become a regular sight to many in the area once again, of course, related to the opening of school this week, where he'll once again be a familiar face daily to hundreds of students as well as teachers and staff (Carin herself will likely run into him a time or two, in her capacity as cafeteria director for the school corporation!).

This week's Mystery Citizen has been around Culver a while, and many Culverites are familiar with him for something he owns. The usual amenities of free parking in downtown Culver and the editor's eternal admiration await correct guessers as always.

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## Clarification

In last week's *Culver Citizen* article concerning storm water planning ("‘Serious problem’ of storm water requires proactive approach, says Doss," August 13 edition), editor Jeff Kenney wrote, "the town has separate (not combined) storm water and sewer systems."

Town manager Michael Doss, who was interviewed for the article, wrote in to clarify the above point. Doss says, "The (storm sewer) problem is that several homes in town actually pump storm water from their basements directly into the sewer system and storm water infiltration can get into our sewer systems and burden the sewer plant," which of course adds to the overall problem the town hopes to correct in the future via a storm water policy and fee, besides grant money sought to overhaul part of the storm water system. The *Citizen* thanks Mr. Doss for helping further clarify the matter.

## August from page A4

ton to raise a force of one hundred volunteers to enforce the treaty's provisions.

Tipton's militia arrived at Twin Lakes at the end of August, and on September 2, 1838, after a tearful farewell at their chapel (Menominee's band were largely Roman Catholic), 859 men, women and children were marshaled onto the "Trail of Death," to be joined by Paukooshuck's band in Logansport on September 7. The trail ended in Osawatomie, Kansas, on November 4. Shirley Willard, of the Fulton County Historical Society, calculates that at least 40 people died along the way, while another hundred escaped or died unreported. Menominee himself was one of the survivors, and died in Kansas in 1841.

Daniel McDonald, the county's pioneer historian, interviewed some of the other pioneers (most of whom were his cousins, one way or another) for their memories of these events. One of his sources was Culver's founding mother, Emma Houghton (Mrs. Bayless) Dickson (1822-1917). She said:

"My recollection is not very clear, but as I remember him Menominee was a large, fine-looking man, square built, tall, rather stern looking; would think he would be brave and determined in whatever he undertook that he thought was right. I lived with my father, John Houghton, about midway between Menominee village and Benak village, and the Indian trail between the two villages ran close by our cabin. In his travels between these two villages, Menominee would nearly always stop to get something to eat and drink. Along this trail there would sometimes be twenty or thirty Indians go and come daily, especially when they had meetings of any kind.

"I cannot remember much about the old Indian chapel, only that it was a rough-hewn log building, and the cross at the end of the building was of the same material as the house. The priest, Father Petit, was of medium height and rather nice looking. He talked in the French language. A French woman interpreted his sermons into the Pottawattomie language to the Indians. I cannot remember how she looked to me. At one time when I was at the chapel a squaw came out at the close of service with her nose blacked and lay down at the foot of the cross, crying. I asked why she cried, and some one said she had been drunk and was doing it as a penance for forgiveness. I felt very sorry for her.

"It was a sad sight to see the Indians forced away, for their lands were taken by fraud; government would treat for their land and give firewater to drink, and while drinking the chiefs would sign their rights away."

McDonald's own reaction to the expulsion remains with us, for it was at his urging that, in 1909, the state erected the statue to Menominee which still stands today on Peach Road, close to Twin Lakes. More about McDonald and the statue next month.

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*A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.*

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## Balinda from page A4



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Father 'Tad' Balinda, right, chats with St. Mary of the Lake parishioners Ron (standing) and Velma Van Horn recently.

that office that Fr. Balinda wears the monsignor title, as a result of a request typically made by the local bishop and granted by Rome.

"I don't like to be distinguished," adds Balinda hastily. "I like to be part of the rest of the priests and be simple enough to be close to my people, so (the title) remains in official writings, but I prefer to be called 'Father.' It's that I was ordained, and I'm proud of it."

Fr. Balinda came to America as a result of an ongoing relationship between the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend – of which St. Mary's in Culver is a part – and a request by this diocese's Bishop John D'Arcy. Fr. Balinda is the fourth Ugandan priest in this diocese.

"My own bishop thought I needed a change of place, to be fresh and new. I know there is a lot of work here.

"Another reason is...the benefit I have to work in the United States to get more experience in my pastoral ministry. The more you work with a cross-section of people, the more experience you get. I have to learn the way to greet people in America, in Culver. And at the Academy I'll be dealing with the youth of America. It's both challenging and enriching...this is a different experience (than I had in Uganda). It's more pastoral and less office work."

Fr. Balinda arrived in Fort Wayne in January, 2009 and was surprised to hear he was being assigned his own parish after just six months in America.

"The bishop told me this (St. Mary's) is a small, strong, vibrant community. We have many Catholics at the Academy who need our attention, and that's what I've seen.

"At the time of the announcement, Fr. Glenn (Khorman, parish priest in Culver for the past eight years) was there. Here was a very open priest, and he started telling me quite a lot about Culver; almost every day we talked, and he told me this and that. I found him a very good man, very open and helpful. You can imagine my situation at that time; if the pastor was closed in, it would have been a bit difficult for me! I'm finding it easy because of Glenn and Margaret (Bowersox), the church secretary, and the ladies who come take care of the (church rectory). The Knights of Columbus, the finance council -- almost everyone is very helpful."

Culver is certainly a bit different in its economic breakdown than Fr. Balinda's past parish in Uganda, a country whose average income is still below one dollar per day, he notes. There, Roman Catholics make up about 47 percent of the population, while Protestants (mostly Anglicans) make up 35 percent, with a small percentage of Muslims and Pentecostals as well.

Fr. Balinda is aware that, at Culver Academies, he'll be helping build "future leaders of this and different countries...I would like to share with them the Catholic faith within their age so that they experience God at their age. Together we can move towards more love for God in view that these youths are actually our future leaders who need strong faith and morals, and a clear vision about life."

At the parish and in the Culver community, Fr. Balinda says he's looking forward to working with the people here, and not just Roman Catholics.

"I'm a pastor of the Catholic community here," he explains, "but I would like to collaborate with all people, not only Catholics, to be open to all people if I have the chance.

"I'm looking forward to being a son of the people here...not only as their priest but as one of them."

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# Right time, right place

## Culver instructor's book sheds humorous-serious light on Vietnam experience

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

“WTWP” (or “Wrong Time, Wrong Place”), says Culver Academies leadership ethics instructor and Vietnam veteran Ray Gleason, is “the principle explaining why there’s no principle to surviving combat. You can’t train for it; you can’t plan for it; you can’t pray your way out of it... if you’re in the wrong place at the wrong time, you’re dead. In other words, don’t waste your time worrying about the bullet out there with your name on it. Worry about all those bullets out there addressed ‘for whom it may concern.’”

Such definitions – often alongside several more paragraphs of explanation, as in the case of “WTWP” -- make up Gleason’s new book, “A Grunt Speaks: a ‘Devil’s Dictionary’ of Vietnam Infantry Tales and Terms,” which has just

The subtitle of the book, Gleason notes, is derived from Ambrose Bierce’s playful and satirical 1911 book, “The Devil’s Dictionary,” which also hints at the approach Gleason takes to his own book. That is, a series of slang – as well as proper – terms in common usage during the Vietnam War, accompanied by Gleason’s alternately wry and dryly humorous, and alternately serious and philosophical meditations not just on a particular phrase, but by extension the war and its reception by soldiers and the private sector in the US in general.

Gleason will sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase, Saturday, September 5 at 7 p.m. at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive. Wine, cheese and pizza will be available. The author is contributing his profits from any books sold that night to the Boys & Girls Club of Culver, and the book’s publisher, 1974 CMA graduate Danny Snow of Unlimited Publishing will match his contributions for the first fifty books sold.

While in Vietnam, Gleason was a rifleman with the

Second Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment and a long-range reconnaissance patrol (LERP) team leader with

growing body of notes he’d made. “The best way I can explain it is, I’m trying to write a profile of a culture.

consciousness fellow soldiers wouldn’t have tolerated in such dangerous situations as were encountered there.

He also stresses while the book isn’t about politics, its author is “not kind to some of the political decisions (which went into the war).”

“An inappropriate or cynical use of the armed forces’ sacrifice either for political advantage or to subvert someone else’s position,” says Gleason, “is just unacceptable.”

And, while he respects the convictions of those opposed to the war on genuinely moral grounds, he also feels many Vietnam veterans unjustly bore the brunt of some Americans’ anger over the war itself.

“Our attitude was, we hated that war as bad as (antiwar protestors) did, but I think we had more concrete reasons. It wasn’t because of authority! This is also a situation where people we loved were getting killed. The only rational attitude towards war a human being can have is to hate it.”

Vietnam, Gleason says, also taught him to evaluate political decisions of whether to go to war or not based on whether its reason is “worth my children getting killed. If the answer is yes, then let’s go do it. But I’m very concerned about the way politicians throw around our armed forces. They’re getting people’s children killed.”

The war, he says, cost him 20 years of his life. While he was able to keep

a job, stay drug-free, and maintain a family, the psychological residue of the war left him unable to attach to others emotionally, something he finally worked out via post-traumatic stress therapy.

And culturally, Gleason says, many Vietnam vets spent decades uncomfortable admitting they’d fought in the war for fear of negative reactions from others. After a number of negative reactions from people hearing he’d fought in Vietnam, he says he was left stunned in 1986 while attending graduate school when a much younger fellow student approached and asked if he’d been in Vietnam. “All the alarms went off in my head, but I said (to myself), ‘It’s 1986 and I don’t care anymore (about reactions), so I said, ‘Yeah.’ So the kid reaches over and pats my hand and said ‘Thank you for all you guys went through over there.’”

Such appreciation was so unusual, says Gleason, “I didn’t know what to say.”

Culturally, he notes, US soldiers “always want to be the good guys,” though a number of then-new factors surrounding the war in Vietnam made for a famously difficult situation confronting many US troops.

Gleason’s book, meanwhile, has drawn a plethora of positive response from fellow Vietnam vets and those involved in the present-day military, as well as from civilians who found it a nuanced and informative read on the subject.

“I’ve had other people say, ‘I never knew you guys had to go through stuff like this.’ It (the book) isn’t a

See Gleason page B3



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PFC Ray “Frenchy” Gleason, August 1968, a grunt on “LZ Jackie” near Ban Me Thuot, Republic of Vietnam



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Ray Gleason today with wife Jan Peyser.

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While in Vietnam, Gleason was a rifleman with the

75th Infantry (Ranger). He has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He also holds a Ph.D. in medieval literature and semiotics and a MA in literature from Northwestern University, as well as a BA in literature and history from Hunter College in New York.

The genesis of Gleason’s book, he says, grew from the psychological human maxim, “that which you can laugh at, can’t hurt you...it’s a typical defense mechanism. It’s kind of a dark humor, but the stuff we don’t talk about is the stuff that’s just too...dark.”

Gleason began jotting down definitions for the terms and sharing them with other vets before asking himself what his ultimate plans were for the

What were the beliefs, values, and norms of Infantrymen (in Vietnam)?

“There’s also this issue of the misperception of the Vietnam experience for soldiers,” continues Gleason. “Most of us in the Infantry were 19 to 21 years old and not too different in our attitudes or looks from the kids at the Academy or Culver High School...this was what we thought we could do for our country.

“Once we got there, there were no idealogues in the foxholes. When it hit the fan, people weren’t fighting for democracy. Initially, we were just trying to keep people alive.”

Gleason points out his experiences in Vietnam were quite different from what has been portrayed of Vietnam soldiers in many popular movies such as rampant abuse of drugs and alcohol, which would have led to a state of con-

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# Culver schools back to drawing board on retired admin building

## CES gym completion pushed back

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Back to the drawing board for the disposal of the old Culver Community School's administration building on Ohio Street. On the advice of Harold "Sonny" Wyland, attorney for the corporation, all bids were rejected. Calling the statute regarding the disposal of school property one of "the worst statutes on the books" Wyland explained that the original bid process requiring 90 percent of the assessed value resulted in no bids.

On to step two, the open bid process of 60 days ending on Friday required all bidders to be notified on bids as they were received so a counter offer could be made. The bidding ended at 3 p.m. with bids coming in at 2:58 and 2:59 p.m.

This did not allow time for a bidder from Mis-

souri to make a final offer. Offers ranged from \$7,000 to \$25,000 for the land and building. Wyland suggested other options be considered including a public auction where all bidders would have to appear. Board member, Ed Behnke, noted that the best option might be to tear the old building down and hold the land until real estate prices rose.

A public hearing was held on refinancing the three bond issue. Collette Irwin Knott, H. J. Umbaugh, and Wyland were present to direct the board through the process. Knott explained that there was an outstanding balance of \$7.5 million in the 2000, 2001, 2003 bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.53 to 5.25 percent. By refinancing, the interest rate will be reduced to approximately

3.5 percent. By keeping the payments at the same rate, a lump sum of from \$365,000 to \$425,000 can be realized to dedicate toward Capital Projects. This will increase the indebtedness to approximately \$7.9 million with the final payment due in February of 2023. The board approved the resolution to refinance.

Greg Saal and Martin Truesdell from Stair Associates were present to discuss change orders and possible delays in the completion of the Culver Elementary School gym project. Although most of the principal construction will be done by the opening of school, there will be a delay in installing the bleachers. The floor under the bleachers must be leveled and concrete poured. A period of three to four weeks will be needed for the concrete

to "cure" before bleachers can be installed. The gym should be ready for use by Sept. 4, but seating may not be available until the end of September.

Apple computers versus PC's for the 21st Century classroom philosophy generated a lively discussion. Ashli Faulkner along with Amy Gearhart and administrators from Culver and Monterey schools spoke enthusiastically about the educational opportunities offered by the Apple computers and software. Superintendent Brad Schuldt said the corporation is committed to establishing a one on one relationship with all students K-12 using computer technology. He noted that there are approximately 500 PC's in the school that will be used until they become obsolete, but would like to start phas-

ing in the Apple system.

Gearhart, Title I teacher in Monterey, said she was initially opposed to Apple computers due to cost until she attended a seminar and saw the capabilities provided for her students. She has ordered three funded through the JESSI program and is enthused about the ease of use for students and the integrated programming.

However, Ed Behnke, a well-known computer expert, disagreed to some extent about the sole use of the Apple computer. He noted a less expensive alternative Microsoft notebook that costs approximately \$350 compared to the Apple cost of \$850. He showed the board his personal PC which he said contained all the "perks, bells and whistles" showcased in the Apple computer at a substan-

tially lower cost. He also noted that maintenance was eventually required of all computers and technicians were readily available for PC maintenance. Behnke continued "It would have to be the initial excitement about the programming of the Mac, not the actual product."

Board members recognized the enthusiasm shown for the Apple Mac capabilities by its proponents and agreed it would translate to the students. Discussion will continue.

In other business, the board approved the ratification of the teachers' contracts, approved non-certified wages and benefits, approved the administrative contracts and an articulation agreement with Purdue North Central.

## Briefs from page A1

Fame titled "The All-time All-star Hoosier High School Alumni Basketball Team," which will be kept on permanent display at the Hall. Houck's new book, "Hoosiers All: Indiana High School Basketball, Team Names, Glory Season, Boys and Girls, Past and Present, Large and Small," can be ordered from Hawthorne Publishing, 15601 Oak Road, Carmel IN 46033 pre-paid \$30 including shipping. Those ordering before September 15 will receive a \$3 discount on the book price and can call 317-867-5183 for information.

### School supplies needed for local children

The Culver Lions are again asking the community's help to make sure all children have the necessary supplies for school this year. Needed are back packs, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, folders, erasers, compasses, and any other object teachers need for students to be full participants in class. All funds collected go for supplies or student needs. Please make checks payable to the Culver Lions. They may be mailed to program chairman Jim Harper, 1000 S. Main, Culver, IN. 46511.

### Wesley preschool registration

Wesley Preschool, a non-denominational preschool, has openings in its senior and junior year program. Seniors must be age four by Aug. 1 and juniors age three by Aug. 1. Wesley helps ease the transition for children to begin kindergarten by starting them in its exceptional preschool. Call Jennifer Luttrell, Director, at (574) 250-3852.

### 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.

## 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, Aug. 20:** Fish, diced red potatoes with herbs, mixed vegetables, bun, grape juice, apple pie, and milk.

**Friday, Aug. 21:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, tropical fruit, and milk.

**Monday, Aug. 24:** Apple Stuffed Pork Choppette, peas, wax beans, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail,

and milk.

**Tuesday, Aug. 25:** Salmon Patty, sweet potato patties, cornbread and margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26:** Cheeseburger with pickle, applesauce, green beans, juice, bun, apple cookie, and milk.

**Thursday, Aug. 27:** Sliced Turkey, bun, mayo, sliced tomato, Potato Salad, fruit salad, vegetable barley soup, and milk.

**Friday, Aug. 28:** Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, ham, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.

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# Second annual Lake Max film festival slated for Sept. 5

Culver's second annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival will take place Saturday, September 5 in the town park and Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive, just across the street from the park. As was the case with last year's event, this year's festival will feature a day of movies, food, live entertainment, and a feature film in the park.

A continuous showing of films at the Uptown Cinema beginning at 10 a.m., with a roster of films to be announced in an upcoming edition of the *Citizen*.

Food, an ice cream social and live entertainment at the park will begin at 6 p.m., followed at dusk by the film "The Music Man," which can be enjoyed in your favorite lawn chair. The choice of film is particularly significant as a follow-up to this summer's successful on-stage production of the same feature.

Admission to all of this is a donation to "The Gift of Warmth," one or more new or lightly worn, clean items of winter wear for school age children (mittens, scarves, jackets, coats), which will provide warmth to children within the four-county Culver Community School district. In lieu of clothing, a cash donation will help with family heating bills.

The film festival is presented by the Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit Corporation. More details will follow in a future edition of the *Citizen*.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## A visit from 'VPE

Anthony Hunt (above), station manager at WVPE Public Radio 88.1 FM in Elkhart visited Culver last week, addressing Culver's Kiwanis Club August 13 and noting the Culver community has 34 official members of the station, which he said is partly through listeners (the station has about 5,000 members whose annual contributions total around \$500,000) as well as business underwriters (\$400,000 per year) and some funding from federal (around \$100,000) and state (around \$50,000) government monies.

Hunt noted WVPE's largest single listener area is Goshen, and its most popular show is "Car Talk," which nets about 12,000 listeners each week for the station.

Explaining public radio's mission is to "inform, entertain, and inspire," Hunt discussed the value of the station, from music (88.1 is based primarily on a jazz format) to news, which is derived mostly from syndicated National Public Radio offerings. Hunt added NPR has more news bureaus around the world (19) than any other entity except the BBC, and boasts 33 million listeners per week.

WVPE, Hunt said, boosted its power to increase its listening territory February 18, the same date the station also went digital with its signal. The hope is to expand to several digital channels, Hunt said, and offer more localized programming if funding becomes available. Listeners currently are invited to record guest commentaries to give the station a local element.

The station now streams its broadcast online via its website, [www.wvpe.org](http://www.wvpe.org), Hunt added.

## Gleason from page B1

10,000-foot picture of little squares and arrows on a map, or a movie. It's down to the fact that you had to sleep with wet boots on at night and your gun between your legs."

"Once a soldier realized," writes Gleason, concluding his "Wrong Time, Wrong Place" entry in the book, "death could claim him at any time, in any place, unexpectedly and suddenly, and that was the essential nature of his condition...and (he) 'died to the world of youth, to the world of a loving family and friends, to the world where he had a lover, a future, children, then he could function in combat. Then he became a grunt."

More information about Ray Gleason's book can be read online at [www.unlimitedpublishing.com/gleason](http://www.unlimitedpublishing.com/gleason).

# Culver's Becker lauded in statewide publication

*Editor's note: Well-known Culver police officer Chad Becker was featured in a story on the cover of the August, 2009 edition of "Traffic Safety Bulletin," a statewide publication of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's Traffic Safety Division.*

*With the Institute's permission, the full text of the article is printed below.*

On July 21, 2009, Officer Chad Becker, Culver PD, was approached by a young man who simply wanted to thank him for continuing to write him seatbelt tickets and "forcing him to wear a seatbelt." Officer Becker was familiar with the 20 year old—he had written him three seatbelts citations in recent years. Below is the story from Of-

ficer Becker.

"Following the last citation I issued him back in March we discussed how these stops were starting to get expensive for him. In fact we actually joked about how we had

a 'mutual agreement' that as long as he didn't wear the seatbelt, I would continue to write him until we could get this resolved. Again I can't say enough about his outlook on the issues and his upbeat personality, which brings me to the outcome. He approached me today and asked if I heard about his crash, of which I had no knowledge. He stated that he was traveling on a county road 'a bit too fast' and took his eyes off the roadway for a second, which led to him run-

ning off the roadway. He overcorrected several times back and forth until the vehicle slid off the pavement and into the dirt which led to his vehicle rolling over and landing on its top. He says to me, 'I'm so grateful that I had my seatbelt on...I was hanging upside down in the car by the seatbelt'. He was not injured in the accident and couldn't say enough about how he was so grateful for being restrained. He just put his hand out and wanted to shake hands and say thanks."

We would like to thank Officer Becker and the numerous other officers who conduct enforcement not simply to write tickets, but to save lives.

# Oliver, Culver's Ellert help kick off United Way campaign

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent



PILOT PHOTO/MAGGIE NIXON

The message was clear to 2009 Chair Frances Ellert of Culver, as he puts on a gift from United Way Board President Rick Kreps during the annual kickoff meeting: Git-R-Done!

LAPAZ — The Marshall County United Way is ready to tackle reality.

"You look at the great speakers we've had in the last decade; Muffett McGraw, Gene Keady, Paul Mainieri, Chris Murphy, Tommy LaSorda, Father (Ted) Hesburgh, and Lou Nanni. The fact that I'm standing here before you today is the greatest illustration that times are tough," opened this year's keynote speaker John J. Oliver of U.S. Granules at the annual Marshall County United Way kickoff luncheon at Occasions Banquet Center in LaPaz, to the laughter of those assembled.

As this year's campaign prepares to try to raise \$385,000, the challenge of an economy that is still sputtering is on the minds of all. It is not, according to Oliver, an unbeatable hurdle.

Oliver urged the group to focus on reasons they could surmount the problem, rather than excuses for not reaching their goal.

"We much prefer to give. It is the essence of our humanity," he said. "That is also the spirit and the essence of United Way."

Oliver, a former campaign chairman of the drive, said that United Way had been a big part of his forming relationships with his employees in the early years of his ownership of U.S. Granules. His involvement

helped him surmount the risk he took in buying his company.

"Without your involvement we aren't going to succeed," said Oliver. "With your involvement we have a chance at some point of creating that perfect world where those who need help, will get that help, and pick themselves up."

This year's Drive Chairman Francis Ellert followed Oliver with a theme of unity, based on the United Way's slogan of "Live United" saying, "...we must live united, because there is no other way."

Thanks to the early efforts of the Ride for United Way, Dine Out for United Way, and Golf Cards for United Way, this year's campaign has already raised around \$17,000.

"In the words of one of my children's favorite movies, 'We're all in this together,'" said Ellert.

## Community Calendar

**Thurs., Aug. 20**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Phil Harrison, Culver Academies board of trustees, Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7

p.m., church rectory basement

**Sat., Aug. 22**  
Culver history bike tour, 10 a.m., starting at the Bike Barn, Lake Shore Drive and Main Street

**Mon., Aug. 24**  
Yoga class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace

United Church of Christ  
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

**Tues., Aug. 25**  
Culver Academies classes begin  
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

**Weds., Aug. 26**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m.,

Culver Public Library  
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot

**Thurs., Aug. 27**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

# Culver's Havron part of Earthworks cooking class

By Ida Chipman  
Correspondent

**DONALDSON** — Follow your nose into Earthworks and the aromas of garlic, fresh lemon juice, basil, parsley and other spices fill the air.

It makes your mouth water just to be there.

Sixteen young people—half girls and half guys—learned the fundamentals of cooking at Earthworks in a week long program made partially possible by a federal grant administered by the State of Indiana called "Good Works in Indiana."

Sister Sue Rogers, the director of Earthworks, said that she was "thrilled to be able to do this in partnership with the Starke County

Youth Program."

The fledgling cooks, ages 11 to 13, came for the six-hour daily classes from Plymouth, Knox, North Liberty, Culver and Rochester.

They loved it. Except for the capers.

"You have to try them," said Chelsea Howard, a Plymouth High School graduate and Ancilla college student who helped with the program.

Sister Sue added that she was "trying to stretch their tastes as well as their knowledge of foods."

A little coaxing and most of the kids agreed that capers weren't so bad after all.

They drew the line at

eggplant though.

"I know," Rogers said. "That would be going too far."

Cheri Ringer, Sister Sue's office assistant, did double duty with helping to clean up after class.

Sixteen cooks in any kitchen can make quite a mess. Working out of three rooms with blenders, hot plates and chopping knives, Sister Sue went from table to table checking on the progress of the student cooks.

Katie Culp, 11, a student at Riverside Elementary in Plymouth, said that the amazing thing to her was being able to cook something and have it taste good.

A key component of the classes was to acquaint the

students with whole foods and those without sugar and chemicals.

"The children are very open to learning about wholesome foods," Sister Sue said.

"For example, we use only butter in our recipes," she said, "and none of that phony nonsense."

Virgin olive oil, fresh herbs from the garden grown on the premises, whole-wheat flour, fresh grated cheese and nuts go into the dishes.

They made pizza dough and fresh sauces, chocolate mousse and as an appetizer, spiedini which is mozzarella cheese wrapped in red dough, baked and served with a sauce.

As one of the projects, the kids made a yellow cake from scratch and a box cake from the grocery.

When asked to give their opinions the homemade cake won hands down.

"I could tell the difference," Jordan Pratt, 13, a St. Michael's Catholic School eighth grader said. "It wasn't so sweet and the texture was better."

Olivia Wendel, 11, also of St. Michael's, agreed.

Kieran White, 12, a student at Knox Middle School, was stirring up a batch of lemon-garlic sauce to pour over a potato pasta for lunch while Phil Heward, 12, from Knox also, was being careful at the next station to keep the

almonds from burning.

Brandon Havron, 11, from Culver Community, plans on making pizza for his family at home.

"I can do it now," he said, "and I couldn't have before."

Sister Sue plans to continue with the classes next year, adding to her already full schedule.

"I could not NOT do it again," she said.

A gourmet cook herself, she loves to share her talents and culinary arts with young people.

Earthworks is a place filled with love and laughter and good food.

And that's what it's all about.



# CUTEMS' 30th anniversary party - in pictures



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A number of past members of the Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Services (CUTEMS) joined current members and friends, family, and community members at an open house and historical tribute to the service in honor of its 30th anniversary (see *Culver Citizen* cover stories, August 6 and 13). Some of those attending journeyed from out of state to the August 9 event, held at the CUTEMS ambulance garage adjoining Culver's town hall on Washington Street.

TOP LEFT PHOTO: Past EMTs Helen Osborn, left, and Susan Flora (who is also a past director of the service) share a laugh with fellow past CUTEMS members Larry Norman (standing, left) and Jackye Berger (standing, right) as they leaf through memories in an EMS photo album.

TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Past EMT and dispatcher Winn Joice, right, chats with current CUTEMS member Herb Newman.

BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: Cary Flora, who assisted longtime Culver funeral home director and ambulance operator Jim Bonine with the ambulance prior to the creation of CUTEMS, chats with Mark Coutts (past EMS director and EMT-Advanced), and Warren Penrod (past EMT-Advanced).

BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO: Past CUTEMS director and current EMS-Advanced Sally Ricciardi, left, and current CUTEMS director Millie Sytsma hold a proclamation from Culver's town council dedicating the day to CUTEMS in honor of its anniversary.

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## Nature's Classroom workshop scheduled for September

Teachers have asked for it! Arrow Head Country RC&D announces the return of Nature's Classroom, a workshop dedicated to providing educators with ideas, materials and lesson plans for turning a classroom inside, out.

This year's workshop will follow the theme, No Child Left Inside, which is gaining popularity worldwide. It is scheduled for September 30 at Camp Buffalo, near Monticello in White County. The workshop will begin with registration at 8:30am EST. Lunch will be provided and sessions will conclude at 2:30pm.

Keynote address for the workshop will be "Get Them Out in It!" by Paul Steury, Education Coordinator for Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. Research is showing that a child going outdoors has a positive impact on testing, attention and self esteem. This presentation will emphasize that going into the woods will benefit us not only today, but into the future, as well.

Several innovative programs will be presented that are classroom-friendly and just plain fun. Morning sessions include: Rockin' Geology (geology basics), Doctor in the Woods (plant uses by Native Americans and 4-H Weeds program), and Art in the Classroom (natural art projects). Afternoon sessions will include: Can You Dig It? (a curriculum developed jointly by the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Smithsonian, and the Soil Science Society of America), Soaring in the Schoolyard (how to conduct a migration celebration from Flying WILD, Cornell's International Migratory Bird Day and the Audubon Society), and Wild Edibles in the Classroom (students will eat this natural history lesson up!).

In addition to sessions, there will be door prizes for the lucky and goodie bags for all. Also, The Wild Bird Shop will be on hand with all types of resources for purchase.

Nature's Classroom is sponsored by Arrow Head Country Resource Conservation and Development Area. Early bird registration for the workshop is \$20.00 by September 21 and \$25.00, after. Registration forms are available at the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 2903 Gary Drive, Plymouth, IN 46563, and can be mailed by calling 574-936-2024, ext. 3, or e-mailed by contacting wanda.norris@in.nacdnet.net.



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## A paint job for the park

Daniel Sobiek, left, and Ian Swafford, both from Culver, pause after adding a fresh coat of paint to one of the picnic tables in Culver's town park July 31, part of several painting and landscaping projects performed by the Culver Community Schools students. The effort was part of the "School to Work" program co-sponsored by the Marshall-Starke Development Center and JESSE (Joint Educational Services in Special Education), whose "ultimate goal is to give students with disabilities an opportunity to gain some work experience and develop skills that will help them become good employees," says Stacey Thomas of Marshall-Starke, who oversaw the work. "The students learn how to be responsible employees and take pride in what they do. It also gives them an opportunity to develop interests and make career goals."

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## Game, set, match

The annual Culver Tennis Invitational Tournament, August 8-9



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Winners and players at the event, held at Culver Academies, included: TOP LEFT PHOTO: (left to right) Bill and Krista Furry and Susan and John Nash. TOP MIDDLE PHOTO: Jim Peterson, Pat Angelicchio, George Tanner and Susan Beeman. TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Mixed doubles over winners Nancy Clossing and Jon Mulford. BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: Men's doubles advanced finalists Brad Clossing, John Sherck, Alan Loehr and Peter Locke. BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO: Mixed doubles advanced finalists Sarah Lamping and Peter Locke and Stu Roberts and Jenifer Foxworthy.

## Community Organizations band together to offer People's University

By Rusty Nixon  
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PLYMOUTH – Marshall County will soon have a new “alma mater” to pay loyalty to.

This fall will mark the first semester of the “People’s University”, an innovative cooperation between

many county agencies. It will allow local residents a way to better themselves and better the community.

Partners in the project – Ancilla College, Earthworks, The Marshall County Community Foundation, The Marshall County Council on Aging, The Marshall

County Historical Society, The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, The Plymouth Parks Department, the Plymouth Public Library, Purdue Extension Office, and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center – are offering an opportunity for residents of Marshall County

to continue life long learning with class offerings of all sorts. Most classes are free, all are offered at a minimal cost.

Classes range from instruction on leisure activities such as bridge, watercolor or floral design, to educational pursuits such as writing skills, to health and fitness such as exercise and mobility and even includes a special “Money Smart Week” with classes provided by the area’s financial institutions.

“This was a big picture project for all of us,” said Jackie Wright Director of Marshall County Older Adult Services. “We hope everybody in the community can look at the bigger picture too and look at ways they can improve the quality of their life and the life of the community.”

“This is a group of service organizations that are willing to take another step

together to further serve the community,” said Sister Sue Rogers of Earthworks another partner. “If others are willing to do the same, that’s a value all by itself.”

Over a year of planning went into the first semester of offerings that started with a video conference with the head of Bloomington’s Parks and Recreation Department that runs one of the top People’s University programs in the country. Those ideas turned into lots of research and planning that would make up this area’s version of the program.

“We took some of their examples and all the partners went to work finding out what people in this area would be interested in,” said Wright. “It took a lot of research to put together courses that are things our community would have and interest in.”

“We get questions all the

time about just what there is to do in the community,” said Susie Reinholt, Director of the Plymouth Public Library. “This is something to do for self improvement.”

“Hopefully this is something people can do for themselves that will also make them think about getting out and doing something for others,” said Linda Rippy, Director of the Marshall County Museum.

“Hopefully they’ll feel that they will want to get out more and do more for the community and feel needed.”

You can get more information or sign up for classes at the Marshall County Council on Aging in the Life Enrichment Center at 1305 W. Harrison Street in Plymouth, call 866-936-9904, or visit the Web site [www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org](http://www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org).

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