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In Brief

Town wide yard sale
The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Fall Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140 beginning Monday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, September 24 at the town hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Wesley sale Sept. 26
The men of Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street, will once again hold the church's annual bake, flower, and yard sale this Saturday, September 26 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of the church. As in years past, a variety of flowers, home-baked goods, and an array of priced-to-sell items will be offered. Proceeds will benefit the various missions and projects of the church.

Scrapbooking workshop to launch Oct. 3

A scrapbooking workshop will be offered starting Saturday, October 3 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for ages five to adult. Five to 12 year olds are asked to attend between 8 and 11 a.m., 13 to 17 year olds between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and adults anytime during the workshop, which will take place at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 North Plymouth Street in Culver. Marsha Mahler, who will lead the class and bring her scrapbooking office to the church, says attendees need only bring photos for their scrapbooks and a pair of scissors; all other materials will be provided. She will assist scrapbooking children by doing the first page for them as a "demo" and encouraging them to do the rest. There will be a \$7 fee, out of which \$5 will go to the church and \$2 to replenish materials for the ongoing workshops. The workshop will be offered each Saturday following October 3 at the same time as the initial event. There is no need to register, and those with questions may call Mahler at 574-

An apple a day...70 years running

David Bigley* (seen today: above, left) is the inheritor of his family's farm of more than 150 years as well as the last operator of Bigley's Orchard on 18B Road on Lake Maxinkuckee's shores. His late father, John (seen in the 1980s, far left) began the orchard, which would become the largest in Indiana. OTHER IMAGES, LEFT TO RIGHT: The first storage building and later storfront, seen in 1946; David Bigley as a youngster with a 4H blue ribbon batch of apples; the inside of the store, well remembered by many in the area, features a spiggetted cider barrel specially placed by John Bigley, a popular attraction. TOP RIGHT CORNER: David's brother Bryce hosts a group of school children in the orchard in the 1980s.

Bigleys made apple season year-round in Culver

Pioneer-era family's orchard made headlines, won hearts for seven decades

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

During the more than 70 years of its operation, Bigley's apple orchard and farm on 18B Road east of Culver became a destination and cherished landmark for generations of locals and visitors. Bigley's provided customers with happy memories of its rustic beauty, the sweet smells of its orchard store, and of course the taste of its apples, cider, apple butter, and other products.

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rrian Daniel McDonald, the cabin was directly across today's 18B Road from the still-standing Allegheny house, which is possibly the oldest structure in the county, dating back to the early 1850s. There's been some difference of opinion on the exact location of the cabin over the years, Bigley acknowledges, but it likely was on Bigley land. After the cabin's owner abandoned it, says Bigley, Nee-Swau-Gee supposedly moved out of his traditional wigwam and into the cabin. In the ensuing years, Bigley family members have found a variety of evidence of Native American presence on the land. Bryce and

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his fortune in the California gold rush). Their son Thomas Bigley was born in 1851, and over the years he cleared the Bigley land. Thomas married neighbor Jane Benedict, whose father had dammed a creek on Bigley land, allowing for creation of a saw and grist mill (the Benedicts have remained on long-held family lands; descendant John is a retired Plymouth School teacher). Thomas and Jane's son Guy actually inherited the family lands, notes Bryce Bigley today, though a childhood injury prevented Guy from working the land. Guy and wife Mable's son John Fisher Bigley (born in 1907) would make the Bigley name known in the area for fruit. He grew up hearing his great-grandmother Amelia's (she had named the boy for her favorite brother) pioneer memories prior to her 1917 death. In 1907, the same year as John's birth, Guy and



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID BIGLEY
Trucks like this one -- shot in the 1970s with John, left, and David Bigley -- were a once-familiar sight in the area.

Carefully preserving the legacy of the orchard - which operated from 1929 to 2000 and won recognition from the state of Indiana as a Hoosier Homestead farm in 1978 - are brothers David and Bryce Bigley, inheritors of several generations of apple-cultivating Bigleys. That legacy began even before the arrival of the first

governed the Bigley land as well as a wide swath of property on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. As the story goes, says David Bigley, the first permanent cabin on the lake was built by one of the first wave of local pioneers on top a hill on what would later be Bigley land. According to Marshall County histo-

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Program is important reading tool for CES teachers, students, parents

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Culver Elementary School teachers have been applying a program aimed at pinpointing reading issues with students and improving areas of concern for the past few years, and some of those teachers - as well as Culver Community Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt - were on hand September 10 to share information about their efforts with members of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

use at schools across the nation, measures phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy and fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension in students. Each student in the school is involved in the program, said Culver Elementary School Title 1 teacher Terri Zechiel, who noted kindergarten through sixth grade students are assessed three times per year.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
CES student Erin Bendy, left, reads for fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens.

In its third school year at Culver and Monterey Elementary schools, the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) program, in

Also present along with Schuldt and Zechiel to discuss the program was fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens, who demonstrated the Oral Reading Fluency (or ORF) test with a student. Fifth grader Erin

Bendy was asked to read, out loud, a short story on high-speed trains, comprised of several details.

The girl's answers impressed an applauding Kiwanis audience, who listened as she recounted a number of details of the story in reply to a list of questions Stevens asked her during the "retell" portion of the evaluation. Teachers use a Palm Pilot hand-held device to determine timing and scores, said Stevens, and sync the device to a

school computer to merge the data there and keep track of overall scores. Zechiel distributed several sample sheets of DIBELS student summaries which are sent home to parents and use an "aim" line to show reading and comprehension goals and each student's scoring in relation to those goals.

Students whose scores show them to be "high risk" receive 30 to 60 minutes of interventions daily from two separate teachers using two different curricula.

Zechiel said a new form of student reporting this year has enhanced information for parents aimed at

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brother Chester Bigley constructed a two-story brick building on the northwest corner of 18B Road and East Shore Drive near the Maxinkuckee landing. For many years the two operated a popular grocery, general store, meat market, tea room, and ice cream parlor which also sold kerosene and gasoline. Upstairs rooms included living quarters, rental rooms, and space for the telephone company. A flowing well turned a large water wheel on the side of the building, from which many longtime lake residents recall filling water jugs. The water wheel, though no longer in use, can still be seen on the property, which was later purchased by the Rocap family, who bulldozed the former store building.

John Bigley, recognizing the family lands on 18B Road weren't conducive to grain farming, also recognized their usefulness as a site for fruit planting in spite of his uncle Chester's cursing admonition that no money was to be made with apples. John planted 25 acres of apples and peaches in 1928, though Bryce Bigley notes it took about ten years for the fruit to really come into production. In those early years, he says, his father John had only bushel baskets which were stored in the basement, the fruit sold from the family's front yard.

John borrowed \$1,000 in 1929 and built a new house on 18B Road (grandfather Thomas's house had been on Queen Road in the eastern section of the family's land and currently is being restored). It took John ten years of gardening, building seawalls around the lake and other work to pay the money back.

The fame and renown of Bigley's orchard grew in the ensuing years. John Bigley, in fact, was photographed for the September, 1940 cover of Hoosier Horticulturalist magazine, a publication of the Indiana Horticultural Society. John became president of the IHS in 1952.

By 1947, the Bigley's first storage building was

built for the orchard operation, with two insulated rooms for refrigeration (a 6,000-bushel capacity) and three large, garage-door sized openings for orchard truck parking. The space allowed the orchard

working at the orchard, Bryce later joining the Army and eventually earning a degree in horticulture (specializing in apple growing). Ten years later he added a teacher's certificate, teaching science for 25 years at South Bend and John Glenn in Walkerton. As a youngster, Bryce says he missed attending school at the one-room Maxinkuckee school house at the southeast corner of the Bigley land by just one year before the school's closing in 1936. Later, when the 1947 storage building proved to be too small for adequate storage, David Bigley poured a cement floor in the school house and used it for apple storage.

Over the years since the orchard's open-

He recalls starting out with a small panel truck destined for stores in Culver, Argos, Knox, Plymouth, and North Judson. Later, expanded routes included Monticello, Monon, and other communities within a 75-mile radius and much larger trucks. Produce was also sold at community sales in Culver, Plymouth, and other areas.

A long-term staple of the orchard's economy began by accident, really, says David, when his father headed to Kentucky, where he could pick up a load of coal for less money than he could locally.

"So he loaded up the truck with apples and stopped at each little town (and in) some he would go door-to-door or pull over to the side of the road and set out a display of apples. People would stop and really buy from him! Just outside Frankfort, Kentucky... a guy hollered out at him, 'Hey mister, you got apples?' Before that guy was gone, another one pulled in and within a few hours he had sold every apple on the truck. The next time, we went to Lexington and tried again, and you know we were going every week selling 100 to 150 bushels at that (Frankfort) stone quarry in two days! I continued that up to the year 2000."

The Bigleys attribute the popularity of their apples in Kentucky to a climate there not conducive to good apple growing from year to

year. Of course, Bigley's own orchard and store was a regional destination itself.

"Dad always told the story," says Bryce, "that if you get within 100 miles (of Bigley's), just ask directions and they'll know how to get to our place; it was known a long ways around. On Memorial Day, Illinois always had the day off and we would get a flood of people coming over and buying apples from us. It was a popular place locally too."

David Bigley, born in a February snowstorm so

fierce the doctor couldn't make it, graduated in 1958 from horticulture school. Besides a stint in the military, he grew up assisting with the orchard, officially taking over the family business from his father in 1970.

He created a popular sales room and added pies, donuts, apple butter made from Bigley apples by nearby Amish cooks, and various fruits and vegetables to the already-beloved Bigley's cider (a family recipe).

John Bigley died in 1994 and his wife Bea three years later. Through the years, the entrepreneur of Bigley Orchard was recognized in a number of articles, local and regional, and was Lake Fest parade marshal in Culver in 1986.

In August of 1978, the State of Indiana – under the Department of Commerce, recognized Bigley's as a Hoosier Homestead Farm in operation for over 100 years, and a sign was erected to that effect which still stands outside the family land today.

It was around that era, however, the decline in sales began for Bigley's (and undoubtedly for apple growers around the nation).

In the past, says Bryce, "people would buy a few bushels to store in their cold basements, which are a thing of the past now. People don't have time to cook, and they can get apples from all over the world now, including China, any time of year. People only buy a few pounds at a time now."

When women entered the workplace in force, too, say the Bigley brothers, far less cooking from scratch went on.

"Now you think of apples as hand to mouth," Bryce explains. "But in earlier years, women made apple pies, applesauce, fried apples, and more."

"When I was doing deliveries (prior to the 1970s and '80s decline)," says David, "I had 30-some stores I delivered to, which gradually went by the wayside. I had a big truck before, but at the end I could fit all the ap-

ples in the trunk of my car; I was just selling to small, independent stores."

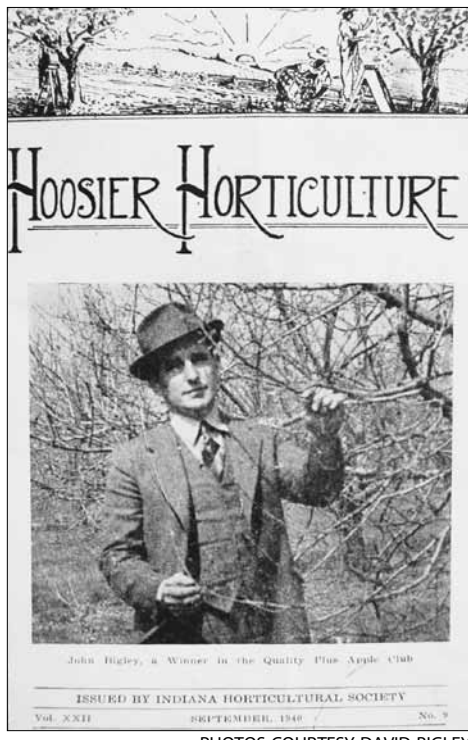
Bigley's wasn't able to produce the massive quantity demanded by large chain groceries, and by 2000, says David, "the red ink was getting deeper than the black ink, so I just decided we had to quit. There was a big whoop-de-doo about insecticides, and the FDA made chemical companies re-label and re-test their products, which caused a huge increase in the cost of insecticides."

Labor, adds Bryce, had gotten difficult to find as well. Migrant workers had been employed during picking season at the orchard for decades, but many headed to area factories in the latter years of the orchard's existence.

"The last year," says David, "I had two (migrant workers from Mexico) part time and full-time, one 80-year-old man and myself. Of course we couldn't begin to keep up with the harvest. I can remember about six inches of apples under the trees didn't get harvested. I said, 'There's no point.' I gradually took out some of the older trees over the years and had got down to about 15 acres (but it was) still too many."

David had his own children helping in years past and in 2000, one of his sons wanted to take over the business. David knew it was too much for the son and his wife, so "I talked him out of it...I think he just finally realized you can't do it all by yourself."

For several years, folks still occasionally pulled into the drive in hopes of reliving cherished memories at the Bigley store on 18B Road, says David, though by now everyone seems resigned to the end of an era. Still vivid, though, are memories heightened this time of year by the taste and smell of apples, cider, and recollections of one of Culver's longest-running and most celebrated businesses.



PHOTOS COURTESY DAVID BIGLEY
ABOVE: Bigley's orchard founder John Bigley was featured on the cover of the September, 1940 Hoosier Horticulture magazine.

BELOW: One of the earliest of the labels created by John Bigley for the orchard's innovative pre-packaged apples (Bigley's may be the first in the country to adopt the now-common practice).



to sell fruit from about mid-July each year through the following April. Bryce believes the first Bigley store might have been built a few years earlier, constructed of sweet gum lumber due to the shortage of better lumber during the war years.

The Bigley brothers also believe their father John was the first – possibly in the entire US – to pre-package apples. Bigley's Orchard labels were affixed to four-pound plastic bags delivered ten per carton to area stores, though customers could purchase individual apples in the orchard store.

Bryce and David naturally started at young ages

ing, it expanded to 65 acres, stretching along Queen and 18th Roads north and east of the store and becoming one of the largest orchards in Indiana. Other nearby properties, including Oberlin and Norris farms on the same side of the lake, had active orchards, but none – not even the also-renowned Vonnegut orchard further north on the same shore – competed with Bigley's in volume. At its peak, Bigley's maintained some 3,000 trees.

Delivery of apples was a part of the Bigley operation, says David, from early on.

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Birth

Pike



Danielle Back and Scott Pike, Rochester, announce the birth of a daughter born at 2:05 p.m. Aug. 14, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Teagan Marie Pike weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces

and was 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by Skyler Pike, 5. Paternal grandparents are Laurel and Teena Pike of Rochester. Paternal great-grandparents are Ray and Rachel Dowd, Culver and Altiz Pike, Plymouth.

Anniversary

Overmyer



Arthur and Wanda (Savage) Overmyer of Argos will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house

Sept. 20, 2009 from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home at 18652 S. Michigan Road, Argos. The couple was married Sept. 20, 1959 at Santa Anna Church by the Reverend Lester Cleveland. Their children are Tom (Lisa) Overmyer of Argos and JoEitta Overmyer of Plymouth. They also have two grandchildren, Casey and Seth, both of Argos. Arthur is retired from American Engineering, Argos, where he was a plumber and is also a retired farmer. Wanda is retired from Cressner and Co., Plymouth where she was employed as a secretary. Both are members of the Marshall County Farm Bureau Board, the Santa Anna Church, the Fulton County Power of the Past, Extension Homemakers and both helped Marshall County Tractor Pullers for 35 years. They request no gifts, only stories of memories.

October events at REAL Meals

Among upcoming offerings at Culver's REAL Services meals for seniors: a discussion of blood pressure and sugar by Miller's Merry Manor (October 7), Jeff's Culver history movies (October 14), bingo (October 21), and Grace United Church of Christ Pastor Robin Keating will speak on his trip to Greece (October 27). REAL Meals are held at the Culver beach lodge daily at noon. Those interested in attending 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.

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Letter to the editor

Community garden success

The Community Garden was a big success this year. It would have been great to have more "community" involvement, but we truly appreciated everyone who helped in any way. Some folks came only once, others were there weekly or even several times a week. Visitors to town often stopped by and commented on its beauty and purpose.

As we think about next year, we ask ourselves, "Can we do it again" or, "Do we want to do it again"? I say a resounding yes, but we must have more young people involved! Some of us are getting a bit old for the labor involved.

At first we tried to estimate the pounds of produce harvested, but that soon became impossible. Let's just say that a huge amount of green beans, corn, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and melons were produced. There were also lesser amounts of onions, peppers, potatoes and okra (my personal favorite). There were flowers to lend beauty to the whole.

We were greatly blessed and were not only able to supply the food pantry each Tuesday, but for several weeks sold excess at the Farmer's Market. In all, around \$300 will be given to the food pantry fund. There were too many individuals to thank separately, but let it be known we do thank each of you as well as Easterday Construction, Osborn Seed, Wesley Church (for the lot), and the Fire Department guys who watered it during a couple of dry spells. Hope to see you next year.

Barb Quivey, project chairperson
Connie Richie, co-chair

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, Sept. 24: Smoked sausage, black eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

Friday, Sept. 25: Hamburger with cheese and onion, pea and bean salad; corn, bun, fresh fruit (in season), and milk.

Monday, Sept. 28: BBQ chicken breast, broccoli,

corn, what roll and margarine, pudding, and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Pork fritter, bun and mayo, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Chopped steak with gravy, succotash, bread and margarine, mashed potatoes, dessert, and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 1: Hot Dog and bun, baked beans, warm cinnamon apples, raisin apple salad, and milk.

Friday, Oct. 2: Scrambled eggs, biscuit and gravy, corned beef hash, green peper strips with ranch, Mandarin orange, and milk.

First birthday

Ellinger

Peyton Jo Ellinger, daughter of Cory and Tiffany Ellinger, Argos, will celebrate her first birthday Thursday, Sept. 10. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Lori Parrish, Argos. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Sandy Ellinger, Bourbon. Maternal great-grandparents are Joe and Clara Rosebaum and Lila Parrish, Argos.

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Holm-Holem reunion

Twenty-four people attended the 58th Holm-Holem reunion Sept. 12, 2009 at the Culver Beach Lodge. Lunch and bingo was enjoyed by all. The oldest member was Leon Pentelow and his great-grandson, Brett Spriggs, was the youngest member. Outgoing President and vice were Keith and Gloria Burnam.

Incoming President and vice are Bruce and Karen Snyder.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 24
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Fri., Sept. 25
Culver Kiwanis bass fishing tournament, all day, Lake Maxinkuckee

Town-wide yard sale, all day today and Saturday (see article in Briefs this issue)

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Sept. 26
Town-wide yard sale, (see article in Briefs this issue)

Mon., Sept. 28
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., admin-

istration building

Tues., Sept. 29
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Public Library budget adoption board mtg., 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Weds., Sept. 30
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Basketball history book talk and local remembrance with author Emerson Houck, 1 p.m.

Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

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Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

Anniversary

Ludwig

Paul and Kay Ludwig, Plymouth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday, Sept. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Price's Memorial Park, Plymouth. The couple was married Sept. 12, 1959 in Lakeville by Rev. Robert Ludwig. They have three children: Paula (Ludwig) Chambers, Oak Island, N.C.; Rod Ludwig, Plymouth; and Margo (Ludwig) Swingley, Jones, Mich.



They also have five grandchildren.

Paul is retired from his position as owner of Ludwig's Enco/Ludwig's Sportscards and Kay from being his business assistant. They are member of Lakeville Trinity Church.

Autumn on 18B Road

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I know I'm not alone in my fond childhood memories of Bigley's apple orchard. Like a number of readers, I'm sure, I can almost still smell the sweet, pungent odor of apples in the orchard store on 18B Road and almost taste the apple cider and apple butter we'd buy there.

A trip to Bigley's, as I recall, was something of a seasonal treat, and as I've pointed out to my own children lately, the nice thing about the months between each season is it's been just long enough since you last did thus-and-such that you're ready to do it again, and it hits you wonderfully when you do just how nice those seasonal traditions are.

Such was the way with taking home a jar of Bigley's apple butter and spreading it, especially on grandmother's homemade bread...or a quart of apple cider, which never lasted long in our house. There were also the donuts - which went so well with the cider, of course - and candy apples, and of course all of it accompanied that unique sense of autumn, especially autumn in Culver and especially autumn on the old east shore of the lake, which I think we sensed had a lot of history to it even if we didn't know, as children, the specifics of that history.

Those are memories of my younger childhood, but when my mom began taking long hikes out along the east shore and its various connecting back roads with my sister and me, we made Bigley's a more regular stop.

My memories of those stops are bundled with memories of how refreshing was the ice-cold spring water from the artesian well at the Maxinkuckee golf course when we'd hiked for an hour or two in the sun...or what a nice break it was to stop at the little grocery there on the northeast corner of East Shore Drive and 18B Road for a snack and something cold to drink, besides a chat with the lady working there. This was, of course, before the place burned down around 1985, leaving just the vacant, grassy lot which occupies its place today.

There was nothing like the walk down the "tunnel road" (as we called 18th Road) from the Academy golf course, particularly in the fall, when the sun cast especially vibrant hues on the various colors of leaves forming the canopy

the place a wonderful destination, but cutting through the 18th Road dust in our throats with sips of apple cider from the store was incomparable.

If Bigley's always seemed to fit the notion of an autumn destination, Bigley's was, at my last visit, in the autumn of its own life.

I hadn't been back to Bigley's in several years when - it must have been the last season they were open - a friend of mine

from Indiana University in Bloomington, who called Massachusetts home, came with me to spend the weekend in Culver. He and I hiked the long route from town through the Academy campus, down East Shore Drive, 18th, and Queen Roads, and stopped as I had so many times before to rest at Bigley's. We bought some cider and fruit

last time I'd visit Bigley's before the operation closed for good, as described in this week's paper.

Sadly, many small businesses -- especially small farming operations like Bigley's orchard -- have found themselves no longer in autumn but in a barren winter, as many of the same issues which forced Bigley's to close its doors have afflicted similar operations across Indiana and the US.

There are, to be sure, orchards (to use that specific example) within an hour or so from Culver which have remained afloat. Some have had the capital and size to make a go of it in an increasingly corporatized, mass-sales culture such as ours has become (consider, for example, how many apples we consume which actually are grown overseas!) Others have diversified in such a way that they offer a variety of products, year-round, and even manage to create veritable 'family entertainment centers' as much as orchards proper.

I'll throw out the idea that it's important to continue to cultivate community wherever we are in spite of trends in recent years and even decades which make smaller community businesses less and less prevalent. There still are local businesses, which we can frequent and support. And of course there are always people, and our interactions with them are in no way contingent on the state of commerce in America at any given point. We still have neighbors, far and near, which is easy to forget in today's culture, too.

My hope, of course, is that those readers with similarly fond memories of Bigley's orchard will enjoy - as I did - digging into the "back story" (for those not already familiar) of the family and circumstances which led to its existence and longevity, and those readers without those memories will get a sense of why that humble little store and those unassuming, rolling acres were special to so many of us.

View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
editor



above; or when we'd reach the intersection of 18B and Queen and gaze southeast at the rolling hills turned golden in the harvest-time, autumn breeze.

There were smells of walnuts (and their sounds, plopping to the roadside) as we'd stroll along all those now-absent rows of apple trees on the west side of Queen Road, heading to-



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID BIGLEY

These rows and rows of Bigley's apple trees on Queen Road (note the road in the middle of the photo) were a glorious sight remembered fondly by your editor and many others in the area.

wards the old Maxinkuckee Village.

At the risk of breaking the continuity of autumn on the east shore, I might add the beauty of those same rows of apple trees west of Queen Road in the springtime, when their blossoms covered the fields and filled the air with sweetness.

But back to those autumn hikes: I think my sister and I, if we hiked as far as Bigley's, always had the hope and assumption we might stop at the store there. If so, the sheer relief of sitting in the soft, cool grass after a lot of walking made

and stopped to rest in that same grass near the roadside, contemplating the lake, the weather, and the old Allegheny house across the road. He was duly impressed by it all, and I couldn't help feeling a little pride...Bigley's, after all, was "mine." It seemed as much a part of my childhood identity as those old roads and the lake itself.

It was a good time, drinking cider, reliving a childhood moment, and drinking in what was good about old Culver. It seemed timeless, and I certainly never guessed it would be the

Name that Culver "citizen"



At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Grover, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's mystery citizen is one of Culver's more recognizable figures, as Connie Van Horn, Luke Dunfee, Becky Kreuzberger, and Carin Clifton can attest. In fact, I have no doubt a zillion more readers knew him and didn't call or email to say so. He is, as you can see in the photo at left, Culver



fire chief Mike Grover, who's also the "Mike" of long-time local maintenance service company Mike's maintenance.

This week's Mystery Citizen doesn't put out physical fires -- at least not that your editor knows of! -- but may put a few out in a couple of settings related to education, though she's had other roles in Culver's past as well.

Now that the recession's been declared over and the economy is supposedly swinging back to the good, the editor's eternal admiration for your correct guess -- as well as all those free parking spots in downtown Culver -- can only appreciate in value. Please don't try to return either for their cash equivalent, however. That would be difficult to estimate.

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Library board talks Big Read, other items

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board covered several areas at its September 15 meeting, including discussion of the library's community project, The Big Read, which was poised to host

College of New Jersey English professor Lincoln Konkle, executive director of the Thornton Wilder Society and author of "Thornton Wilder and the Puritan Narrative Tradition," at several Culver events. Konkle, who grew up in South Bend and Walkerton, appears in connection with the library's choice of books for the National Endowment for the Arts funded project, which includes events and assignments for students at Culver Community High School, all centered around Thornton Wilder's classic works, "Our Town" and "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

Library staff member Polly Thompson Wolf, who

oversaw The Big Read, told the board Konkle would appear over the September 18 weekend at events at the high school, Culver Academies, Ancilla College, and at a dinner for the public to visit with the author. Students at CCHS will perform "Our Town" over the last weekend in October, after coaching and assistance on the play from Konkle September 18. Some English classes at the school have been reading the books and conducting various activities in conjunction with the program in recent weeks.

Banners were placed around town, said Thompson Wolf, and advertising for the various events conducted through WVPE-FM radio among other venues; a number of study guides and other materials related to Wilder and the books will continue to be available to any interested patrons, she said.

A total of \$14,000 will be received into the community because of the Big

Read, noted Thompson Wolf, who said \$11,000 has already arrived from the NEA.

She also praised the high school's effort in making The Big Read a true community project. "(Teachers) said, 'Oh yeah;' they have come up with such wonderful programs on their own. (CCHS English teacher Sue) Allen had wonderful ideas for her students, just wonderful. We'll be out at Ancilla and at the Academy, so we have gotten our foot in the door at educational areas."

The library plans to participate in The Big Read next year, she said, noting the NEA has a list of some 30 literary classics for future programs; Thompson Wolf said the hope is the public will weigh in on next year's program choice.

Board member Carol Saft thanked Thompson Wolf for her efforts on the project.

In other board discussion, it was noted the ad-

vertised public hearing was held September 3 on the library's 2010 budget; no one from the public chose to attend, noted board president Jim Hahn. Formal adoption of the library's budget is slated for a special meeting 6 p.m. September 29.

During her director's report, library director Colleen McCarty said she attended a new library director's meeting September 2, adding the meeting was "very, very helpful." McCarty began her role as director earlier this year. The library's managers also attended a workshop on communicating with tact and skill earlier this month, explained McCarty, adding all managers and staff can use the training to improve their communication with each other and the public.

The director also said the library plans to "go live" with its new circulation and cataloging system, Evergreen, November 5. The software, which will replace the library's cur-

rent Follett circulation software, is part of a consortium offered Indiana public libraries by the Indiana State Library along with free training and support. Among other benefits, Evergreen will greatly expand items available to CUTPL's patrons as well as various options available for patrons at

McCarty shared with the board a three-year technology plan developed by library computer technician Andrew Baker; Hahn complimented Baker on his work on the plan.

The board formally approved a request from the Antiquarian and Historical Society to place a four-foot sign for its Center for Culver History museum and research center, located in the lower level of the original Carnegie portion of the library. The sign was originally presented at a previous meeting, when the board tentatively approved it pending approval of the final design. At the Septem-

ber 15 meeting, approval of the sign was dependent on approval by the town building inspector and final approval by the library board of the specific location and angle of the sign, which was designed to flow aesthetically with other "points of interest" signs placed around Culver. Hahn suggested museum hours could be posted on hooks underneath the sign and an arrow pointing towards the museum entrance.

The board also approved AFLEC Insurance representative Herb Newman's speaking to library employees about insurance policy offerings from the company.

During the public input portion of the meeting, audience member Connie Van Horn said the Friends of the Library will host a program on gangs and drugs October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

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indicating where students are on a performance scale, and also suggests specific activities to help parents in improving students' performance. The report also tells parents when the next DI-BELS assessment will be.

Other reports for parents indicate students' progress from grade to grade ("A nice tool to be able to see your child's progress, previous struggles," and the like, noted Zechiel), and which skills are most important for the individual child to focus on.

The Oral Reading Fluency line on one report may indicate a child appears not to be having issues, Zechiel said. "So the parent says, 'How does this help me? My child is not having any

issues.' The parents' take-home sheet gives those parents (of children not struggling with reading) some higher level thinking activities. We can individualize a little bit for each level of student."

Zechiel stressed the DI-BELS program is only a tool. "We use other things," she said, "but this has been a big benefit to us."

In answer to audience questions, Zechiel noted teachers finding low scores on a student's assessment try to eliminate the possibility of hearing or sight issues in their evaluation and children with speech impediment issues are referred to speech services. She also explained DI-BELS testing doesn't factor

in student grades.

Though Culver's Title 1 program doesn't handle mathematics interventions, math is one component added recently to the program via math-based substitutes, said Zechiel.

Superintendent Schuldt also addressed the club concerning Culver Community Schools' budget, explaining the Culver school system ranks third in the state in assessed valuation – the value assigned property for tax assessment purposes -- behind each child. He also noted the second ranked school in assessed valuation is another lake community, Wawasee (the first is Fremont, Indiana). In spite of this, said Schuldt, the number

of Culver schools' free and reduced lunches, offered to lower income students, continues to climb towards 60 percent; some buildings in the system, he said, are over that number.

The gymnasium at the Culver Elementary School – under renovation all summer – is nearly complete, said Schuldt, and will be ready within weeks.

The superintendent also discussed the concerns earlier this year that the Culver school system would lose between \$500,000 and \$1 million based on enrollment-related predictions, due to recent Indiana legislation. Governor Mitch Daniels, Schuldt said, "is putting the emphasis on dollars following students.

He said whatever your enrollment is, that's what you get."

However, Schuldt explained, "if we lose 25 kids at Culver Community Schools, they're not all from (just one) grade... I can't just get rid of one teacher. The basic programming still has to be there. It's hard to trim from the overall program. Significant cuts mean people. You can't save enough paperclips in your purchasing to make up for budget deficiencies."

Though steps were taken in the legislature to prevent such a massive shortfall for Indiana schools (Culver included), Culver was still under threat of losing significant funding monies.

The state predicted a loss in enrollment of 40 students this year and next, Schuldt said, but enrollment is actually up 35 to 40 students this year throughout the corporation, "and this means more money for us."

Schuldt noted the state's predictions were based on birth statistics, people moving in and out of the Culver community – which he pointed out lacks a great deal of industry to draw families to move here to work – deaths, and other factors.

Discussing dropout rates, Schuldt also said more Culver students are staying in school to graduation than in years past.

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Sports



Salary touchdowns help lead Cavs to win

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

CULVER — Michael Salary's Culver Community teammates call him "Big Money."

He more than earned that moniker Friday night. The 6-foot, 210-pound junior running back plowed his way to 406 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns to lead the Cavs to a 49-33 Northern State Conference football shootout win over visiting Bremen.

"We've talked to Michael a lot, that when he goes, we can have a lot of success," Culver Community head coach Andy Thomas said. "He's an incredibly talented kid. He was hitting hard, and the guys on the offensive line did a nice job up front. Michael kept hitting hard inside and ran with reckless abandon."

Salary, utilizing his muscle to blow through defenders at the line and speed to blow past Bremen's secondary, as well as some timely blocks from his teammates, produced 340 rushing yards on 25 carries, scoring on touches of 25, 75, 75 and 2 yards. His second 75-yarder, sprung near the line of scrimmage by a Brock Elliott block and finished off by lineman George VanSky's block

down field, put Culver up 42-33 with 9:19 left in a wild game, just more than a minute after the Lions closed to within two points on Cody Barrier's third



PHOTO/DEE GRENNERT
Michael Salary charges down the field Friday night against Bremen.

touchdown of the battle.

Salary's fifth — and the game's final score — iced the Culver victory with 3:23 left in the game.

Salary, who hauled in four receptions for 52 yards for good measure, gave the Cavs their first lead of the game — 14-7 — with an 8-yard scoring strike from freshman quarterback Collin Stevens at the 1:53 mark of the first quarter.

"We knew (Salary) was a big, explosive kid, based upon the film we saw," Bremen head coach Richard Moren said. "There were several different times that I thought we had him tackled, but somehow he got out. Some of that's us, some of that's him, but you've got to credit him for the way he played."

Stevens passed for 105 yards and scored on a 1-yard option plunge that put the Cavs up for good — 21-14 — with 10:22 left in the second quarter.

Then, with Culver clinging to a tenuous 28-26 lead to open the second half, the Cavs' defense turned in perhaps the most momentous play of the night. Offensive lineman Jeremiah Harvey pried the pigskin loose from a Bremen ball carrier on the first third-quarter play from scrimmage, and VanSky snapped up the loose ball and rambled 49 yards into the end zone for a 35-26 lead, just 18 seconds into the third frame.

"That was a huge play," Thomas said of the fumble

return. "Our defense had the played sniffed out. George is a senior who made a big play on something that we work on in practice: scoop and go."

"I'm even more proud of the block George made 40 yards down field on Michael's last big run," Thomas added. "He's a right tackle down the field 40 yards blocking. That's even better than the fumble."

While the Lions' pass-oriented offense continued to challenge Culver the rest of the game, Bremen never regained possession with less than a nine-point deficit.

"We talked at halftime that even if we just scored a field goal on the first possession of the half, we'd be ahead and in better shape than when we started the game," Moren said of the opening drive of the second half. "We just dropped it. It was all execution on our part. That was a huge play."

Despite the defeat, Bremen put up a few heroes of its own. Sophomore quarterback Nate Leeper threw for 250 yards, including scoring bullets of 32, 60 and 5 yards — all to Barrier. The first opened the game's scoring, the second came with 1:11 before the half, and the final toss cut the Lions' deficit to 35-33 with 10:46 left in the fourth frame.

Barrier, a senior tight end, finished with seven catches — highlighted by a one-handed, behind-the-back grab late in the second stanza — for 159 yards and

three touchdowns.

"Cody's really established himself as a go-to guy," Moren said. "He's developing into something special. The chemistry (Barrier and Leeper) have got going on has been huge over the past three weeks. Defenses are going to see that and key on that, so hopefully we'll be able to distribute the ball to more people and alleviate that."

Bremen's Drew Bennitt scored on a first-quarter 49-yard sprint to knot the score at 14-14, while Eryk Zimmerman picked off a pair of passes, returning the first for a 44-yard touchdown with 5:53 left before halftime. Elliott then blocked the PAT to keep Culver in front, 21-20.

Also for the Cavs, senior linebacker Robert Molebash intercepted a trio of passes and Dennis Davis stopped a two-point conversion to deny Bremen a halftime tie.

"It was a team effort," Thomas said of the win. "We tell the kids that we need to win Monday through Thursday in practice. We practiced fast all week."

"Bremen's tough to defend," he said. "They run pro formation one minute, spread another minute, and that makes it hard for a defense to adjust. (Bennitt) and (Barrier) are tremendous players. I'm proud of our kids. They continued to battle until we finally got a stop."

Culver hosts Knox next Friday, while Bremen returns home to face LaVille. • CULVER COMMUNITY 49.

BREMEN 33
At Culver
Score by quarters
Bremen: 14 12 0 7 — 33
Culver: 14 14 7 14 — 49
Scoring summary
First quarter
B — Cody Barrier 32 pass from Nate Leeper (Justin Nick kick), 7:03.
C — Michael Salary 25 run (kick failed), 3:50.
C — Salary 8 pass from Collin Stevens (James Dulin pass from Stevens), 1:53.
B — Drew Bennitt 49 run (Nick kick), 0:33.
Second quarter
C — Stevens 1 run (Stevens kick), 10:22.
B — Eryk Zimmerman 29 INT return (kick failed), 5:53.
C — Salary 75 run (Stevens kick), 3:49.
B — Barrier 60 pass from Leeper (run failed), 1:11.
Third quarter
C — George VanSky 49 fumble return (Stevens kick), 11:42.
Fourth quarter
B — Barrier 5 pass from Leeper (Nick kick), 10:46.
C — Salary 75 run (Stevens kick), 9:19.
C — Salary 2 run (Stevens kick), 3:23.

	B	C
First downs:	11	19
Rushing yardage:	94	434
Passing yardage:	105	250
Passing:	17-27-3	9-15-3
Fumbles-lost:	2-1	1-0
Punting-avg.:	2-28	1-28
Penalties-yards:	8-55	2-20

Bremen individual stats
Rushing: Bennitt 13-82, Zimmerman 7-22, Leeper 5-(minus) 10.
Passing: Leeper 17-27-3, 250 yards.
Receiving: Barrier 7-159, Bennitt 4-27, Ben Hueni 2-43, Sean Knepper 2-7, Darren Miller 1-9, Zach Renner 1-5.
Tackles: Alan Bollenbacher, Bennitt - 6.
Culver individual stats
Rushing: Salary 25-340, Dulin 7-46, Stevens 13-39, Sam Hendrickson 5-9.
Passing: Stevens 9-15-3, 105 yards.
Receiving: Salary 4-52, Hendrickson 2-21, Brock Elliott 1-17, Robert Molebash 1-15, Dulin 1-0.
Records: VanSky, Dennis Davis - 7.
Records: Bremen 0-5 (0-3 NSC), Culver 4-1 (2-1 NSC).

CGA takes 5th at Warsaw Sectional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

WARSAW — Culver Girls Academy's Brenna Newell claimed one of three individual regional berths at the Warsaw Girls Golf Sectional Championship, the Lady Eagles turning in a 409 for fifth in the team running at Stonehenge Golf Club in Warsaw.

Plymouth earned a 358 for the round behind the repeat tourney champion Tigers. Rochester placed third for the final team appointment to the East Noble Sectional next weekend, while Triton placed seventh with a 458 for the day.

Newell had to fight through some rough patches of her own Saturday.

The CGA junior went quintuple bogey, triple bogey on 14 and 15 before recovering with a birdie, a par and a bogey on her last three holes to finish out the round in second place among individuals from non-advancing teams. Newell said keeping calm has been a personal goal throughout the year, and she was happy to see it pay dividends at sectional.

"It feels really great," she said. "I started off good. I parred the first hole, and I had a couple of rough holes, but I persevered. My confidence today was really a positive aspect, I'd say. I didn't get frustrated, which is tough, but it was a good round."

While Newell moves on to East Noble next Saturday, the rest of the Eagles closed out their year with several personal bests at Warsaw.

"For beginners to play this course and shoot their

best scores of the year, they made progress," said CGA head coach Fred Haase. "That's all you can hope for



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Girls Academy's Brenna Newell putts on the backside at Stonehenge Golf Club during the Warsaw Sectional Saturday.

this year. "It was a learning experience. They did fine for their level of experience, to be honest."

Triton also closed out its year on a high note, as the Trojans achieved their goal of beating Whitko, Caston and Tippecanoe Valley, and the team's top two golfers, Aubrey Boardman and Emily Duff, both broke 100.

Boardman turned in a 97, and Duff finished just a stroke back with a 98, respectively one and two strokes shy of the final individual slot out to regional.

Plymouth, Warsaw and Rochester, as well as

Newell, Wawasee's Krista Zurcher and Columbia City's Megan Yoder move on to East Noble Saturday where they'll join the top teams and individuals from Angola, East Noble and Norwell at Noble Hawk.

Also Saturday, Bremen came in fourth on the bubble at the Penn Sectional, while John Glenn placed ninth and LaVille was 10th at Knollwood Country Club.

LaVille's Anna Boits and Chelsea Whiteman carded scores of 98 and 104 as both made the individual cut out to the LaPorte Sectional, as did Bremen's Jessica Johnson and Glenn's Emily Jaske in a four-way tie for third with 105 at sectional.

• WARSAW GIRLS GOLF SECTIONAL
At Stonehenge Golf Club
Team results: 1. Warsaw 357, 2. Plymouth 358, 3. Rochester 371, 4. Wawasee 392, 5. Culver Girls Academy 409, 6. Columbia City 416, 7. Triton 458, 8. Whitko 472, 9. Caston 542, Tippecanoe Valley NS.
Top 3 individuals: 1. Ashley Lenne (Plymouth) 84, 2. Laksika Kannasut (Warsaw) 85, 3. Kelsi Posthuma (Rochester) 86, 3. Allison Bayley (Plymouth) 86
Individuals advancing without a team: 1. Krista Zurcher (Wawasee) 88, 2. Brenna Newell (CGA) 93, 3. Megan Yoder (Columbia City) 96
WARSAW (357): Audrey Petro 90, Alyssa Cameron 91, Kayla Hutcherson 93, Sarah Hartle 91, Laksika Kannasut 85
PLYMOUTH (358): Ashley Lenne 84, Allison Bayley 86, Erin Kinney 89, Megan Schenk 99, Mandy McPherron 103
ROCHESTER (371): Kesli Posthuma 86, Molly Lehman 99, Hannah Starkey 87, Lauren Daugherty 99, Kaitlin Foust 121
CGA (409): Brenna Newell 93, Emma Han 108, Carolyn Birkmeier 101, Hannah Gilley 107, Samantha Siebel 121
TRITON (438): Aubrey Boardman 97, Emily Duff 98, Sydney Gochenour 128, Olivia Reichert 135



PHOTO/CHERYL PATRICK

Culver and Plymouth dolls

Daphne's Dolls is an annual parade favorite as girls from preteen to preschool twirl and swirl their way recently down the parade route at the annual Harvest Festival parade: Pictured are (front) Jaden Barron, 4, of Culver and (back) Lielle Lawson, 4, of Plymouth.

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Flu shots for seniors

Flu and pneumonia shots for senior citizens will be given at the beach lodge in Culver Wednesday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to noon at the daily REAL Services gathering. This is not the H1N1 shot, but the standard season flu shot. Please call Ruth Walker at 574-842-8878 to register your visit.

Friends of the library meeting, book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will meet Monday, October 5 at 1 p.m. at the library. New members are always welcome.

The Friends will also hold an end of the year “clearance” book sale -- with all books priced at just \$1 per bag Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library.

Town Wide Cleanup Day Oct. 17

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Town Wide Clean-Up Day Sat., Oct. 17, from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. A dumpster, provided by the town, will be placed at the water tower on Lake Shore Dr. Please know that hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted.

Culver holiday committee formed

The town of Culver is forming a holiday committee to assist in facilitating Culver’s holiday decorations this holiday season. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact the town via the town hall, 200 E. Washington Street in Culver, or 574-842-3140 to learn more and get involved.

Culver Scout popcorn sales to begin

Culver’s Cub Scout Pack 290 and recently-formed Boy Scout Troop 291 will hold their annual popcorn beginning August 23 and through October 30. 70 percent of the proceeds from Scouts’ sales go to the local Scouting program. Those seeking more information are encouraged to contact Chuck Dilts at 574-842-4432 or crdilts@culcom.net.

Cub Master needed

Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 is in need of a Cub Master for this year’s program. Those interested in more information are encouraged to contact Chuck Dilts at 574-842-4432 or crdilts@culcom.net.

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.

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State prison speaker will visit Culver to discuss drugs, gangs

Gus Carlson has a message for adults and students in the Culver and surrounding areas who believe drugs and gangs are nonexistent, or minimal enough so as not to be a serious problem: it’s time to face reality.

Carlson, Community Services Director at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, will discuss those issues and more Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m., at the Culver-Union Township Public Library in downtown Culver, at the invitation of the Friends of the Library. With him will be Chuck Whelan of the prison’s Internal Affairs office; Whalen works with gangs in prison and is familiar with gang activity, signs, and symptoms on the streets as well.

One major point Carlson wants to emphasize is the need for parents to take responsibility for their children’s actions and realize the danger kids today are facing. Eighty percent of high school students, says Carlson, have at least tried illegal drugs, while 30 percent in junior high school have. He intends to discuss the need for monitoring of children’s use of parents’ prescription drugs, signs of illegal drug and gang activity, and some of the long-term consequences each may have in the life of a child, even an underage one. He cites examples of several men in the state prison doing life terms which began when they were just 15 years old.

Carlson, who says he has five children and 14 grandchildren of his own, says over 1,000 young people from four states visit the prison in groups and listen to some of those prisoners sentenced as teens; he says the words of a peer may have more impact than those of a parent, but that doesn’t absolve parents of the need to discipline their children.

“People who discipline their kids have a lot more success,” he notes.

The tendency, too, says Carlson, is for residents in a community like Culver to see drugs and gangs as a “big city” problem. “Look out your back window,” he says, recalling his and Whelan’s recent visit to Knox, where they pointed out a gang symbol painted on a prominent downtown building.

“We don’t want to accept we have some of the same problems as the bigger guys,” adds Carlson.

The public is invited to the free event at the library. For information, call Connie Van Horn of the Friends at 574-842-2038.

Lions flea market, breakfast Oct. 3

The Culver Lions Club’s annual “Fall Fest” flea market sale will be held Saturday, October 3. Everything will take place at the Culver Vandalia railroad station at the town park on Lake Shore Drive. Events are scheduled as follows: breakfast: 6 a.m. to noon; flea market: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; bake sale 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The ever popular sausage, pancake and sausage gravy and biscuits breakfast is still only \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12.

All proceeds from the events support numerous community activities and also State of Indiana Lion projects involving eye, hearing, cancer and speech care. Some of the many local community projects made possible through community support of the Lions include eye screening for children ages one through five, eyeglasses for those in need, children’s school supplies and backpacks, children’s Halloween and Christmas parties, high school senior awards night, senior scholarship. The Lions also collect and recycle old eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, household batteries, and ink jet cartridges. These may be deposited in the Lions drop-off boxes at the First National Bank of Monterey on N. Lake Shore Dr. and the Family Vision Clinic on N. Main Street.

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Coffee and Tea 101

By Dawn Minas
Owner, The Culver Coffee
Company, Culver.

The Culver Coffee Company is proud to be involved in the People's University Program this year.

So often businesses get asked for donations and this can sometimes be difficult, especially in the current economy. People's University offers a unique way to give back by just providing our time and resources to educate people in the community on what we have to offer. It is a great tool to promote our business, while teaching people something new and interesting.

Coffee and tea have many intricacies that not many people are aware of, and I'm looking forward to teaching coffee and tea lovers the differences between varieties and blends.

In addition, you have the opportunity to become a barista for a moment and make your favorite drink-whether it be a latte, mocha, or ginger peach tea.

We hope you'll join us at the Culver Coffee Company for this free class on Oct. 12 or Nov. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

"People's University" is a new co-op of education sponsored by Marshall County Council on Aging. The wide variety of classes include arts and leisure, financial topics, and health and fitness, as well as science, history and computers. Many classes are free, while some require nominal fees. All ages are welcome. Registrations are being taken now at the Life Enrichment Center, 1305 W. Harrison St., Plymouth, and classes begin today. Call the Life Enrichment Center for more information at 574-936-9904 or toll-free at 1-866-936-9904.



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Appreciating Monterey teachers

"YOU ARE APPRECIATED!" That was the message shared with some of our area teachers recently. Sharon Henderson, President of the Pulaski County Retired Teachers' Association (PC RTA), recently presented certificates of appreciation to thirty-nine West Central School Corporation educators and five educators from the Monterey Elementary School as they begin a new school year. Each has dedicated twenty or more years to public education, serving area students from kindergarten through high school.

On behalf of the PC RTA, Henderson welcomed these forty-five special people to what she called the "Twenty-Plus Club" and thanked them for all they do to help educate area youth. Educators in the Eastern Pulaski School Corporation with twenty or more years of experience will be recognized in May.

In the photo above, Culver School Corporation Superintendent Brad Schuldt and Monterey Elementary faculty Amy Gearhart, Rhonda Kinney, and Deb Stevens were presented certificates of appreciation by the PC RTA for their 20+ years in education. The Pulaski County Retired Teachers Association is affiliated with the Indiana Retired Teachers' Association.

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Do not disturb `til 2037

Students in Sue Allen's sophomore English classes at Culver Community High School spent part of the morning of September 10 digging for and placing a time capsule to be opened on the occasion of their 25th class reunion. The effort was part of several weeks of activities for the students in conjunction with The Big Read, a community-wide effort to enhance reading and cultural literacy sponsored by the Culver-Union Township Public Library as part of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Allen's students, as reported in a recent edition of the Citizen, read Thornton Wilder's classic play, "Our Town" in class and used the book as a springboard for several activities around the theme of "our town" of Culver, including books and brochures on Culver history as well as the time capsule. Included in the capsule, which was buried in the soccer field north of the CCHS gymnasium, are items – or photographs of them – each student deemed important to himself or herself; students were also expected to write about the item in conjunction with their family and community. Pictured are members of one of Allen's classes (from left to right): Trent Becker, Cole Flora, Kyleigh Sage, Cassie VanSky, Joe Kresk, Alexa Marrs, Kellie Bonine, Kacie Smith, Gabriela Jurado, Paige Phillips, Kalee Miller, Cassie Back, Mrs. Allen, Serena Hughs, Aspen Kitchell, Robert Yockey, Breanna Powers, Chelsey Jones, Caroline Baker.

Financial aid available to non-traditional female students

Non-traditional female students seeking financial aid are encouraged to apply for a scholarship program sponsored by the women legislators of the Indiana General Assembly.

"POWER's primary goal has always been to make a positive impact on the lives of Indiana women as they strive to make a better future for themselves and the state," said State Rep. Nan-

cy Dembowski (D-Knox), a POWER member. "To further that goal, the women of the House and Senate have banded together to raise money for the POWER scholarship program,

helping a few extraordinary Hoosier women achieve their goals." Winners will be announced by Dec. 15. www.in.gov/power.

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