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## In Brief

### Community garden regular work begins May 10

Culver's community garden will begin planting May 10 at 5 p.m., with an ongoing work schedule for the garden on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 p.m. (for whatever work needs to be done). The garden is for the community and organizers would love to have many people include themselves in the project. Produce will be taken to the Culver food pantry as well as sold at the Farmer's Market, with proceeds going to the expense of the garden and to the food pantry. Any questions may be directed to Barb Quivey at Grace Church (574-842-2331, during morning hours) or Cory Barnes (574-842-8246 or 574-780-1491).

### Community meal at Grace Saturday

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

### VFW Friday dinner May 21

Culver VFW Post# 6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold its Friday dinner on May 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Prime Rib is \$13 and filet mignon is \$15. Doors are open to the public -- come on down and join us for a great meal.

### Farmer's Market open for business

The Culver Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through October 9. The market is located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). New vendors are welcome. For space call Barb at 574-842-2648.

### Aubbee Fire Dept. in running for fire truck

For the second consecutive year, E-ONE asked departments throughout the United States to tell their stories for an opportunity to win a new Tradition ES

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## A rest well earned

ABOVE LEFT: Culver Community School teachers Tom and Bonnie Schmidt this month conclude more than seven decades of combined teaching careers, besides other community service endeavors. SEE STORY BELOW.

## A miracle save?

ABOVE RIGHT: Perhaps all the good work done via the Wesley United Methodist Women's Thrift Store on Ohio Street helped protect it from this large tree, which fell early Saturday morning. Judy Sawhook, of Culver's Tree Commission, points out trees like this one, close enough to the street to be town-owned, are "diseased or dying (and) must often be removed for the good of all, in spite of everyone's feeling badly to see them go." Besides the good news that no damage was done here, Sawhook notes the Tree Commission "has orchestrated and manages a program to plant new trees in the areas where the older street trees no longer exist." Concerns about street trees on one's property may be addressed via the Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

# Culver couple says goodbye to the classroom

## Schmidts retire with 75-plus years' service between them.

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

With a combined total of 75 years of teaching under their belts, a familiar Culver area couple will leave Culver Community Schools after the end of this semester.

Tom and Bonnie Schmidt, who live near Hibbard, will wrap up lengthy teaching careers at Culver Elementary School (Bonnie, who taught in the area of special education), and Culver Community High School (Tom, who has been teaching industrial technology), respectively.

Culverites may recall Bonnie as Bonnie Good, who grew up on a farm a mile from town on what was then Doll Road (today's Thorn Road), to Elgie and Margaret Good. Her sister, Shelly Drang, is familiar to anyone who's visited Lake Shore Clinic over the past few decades, where Shelly is a nurse (Shelly continues to live on what was the Good family farm).

Heading into the teaching profession wasn't a difficult choice for her, says Bonnie. "I taught dolls on the front porch as a kid," she recalls. "I loved teaching."

She and Tom met while attending Purdue University, from which Bonnie graduated in 1967, prior to staying on two more years to earn her Master's degree.

Tom Schmidt, meanwhile, grew up on a dairy farm in Huntington County, Indiana, and was attending Purdue to study aviation maintenance. But the Vietnam War was raging by then, and one day at Purdue prior to Christmas, 1967, Tom showed Bonnie his draft papers. He served his time in Korea in the area of aviation before returning to the States and completing his Bachelor's degree in industrial technology, over time adding Master's degrees in education and psychology.

Bonnie began her teaching work in 1969 at LaVille High School, where she initially taught home economics (she also watched the roof torn off the LaVille gymnasium during

# Ellert, other Culver-area candidates win big in primaries

Several Culver-area candidates came out winners in last week's 2010 primary elections.

In the close race for Marshall County Recorder, longtime Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler was victorious over opponents Rex Gilliland and Dawn Pugsley. Mahler captured 43.25 percent (2,097 votes) over Gilliland with 40.46 percent (1,962 votes). Pugsley received 16.29 percent (790 votes). Mahler said, "This is exciting. There is still the fall election and more fish fries."

Culver area resident John Benedict, running for County Council, said he hopes to follow the footsteps of long-time Marshall County Council member and Culverite Fred Litner calling him a "responsible money manager." He said, "I like the way the county finances have been handled in the past."

None of the candidates could top Culver's Francis Ellert in terms of excitement. He is running for Indiana State Representative District 17. Ellert said, "The campaign has been a great deal of fun-but a challenge as well."

Ellert had 66.89 percent (2388 votes) win over Mike Yankauskas at 33.11 percent (1182 votes).

Ellert faces Democrat and current State Representative Nancy Dembowski in the fall. Dembowski attended the gathering of fellow Democrats in Plymouth before returning to Starke County to await results there.

She thanked all of those who have supported her in the

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# CBGC auction on tap for June 18

"A Night at the Speedway" is theme

The Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) has announced its annual silent auction event to be held June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Culver Academics' Lay Center. This year's theme is, "A Night at the Speedway."

The CBGC board members are excited about this year's event. Board member and Co-chair event organizer Mary Szymusiak says, "Like last year's '50s night theme, we wanted to make this year's event entertaining, so we decided we'd do a racing theme, and yes, we are going to ask citizens to come race a wiggle machine or another non-motorized vehicle."

People attending the event will be able to sponsor a favorite racer while helping raise money for the Boys and Girls Club.

Ginny Munroe, Co-chair event organizer and board member, explains that this year's event will include the annual silent auction, but it will also include live entertainment from Quentin Flagg, the popular emcee and performer from last year's event. In addition, the event will include racing contests that will involve anyone who wants to register to race.

"We hope to get some local celebrities to participate in the racing contests." To register to race a 'wiggle' machine or another non-motorized vehicle at the event, participants can contact Mary Szymusiak at 219-405-5173 or at her email account, which is Mary@tbiron.com.

The CBGC has much to celebrate at this year's event. With over 275 members and an average daily attendance of around 100 youth, the club is reaching more youth than ever

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# Students give earth a break - and school a boost - through project

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A group of Culver Elementary School students began an initiative which will raise welcome dollars for the school, but according to CES teacher Adam Huber, the girls are far more interested in helping reduce waste and improve the environment than any financial gain.

CES sixth grader Breanna Cooper, daughter of Bob and Glennie Cooper of Culver, says she happened to peruse the back of a juice pouch she was drinking last fall and noticed empty pouches can be turned in for money to help schools. Thinking such an effort could work at Culver, she headed to school and shared her notion with fellow sixth graders before speaking to CES principal Chuck Kitchell about the idea.

Kitchell got behind the idea, but directed the girls to line up a teacher to act as sponsor, and they chose Huber, who readily agreed.

"I told them...it's their project," says Huber, "but I would do what I had to do to get it accomplished. They're pretty dedicated to it. They come in and work. I take care of the online account and drop the boxes off."

Cooper, along with friends Katlyn Littleton, Diane Hutton, Abby Haimbaugh, and Shea Elliott, put up posters

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a tornado in the early 1970s). She recalls her concern, however, during Tom's tenure in Korea, when word came that a helicopter had been shot down.

"I didn't know if it was Tom or not," she says. "My mother called (when the news came) and told the principal she'd gotten notice. The principal yelled down the hall, 'It's not Tom!'"

Also while at LaVille, Bonnie learned she had a heart for special education students, and after eight years at LaVille and a move to the Knox school system, she spent three years earning another Master's, this time in special education.

After more than 21 years at Knox – including some harrowing commutes due to severe weather – Bonnie took her last teaching position, at Culver Elementary School working with fourth through sixth graders, where she's been for the past decade.

For his part, Tom had worked in various positions related to aviation, but he eventually was faced with a choice to move (or commute) to a large city or find other work. He began teaching in the mid-1970s at Knox before making the switch to Culver High School about 12 years ago.

His approach to teaching industrial technology has, Tom says, "always been project based," and of course it's evolved as the technology itself has evolved. Hand drafting has given way to computer-based work, though he tries to integrate "the old fashioned way" with the use of CNC routers in his classroom.

He also tries to give students a realistic picture of the process of home construction, from the design and financing of a project, to the mathematics involved in its engineering, an "overview of things," he says. This works nicely as a lead-in to the school's well-known building trades program, which takes students on-site through the process of actually building a house, hands-on.

Tom says part of the value of the industrial tech program is application of mathematical and scientific skills learned in other classes.

"All of a sudden all that math some teacher taught them...they say, 'Oh, so that's where you use it,'" he notes.

While some IT students may move on to a college degree in an area related to what they've learned, Tom notes many build very successful careers putting their learning to use without ever entering college.

A typical CCHS day for Tom Schmidt saw between 80 and 100 students. Less signed on for the school's extra-curricular Industrial Technology Club, but the construction of mileage cars and hovercraft over the past several years garnered a great many students interested in those projects, which led to competition and notoriety in the community and beyond.

Many in the area have been troubled to learn the IT program will likely be discontinued following Tom Schmidt's departure, as Culver joins many public schools around Indiana struggling to make ends meet in the wake of massive funding cuts in education at the state level.

Bonnie Schmidt will technically not be replaced either, though her understanding is special education teacher Julie Cowan, presently dividing her time between Culver's elementary and high schools, will make CES her sole teaching position this fall. Bonnie says she feels Culver schools have been lucky not to have to make the "deep cuts" many schools have across the state.

She recalls some of the changes through the years in her work, including the integration in recent years of special education students into regular classrooms, a statewide move she says she loves.

She's been team teaching with sixth grade teacher Brian Albright and is able to help students of all learning levels with their needs.

"For me, the advantage is that I can help a lot more kids than just special education," Bonnie explains. "For the kids, I think they can interact with their friends and peers and still get help.

"Culver never did have a stigma on special education students," she adds. "I have to admit, in some other schools they do, but I've never seen that here. I've been real proud of that."

Another major change in the classroom is the advent of computers and, more recently, Smart boards, she notes.

Then there's all the state-mandated testing. "Oh, there's a huge amount! When I first started, we didn't know about ISTEP (and other required tests)."

Bonnie says the chief difficulty in retiring is leaving the students. But, she says, "These kids deserve the best. I'm getting older and I'm tired."

The Schmidts say they didn't plan to retire together, but – says Bonnie – "It just worked out that way."

The couple is also well-known in Union Township for their deep involvement over the years in 4H, where Bonnie worked in areas of clothing and food, and Tom channeled his love of and expertise in horses (he's been a ferrier – shoeing horses – for 35 years) into teaching in the program. Tom, who also spent some eight years in Culver's EMS program, says he used to shoe 10 to 12 horses per day, but things have slowed down.

"Now after I shoe two, I understand why I don't do that much any more!" he smiles.

He's also given many riding lessons over the years on the family farm for the past 35-plus years, Still Meadow, which Bonnie says she doesn't see them selling anytime soon.

The couple also raised two children at Still Meadow: Lisa, today a doctor at the Mayo Clinic, and Jon, who among other things was profiled last year in the *Culver Citizen* for his interesting collecting and knowledge of area railroads.

Tom, part of Culver's VFW Post, also plans to devote more time to his hobby of working with the American Huey Museum – underway near the Grissom Air Museum in the Peru area. Tom worked with Huey helicopters during the Vietnam War, and joins a number of collectors and enthusiasts in promoting the history of the choppers.

But Tom and Bonnie Schmidt will likely make a retirement priority out of simply enjoying some hard-earned relaxation.

"I cannot wait to just sit and relax on my front porch and drink iced tea (and) just do my gardening or yard work," says Bonnie. "And I've got so much stuff I want to read!"

"Anything but a technical manual!" adds Tom. "Pleasure reading -- no textbooks!"

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## Tour de Max returns next weekend

Bicyclists from Culver and beyond are gearing up for the annual Tour de Max bicycle tour next Saturday, May 15, starting at 7 a.m. The event is led by Culver Tri Kappa (under the guidance of Chairperson Karen Heim), and proceeds from the ride are used to enrich the community as a whole.

A mechanic from Culver's Bike Barn will be on hand that morning to help with any last minute breakdowns. The shop is located close to the Culver Beach Lodge (819 E. Lake Shore Drive), where "Tour" will kick off. Bike Barn owner Don Baker recalls his and

his wife's Tour De Max experience.

"Janet and I rode the 30-mile route of the Tour De Max back in 2007, and we really had a lot of fun. It's really a great way to kick off the season!"

All riders start with the tour riding around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee. Cyclists may choose from a 10-, 30- or 63 mile tour.

Registration and online payment is available. Interested cyclists may register online at Active.Com or request a registration form by e-mailing [tour\\_de\\_max@yahoo.com](mailto:tour_de_max@yahoo.com). Registration and check-in will be open

from 7 until 9:30 a.m. at the Beach Lodge. However, if you plan to ride 63 mile, riders may start no later than 8 a.m. SAG stops will be open for a set period of time based on these departure times.

Cost is \$25 and the registration fee includes a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Beach Lodge. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. Additional t-shirts or t-shirts from past years may be purchased that morning.

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PILOT PHOTO/MAGGIE NIXON

Culver's Ellert family — Francis, Susan, and their four children, Pierce (9), Betse (11), Fritz (7) and Cabot (5) — were all attired in similar red shirts at Christos' in Plymouth last week, promoting Francis Ellert's bid for State Rep. in the November general election.

past and asked for their support in the future.

Other Marshall County primary results included Tom Chamberlin's win over both Ward Byers and Dale Dodson for county sheriff (Chamberlin received 49.77 percent (2,538 votes) over Byers with 43.22 percent (2,204 votes) and Dodson with 7 percent (357 votes).

Jack Roose, current Marshall County Commissioner, edged out opponents Steve Engel, Heath Thornton and Russell Young. Roose had 40 percent (1,971 votes), Engel had 23.73 percent (1,169 votes), Thornton came in with 14.90 (734 votes) and Young received 21.37 percent (1,053 votes).

Debra Dunning was running unopposed for Marshall County Assessor. Total votes for Dunning were 4,195. Penny Lukenbill is currently the Marshall County Auditor. She received 4,355 votes and was running unopposed.

(Carol Anders, correspondent, provided the basis for this article)



## Culver area students take tops in county spelling bee



CITIZEN PHOTO/CAROL ANDERS

Stephen Paolini, holds his first place trophy along with the traveling trophy, after winning the 28th Annual Marshall County Spelling Bee at Argos High School Monday night. Johnathon Hopple placed third and Lucy Battersby placed second.

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — It took 200 words before a winner was finally named at the 28th Annual Marshall County Spelling Bee held Monday night in Argos.

Stephen Paolini, a student at Culver Schools, correctly spelled “ambidextrous” in round 41 to win. By round 17, there were only two contestants standing out of the 28 that started the contest.

Paolini and Lucy Battersby, St. Michael School, continued to spell word after word until the 17th round.

Battersby spelled “stethoscope” incorrectly; however, Paolini also misspelled the word. To win at that point, he would have had to spell the word Battersby misspelled and then spell yet another word correctly.

The two went on spelling word after word correctly until Battersby missed “plagiarize” in round 40.

Third place went to Johnathon Hopple, also a Culver junior high student. Hopple survived until round 16.

Battersby and Hopple are seventh grade students and Paolini is in eighth grade. Coordinator for the event was Argos teacher Brenda Baker. The record keeper was Ginger Calhoun and the pronouncer was Rockie Levi. Calhoun and Levi are also Argos teachers.

Judges were Attorney Gary Calhoun and Argos teacher Jan Chittum. The event is sponsored each year by the Pilot News. Pilot News Publisher Rick Kreps opened the evening by congratulating the 28 students who had qualified at their respective schools to participate in the Marshall County contest.

## Culver schools mark Nutrition Employee Week

Preparing healthy school meals, teaching healthy nutrition habits, and offering a friendly greeting are all in a day’s work for the 15 school nutrition employees in the Culver Community Schools, who were recognized through the non-profit School Nutrition Association, which celebrated School Nutrition Employee Week last week, May 3 through 7.

The week provided an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy school meals to area children each school day.

School nutrition employees, notes the Association, must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. They are trained sanitation and food safety experts and must manage financially self-sufficient programs despite limited funds to prepare and serve each meal. School nutrition professionals also provide nutrition education to students, as well as healthy catering services to their communities.

For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day. The Association’s 2009 School Nutrition Operations Report indicates school nutrition professionals provide meals including fat free (skim) or low-fat milk (99 percent), fresh fruits and vegetables (98.8 percent), increasing the availability of whole grain items (96.3 percent), offering pre-packaged salads or salad bars (91.1 percent), and offering vegetarian meals (63.9 percent).

## Obituary

Helen J. McKinstry  
Oct. 25, 1923 — May 1, 2010



EASTON, Md. — Helen Jane (Henderson) McKinstry died May 1, 2010. She was 86 years old.

Born in Culver, Ind. Oct. 25, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Col. John W. and Norma Vina Wilson Henderson.

After high school, she attended McMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill.

Oct. 18, 1942, she married Robert E. McKinstry in Culver.

They made their home in Illinois.

The McKinstrys moved first to Gloucester, Va., then to Wayne, Ill., and finally to Annapolis, Md. where they lived until 1973. The family then moved to Easton, Md.

Mrs. McKinstry was a former member of the Junior League of Chicago. She was a member of Christ Church in St. Michaels, Md. She was an avid gardener. She enjoyed making clothing for and collecting antique dolls, making large Christmas wreaths, and creating crewel and needlepoint embroidery.

She also loved to make doll houses and decorate them with hand-crafted miniature rooms of the Oriental, traditional, and Victorian style.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children: Michael W. McKinstry of Colorado Springs, Colo., Anne M. Dunnington of Ambler/Philadelphia, Penn., Mary M. Marriner of Marietta, Ga., and Robert E. McKinstry, Jr. of Palm Bay, Fla.; her siblings: Robert W. Henderson of Tucson, Ariz., Mary Alice Hasset of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Norma Joyce MacNab of Pioneer, Calif., and James A. Henderson of Columbus, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, J. William Henderson.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, Culver.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mrs. McKinstry’s memory to the Johns Hopkins University, Department of Psychology, Dementia Research, Attn: Laura Barrick, 100 N. Charles St., Suite 410, Baltimore, MD, 21201.

Local arrangements by Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

For online condolences, please visit the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

## REAL Services menu

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

**Thursday, May 13:** Liver and onions with gravy, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, Mandarin oranges, wheat roll, and milk.

**Friday, May 14:** Breakfast sandwich, eggs, turkey sausage, cheese, English muffin, cinnamon coffee cake, warm cinnamon peaches, 100 percent huice,, and milk.

**Monday, May 17:** Stuffed baked potato, taco meat, Cheese, Sour cream, margarine, broccoli, muf-

fin, pears, 100 percent juice, and milk.

**Tuesday, May 18:** Italian beef and Italian sausage, hoagie bun, spudsters, coin carrot salad, blueberry crisp, and milk.

**Wednesday, May 19:** Oven fried chicken quarter, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat bread and margarine, apple sauce, and milk.

**Thursday, May 20:** BBQ pork, bun, baked beans, Pineapple, mixed vegetables, Pineapple, birthday treat, and milk.

**Friday, May 21:** Cheeseburger with pickles, baby carrots, cauliflower and broccoli salad, bun, cook’s choice fruit, 100 percent juice, and milk.

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## Community calendar

### Thurs., May 13

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Fri., May 14

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Elementary 2nd graders’ Cool Character Parade, 2 p.m., downtown Culver  
Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets

### Sat., May 15

Tour de Max, 7 a.m., starting at Culver Beach Lodge  
Culver Farmer’s Market, 8 a.m. to noon  
Quilting group, 9 a.m.,

Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Mon., May 17

Story time, 11 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets  
Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Tues., May 18

Tuesday Tea and Craft, 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co.  
OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Weds., May 19

Story time, 9:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Community garden work session, 5 p.m., corner Slate and Lewis Streets  
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Thurs., May 20

Culver Academies Alum-

ni Reunion weekend (all weekend)

Culver High School BPA, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals, 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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## “Like a Mom”

This month we celebrate those special women in our lives known as mothers. Our mothers carried us for nine months, gave birth to us, fed us, took care of us when we were sick, comforted us when we were scared or sad, put band-aids and kisses on our “owies,” helped us with our school work, and the list could go on and on. Our mothers also disciplined and punished us, made us do our chores, put us to work in the garden, scolded us, corrected our language, made us say “Please” and “Thank you,” and that list could go on and on.

To show our appreciation to and for our mothers, we can give them flowers, take them out to eat, or buy them a gift, but I think the most popular way to say “Happy Mother’s Day” is by giving our mothers a Mother’s Day card. An online trip to “Goodsearch” and then a search for “Mother’s Day Cards” found

well over 50 pages of websites that you can go to for Mother’s Day cards. Some of the sites allow you to send electronic greetings to your mother, some are ideas for making your own cards, some are geared towards young children, and some are serious sites for adult children wishing to honor their mothers. I didn’t go to the last page of websites that are available, but there might literally be thousands of sites devoted to Mother’s Day cards.

One thing I found interesting is that Mother’s Day cards are not just for mothers. You can send a card to your grandmother (OK, I understand that one), to a favorite aunt, to your sister (who is also a mother - just not your mother), and to a step-mom. Mother’s can send Mother’s Day cards to their daughters. I didn’t see any cards that mothers could send to their sons, so the cards sent to daughters must be for daughters who are also mothers, but I didn’t see any cards for fathers to send to their daughters (who are mothers). How confusing did you find that last sentence? I found cards for a husband to give to his wife which makes sense since his wife is the mother of his children. There are also cards you can send to someone who is “like a mom.”

Who might be “like a mom”? A friend’s mother? A baby sitter or nanny? A favorite teacher? Someone in your life (not related) who took a special interest in you and your achievements? Your church? What?!

The early Church theologian Cyprian once wrote, “He can no longer have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.” Think about it. Jesus said to Nicodemus, “... unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3-5 NKJV)

It is the Church which gives us new birth through the “womb of the Baptismal font” to be a child of God. St. Peter referring to Christians as babies writes “... as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 2:2 NKJV) Through the preaching of the Gospel, the Church feeds and nourishes the life of faith which was birthed in baptism.

As you honor your earthly mother this month, remember your spiritual mother as well. It is in the Church that you are fed by Word and Sacraments, you are clothed in the righteousness of Christ, you are disciplined and corrected when you stray, you are provided opportunities to work for the building up of the kingdom of God. All of this is done for your eternal good.

Happy Mother’s Day!

### Pastor’s Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran Church



# We were all born to move

## Helping Children Lead Active and Healthy Lives

*Editor’s note: With this edition, the Culver Citizen introduces a new, monthly column feature to its pages, written by Dana Neer. Topics will pertain to the health and wellness of our readers. Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counselor at The Culver Academies, and can be contacted at Neerd@Culver.org.*

### Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER



We were all born to move! From our earliest days as a human being to the closing chapter of our lives, we are engineered to go forward.

Within months after creation, babies are shifting and twisting, ever searching for a better position or angle of comfort. Parents anticipate these sudden spasms, and joyfully renounce normal etiquette and dignity, choosing instead to call for those in close proximity to scurry over, place their hands on the protruding tummy, and feel baby kick. We are thrilled that a child does what he is supposed to do- move. After nine months, he’s at it again, pushing the limits, ready to exit, driven toward new frontiers.

Infants and toddlers instinctively are ramblers. Turning over, scooting, crawling, wobbling, falling, young ones have an insatiable desire for activity. Little boys bounce balls and push miniature trucks over hardwood floors. Little girls skip through the house and guide their play babies in strollers. What child doesn’t like an interactive game of hide and seek? Mention the possibility of a rambunctious game of sharks and minnows, and most kids rush at the chance to show their speed. We were all born to move.

So what happens as a child gets older? Why does movement cease being as much fun and transitions to drudgery? When are endless hours of outdoor activity replaced with mundane, sedentary staring at dimly lit television and computer screens? Life is meant for movement, and we as adults should be role models and cheerleaders for children, prompting them to lead healthy lives.

My role model was Grandma Ringler. Energetic, spirited and hardworking, she was one of the most active senior citizens in our small community. I lived in the country. She lived in town, the banks of Lake Wawasee within throwing distance of her house. This was every boy’s paradise. Grandma must have noticed something within her scrawny ten year old grandson, because she challenged me to start running. A workout plan was devised. I would pay her electric bill in person by running the check to the main office, run back, and battle the stopwatch that she held tightly in her hand. Thus, the famed “Light Bill Race” had begun: Jump off the porch. Sprint through the backyard. Cross the creek. Push up the hill to the park, and dart past the fake Dalmatian statue at the fire station. Work the middle part through town until I could spot the old utilities building on the left side of the street. Look for an opening in traffic. Speed across the busy intersection. Finally, burst into the accounts department, toss the check on the counter, and retrace my route back to that front porch finish line where Grandma eagerly awaited my arrival. Magically, my time was always just a bit faster than my previous race, at least according to her chart. I was the only participant, and my

68 year old grandma was my coach, but it didn’t matter. I was having fun, and I had found my passion!

Helping children lead healthier and more active lives is the responsibility of adults. Spring and summer months in Indiana are the best times to engage in physical activity. In the weeks ahead, children have more time to play because of increased daylight hours and summer break. Sure, sleeping- in is great, and eating lots of great food at cookouts is always a priority, but make sure you schedule several good hours each day for play. Here are a few helpful suggestions:

- Plan a game with your child or neighborhood children twice a week. Tag, capture the flag, or obstacle course races are great.
  - Buy an early Christmas gift. Register your child for a 3 -4 month fitness class instead of purchasing another video game. We have several great sports centers in the area, all of which have great instructors who make activity fun. This gift will be long enjoyed, well after other gifts have lost their luster.
  - Walk three times a week, right around sunset. Enjoy the awesome Heartland colors in the sky. Plan a scavenger hunt, searching for little items on the ground like acorns, leaves, rocks, etc. Take your camera with you for some great photos.
  - Play “kick the ball.” The game is just like catch, but you kick the ball instead. This activity provides whole body movement every time you catch, kick or run after the ball. A volleyball works best because it is softer.
- Make this summer one of your most active and healthy seasons ever. Until next month, keep moving.

### Name that Culver “citizen”

Several readers correctly identified last week’s Mystery Citizen, Pete Trone. His was a familiar face in downtown Culver in decades past due to his family’s operation of Trone’s store (at the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets), and for many years’ involvement in Culver Academies’ Woodcraft Camp, besides serving on a number of boards and commissions in Culver and beyond (today he’s president of the Zone of Boarding Appeals, as many readers know).



Lora Pinder, Lynn Overmyer, Patty Stallings, Dallas Tousley, Vern Chmielewski, Dusty Henricks, Dick Zimmerman, Lois Curtis, and Larry Miller all recognized Mr. Trone’s face.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is seen quite often by a great many Culverites in her rather essential position in the community.

Left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Pete Trone, then and now. Right: this week’s mystery citizen. Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



### Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

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Your editor is pleased to say that photos of the globe-trotting Culver Citizen keep coming in for our “Where in the World” guessing game, as readers have likely noticed. Keep them coming! Readers and travelers alike have expressed their enjoyment of this feature.

This week’s photo (AT RIGHT) was taken at a landmark replica of a landmark, for lack of better terminology.

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Can anyone guess its location? Guesses as to the location of this photo or submissions of similar photos may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

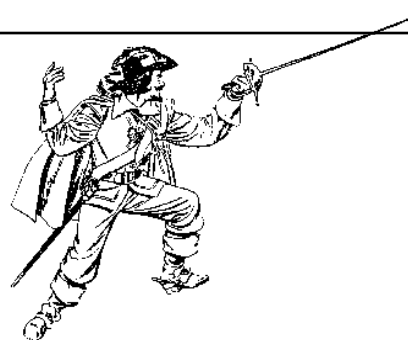


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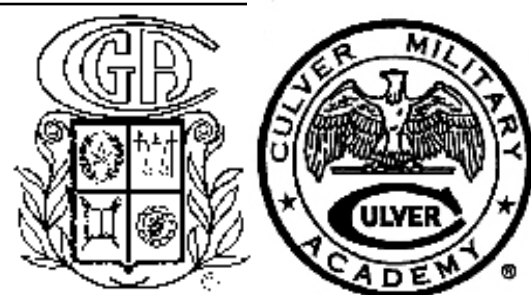
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# Sports



## Alex Banfich still burning up the track at Princeton



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRINCETON ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS  
Princeton sophomore Alex Banfich won the 5000-meter run at the Mt. Sac Relays.

Alex Banfich, a Plymouth native and all-time Indiana High School distance running record-holder boasting eight total track and cross country state titles with Culver Girls Academy, is already a top distance runner with Princeton track and cross country as a sophomore, garnering herself such honors as All-Ivy League Cross Country in 2008-09 and 2009-10, All-Region Cross Country in 2009-10 and the Freshman Rosengarten Trophy in 2008-09.

This weekend, Banfich and her teammates will attempt a Triple Crown sweep at the Ivy League Outdoor Track Championship after winning both the conference cross country and indoor track championships.

She recently spoke with the *Pilot News* via e-mail about her progress as a runner, her love of the sport and how she balances her athletic

and academic life.

**Q: How has your outdoor track season started? What milestones have you reached so far?**

A: Outdoor track has started off well and I've improved in each of my events this year, which is all a runner can ask for! Going chronologically for this year though, cross country season highlights included being second at the Heptagonal Championships ("Heps" or the Ivy League Championships — our team came in 1-2-3-4-5, a first in Ivy League history) and therefore being First Team All-Ivy for XC, being 10th at the Mid-Atlantic Regional, and the 2nd finisher on our team at Nationals, where we placed fifth for the second year in a row (I was 43rd this year, last year was 49th and third on the team). This year was great for us overall, and even though we would have liked to improve upon our finish at NCAAAs from last year, to tie it is great too.

So far for outdoor track this year, I've run a PR in the 1500 (4:24) and in the 5k at the Mt. SAC Relays — 16:00.4. I'm currently 13th on the descending order list of times in the country right now, which is a big improvement from last year, but there's still work to be done and improvement to be had. It all really just comes down to Regionals (end of May) to determine who goes to Nationals, which would be the ultimate goal. First things are first though, and this coming weekend is our conference meet, the Outdoor Heps, which we're hosting at home. We won last year, and if we win again this year, we will have won all three of the Ivy League Championships, or the "Triple Crown" (XC, indoor track, outdoor track). Its going to be a very close meet though — there isn't a clear front-runner for the Outdoor Heps crown this year so it'll be a tough fight!

**Q: You ran in the NCAA Cross Country tourney the past two seasons too. How was it facing that level of competition? Did you learn anything about yourself; did it change you in any way in regards to cross country and your approach to it?**

A: Racing with the "best of the best" at meets like NCAA nationals or the Mt. SAC relays can only help a runner — I've learned more about how to run smart races, and that you can only get better by placing the bar higher and higher and never settling on what you once deemed a "good" performance. For one thing, once you complete that performance, what is "good" changes and new goals emerge, and also, the only thing I can think of after running a race I'm happy about is what I could have done better to improve next time. There isn't a lot of time to settle and be satisfied

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### Boys golf

#### CMA 2nd at Homestead

Led by Andrew Eiler's low round of 75, Culver Military Academy finished runner-up with a score of 324 at the Homestead Boys Golf Invitational Saturday, finishing behind top-ranked Homestead's 319.

Plymouth placed 17th with a 376 led by Patrick Felke's round of 90 at the meet.

•HOMESTEAD INVITATIONAL  
At Orchard Ridge, Fort Wayne  
TEAM SCORES: 1. Homestead 319, 2. Culver Military 324, 3. Northridge 326, 4. Warsaw 333, 5. Goshen 334, 6. Huntington North 338, 7. Lakeland 343, 8. Concord 344, 9. Fort Wayne Blackhawk 350, 11. Dekalb 352, 11. Wawasee 352, 12. Fort Wayne Concordia 361, 13. Angola 365, 14. Northrop 366, 15. East Noble 372, 16. Marion 374, 17. Plymouth 376, 18. Elkhart Central 393.  
CMA (324): Max McHugh 87; James Kinsey 86; Michael Yeager 85; Andrew Eiler 75; T.J. Selby 78.

NORTHRIDGE (326): Jeremy Kauffman 90; Andy Morrison 81; Collin Roberts 82; Logan McBride 76; David Long 87.  
WARSAW (333): Tim Alhersmeyer 89; John Schram 83; Eric Tandy 82; Mitchell Gauger 90; Tyler Ostrom 79.

GOSHEN (334): Paul Johnson 95; Austin Shaffer 87; Austin Bender 85; Brandon Doss 81; Steven Koronkiewicz 81.  
CONCORD (344): Alex Happer 88; Nate Newcomer 88; Matt Lower 87; Scott Ladehoff 81.  
WAWASEE (352): Derek Zurcher 88; Ben Jackson 95; George Adamaitis 93; Anthony Gagliano 85; John Kirkwood 86.

PLYMOUTH (376): Patrick Felke 90; Cody Bennett 93; John Ruff 96; Mitch Holloway 97.  
ELKHART CENTRAL (393): Brad Barfell 104; Alex Brosh 101; Brett Morton 106; Ronnie Glick 98; Peter Thomas 90.

#### Cavaliers fall to Pilgrims

John Ruff's hot streak continued with a 40, and Plymouth coasted by visiting Culver 172-192 at Plymouth Country Club Wednesday.

Zach Duplay shared co-medalist honors with Ruff with a 40 to lead the Cavaliers, who slip to 2-7.

Plymouth improves to an inverse 7-2 with the win.

•PLYMOUTH 172, CULVER 192  
At Plymouth Country Club  
PLYMOUTH (172): Patrick Felke 46, John Ruff 40, Cody Bennett 44, Lane Singleton 43, Jordan Wendel 52, Mitch Holloway 45  
CULVER (192): Nick Peterson 50, Zach Duplay 40, Luke Dunfee 51, Joe Kresk 54, Kyle VanDePutte 51, Jacob Sheridan 60.  
Records: Plymouth 7-2, Culver 2-7.  
JV scores: Plymouth 195, Culver 270

#### Southwood beats Culver

Southwood carded a pair of 2-over-par 37s to hand host Culver a 152-169 loss in a dual meet at Mysis Hills.

The Cavaliers were led by scores of 41 from both Zach Duplay and Luke Dunfee, while Nick Peterson shot a 43, and Joe Paolini shot a 44.

•SOUTHWOOD 152, CULVER 169  
At Mysis Hills, Par 35  
SOUTHWOOD (152): Devin Dale 37, Jake Shae 38, Drew Bower 42,

Unavailable 49, Unavailable 37  
CULVER (169): Nick Peterson 43, Zach Duplay 41, Luke Dunfee 41, Joe Paolini 44, Joe Kresk 49.  
Records: Culver 2-5, Southwood 6-2.

JV scores: Southwood 199, Culver 235.

CMA wins triangular  
Andrew Eiler tied with Marian's Adam Berthold for the low score of the round with 40, and Culver Military beat both Mishawaka Marian and NorthWood Monday.

Michael Yeager shot a 41, and T.J. Shelby was a stroke back at 42, while James Kinsey rounded out the Eagles' score with a 46 at Mystic Hills.  
• CULVER MILITARY 169, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 177, NORTHWOOD 183  
At Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 36)  
CMA (169): T.J. Shelby 42, Andrew Eiler 40, Michael Yeager 41, James Kinsey 46, Bailey Roubos 50.  
MARIAN (177): Adam Berthold 40, Andrew Verwilst 47, Ian Saboski 45, Nick Stancombe 45, Bobby Grossnickle 48.

NORTHWOOD (183): Dylan Gessinger 42, Nate Trippel 48, Jesse Morgenthaler 49, Mike Bough 44, Clayton Seitz 49.

### Boys track and field

#### CMA beats Culver

Culver Military won all three relay races and claimed victories in all 11 races en route to a 90-41 cross-town win over Culver Community Wednesday.

Austin Haden won both hurdles events for CMA, while Trace Ostergren won the mile and two-mile races.

Jermiah Harvey won both throwing events for Culver, while Larry Clingler won the high jump and Blake Bennet won the pole vault as the Cavaliers swept all field events except the long jump.

•CULVER MILITARY 90, CULVER 41  
At Culver  
3200 relay: 1. Culver Military 9:25.51; 110 hurdles: 1. Austin Haden (CMA) 17.71, 2. Blake Bennett (C) 18.0; 100: 1. Marcus Shannon (CMA) 11.77, 2. Aramonti Phillips (CMA) 11.82; 1600: 1. Trace Ostergren (CMA) 4:46.50, 2. Johnny Anderson (C) 4:53; 400 relay: 1. Culver Military 48.35, 2. Culver 51.53; 400: 1. Shannon (CMA) 52.65, 2. Eugenio Segurs (CMA) 58.25; 300 hurdles: 1. Haden (CMA) 46.62, 2. Trent Becker (C) 46.64; 800: 1. Connor Hage (CMA) 2:18.69, 2. Chris Trennepohl (CMA) 2:26.42; 200: 1. Shannon (CMA) 24.01, 2. Phillips (CMA) 25.10; 3200: 1. Ostergren (CMA) 10:28.23, 2. Adam Freymiller (CMA) 11:38.61; 1600 relay: 1. Culver Military 3:56.65; Long jump: 1. Gregono Gutierrez (CMA) 17-11.5, 2. Eddie Kim (CMA) 17-4; High jump: 1. Larry Clingler (C) 5-10, 2. Alex Burke (CMA) 5-9; Shot put: 1. Jermiah Harvey (C) 45-6.5, 2. Max Burgess (C) 42-9; Discus: 1. Harvey (C) 134-0; Pole vault: 1. Bennet (C) 11-6.

### Girls track and field

#### CGA dominates undermanned Culver

Culver Girls Academy won all but the throwing events and went one-two in a majority of the races in a dominant 102-14 win over the undermanned Culver Community girls track team Wednesday.

Jasmine Solola won the 100 and 300 hurdles and the long jump for CGA.

Gwen Zehner claimed victories in both the shot put and the discus for the Lady Cavaliers.

•CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 102, CULVER 14  
At Culver  
3200 relay: 1. Culver Girls Academy 11:30.66; 100 hurdles: 1. Jasmine Solola (CGA) 18.18; 100: 1. Ashley Taylor (CGA) 13.08, 2. Emily Rich (CGA) 13.63; 1600: 1. Kaye Sitterly (CGA) 5:43, 2. Kylee Shipley (CGA) 5:45; 400 relay: 1. Culver Girls Academy 51.85; 400: 1. Moira Kelley (CGA) 1:05.29, 2. Andrea Lin (CGA) 1:06.78; 300 hurdles: 1. Solola (CGA) 55.73; 800: 1. Shipley (CGA) 2:37.90, 2. Abby Baker (CGA) 2:43.97; 200: 1. Erica Simms (CGA) 27.87, 2. Anne Marie Dumas (CGA) 28.37; 3200: 1. Katie Gawor (CGA) 13:21.89, 2. Kacie Hermanson (CGA) 13:40.37; 1600 relay: 1. Culver Girls Academy 4:36.93; Long jump: 1. Solola (CGA) 14-5, 2. Dola Delano (CGA) 13-1; High jump: 1. Kenzie Ungar (CGA) 4-10, 2. Claire Marshall (CGA) 4-4; Shot put: 1. Gwen Zehner (C) 36; 2. C.J. Spawlding (CGA) 30-8; Discus: 1. Zehner (C) 102-5, 2. Spawlding (CGA) 51-4.

### Softball

#### CGA beats Triton in 6

Culver Girls Academy tacked on six runs in the bottom of the sixth to end its game with Triton 15-4 in six innings Thursday at

## CCHS Youth Football Camp May 24-26

Culver Community High School will hold a Youth Football Camp May 24 through 26, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Youth players (current first through sixth grades) are eligible to participate in the camp, whose goal is to have fun and teach the basic fundamentals of football for all positions. The camp, which takes place at the CCHS practice fields, will be directed by the CCHS coaching staff and CCHS football players.

Camp objectives include speed development stance and starts, agility drills for football, basic fundamentals for all positions, introduction to football terminology, techniques for punt, pass, and kick. Equipment needed is gym clothes and cleats or gym shoes.

Cost is \$15 (make checks payable to Culver Community Athletics). Sign-up forms are available from the school at 701 School Street. Questions may be directed to Andy Thomas at CCHS, 574-842-3391.

## Cavalier Boys' Basketball camp June 2-4

The Culver Cavalier Boys' Basketball camp will be held Wednesday, June 2 through Friday, June 4 at the Culver Community High School gymnasium. The camp is open to Culver Community students currently in grades 2 through 8. Times are: 8 to 9 a.m. (grades 2 and 3), 9 to 10:30 a.m. (grades 4, 5, and 6), 10:30 a.m. to noon (grades 7 and 8).

Members of the boy's basketball coaching staff and high school players will conduct the clinic. The cost is \$15 for the cost of a camp t-shirt; checks should be made payable to Culver Community High School (note: if a student doesn't want the shirt, there will be no charge). Sign-up forms are available at the front office of the school and must be returned by Friday, May 21.

Questions should be directed to Kyle Elliott, 842-3391.



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## Youth soccer

Coach Marlo Anderson's 3rd and 4th grade boys soccer team pitched its fourth shut-out of the season in defeating Plymouth 3-0.

Goalies Jack Schmiedlin and Caleb Sheridan combined for the shut out. Adrian Craig and Justin Bennett helped fuel the attack for Culver who is now 5-1 on the season. Cody Russell, Fisher Shea and Pat Schmiedlin scored goals. Culver hosts Plymouth on May 22. In the photo above, Culver's Marcellus Anderson drives to the goal against Plymouth Saturday.

the Academies.

Brenna Newell claimed the win in the circle allowing five hits, and she doubled at the plate in CGA's lone extra-base tap of the day. Miranda Kaufman doubled for Triton.  
•CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 15, TRITON 4 (6 innings)  
At Culver  
Triton: 300 001 — 4 5 6  
CMA: 123 036 — 15 15 4  
Brenna Newell (W) and Alexis Christlieb; Katie McPherson (L), Katie Claxon (4) and Claxon, M. Clemons.  
2B: Miranda Kaufman (T), Newell.

#### Dolan powers Lancers over Cavs

Jordin Dolan went 2-for-2 with a double, a three-run home run and six total RBIs to lead LaVille to a 20-3 Northern State Conference softball victory over Culver.

Samantha Hamilton and Christana Newkirk added two hits each for LaVille, while Candice Slater struck out six to earn the victory in the circle.

LaVille improves to 7-8 on the season and 2-5 in the conference.

•LAVILLE 20, CULVER 3  
At Lakeville  
Culver: 003 00 - 3 4 2  
LaVille: 530 (12)X -20 10 4  
Dulin, Vela (2) and Overmyer; Slater and Haygood.

2B: Christana Newkirk (L), Jordin Dolan (L).  
HR: Dolan.  
Records: LaVille 7-8 (2-5 NSC).

### Baseball

#### Culver falls

Culver took its second loss in two days with a 12-4 home defeat at the hands of Elkhart Christian Thursday.

Sam Hendrickson recorded two of Culver's three total hits, a double and a home run.

Culver fell to 4-10 with the decision.

•ELKHART CHRISTIAN 12, CULVER 4  
At Culver  
EC: 226 011 0 — 12 19 0  
Culver: 300 001 0 — 4 3 6  
Caleb Stayton (W) and Austin Curtis; Kyle Vlach (L), Bryce Lindvall (3) and Dennis Davis, A.J. Neace  
2B: Sam Hendrickson (C), Stayton 3, Dalton Lermert (EC), Jared Metz (EC)  
HR: Sam Hendrickson (C)  
Records: Elkhart Christian 5-3, Culver Community 4-10.

#### Cavaliers lose

Jordan Smith led Jimtown to the plate with two home runs and eight RBIs as the Jimmies claimed a high-scoring 20-10 Northern State Conference win in six innings at Culver Wednesday.

Sam Hissong had a dou-

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# Park to stay open 'til 7 pm this summer

## Park Board discusses May 29 opening, other summer plans

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The Culver Park and Recreation board and superintendent Kelly Young met Wednesday evening to discuss and approve plans for the upcoming summer season. However, the first order of business was to address a complaint from Teresa Yuhas about beach pass policies for boat slip rental patrons.

Yuhas asked the board to revisit the beach pass issue discussed at previous meetings. Yuhas, boat slip patron, said they had not been made aware of the policy to give a free beach pass to slip owners. As a result, for three years, the Yuhas family had paid for beach passes in addition to their slip rental fee. Yuhas continued by saying that she had talked with ten slip owners who also were unaware of the free pass policy.

"The superintendent did not act in a responsible manner. New renters were not informed properly about this policy," Yuhas said. "I'm asking that the money collected in error be returned."

Eddie Pinder, board member, replied that this issue had been addressed at a previous meeting and the board had voted to not return the money. "Our superintendent is a steady, sincere, employee. We haven't had this type of problem for the 25 years she has been in charge," he continued. Leroy Bean, park board president, asked Yuhas to continue her poll of boat slip renters and return the results to him. Yuhas agreed and stated that she was disappointed the board was not using a tape recorder for their meetings and she would continue taping the meetings for her own record. The Yuhas family had donated a tape recorder to the board, but the board voted against the use.

Tom Yuhas thanked the board for making progress in addressing the beach pass situation. The superintendent has issued a card to slip owners requesting the names of

family members including grandchildren who are eligible for the beach pass. "I commend the board for making this improvement," Yuhas said.

Connie Van Horn asked the board why there was no meeting in March. Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting was cancelled. "Why didn't you schedule a meeting within the next week or so?" Van Horn continued. Bean replied that there was no pressing business that couldn't be addressed at the April meeting.

Under the business portion of the meeting, the pine tree that was planted in memory of Selestine Ware was discussed. Mike Stallings, Tree Commission president, will ask Gina Darnell, arborist, to assess the condition of the tree. Often called the "Christmas tree", it has become increasingly unsightly. Board members agreed that they wished to maintain a proper memorial to Selestine who was a tireless park volunteer.

Sophomoric acts of vandalism throughout the town of Culver also affected the park. The gazebo had some structural damage that board member, Leon Bennett, has repaired. The lighthouse, beach lodge, boat house, goal posts were all spray painted, Young reported. One pier had the word "Death" sprayed on it and a boat owner complained of damage to their boat. Several informational signs were also damaged. It hasn't been determined the dollar amount of the clean-up and whether insurance will cover that cost.

New hours for the beach will be posted this summer. The board agreed to extend the hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, and that a lifeguard will be on duty at the swimming pier. Young asked the board to approve hiring eight lifeguards for the summer. Additional money became available for this increase when money budgeted for sales tax reimbursement became available.

Money was placed in the park budget to cover the cost of estimated boat rental slip sales tax after which the tax was found to be incorrect. There will be a charge for swimming at the beach until the 7 p.m. closing time.

Young reported the Easter Egg hunt was a big success. There were 1,000 eggs hidden, 624 prizes awarded and 125 children participated. She thanked the Culver Volunteer Fire Dept. for bringing the fire trucks to the park area for the children to see and enjoy.

Leslie Sheppard's fourth grade class will again plant the flower beds in the park and the Culver Tree Commission has mulched the trees in the area. The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council planted several River Birch trees along the shore line.

Boat slip information has been sent. Piers are installed and vendors who install the lifts have been notified. Parking passes can be purchased for \$10 and this will include golf carts, Young said. Handicap exemptions must be filed with the superintendent for approval.

"Do not – repeat -- do not feed the gulls, ducks or geese," the board reiterated. The sign will be prominently displayed. The influx of birds on the beach, if fed, obviously leaves unpleasant reminders.

Tammy Shaffer, board member and liaison with Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, said that LMEC had conducted E-Coli checks and the information was available for board members' review.

A \$4,920 bid to resurface the drive, paint the traffic strips, and fill holes was approved. Young also announced the purchase of four new grills. In answer to a question from Jean Rakich, Bean said a restroom for the West Pavilion is in the works for 2012. Opening day for the park is May 29.

PHOTO/DON FREESE



## Trinity supper aids Culver pantry

LEFT: Proceeds from Trinity Lutheran Church's recent baked potato supper were split with the Culver Food Pantry. The Supper was held April 9 at the Vandalia Station and was generously supported by the Culver community. From the proceeds a total of \$189 was donated to the Food Pantry. Members of Trinity took \$150 of that total and purchased personal products that were on sale at Kroeger.

The personal products, the \$39 balance, and boxes of donated food from the night of the supper were presented to Amy Hutchins, President of Culver Community Council of Churches (above, left) by Susan Elizondo, Chairperson of the supper.

The Food Pantry is always in need of personal products, including bar soap, shampoo, tooth brushes and paste, toilet tissue, cleaning solutions, and more.

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ble for Culver in the loss.

Jimtown improved to 6-1 in the NSC, while Culver remained winless in conference play at 0-7 and 4-9 overall.

• JIMTOWN 20, CULVER 10 (6 innings)

At Culver

Jimtown: 805 331 — 20 12 1

Culver: 413 020 — 10 9 6

Dustin Chafin, Rhys Beuter (3), Jordan Smith (3-W), Branden Weinkauf (5) and Mike Reiner; Bryce Lindvall (L), Sam Hissong (3), Sam Hendrickson (5) and A.J. Neace.

2B: Zach Myers (J), Weinkauf (J), Jordan Owens (J), Hissong (C).

HR: Myers (J), Derek Kelley (J),

Smith (J) 2.

Records: Jimtown 11-5 (6-1 NSC), Culver 4-9 (0-7 NSC).

### Girls tennis

#### CGA beats Central Catholic

Culver Girls Academy's only loss came at 2 doubles, and the Lady Eagles claimed a 4-1 victory over visiting Lafayette Central Catholic in Ioanna Aguilar's return to No. 1 singles play Wednesday.

Both Aguilar and No. 2 Anly Garcia beat their op-

ponents 6-0, 6-0, Paulina Cano won 6-1, 6-0 at 3 singles.

Sonia Shen and Jessica Simon won in straight sets at 1 doubles for CGA.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4, LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 1

At Culver

SINGLES: 1. Ioanna Aguilar (CGA) beat Alyssa Sorenson, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Anly Garcia (CGA) beat Jessica Wade, 6-0, 6-0; 3. Paulina Cano (CGA) beat Katie Murphy, 6-1, 6-0. DOUBLES: 1. Sonia Shen-Jessica Simon (CGA) beat Hali Reifenrath-Sarah Penix, 6-2, 6-3; 2. Maureen Jones-Josie Jones (CC) beat Ashley Dawson-Ana Cano, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

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before, and it offers some of the most popular after-school activities for area youth. Alan Loehr, board director, emphasizes why so many kids are participating in the club: "The kids are not only learning through programs like the Smart Tutor program and Mitch's Kids program, but they are having fun. We have expanded the opportunities for fun by building on our programs, adding more field trips, enhancing our summer programming, and inviting more volunteers and experts who can help our youth work on their academic skills."

The CBGC board is also starting to collect items to be used in the silent auction event. Donated items to the CBGC auction can be dropped off at CulverLodging Realty, located at 218 S. Main St. in Culver.

"We would love to see the same level of participation from area merchants and businesses, out-of-town businesses, and individu-

als who supported us last year," Carol Zeglis, Co-chair of the event and board member, comments. "We are fortunate to have strong community involvement in our silent auction event and through the ongoing support of our programs, volunteers, and monetary donations. It's obvious that many people care about the success of this club."

Those interested in checking out the items up for auction will be able to see them at [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org). "Check back on a regular basis," says Munroe, "as we'll be updating the items in the coming weeks."

"The annual auction provides over 25 percent of our annual operating budget as well as immeasurable program awareness and public relations," Loehr continues. "Each year, every facet of our community rises to the occasion to support the local Boys and Girls Club success story. Let's do it again in 2010."

"We are setting our goals high," adds Zeglis. "We hope to raise \$50,000 with this year's event, and though we know that is a challenge, we also know that our club's success depends on our ability to raise the funds." Helping us out this year are corporate sponsors of the event. Bob Kline, newly retired from Miller Norcen Insurance, has been a tremendous help in organizing our corporate sponsors.

Zeglis adds, "We are so fortunate that local businesses help us year after year, as this is a challenging time to raise funds for any program. Many of these businesses are solicited multiple times, so we are grateful for the response of the businesses and individuals who continue to support us."

Tickets to this year's event can be purchased ahead of time at Gladie's Deli, Michelle's Headquarters, or Osborn's Mini Mart. Tickets are \$40 or 2



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## Medallion employees receive extinguisher training

ABOVE: Representatives from the Culver Fire Department recently visited Medallion Cabinetry in Culver to train 30 employees there in proper fire extinguisher use, an annual endeavor. Pictured from left to right are Jeff Hayworth and Trula Amich of Medallion, Bryce Lindvall, fireman, Anthony Clark, Tony Bradley, Donna Louk, Shawn Minix, and Scott Linhart of Medallion, and Jerry Siler, fireman. Not pictured: fire fighter Ken VanDePutte.

for \$75. They can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event or from a board member. For those who want to make a monetary donation to the CBGC, write a check payable to Culver Boys and Girls Club and mail it to Culver Boys and Girls Club, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

## CCHS graduation

Culver Community High School's graduation exercises will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 28 in the John R. Nelson gymnasium. The day will also be the final day of classes for Culver Community Schools overall.

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because the nature of the sport constantly challenges you to continue to strive to be better than you were last year, last season, or even last week.

As far as the achievements I've listed earlier go, its just like any other runner's resume — there are highlights and successes, but those are only goals that sprung from freshman year achievements, and they work to motivate and re-set goals for next year. I can't say enough good things about training with my coach and team here — my teammates are extremely accomplished and running with them every day has helped me improve so much.

**Q: What is it about distance running that keeps you**

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fire truck. The number of entries and the overwhelming need for apparatus was shocking to contest representatives.

Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department, Leiters Ford, is one of the seven running for the win versus departments in Oregon, Oklahoma, Alabama, New Mexico, Kansas and Michigan.

### Church sale

**Memorial Day wknd**  
Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, located on State Road 10 just east of Culver, will hold a sale at the church May 28 and 29 (the Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Available will be everything from a Craftsman table saw and other tools, to a huge tent, furniture of all kinds to clothing for all sizes, antique glassware to designer shoes...literally something for everyone!

### Grass clippings

### reminder

The Town of Culver would like to remind residents, as lawn-mowing season begins, to take care to prevent grass clippings from accumulating in the streets. Clippings in the street — besides detracting from the aesthetics of the town — plug much-needed storm drains and may seed into cracks in the street, hastening costly deterioration of the pavement there. The town appreciates citizen cooperation in this matter.

### Personal protection whistles available

Attention walkers, bikers, and boaters: a personal protection whistle is a deterrent used to startle an attacker and alert others, giving you time to react and disappear. These items, which come in pink for breast cancer awareness, are available via Pat at 574-842-4876.

### Make-A-Wish volun-

### after it? Are you still enjoying it, and what about it keeps you coming back?

A: Something that's said on our team is that running is "pure, fair, and personal" - I really like this saying because its purely the runner who puts out the performance, its fair because you can't hide anything on the track, and its personal because its all a battle inside your mind and body.

Basically this year has been a story of small improvements adding up in everything, with my best performance probably being the race at Mt. SAC. I like how its so easy to gauge success and improvement in this sport — times

### teers needed

An as-yet unnamed, seven-year-old Culver child has been added to the Make-A-Wish Foundation's list, and Foundation wanted to extend an opportunity to anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for Make-A-Wish. Volunteering entails meeting with the family of the child and following the progress of his or her wish. Those interested in volunteering are asked to pay \$20 for a background check and attend a one-hour training session. If enough volunteers in the area come forward, the Foundation will conduct a training session here so volunteers might not have to travel. Those interested are encouraged to contact Tina Stacey via the Culver Community High School, at 574-842-3391.

### Carillon recitals

John Gouwens, Carillonneur of The Culver Academies, announces the 2010

series of recitals on the 51-bell carillon at the Memorial Chapel, on the campus of The Academies. Recitals will all last approximately one hour, and will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoons. Recitals will be offered May 22, June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, September 4, and October 2. In the event of bad weather, the tower will be open to the public during the recital. Admission is free, and a tour and demonstration of the instrument will be offered following the performance.

### Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library free computer classes in May include Computers for Beginners Part II (Friday, May 14, 10 a.m.), Internet (Monday, May 17, 6 p.m.; Friday, May 21, 10 a.m.), E-Mail (Monday, May 24, 6 p.m.; Friday, May 28, 10 a.m.). For more information, call the Culver Library

at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

### Q: You were named All-Academic Cross Country in 2009 and '10. How do you balance your high-level athletic achievements with your academic ones at such a prestigious university?

A: It's definitely tough to balance academics with the traveling and practice time commitment of the sport, however its definitely become easier with experience. My biggest goal is to be able to excel in both areas of my life and to balance the two as well as I can, while still being a sane and normal college student!

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### OA, AA meetings

Overeaters and Alcoholics Anonymous (open) meditation meetings for any interested person have begun at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. The meetings take place Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Whatever problems you may have with the compulsive habits of overeating or drinking, you are welcome at this 12-step (open) meeting. We read from OA "For Today" and AA "Daily Reflections/24 Hours a Day" meditation and 12-step books, for example. These are free meetings open to any in need.

### County museum dinner May 26

The Marshall County Museum is holding their annual dinner on Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in

Plymouth at Christo's Banquet Center. Dinner will include a show presented by Marshall County 7th graders and their teachers entitled, "Are You Smarter than a 7th Grader?" Tickets are \$ 18 and can be acquired by calling, stopping by or mailing a check to the Marshall County Museum at 123 N. Michigan St. Plymouth IN 46563. Phone number is 574-936-2306.

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).





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## Culver's Shaffer serves as page

INDIANAPOLIS — Kayla Shaffer, 14, an eighth grade student at Culver Community Middle School, recently served as an Indiana House Page Feb. 24 during the 2010 session of the Indiana General Assembly. As a page, students 13 years and older spend the day gaining a greater understanding about state government and how laws are made.

On session days, pages experience how a bill becomes a law as they watch legislators on the House floor debate issues. On committee days, the students witness where a bill receives first consideration and watch hearings where the public submits input.

The Indiana House Page Program is a way for students to become more familiar with the lawmaking process by meeting their State Representative and witnessing how laws are made firsthand.

Shaffer is the daughter of Don and Susan Shaffer, Culver.



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## Lions learn of next month's 'Swim for Kids Sake'

Ultra marathon swimmer Mallory Mead chats with Culver Lions Club president Mike Overmyer following a presentation she made to the Club last month in preparation for her first ever "Swim For Kids' Sake" open water swim on June 12 in Lake Maxinkuckee. The swim will include an open water skills clinic and a 1/2 mile, 1 mile, 5k, 10k, and 4 x 1 mile relay event, and will raise money for two children's charities, the PLGA Foundation and the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Originally from Plymouth, but currently residing in Indianapolis with husband Morgan, Mead has been a competitive swimmer from at the age of five. She swam varsity under legendary coach Bill Powell at Western Kentucky University, from which she graduated Suma Cum Laude (with highest distinction) in 2008. Among her credited swims, Mead said, are the Little Red Lighthouse Swim, a 7.8 mile swim down the Hudson river, the eight mile Boston Light Swim, the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, a 28.5 mile swim around Manhattan Island, and the 21 mile English Channel. As a result of her successful swim of the English Channel in 2008, she was awarded the Channel Swimming Association's Fastest American and Fastest Female for the Year 2008.

Her next adventure will lead her to make an attempt at the Ocean's Seven, a series of seven of the hardest swims in the world, including the English Channel, the Catalina Channel in California, the Molokai Channel in Hawaii; the Tsugaru Strait in Japan, the Cook Strait in New Zealand, the Irish Channel, and the Straits of Gibraltar between Spain and Morocco. If Mallory is successful at these attempts, she will be the first to ever complete the Ocean's Seven. After completion of the Catalina Channel, she will be added to the list of "Triple Crown Swimmers," of which there are currently 35 in the world. The Triple Crown of open water swimming is defined as the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, the Catalina Channel, and the English Channel.

## Culver Library blogging workshop May 19

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, Culver, announces a new introductory class called Blogging for Beginners, a Writing Workshop.

The class meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m., and will meet again this Wednesday, May 19. We will focus on writing techniques, as well as the most popular types of "Blogs." We will author a collective blog and create a network of blogs by which to collaborate and learn together.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Andrew Baker via e-mail at [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us) or by dialing 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library on our website: [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).

This program is free and open to the public.

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Culver Elementary sixth graders (from left to right) Breanna Cooper, Abby Haimbaugh, Diana Hutton, and Katlyn Littleton, with sixth grade teacher Adam Hubert, hold the "straw" graph showing progress on their juice pouch fund raising project. Not pictured: Shea Elliott.

and made use of the school's daily announcements to encourage fellow students of all ages to bring in empty pouches. CES art teacher Joyce Lyman made a large poster measuring the project's relationship to its goal of 5,000 pouches, by showing progress on an artistic rendering of a straw. So far, the girls have collected over 3,000 pouches.

The Culver Community High School, adds Haimbaugh, is helping collect the pouches as well. Littleton notes the project closes the week of May 21, just prior to the end of school. The public is encouraged to bring pouches to the CES front office to help out.

A company called TerraCycle collects, cleans, and then reuses the pouches to create new items – mostly school-related such as backpacks, lunch boxes, and binders – to sell online and in select retail outlets, says Huber. Fifty of the pouches earn the school one dollar, explains Hutton.

But Huber emphasizes the students haven't shown much interest in the oft-asked question of what they feel the money should be used for.

"All the commercials on TV say that our world needs a little break from all the pollution," says Cooper. "We can at least try!"

Adam Huber glances at the pile of juice pouches on his classroom counter, noting it's been "overflowing" with them in recent months. "Think of how much space these would

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take up in a landfill if they were not being shipped to (the company in) New Jersey.

"I was impressed that (the students) took charge and did all the work," he adds. "There wasn't a concern about what we're going to get out of it. They felt it was something good they could do to make a difference."

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