



In Brief

Baseball-softball signups

Culver baseball and softball sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 30, 9 to 11 a.m., at the Culver Public Library. Forms may also be returned to the school, addressed Attention: Lisa Moise, or mailed to Lisa Moise, 7598 Pine Trail Court, Culver, IN 46511.

CES student performances today

Culver Elementary School will be the site of “A Smorgasbord of Song” today, April 21, at 1:15 and 7 p.m. in the gymnasium, according to CES music teacher Kim Morrison. There will be a student choir and band performance Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30 and 7 p.m., also at the gymnasium. Both programs are free and open to the public.

IOOF breakfast

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge # 373 will host an all-you-can eat Pancakes and Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy breakfast Saturday, April 30, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6, and children \$4. The Rebekah Country Store will also featured.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn’s Mini-Mart.

Culver Postmaster to retire

Cindy Shidler, Culver’s Postmaster for the past several years, will soon retire, with April 29 slated to be her last day. Citizens are welcome to drop by to thank her for her work here and wish her well in her retirement.

Port-A-Pit for St. Mary’s bus ministry

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will be have a Nelson’s Port-a-Pit chicken sale Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until all sold out. Cost is \$6 per half chicken. The sale will take place at the Culver Fire Station Parking lot. All proceeds to benefit the bus ministry.

Friends book sale April 29-30

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Relay round four

ABOVE: Scenes from Culver’s fourth annual Relay for Life, held at the Culver Academies Multi-purpose Building. TOP LEFT: Members of Culver Community High School’s Jazz Choir were among those providing entertainment. Pictured here from left to right are Tatiana Randolph, Cameron Turney, Hannah Kline, Josh Walters, Mark Maes, Josh Thompson, Phillip Thompson, Chris Purtell, A.J. Neace, Kevin Hogan, and Larry Clingler (thanks to Tina Stacy for assistance with this photo). LOWER LEFT: Juwan Brescacin, winner of this year’s “Mr. Relay” contest. LOWER LEFT: Relay student organizers pause with Indianapolis Colts player Adam Vinatieri. From left, Riley Scott (who also delivered a moving speech to kick off the luminaria ceremony), Lea Staadt, and Kyle Blankenship. LOWER CENTER: Adorning the track were luminaria bags such as this one for the late Larry Mahler (best known as “Hammer” for the auto repair business of the same name), who lost his battle with cancer last year. LOWER NEAR RIGHT: Natalie Hogan talks about life lessons from cancer during her Fight Back ceremony speech. FAR RIGHT: Young Vedranna Stefanic, a student at Culver Community Schools, holds her luminaria bag whose message sums up the event: “Help us find a cure.”

CITIZEN PHOTOS AND LAYOUT/JEFF KENNEY

Culver’s Corndance closing? Don’t believe the hype, says owner

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Small towns may not actually play host to more rumors than larger cities, but at times



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

George and Tammy Pesek outside the Corndance Cafe in downtown Culver.

small communities like Culver may seem to. One recent rumor has been troubling Corndance Cafe and Marmont Grille owner (and chef) George Pesek and his wife Tammy: that of the restaurant’s impending doom in Culver. “We believe that rumor was started to hurt Corndance,” says George. “We never considered selling Corndance or our home.”

The notion that Corndance, one of Culver’s most popular restaurants, is on its way out may have gained some teeth due to the opening by the Peseks last November 29 of the Corndance Tavern on Grape Road in Mishawaka. Pesek says the new venture “was a great opportunity that arose with our property (in Mishawaka).”

“We’ve been 12 years in Culver,” he explains. “And it’s very, very close to my heart. Corndance (in Culver) will always be my restaurant. It put me on the map. Without it there would be no Corndance in Mishawaka.”

In fact, Pesek emphasizes, he left his “best chef” in Culver to “make sure nothing suffered: not the food, the service, or the reputation.”

The couple still spends quite a bit of time here, he adds, and plans to divide their time between both the Culver and Mishawaka restaurants.

The Corndance Tavern -- so named for its larger (and separate) bar, has cost the Peseks many hours of hard work and

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Monterey Elementary closing rumors surround April 25 meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Rumors have been circulating in the Culver-Monterey area as to the fate of the Monterey Elementary School, a part of the Culver Community School Corporation. Specifically, word has spread that April 25’s school board meeting may officially sound the death knell for the school.

Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt, however, says the future of Monterey Elementary is just one part of a larger discussion planned for the meeting as to possible budget cuts at the state level. As detailed in the March 24 edition of the Culver Citizen, various factors in Culver’s situation -- combined with proposed legislation still in discussion at the statehouse -- will likely cost Culver schools some \$1 million in revenues, if the legislation passes. The school corporation would need to implement cost reductions over a two-year period, in such a situation, to compensate for the loss. And yes,



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Monterey Elementary School

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Culver Relay `11 surpasses first three

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Up to last weekend, Culver’s “little community that could” Relay for Life events had raised \$349,000. After last Friday and Saturday’s Relay, according to organizers, make that \$472,000.

The most recent Culver Relay took in \$123,000, though organizers stress donors may continue to give up to August, which will likely raise the total. It’s obvious the move indoors from the traditional site of the event at the Culver Academies track and football field to its Multi-Purpose Building Friday night to avoid the rainy, cold weather didn’t deter fundraising efforts or participation. And, as in years past, this year’s event was no less a community-wide endeavor which included teams representing local entities ranging from Culver’s fire department to Lions Club, to various facets of the Culver Community Schools. Students at Culver Comm. Middle School, for example, held “penny wars” during the school day Friday to cap off a multi-week campaign towards Relay, while Culver Elementary School held a “hat day” in which students “paid” to wear the hat of their choice to school, all towards Relay, which of course raises funds to fight cancer via the American Cancer Society.

NFL Indianapolis Colts football star Adam Vinatieri was back for his second year in a row, hob-knobbing with participants of all ages and cheerfully posing for photos and signing autographs.

More quietly represented were deceased members of all of Culver’s communities -- Academies, town, lake, and beyond -- by hand-decorated luminaria bags placed around the track and lit with glow sticks during the solemn, silent luminaria ceremony, during which the building’s lights are turned off and the soft glow of the bags -- and walkers’ sticks -- illumines the area.

Kicking off that ceremony was a speech by Academies student Riley Scott, herself a thyroid cancer survivor. Describing her diagnosis with the disease in 6th grade, Scott -- one of the principle organizers of this year’s Relay -- noted her grandmother had just died of breast cancer at the time, and she found herself asking repeatedly, “Why me?”

“Every survivor always mentions how their fight was not fought alone,” said Scott, discussing her parents’ and friends’ support. “As overused as this statement is, it is so true...I believe with all my heart the support system around you literally has the power to fight off the cancer with you and make the biggest difference along the way.”

Though people often respond to the news of cancer diagnosis with expressions of sorrow, Scott emphasized, “I can frankly say I am not sorry for what happened to me. Cancer decided to pay me a visit. Cancer took away the last years of my childhood. Cancer forced me to grow up and destroyed my naïve outlook on the world.

“I realized the cliché phrase from ‘Forrest Gump’ actually holds true,” she concluded. “My box of chocolates is far from Ghirardelli and life is always unpredictable and often unfair; you just have to try and make the best of it.”

As in the past, a host of musical performances and activities adorned the evening, including the ever-popular “Mr. Relay” contest, during which male participants dress in women’s attire and compete to raise funds. In third place with \$56 was Mark Siatta; second place was taken by

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Corndance from page 1



Inside the Corndance Tavern in Mishawaka.

PHOTO PROVIDED

attribute the success to the reputation of Corndance in Culver. You wouldn’t believe how many people say they ate at Corndance in Culver before coming (to the Mishawaka eatery). And they live in Mishawaka!”

The menus between the two Corndances are 95 percent the same, he says, and the wine list is identical. The Mishawaka locale has “a completely different feel, not as cozy as the (Corndance) Cafe is,” though he says the Tavern is a bit more upscale in its appearance.

The new facility has spawned some new items at Culver’s Corndance as well, including pork ham hocks (“very, very popular in Mishawaka,” says George), and starting on Easter Sunday, both will introduce an a la carte (that is, non-buffet) Sunday brunch from 11 to 2.

The Peseks were familiar with Culver from Tammy’s childhood years visiting Lake Maxinkuckee for the summer in the late Fr. Joseph Lenk’s cabin on the lake, from their home in Wheatfield, Ind., some 40 miles west of here. When George and Tammy married, the couple began frequenting Culver from their own home in Chicago, eventually buying a small home on the lake here.

“We felt maybe it would be a great change of lifestyle,” says George of the full-time move here. “We thought so highly of the community. I left a very high-profile job in Chicago to open a restaurant here. That’s how convincing the community was to me 12 years ago when we decided to do this.”

High-profile indeed: note the photo of George with then-First Lady Hillary Clinton, in Chicago, one of many famous fans of his work.

The rumor of the closing of Culver’s Corndance -- and departure of the Pesek family from the area -- was “very upsetting,” says George, so the couple initially decided to squelch it via the restaurants’ Facebook page.

“We love the Culver community,” he says, “and it’s been good to us. We’ve stayed solid for 12 years (at the Corndance). We’ve provided a good service to the community and it’s provided for us. The more good places (to eat) in town, the more places there are for our customers, the better it is for Culver. It’s very precious to us. We’re very proud to say we’re in Culver.”

sacrifice, George says, but “we could never dream to have such a good business there.”

Those in doubt may drive by the Corndance Tavern on a Saturday night and take note of the jam-packed parking lot there.

“Like in Culver, we opened (Corndance Tavern) without any advertising,” George recalls. “It was a very soft opening. (but) we’ve been super busy since day one.

“We 100 percent

Relay from page 1

Guanlin Chen, who raised \$141; and the grand winner was Juwan Brescacin \$146.25 (all three were Academies students).

Earlier, during the evening’s Fight Back Ceremony, another cancer survivor, Natalie Hogan of Plymouth, described her journey from New York to the slower-paced Hoosier state whose more relaxed culture she thought she’d never get used to -- until August, 2009, when cancer forced her hand.

The wife of Academies staff member Mike Hogan and parent of two Academies students, Hogan described losing her father to cancer even in the midst of her own battle.

“My father had said many times throughout his battle that he alone did not have cancer, that his family did,” she noted.

Determining to fight her illness and survive, Hogan said she would “cherish every moment as a gift.

“We take so much for granted in our daily lives. In my hurry to live life to the fullest, I was missing out on the important things that really mattered: the beauty of a sunrise, the tune of a bird singing, the smile of a stranger. I had a family that loved me, friends that truly cared about our family, and did everything they could to support us through this time.”

She encouraged others to reach out to those with cancer rather than holding back, adding she planned to go home and join in the time-honored small-town tradition of sitting on her porch swing “with a glass of tea, and relax(ing) by doing nothing. Maybe just watch(ing) the cars go by.”

Earlier in the week, the Relay cause was bolstered by a \$2,500 check on behalf of the Kelly Cares Foundation and its founders Brian and Paqui Kelly. Paqui Kelly is a two-time cancer survivor and the wife of the University of Notre Dame football coach. They created the non-profit foundation to support initiatives and programs aligned with their goals and values of the Kelly family in health, education, and community.

In her remarks to students, Paqui Kelly stressed that she didn’t beat cancer by herself. It was a combination of family, friends, co-workers, community, and healthcare professionals. Teamwork and determination is what finishes the race, she said, whether it’s earning a diploma or walking all night for Relay For Life.

“Be aware of what small part you can do make a difference. Everything doesn’t have



Paqui Kelly (center), wife of Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly was on campus two days prior to Relay to give a check to (at left) Michael R. Wilcox, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wilcox Financial and Sports Management, and Kyle Blankenship, an Academies senior, from Crown Point.

to be on a grand scale all the time,” she said.

Th a n k s to the staff of Culver Academies Vedette for assistance with this information. Their Relay blog may be read online at thevedette.wordpress.com.

Monterey from page 1

says Schuldt, one topic on the table is the potential closing of Monterey...though it isn’t the only topic.

“We will have an agenda item (on April 25) to begin work on cutting expenses,” says Schuldt, “and the discussion will include the possibility of closing Monterey. It will probably include discussions on several different ways to get to the necessary expense level. Nothing has been decided yet.”

He adds he’s sure there will be some analysis of how dollars would be saved, specifically, if Monterey Elementary closes its doors.

Monterey Elementary, which includes grades kindergarten through 6th, has vascillated between around 135 and 180 students over the past ten years. Closing the school would result in an increase of around six students per classroom in Culver Elementary, where Monterey’s students would presumably go.

Schuldt noted in the March 24 article that the school board had already taken part in a

workshop on various options to cut costs. These included, he said in the article, possible staff cuts and other measures.

“If this budget is passed,” he told the Citizen, “the worst case scenario is, we’re looking at a reduction in teachers and non-certified staff. That means larger class sizes, and it could mean ‘pay-to-play’ in some sports through user fees, or elimination of some of the extra coaching positions, or even elimination of some of the sports we fund. Extracurriculars like art and music suffer. It’s something that’s going to be difficult.

“We have some expenses at Monterey Elementary we have to look at,” he continued.

“Even consideration of whether to keep that building open, even though Monterey has been an exemplary school for several years. But it’s the second smallest K through 6th building in the state of Indiana “

The Culver Community School board will meet Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the administration building on School Street, for its regular public meeting.

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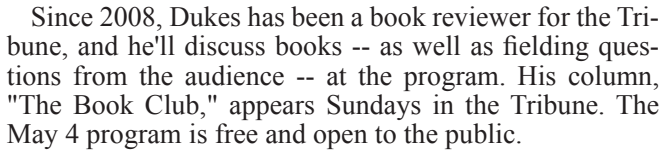
Death notice

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South Bend writer Dukes to speak in Culver



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Letter to the editor

Fantastic show of support for CMA team

As someone who lives in Culver, I saw firsthand the support the basketball players were shown. Buses of students and faculty went down for the championship game (and semi-state game). In addition, some kind alumni members organized a huge gathering of alumni at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis where I saw more alumni turn out than I've ever seen on campus for alumni weekend. Parents, students, faculty, staff, and alumni traveled together and then cheered together as CMA played in the semi-state and state games. Some people even flew into Indy just for the game.

I also saw a display of fan support here in the town of Culver where the community school put up a good luck sign, businesses around town hung posters, a Fan Page on the Culver Facebook page showed parents, alumni, students, and faculty writing messages of support, and where a community wished the players well in little ways and big.

In all of the years I've been associated with Culver, I've never seen the community get so excited about a team's efforts at the semi-state and state games. "Hoosier Hysteria" was alive and on display here in Culver and at both games.

I also attended the state game, and though I noticed there weren't any cheerleaders, I also noticed the wonderful turnout of students, faculty, staff, administrators (the board and head of schools office), alumni, and parents who attended the game. There were more people attending the game on the Culver side than the whole population of Culver.

To me, that's an amazing show of support. I was so proud of Culver as an alumni member, as the Culver town council president, and as a citizen of the town. I think each of the players felt pride by the display of support for all of their efforts this past season. And I know the fans of both games were very proud of the players' efforts. They did indeed play with heart.

What I think Mr. Leonard missed is that so many also showed heart when traveling to Conesco to show their support. Sure, many students were on their Spring break for almost a full week when the game was scheduled, but several of those students took time away to attend the game.

I also think it was fantastic that so many faculty, staff, and administrators of Culver Academies showed up at the game, also taking time away from their Spring vacations. I think everyone who showed their support can feel as good about it as the players must feel by their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Ginny Bess Munroe
Culver Town Council President and CGA graduate,
class of '86

Arrest report

- **Morgan M. Malek**, 27, Culver, was arrested April 12 by the Culver Police Department for failure to appear.
- **Robert R. Heiman**, 24, Culver, was arrested April 13 by the PPD for public intoxication.
- **Diane Clemons**, 47, Culver, was arrested April 15 by the MCPD for failure to appear.
- **Johnnie W. Fuller Jr.**, 40, Culver, was arrested April 17 by the MCPD for two counts of failure to appear and probation violation.

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A night to remember

Culver's Titanic survivor

Editor's note: The RMS Titanic sank 99 years ago this month. As Rev. Houghton details below, the only survivor to settle in Indiana resided in Culver.

For someone who has never so much as wet a toe in the Atlantic, I've had a curious set of coincidental encounters with the loss of the RMS Titanic nearly a century ago. I remember seeing both the 1958 film, "A Night to Remember," and the 1964 musical, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," as Saturday night movies at Eppley Auditorium. When I was in Woodcraft, I think, Lt. Col. Miracle made the old camp song about "the night the great ship went down" part of our Council Fire repertoire. In sixth or seventh grade, I even bought a Scholastic Press paperback edition of Walter Lord's book, "A Night to Remember," on which the movie was based.

When I went back east to college, I was told that the main library building had been given in memory of Harry Elkins Widener (who died on Titanic) by his mother, who had written it into her gift that not a brick of the building could ever be changed. While this story was true, there was another one that went along with it: that Mrs. Widener had also made it a condition that every future student in the college pass a swimming test. This was not true—and, in fact, I never took the swimming test myself. Here at The Hill School, I'm regularly reminded of Harry Widener: he was in the Hill class of 1903, and he's memorialized by a plaque in the Chapel and by two classroom buildings given in his memory—the two closest to my office, as it happens.

A few years ago, on a trip through southern England, I stayed overnight in the great port of Southampton, from which most of the great liners, including the Titanic, sailed. I'd stopped there mostly because the village my family came from is now in the city's suburbs, but I did do some sightseeing in Southampton itself. One of the places I saw was the Maritime Museum, which includes an extensive exhibit about the crew of the Titanic, many of whom lived in the city. My most shocking discovery from the visit was the White Star Line cut off wages and benefits for the ship's lost crew as of the moment it sank on April 15, 1912. People in Southampton are still angry.

So I've encountered the Titanic in film, books, memorials and museums, in Pottstown, Cambridge, and Southampton. But I missed, by a few years, the opportunity to hear about the great shipwreck from one of its survivors, here in Culver. (In what follows, I've drawn particularly on a biographical sketch on the "Encyclopedia Titanica" website, a 1998 Judy Karst article in the Citizen, and an April, 1998, article in the South Bend Tribune.)

In 1912, August Edvard Andersson was a young Swedish socialist journalist and publisher known as "The Yellow Peril." He had attacked the king in print, been brought to trial, and been acquitted; nonetheless, he thought it best to leave the country, at the cost of leaving behind a son, Knut August, and Knut's mother, Selma Haglund (to whom he was not married). He had an offer of a newspaper job in far-off Chicago (The Encyclopedia of Chicago says that by 1910, one out of every five people who had been born in Sweden was living in the Windy City). Having bought Third Class ticket #350043 (price 7 pounds, 15 shillings and 11 pence) in Copenhagen, Andersson traveled to Southampton with Gunnar Tenglin and Carl Jansson. He roomed with Tenglin on Titanic, traveling under the pseudonym "Wennerström" (he had a Socialist friend named Ivar Vennerström, who served as Sweden's Minister of Defense from 1932-36). On shipboard, he met several other Swedes who were emigrating or returning to the US after a visit to the old country, including Edvard and Elin Gerda Lindell and Alma Pålsson and her four children, who were on their way to Chicago to rejoin their husband and father, Nils.

The Titanic struck the iceberg at about 11:40, ship's time, and the Captain ordered women and children to begin loading the lifeboats about 45 minutes later: but there was not an immediate panic. Wennerström later wrote, "I and the rest of my company, (and) nearly everybody left on the Titanic, just stood there, silent and wondering, once in a while slowly walking up and down the deck. We helped a couple Swedish girls into one of the boats, smoked a cigar and had our eyes wide open and noticed everything that was going on but could not feel any sorrow or fright."

It's a notorious fact that the capacity of Titanic's lifeboats was only about 52 percent of the number of people the ship could carry, partly as a result of obsolete regu-

lations (in fact, even the low capacity the Titanic carried was more than the law required). There were twenty boats in all. Two wooden emergency cutters, numbered 1 and 2 (odd numbers were on starboard, even on port), each with a capacity of forty people, were permanently ready, in case they might be needed for such things as rescuing a person who had fallen overboard. The fourteen main lifeboats (3-16) were meant to hold 65 people each—it was these that the Captain ordered to be made ready soon after the collision. Finally, there were four Englehardt

collapsible lifeboats (A-D), with a capacity of 47 each—basically unsinkable flat-decked hulls, with canvas sides that were supposed to be unfolded, a bit like those campers that pop up out of a little trailer. Collapsibles C and D were stored next to the emergency cutters, which meant that they couldn't be used until the cutters were away; A and B were tied down on top of the officers' quarters, near the base of the first of Titanic's four funnels.

Launching the boats was a matter of tragic confusion. Some officers interpreted "women and children first" to mean just that, and allowed some men on to fill up the boat; others didn't let men on their boats at all; some officers were afraid to load the boats to capacity, for fear they wouldn't actually hold the weight; some boats were deliberately launched partly empty so that they could row back for survivors (this eventually saved Mr. Wennerström); boats that were supposed to be lowered from the First and Second Class boat deck to be accessible for Third Class passengers were instead dropped straight to the water. The first boat away was #7, at about 12:45 a.m. Around 1:45, as the bow of the ship went under water, sixteen of the twenty boats had been launched, leaving only #4 and Collapsibles D, A, and B. Wennerström wrote: "Cry, cry everywhere. Prayer and more prayer. Not very often has God been remembered and called on as he was in that night." #4 was away at 1:55, and D at 2:05, by which time water had reached the bridge rail.

While accounts of the last few minutes are understandably confusing (some stories refer to boiler explosions, for example, but experts apparently see no evidence that any such thing happened), it seems as though Collapsibles A and B had been unfastened from their storage space and brought down to the deck in order to prepare them to be lowered into the ocean. B landed upside down on the deck and people were not able to right it before the ship sank (at about 2:20)—it floated away with as many as thirty people clinging to it. People actually managed to get Boat A attached to the lowering devices, but as the angle of the deck grew ever steeper, it had to be cut loose again. It floated away without having its canvas walls unfolded. Wennerström wrote: "The place where [Titanic] went down was immediately filled with drowning people...Many died very quickly, others put up a hard fight but could not stand the chill." (With the salt water at something less than 32 degrees, estimates are that no one could have survived more than about twenty minutes.)

As the ship sank, Wennerström first tried to rescue two of the Pålsson children, but lost hold of them. "For how long a time I was away from the boat, I don't know," he wrote. "When I recovered consciousness, I was floating on top of three human lives interlocked together." He and the Lindells, along with about twenty others, made it the fifty feet to Collapsible A. Mrs. Lindell was unable to climb aboard, and Wennerström couldn't pull her in. He held her hand See Night page 10

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Our Mystery Citizen from last week, Sean Surrisi, has worn several hats in the Culver area, including an association with the Surrisi Art Gallery, a run for judge a couple of years ago, membership in a well-known local family in the restaurant business, and is today an attorney. Among those who recognized him: Patty Stallings, Barb Quivey, Jamie Peacock, Mary Beth Harness, Betsy Jimenez, Julie Bess, Craig Hopple, Michele Trusty, Lynn Overmyer.

This week's Mystery Citizen may throw some readers for a loop, but she's visible out and about in Culver, and is best known in association with a particular local institution.

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.



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Sean Surrisi, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.



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CGA loses at Washington

Culver Girls Academy registered eight hits but plated just one run in a 7-1 loss at South Bend Washington Monday.

Kyleigh Beeker doubled for the Lady Eagles, while Natalie Bittles took the loss inside the circle.

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CGA battery: Natalie Bittles (L) and Alexis Christlieb.

2B: Stella Serne, Kyleigh Beeker (CGA).

Big 4th lifts CGA over Culver

Culver Girls Academy put up 11 runs in the fourth inning en route to a five-inning, 25-9 victory over visiting Culver Community Wednesday.

CGA racked up 11 hits to Culver's five to make up for five errors in the win.

Kayla Shaffer doubled for the Lady Cavaliers in the game's only extra base hit.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 23, CULVER COMMUNITY 9 (5 innings)

At Culver

Culver: 043 20 — 9 5 2

CGA: 102 (11)2 — 25 11 5

Natalie Bittles (W), Stella Serne (5) and Gracen Hirschy; Lindsey VanHorn (L), Abby James (3) and Allie Overmyer.

2B: Kayla Shaffer (CC)

LaVille dimes CGA in six

LaVille scored 13 runs off 10 hits and five errors by the Lady Eagles to win 13-1 in six innings at Culver Girls Academy Thursday.

Hannah Herbstster went 3 for 4 at the plate, while Brittany Norton doubled twice for LaVille in the win.

Kyleigh Beeker was 3 for 3 with a double and a triple for CGA, which scored just one run off seven hits.

• LAVILLE 13, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1 (6 innings)

At Culver Academies

LV: 232 006 — 13 10 1

CGA: 000 001 — 1 7 5

Candice Slater (W) and Brittany Norton; Natalie Bittles (L), Alexis Christlieb (4) and Samantha Siebel.

2B: Kyleigh Beeker (CGA), Gracen Hirschy (CGA), Norton 2 (LV).

3B: Beeker (CGA)

Records: LaVille 2-2, Culver Girls Academy 1-4.

Baseball

Bartelman lifts CMA over Culver Community

Kyle Bartelman recorded two hits and knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh as Culver Military trumped visiting Culver Community 3-2 Thursday.

Brian Nelson was 3 for 3 at the plate for the Cavaliers, who slid to 3-2 on the year.

• CULVER MILITARY 3, CULVER COMMUNITY 2

At Culver Academies

CC: 000 002 0 — 2 6 2

CMA: 002 000 1 — 3 8 2

Perley Provost (W, 1-0) and Kevan Bjornson; Bryce Lindvall (L) and A.J. Neace.

2B: Kyle Bartelman.

Records: Culver Community 3-2, CMA 2-0.

Cavs fall to Zebras

Culver committed eight errors and gave up two home runs in a 12-3 loss against visiting Rochester Monday.

The Cavaliers slid to 3-2 on the year, while starting pitcher Collin Stevens took the loss on the mound to fall to an even 1-1.

• ROCHESTER 12, CULVER 3

At Culver

Rochester: 230 400 3 — 12 15 1

Culver: 001 020 0 — 3 5 8

Cyrus Holland (W, 1-0), Travis Wottring (5), Peyton Showley (7) and Jon O'Dell; Collin Stevens (L, 1-1), Kyle Vlach (5) and A.J. Neace.

2B: Cahner Thompson (R)

HR: Cameron Screeton (R), Travis Wottring (R)

Records: Culver 3-2, Rochester 2-2.

Girls lacrosse

McHugh powers Lady Eagles

Maeve McHugh scored a total of 10 goals apiece and also tallied three assists as Culver Girls Academy beat visiting Noblesville 17-4 and Brebeuf 15-10 Saturday at the

Academies.

Olivia Rabbitt recorded nine goals on the day, while Shawna Lesperance scored five, and Helen Hanson registered four saves in each of CGA's two wins.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 17, NOBLESVILLE 4

At Culver

CGA statistics

GOALS: Olivia Rabbitt 5, Maeve McHugh 5, Annie Morsches 2, Shawna Lesperance 2, Katie Bradford 1, Sarah Barry 1, Kiira Vazales 1.

ASSISTS: McHugh 2, Morsches 1, Barry 1.

SAVES: Helen Hanson 4

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 15, BREBEUF 10

At Culver

CGA statistics

GOALS: Maeve McHugh 5, Olivia Rabbitt 4, Shawna Lesperance 3, Sarah Barry 2, Deirdre McCluskey 1.

ASSISTS: McCluskey 2, Barry 1, McHugh 1

SAVES: Helen Hanson 4

Rabbitt scores 5 as CGA routs Penn

Olivia Rabbitt scored five goals to lead Culver Girls Academy in a 14-2 rout of visiting Penn Wednesday.

Maeve McHugh scored three times, and Shawna Lesperance scored twice in the win for CGA.

Helen Hansen had four saves for the Lady Eagles as CGA outshot Penn 21-6.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 14, PENN 2

At Culver

First Half

Shawna Lesperance (CGA), 24:14; Olivia Rabbitt (CGA), 18:53; Katie Bradford (CGA) 13:12; Maeve McHugh (CGA) 12:55; Lesperance, 10:03; Rabbitt, 9:32; McHugh, 8:49; Kelsi Carr (CGA) 2:25.

Halftime Score: CGA 8, Penn 0.

Second Half

Deirdre McCluskey (CGA) 19:13; Sarah Kiefer (P) 17:51; Morgan Osborn from Carr (CGA) 15:20; Ann Zdziebko (P) 4:23; Rabbitt from Carr, 3:33; McHugh from Osborn, 1:38; Rabbitt from Lesperance, 0:58; Rabbitt from Carr, 0:41.

Shots on goal: Penn 6, CGA 21. Saves: Helen Hansen (CGA) 4; Katie Riley (P) 4, Jordan Perkins (P) 4.

Girls tennis

CGA hands Knox first loss

Knox took its first loss of the year at Culver Girls Academy, as the Lady Eagles handed the Redskins a 4-1 loss Thursday.

Knox's lone win came at 3 singles, where Shelby Gilbert beat Pita Navarro in two competitive sets, 6-4, 7-5.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4, KNOX 1

At Culver Academies

Singles: 1. Ioanna Aguilar (CGA) beat Kierstynn Combs, 6-0, 6-1; 2. Paulina Cano (CGA) beat Elizabeth Caudill, 6-1, 6-0; 3. Shelby Gilbert (K) beat Pita Navarro, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles: 1. Andrea Simon-Jessica Simon (CGA) beat Katelyn Peter-Brittany Shannon, 6-0, 7-6 (8-6); 2. Sonia Shen-Natalia Lopez-Yanez (CGA) beat Chelsea Collins-Kelsey Thomas, 6-4, 6-0.

Boys golf

CMA finishes 2nd at Twin Lakes meet

Culver Military Academy finished four strokes off the team win with a 325 for second place behind winner Harrison's 321 at the Twin Lakes Invitational at Tippecanoe Country Club in Monticello.

James Kinsey shot a team-best 78 for sixth place overall to lead the Eagles, while Andrew Eiler and John Connelly turned in dual 81s, and T.J. Selby shot an 85 at the meet.

• TWIN LAKES INVITATIONAL

At Tippecanoe Country Club (Par 72) Monticello

Team scores: 1. Harrison 321, 2. Culver Military Academy 325, 3. West Lafayette 325, 4. Benton Central 329, 5. Twin Lakes White 329, 6. Central Catholic 336, 7. Portage 340, 8. Western 342, 9. Peru 347, 10. Rensselaer 348, 11. Winamac 351, 12. McCutcheon 352, 13. Frankfort 371, 14. Clinton Prairie 385, 15. Rochester 394, 16. Twin Lakes Red 400, 17. Kankakee Valley 403, 18. Logansport 424, 19. Pioneer 440.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Sean Busch (West Lafayette) 75, 2. Mitch Wolf (Winamac) 76, 3. TIE Mitch Schluttenhofer 77, 3. TIE Luke Brzezinski (Harrison) 77, 3. TIE Blake Russell (Twin Lakes White) 77, 6. TIE James Kinsey (CMA) 78, 6. TIE Travis Smith (Peru) 78, 6. TIE Justin Woods (Harrison) 78, 9. TIE Jim Talley (Portage) 79, 9. TIE Mason Sandy (Central Catholic) 79.

CMA (325): James Kinsey 78, Andrew Eiler 81, T.J. Selby 85, Alan Kuesterman 89, John Connelly 81.

Triton beats Culver

No. 18 Triton beat Culver 156-186 in a dual Northern State Conference golf meet at Rozella-Ford Thursday.

Quentyn Carpenter led the Trojans with a 36 followed by Taran Kennedy's 39, while Culver was led by Zach Duplay's round of 42.

• TRITON 156, CULVER 186

At Rozella-Ford (Par 35)

TRITON (156): Taran Kennedy 39, Griffyn Carpenter 41, Quentyn Carpenter 36, Ryan Rapp 44, Wil Rettinger 40.

CULVER (186): Zach Duplay 42, Luke Dunfee 46, Trent Elliott 46, Joe Paolini 59, Kyle VanDePutte 52.

Boys track and field

Culver finishes 7th at Churubusco Invite

Churubusco won the home invite with 180 points, while Culver Community finished seventh with 41.5 points at the Churubusco Invitational Saturday.

Jeremiah Harvey finished first and second in the discus and shot put with respective distances of 136'11" and 48 feet flat, while fellow thrower Max Burgess finished third and fifth in the events with respective tosses of 124'2" and 41'1".

Cole Flora placed sixth in both the 100 and 200 at the meet, while Larry Clingler cleared 5'8" to tie for fifth in the high jump, and the Cavaliers' 1600 relay team placed eighth with a time of 4:08.

• CHURUBUSCO INVITATIONAL

At Churubusco

Team scores: Churubusco 180, Eastside 56, Jimtown 56, Manchester 54, Fremont 53, Woodlan 49.5, Culver Community 41.5, Pioneer 37, Wabash 32, Southern Wells 3, Bluffton 26, North Miami 8.

Culver edges Tippy Valley

Bremen topped the pile, while Culver edged out Tippecanoe Valley 45-44 in a three-way track meet Tuesday.

Josh Brenneman won the 300 hurdles and long jump and ran the opening leg for Bremen's winning 1600 relay, while Thomas Dean won the 3200 and ran on the Lions' winning 3200 relay squad, while Jack Jordan ran legs for Bremen's 3200 and 1600 relays and captured an individual win in the 800.

Jeremiah Harvey and Max Burgess went one-two in the shot and the discus, while Larry Clingler won the high jump, Levi Bennet won the 400, and Cole Flora won the 200 for Culver.

• BREMEN 67, CULVER COMMUNITY 45, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 44

>From Tuesday

3200 Relay: 1. Bremen (Michael Ricketts, Matt Kertai, Thomas Dean, Jack Jordan) 9:03.4, 2. Tippecanoe Valley 10:00; 110 hurdles: 1. James Gregory (TV) 15.94, 2. Josh Brenneman (B) 16.2; 100: 1. Justin Gunter (TV) 11.69, 2. Cole Flora (C) 12.0; 1600: 1. Michael Ricketts (B) 4:57.15, 2. Thomas Dean (B) 4:58.03; 400 Relay: Tippecanoe Valley 1:46.23, 2. Culver 48.11; 400: 1. Levi Bennet (C) 55.55, 2. Ryan Zellmer (B) 56.12; 300 hurdles: 1. Josh Brenneman (B) 41.4, 2. James Gregory (TV) 41.7; 800: 1. Jack Jordan (B) 2:08.4, 2. Nolan Sponseller (TV) 2:13.6; 200: 1. Cole Flora (C) 24.6, 2. Justin Gunter (TV) 25.2; 3200: 1. Thomas Dean (B) 11:02, 2. Matt Kertai (B) 11:38.17; 1600 Relay: 1. Bremen (Josh Brenneman, Ryan Zellmer, Jack Jordan, Robbie Hummel) 3:41, 2. Tippecanoe Valley 3:56.39; Long Jump: 1. Josh Brenneman (B) 19-8.5, 2. Justin Gunter (TV) 19-8; High Jump: 1. Larry

Girls track and field

Zehner scores 10 for Culver

Bremen beat Tippecanoe Valley 79-64, while Culver Community's one-woman team scored 10 points in a three-way meet Tuesday.

Jenna Pfeiffer, Jasmine Shaffer and Megan Burcham claimed three wins apiece for the Lady Lions, while Paige Weldy was a member of Bremen's winning 400 and 1600 relays.

Culver's Gwen Zehner won both the shot put and the discus.

• BREMEN 79, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 64, CULVER 10

>From Tuesday

3200 Relay: 1. Bremen (Jenna Pfeiffer, Jorgi Klockow, Amy Fanning, Megan Burcham) 11:54, 2. Tippecanoe Valley 13:11; 110 hurdles: 1. Jenna Pfeiffer (B) 17.28, 2. Kaley Gann (B) 18.00; 100: 1. Emily Madrigal (TV) 13.31, 2. Jasmine Schaffer (B) 13.6; 1600: 1. Megan Burcham (B) 5:57, 2. Robin Erkin (TV) 6:05.1; 400 Relay: 1. Bremen (Jasmine Shaffer, Vianca Montes de Oca, Paige Weldy, Shannon Miller) 54.14, 2. Tippecanoe Valley 56.88; 400: 1. Jasmine Schaffer (B) 1:06.9, 2. Jorgi Klockow (B) 1:08.7; 300 hurdles: 1. Jenna Pfeiffer (B) 51.23, 2. Brittney Pittman (B) 53.3; 800: 1. Amy Fanning (B) 2:48.95, 2. Abby Higgins (TV) 2:59.3; 200: 1. Emily Madezul (TV) 28.77, 2. Paige Weldy (B) 29.4; 3200: 1. Megan Burcham (B) 13:25, 2. Robin Corklin (TV) 13:35.73; 1600 Relay: 1. Bremen (Jasmine Schaffer, Shannon Miller, Paige Weldy, Kaley Gann) 4:43, 2. Tippecanoe Valley 5:13.03; Long Jump: 1. Mikayla Wireman (TV) 14-5.5, 2. Kaley Gann (B) 13-10; High Jump: 1. Jenna Pfeiffer (B) 5-0, 2. Mikayla Wireman (TV) 4-4; Shot Put: 1. Gwen Zehner (C) 34-5, 2. (TV) 30-10 Fuller; Discus: 1. Gwen Zehner (C) 105-11, 2. Fuller (TV) 84-8.

Boys lacrosse

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as long as he could; when she drifted away, her wedding ring slipped off into his hand. Wennerström turned to give it to Edvard: his hair had turned white, and he seemed to have aged sixty years—then Wennerström realized that the husband, too, had died.

Without its sides up, the shallow collapsible boat was not much better than a raft in the icy water. Encyclopedia Titanica quotes Wennerström as saying: "All the feeling had left us. If we wanted to know if we still had legs... left, we had to feel down in the water with our hand. The only exercise we got was when someone gave up hope and died, whom we immediately threw overboard to give the live ones a little more space and at the same time lighten the weight of the boat." By dawn, at least half a dozen bodies had been jettisoned.

The RMS Carpathia arrived at 4:10 and began taking aboard survivors. Meanwhile, Fifth Officer Harold Lowe, in Boat #14, had gathered together four other boats, distributed his 58 survivors into them, and returned, as originally ordered, to look for more. He found only four men still alive to be rescued, and one of those soon died. About dawn, however, Lowe encountered Collapsible A and took off Wennerström and the ten or eleven others who had lived through the night. He left three bodies on the boat, which was found about a month later, drifting some 200 miles away, by the White Star Lines' Oceanic. Mrs. Lindell's wedding ring was still on board, and was eventually returned to her father.

Carpathia delivered the survivors to New York on April 18. Wennerström was given temporary shelter at a Salvation Army facility, then sent on to Chicago with \$25 from the Salvation Army and \$100 from the Red Cross. It was at the Salvation Army in Chicago that he met Naomi Johnson, whom he eventually married. Around 1918, they decided to move to Culver (or, at least, to visit here—stories differ). At the same time, the Academy was expecting the arrival of a new gardener, named "Leo," to work particularly for Mr. E. R. Culver. Somehow, Andersson / Wennerström was confused with the gardener, and when the fellow never showed up, August ended up getting both his job and yet another (nick)name, "Leo." He and Naomi had a daughter and six sons, one named Leo (a grade school

classmate of my mother's) and one Culver. Wennerström quickly became Superintendent of Building and Grounds at the Academy, a position he held until 1941.

Mr. Wennerström frequently spoke at the Academy and in town about his experience on Titanic, but that was not the only area of his civic involvement. A 1933 article in the CMA Vedette reports that he gave 1000 two year old Norwegian Spruce seedlings to local schoolchildren, at his own expense, as a way of beautifying the town.

As the Editor reported in an article in October of 2009, Culver developed a second link to the Titanic in 1946 when Nils Pålsson (by then Anglicized to Paulson) finally remarried and retired to Culver, presumably because he had been in touch with Wennerström. He and his wife Christina lived at 605 William Street (immodestly named for himself by my great-grandfather William), but he owned a garden plot on Thorn Road, next to the home of Allen and Rosemary Weaver, where he planted four maple seedlings, apparently in memory of the four children he had lost decades before.

August Wennerström died on November 22, 1950, Nils Paulson, on September 21, 1964: both are buried in the Culver Masonic Cemetery. Alma Pålsson's body, recovered from the north Atlantic, was buried in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on May 8, 1912. Her children were never found.

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

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Friends honor CUTPL staff

The Friends of the Culver Public Library honored library staff members with five years or more of service, at the Friends' annual banquet for staff and board members during National Library Week (April 11 - 17). Friends members prepared a meal with all the trimmings for staff and those board members in attendance, and distributed to honorees hand-made recognition cards with cash gifts. Pictured, from left to right, are Jim Faulkner (five years' service), Polly Thompson Wolf (10 years), Shirley Gut (16 years – the employee with most years at the library), Ali Gaskil, Andrew Baker (both five years), and Linda Johnston (14 years). Not pictured, but also recognized, is Britta Krzanowski (five years).

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The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold their book sale Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. All are welcome, and proceeds support various library endeavors.

Water problem info sought

The town of Culver is soliciting response from townspeople who have experienced water problems pertaining to water pressure, dead-end lines, water filtering or drinkability. The town is applying for a grant to fund an analysis of Culver's water system and treatment plant. Letter may be sent to the Town Hall (200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN 46511) or by calling 574-842-3140. Information must be received by April 30.

90 cards for Walker's 90th

Ruth Walker, longtime site director for Culver's REAL Meals, will celebrate her 90th birthday April 24. In lieu of a party, assistant director Jeanette Geiselman hopes to coordinate at least 90 birthday cards for Mrs. Walker. The community is encouraged to send cards to the REAL Services Nutrition Site, 819 Lake Shore Drive, Culver, IN 46511.

Community meal at St. Mary's Apr. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Saturday, April 30. The meal that evening will be picnic food (hamburg-

ers and hot dogs, and all the trimmings). This will be the last monthly meal for the spring -- they will resume following a break for summertime. The community meal is for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Tri Kappa art show April 30 wknd.

Culver Tri Kappa has announced its 9th annual Student Art Show April 30 through May 1, 2011 at the Culver Cove ballroom. The show is open to any student from the Culver Community High School, Middle School and Culver Academies.

Judged categories include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, three-dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite artist and exhibit in the People's Choice category.

The public is invited to visit during the following hours: Saturday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1, from noon to 3 p.m.

Dance Vision April 30, May 1

Culver Academies will offer its Dancevision performance Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 1 at 2:30 p.m., in the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. The free program includes student-performed ballet and modern dances. The public is welcome to attend.

Donations sought

for Lions flea market

The Culver Lions Club is taking donations of miscellaneous items and household goods for the Spring Flea Market on May 7. No televisions will be accepted. Call Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460.

The collection is for the Club's annual Spring Fest, including a pancake and sausage breakfast, bake sale, and flea market, which will be Saturday, May 7 at the railroad station in the town park. Breakfast is from 6 to 11 a.m., the bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m., and the flea market from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spring leaf pickup

The town of Culver will pick up leftover autumn leaves throughout the town during the week of May 2 through 6. Residents are reminded not to place leaves directly in the roadway, but confine them to their yards. Questions may be directed to the town hall at 574-842-3140.

VFW scholarship fun-raiser May 14

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a smoked chicken dinner, part of its Culver Community High School scholarship fund raiser, at the Post at 108 East Washington Street. Baked beans and chips are included in the meal, but availability is limited, so get tickets now. The dinner takes place Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per dinner. Tickets are available behind the bar.

Farmers' Market opens in May

The Culver Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open from May 14 through October 8, each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets, across from CVS, the market features fresh produce, plants, fresh flowers, herbs, local honey and sorghum, eggs, meat, processed jams, salsa and pickles, baked goods, and an assortment of handmade crafts.

Chairs for Charity artists sought

Anyone can create a chair to be auctioned at this year's June 12 Culver Tri Kappa "Chairs for Charity" event. Drop off chairs from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, at 922 Lakeshore Drive (the corner of Lakeshore and Academy Road). The chairs will then be on "parade" at Culver businesses until the event. The event will be held in the Culver Academies' Dining Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information please email chairs@deadline-driven.com, call Rhonda Anderson at 574-842-2169, or Chairs chairman, Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

Free computer

classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free computer classes in April take place Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., each lasting two hours. Classes include Internet (April 22), and E-Mail (April 25 and 29). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 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. Residents should provide their address and the date(s) of their sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Scouts seeking donation for Liberty Tour

Three Culver area Boy Scouts have been working

hard to raise funds to take part in the Boy Scouts of America's Liberty Tour of historic sites pertinent to American history in the Boston, New York, and Philadelphia areas this summer. Those needing jobs by the boys (for a contribution) or wishing to donate funds may call Ruth, at 574-216-5041, or 574-842-4432, and leave a message. Checks should be payable to Boy Scout Troop 229). The Troop may be found online at www.bsa229.net.

Kiwanis-Collins-Marina bass tournament May 7

The Culver Kiwanis-Collins & Co.-Marina team charity bass tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee will take place Saturday, May 7. Entry fee is \$70 per team if the entry is received by April 15 (\$80 per team if paid the day of the tournament). Tournament hours are from legal sunrise (6:30 a.m.) to 2:30 p.m. Weigh-in and release of fish will begin at 2:30 at the Culver Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in. Those with questions may email volkerts@msn.com or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

Bed and breakfast fees, other items on Council docket

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver’s Town Council last week agreed to look into (and vote upon, at its next meeting) a request from Nick and Gina Hnatusko, owners and proprietors of bed and breakfast Inn by the Lake, on Lake Shore Drive.

The couple attended the April 12 Council meeting to protest a \$15 monthly sewer charge per room, a fee they said isn’t charged to comparable businesses in Culver. Gina Hnatusko noted the fee, which Town Clerk Casey Howard said is the standard sewer rate, was added recently, with no explanation or notice to the business.

Town Manager Michael Doss explained the charge was added when its absence was discovered and regarded as an oversight on the town’s part. Noting Inn by the Lake has nine rooms, Doss said the town is regarding the business as falling into the same category as condotel the Culver Cove, and that Culver’s ordinances call for a sewer charge per room.

Noting the Hnatuskos compared Main Street Manor in Culver as a similar operation, Doss said the town interpreted the two operations as different.

“Main Street Manor is (seen as) a large house,” said Doss. “They rent the rooms of the house; the Inn is more like a hotel.”

Main Street Manor has 12 rooms, it was explained, each with its own bathroom, as is the case with Inn by the Lake.

Hnatusko argued the Inn isn’t comparable to the Culver Cove, in which each unit has multiple bathrooms and a kitchen. Each room in the Inn, she said, has a small bathroom and shower. Further, the Hnatuskos live at the Inn and rent it “like a bed and breakfast.” She added only four rooms are open during half of the year.

Council member Ralph Winters said he’d like more information on the size of the Inn’s sewer line, but felt the Hnatuskos had a valid position, something with which several Council members agreed. The Council opted to vote on the matter at its next meeting.

In other discussion, Clerk Howard asked the Council for an additional \$2,386.75 towards Culver’s sidewalk sharing program, noting the Council has received six requests for cost sharing on creation of new sidewalks via the program, which encourages residents to replace or conduct major repairs of sidewalks outside their homes by sharing the cost using town funds designated for the purpose.

Due to relatively low use of the program in recent years, the amount allotted for it had been reduced to \$5,000, though Howard noted present requests exceeded \$7,000 and she hoped the Council would allow funds to be provided to make up the difference.

The Council approved up to \$2,400, pending investigation into whether funds from an Indiana Department of

Transportation Safe Routes to School grant would cover one of the proposed sidewalks, on South Main Street.

Doss told the Council a recent survey of South Ohio Street between Mill and Davis Streets -- part of a complete repaving and replacement of curbs and gutters on that street currently underway -- has revealed the town owns five feet off the shoulder of the roadway on each side, more than was previously understood.

Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason, in the audience, urged Council members not to give up the newly-discovered property to homeowners along the street. Council members agreed to investigate and discuss the matter more fully at a work session planned for later that week.

Doss said curb and guttering should take about three weeks, while repaving of the street should begin by May 16. “It should be a really nice project when it’s finished,” he said.

Water and sewer lines are also being installed for Culver’s upcoming Garden Court senior living facility on South Main Street, he added. That project broke ground earlier this month.

The Council amended ordinance 2011-002 on second and third readings, allowing inclusion of professional business corporations (specifically in this case, a CPA firm) to operate on a case-by-case basis in areas in Culver designated R1, or Residential.

\$1,790 was approved to replace the door of Culver’s EMS garage, and an annual preventative maintenance agreement for the town’s water and sewer generators was approved for \$2,094.94.

Approved also was the hiring of the Troyer Group to handle design work for Culver’s Safe Routes to School, a grant-funded sidewalk overhaul. Doss requested the move, noting the 18-step process dictated by the state in selecting an engineer could cost several months in moving the project forward. Doss noted Troyer’s bid was lowest, at between \$19,650 and \$25,512 plus reimbursables.

An ordinance was also passed adding a four-way stop sign at Ohio Street and Hawkins Court. Second and third readings of that ordinance are slated for the next Council meeting. A preventative maintenance inspection and radiator replacement at the Madison Street sewer lift station was approved at \$1,424.03. Dangerous entry, and cleaning and maintenance at the Prado Street lift station totaled \$4,610.

Howard noted Culver’s town-wide garage sale is April 29 and 30, while the Lions Club flea market is May 7 and town-wide cleanup May 14.

Approved was a request by Patty Stallings of the Culver Chamber of Commerce to shut down part of Jefferson Street from Main to Ohio for the Taste of Culver festival, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 18.

Maxinkuckee Singers announce schedule



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Maxinkuckee Singers members are (from left): Front row, Brian Liechty, Matt Sutton; second row, Julie Scott, Andrea Mallory, Becky Liechty, and Laura Snipes; third row, Joy Ritenour, Kathy Overmyer, Beth Webster (director), Betty Martens (keyboard), and Sharon Coffey; fourth row, Gregg Underwood, Dan Adams, Judy Patton, Charlie Weaver, and Jim Oliverius.

CULVER — Maxinkuckee Singers will present spring concerts called “Makin’ Music - 2011” in this area in a few weeks. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. The show in Knox is at 6:30 p.m. Central time. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to performances.

Dates and venues are as follows: **May 5** at Trinity United Methodist Church, 811 Jefferson St., Rochester; **May 9** at First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth; **May 11** at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver; **May 16** at Bremen United Methodist Church, 302 W. Plymouth St., Bremen; **May 17** at Knox United Methodist Church, 201 S. Shield St., Knox.

Under the direction of Beth Webster with Betty Martens at the keyboard, this not-for-profit group has been entertaining the Marshall County area for more than 26 years. The group offers a wide variety of popular, sacred, standard, comedy and dance numbers, solos, duets — truly something for everyone. This spring’s shows are free to the public with a freewill donation accepted. For further information call Beth at 574-546-4230.

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Strong 2nd half cues CMA win
Culver Military scored four goals in the second half, while shutting out Detroit Country Day in the final two quarters for a 9-5 victory on the road in Beverly Hills, Mich.
Joel Tinney scored three goals, and Bud Graham scored twice for CMA, while Kyle Trolley tallied a goal and an assist and Cameron Dabir recorded two assists for the Eagles, who moved to 9-1 on the season.

• CULVER MILITARY 9, DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 5
At Beverly Hills, Mich.
Score by quarters
CMA 2 3 3 1 — 9
DCD 3 2 0 0 — 5
CMA scoring
Goals: Joel Tinney 3, Bud Graham 2, Zach Thompson 1, Kyle Trolley 1, Dean Ferris 1, Riley Thompson 1.
Assists: Cameron Dabir 2, Trolley 1.
CMA record: 9-1.