

## In Brief

### CCHS test prep starts April 3

SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School will begin in April.

Beginning Tuesday, April 3, Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion and continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 a.m.

Beginning Wednesday, April 4, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m.

The SAT will be offered May 7 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 8; late registration is April 20.

The ACT will be offered June 11 at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 4.

Registration packets are available from the guidance department.

Alternate SAT test date is June 2 at Culver Academies.

### VFW Men's Auxiliary chicken dinner

Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host a smoked, half-chicken dinner Saturday, April 14 from 1 p.m. until sold out, at the VFW Post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Cost is only \$7 per dinner and proceeds will benefit the group's Culver Community High School Scholarship Fund.

### CBC Easter wknd schedule

Culver Bible Church will celebrate Easter with the following services: Good Friday, 7 p.m. (communion will be observed); Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m. at the park; Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend. The church is located at 718 S. Main St. For more information, contact Pastor Dan at 842-3056.

### New Trio will perform April 10

Award winning chamber musicians The New Trio will perform in Culver Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at Culver Academies' Legion Memorial Building. The New Trio has appeared throughout the U.S. to popular and critical acclaim, emerging as one of the pre-eminent piano trios of its generation. The concert is free and open to the public.

### Community meal at Grace April 15

## Eastertime fun

Culver's annual Easter egg hunt once again drew a large crowd of children and parents, in spite of comparably chilly temperatures and overcast skies. One new addition to the proceedings was the presence of the Easter Bunny, pictured here visiting with 6-year-old Drew Parkerson (UPPER LEFT). During the mad scramble for Easter eggs, Hayden Hopple (left) and Drew Harrell, both age 9 (UPPER RIGHT) each grab an egg. Hayden is the son of Culver Elementary School assistant principal Craig Hopple and his wife, Hillary. As in past decades, Culver parks and recreation director Kelly Young and the parks staff hid hundreds of eggs and distributed scores of prizes in the form of toys and treats, to participants.

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Pictured from left are Bruce Rearick, Plymouth-based director of the Pete Dye Golf Trail, Mystic Hills Golf Course owner Lisa Pugh, Lt. Gov Stillman, and Mike Woolfigton, director of the Marshall County Tourism Board.

## Lt. Governor visits Mystic Hills to promote statewide Dye Trail

CULVER — Lt. Governor Becky Skillman visited Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver Tuesday to encourage Hoosiers to play some of Indiana's beautiful golf courses this year, as well as to promote the Pete Dye Trail, a group of courses designed by Lake Maxinkuckee resident and internationally acclaimed golf course designer Pete Dye. Indiana boasts more courses than anywhere else in the world designed by Dye, considered by many as the father of modern golf course architecture.

"With some of the best courses in the country located here in Indiana, this spring break is a perfect time to take advantage of what's in your own backyard," said Skillman, overseer of the state's

tourism office.

The Lt. Governor flew to Mystic Hills -- the northernmost course on the Dye Trail -- by helicopter, and there met with staff as well as owner Vicki Pugh, Bruce Rearick, Plymouth-based director of the Pete Dye Golf Trail statewide, and director of Marshall County



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

The recently redesigned entryway to Mystic Hills Golf Course reflects its status on the Dye Trail.

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## Lions hear of Henley's Tuskegee Airmen connection, future of museum

Staff report

The Culver Lions Club's regular meeting last week was focused on history, both of a local and international nature.

Rachel Meade, director of the Center for Culver History museum opened the evening's programs with a discussion of the value museums provide to communities, from their preservation of artifacts (Culver's museum preserves over 1,000 objects, Meade noted), to their centrality, nationally, in educating the public. She added museums make people feel connected to their communities.

"By connecting people with the past," she said, 'history organizations make their communities healthier, and more attractive places to live, work, and visit. They are themselves travel destinations, employers, purchasers of goods and services, and recipients of gifts and grants."

Meade described several current and upcoming exhibits and events at the museum, which is an endeavor of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver. An exhibit on Culver in the Civil War coincides with current Marshall County Civil War memory project, "One Book/One Town."

Starting April 18, "Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye," an exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society, will be featured at the Center in addition to an exhibition of

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## Culver native awarded for work on Japan nuclear situation

Mitch Farmer, a native and former resident of Culver and nuclear engineer with Argonne National Laboratory, a U.S. Department of Energy laboratory, was recently selected by U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu as a recipient of the Secretary's Achievement Honor Award.

Farmer was recognized for providing assistance and expertise during the nuclear situation at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Japan.

The Honor Awards represent the highest internal non-monetary recognition given to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) employees and contractors for providing exceptional service to the Department and the American people.

Chu presented the prestigious award to Farmer and other recipients at a ceremony last October at DOE Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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According to Argonne's web-

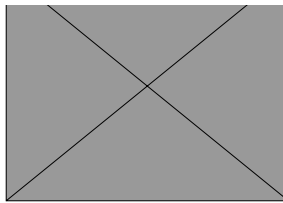
## 17-year-old suffers gunshot wound to the neck

CULVER — 17-year-old Andrea Bottomley was injured just past 5 p.m. Thursday when a fire near her residence caused a live round of ammunition to create what appeared to be a gunshot wound in her neck. There was no fire-arm involved in the incident. Bottomley was conscious and breathing, but feeling numbness. She was treated on the scene and later transported by MedFlight to Memorial Hospital in South Bend. She was discharged later that night.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Department and Plymouth Fire and EMS responded to the 911 call. The incident is still under investigation.

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## Youngest firefighters?

As in years past, some of Culver's firemen made fire trucks available for youngsters exiting the annual Easter egg hunt at the town park Saturday (see cover photo). Pictured in the cab of one rig are, from left, Benjamin (age 3), Daphne (age 7), and Phoebe (age 5) Patellis. Mostly obscured, behind Benjamin, is Sampson Patellis, also age 3.

## Farmer from page 1



PHOTO/ARGONNE NUCLEAR  
Mitch Farmer

Cloyd and Joann Farmer.

site at web.anl.gov, Dr. Farmer has 21 years of experience in various areas including light water reactor severe accident analysis and experiments, as well as analysis and experiments on advanced Generation IV reactor systems that include sodium fast reactors and high-temperature gas cooled reactors. He also serves as Section Manager for the Engineering Development Laboratories within Argonne's Nuclear Engineering Division.

Born and raised in Culver, Farmer is the son of the late

# Culver history classes, map exhibit, more on tap at Culver museum

## Weekly Culver history classes

Launched this Wednesday (April 4) is a weekly, four-part Culver history class sponsored by the Center for Culver History museum and research center. Classes will take place in the small meeting room of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, located across the hall from the museum, and will begin each week at 4 p.m.

Subjects covered will include Pottawatomie history, by-gone industries of Culver, and early settlement. Attendees will be encouraged to share memories and photographs, and to conduct oral histories or research. Call the Life Enrichment Center in Plymouth at 866-936-9904 to register. You do not need to attend all four sessions to participate. Classes are free and open to the public.

## State-wide map exhibit will feature Culver area maps

From April 18 to May 22, we will be showcasing "Indiana through the Mapmakers Eye." IHS description: Because of the way we use them, we assume maps to be complete and accurate. No map, however, can show all aspects of reality, so the mapmaker chooses the information that will best convey his message and sometimes slants the information to serve his purposes.

Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye examines four

ways people have used maps through the years: as documentation, as tools, as political images and as art. Some of the maps included in the display are an 1833 tourist pocket map of Indiana, a 1910 Sanborn Company fire insurance map of Bloomington, Thomas Kitchin's 1747 map of French settlements in North America, a circa 1880 scale model map of the University of Notre Dame, and an 1881 bird's-eye view of Mount Vernon, Ind.

In both cases, we will complement the IHS display will coincide with local items from the AHS' local collection related to the themes of the exhibits.

## Culver Civil War history showcased in exhibit

As part of the One Book/One Town Civil War themed events taking place across Marshall County, the Center for Culver History is highlighting Culver's Civil War veterans. The exhibit highlights several notable veterans and displays civil war letters and photographs. Residents seeking to research ancestors' participation in the war can look through lists showing veterans of Marshall County and Union Township, as well as accessing information on the regiments and burial locations of local soldiers. This exhibit is ongoing at the museum.

## Henley from page 1



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

LEFT: Mick Henley discusses his late brother, a WW2 Tuskegee Airman. RIGHT: Center for Culver History director Rachel Meade, left, accepts a Lions Club flag from Lions president Barbara Winters.

historic local maps. A

weekly class on Culver history will start April 4 at the Culver Public Library, where the museum is located, she said. The class is offered through People's University's Life Enrichment Center.

Jeff Kenney, of the Antiquarian Society, showed a brief musical montage of historical Culver images and urged

the audience to consider attending an AHS-sponsored "town hall" style meeting May 12 at 10 a.m. at the Elementary School gymnasium. The meeting will focus on the future of the museum, which Kenney noted will be evicted from the Culver Public Library in 18 months, and currently has no location to move to. He emphasized that local history is important in establishing a sense of place and civic pride in youth, and preserves the legacy, of past, present, and future generations, adding Culver

had to formal institution devoted to the preservation of its history before the museum opened.

Culver resident Mick Henley was the evening's featured speaker, and he focused on his brother, the late Bernard Ponder, a flyer in the famous African-American World War II squadron, the Tuskegee Airmen.

"Most of you think you know me, but you don't," Henley began his narrative, adding, "As a person of color, my family has been through a lot and seen a lot."

Henley said he lost his parents at age 10, after which his mother's sister and her husband adopted himself and his two siblings.

"My cousins became my older brother and sister," he noted. "We were all so close."

Born and raised in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, Henley said his brother Bernard began flying lessons in 1938.

Ponder joined the US Army Air Corps -- the precursor to today's Air Force -- at the start of World War II. In 1943, he was inducted as a member of the 348th fighter pilot group the Tuskegee Airmen, training outside Detroit.

"The (Tuskegee) officers couldn't eat with the white troops or go to the movies with them. At the same time, German prisoners of war were allowed to do so. Even non-commissioned G.I.'s had no respect for them and would cross the street so they wouldn't have to salute them. This changed when first lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited and requested to fly in a plane flown by a black officer."

Henley added, "Prejudice is alive and well today," and referenced the recent shooting of Trayvon Martin, an African American, in Florida.

Ponder was deployed to Italy and flew fighter planes, Henley said, noting bomber pilots eventually requested the Tuskegee Airmen escort them rather than the often less responsible white fighter pilots. The Airman, Henley added, "didn't lose one plane during World War II, but 65 of them died."

Airmen were often treated better overseas, Henley noted, than in their own country, and most went on to become educators, doctors, lawyers, and other professionals.

"My brother hardly ever talked about his accomplishments," Henley said, explaining Ponder was born in 1921

and died in 1998. Ponder's plane had been named "Strange Fruit," which Henley said derived from the Billie Holiday jazz song of the era, which protested the frequency of lynchings of African Americans as "strange fruit hanging from southern trees."

"My brother was an advocate for black people and I appreciate his life," Henley concluded.



## Former Culver physician Reed passes away in Greenfield



Dr. Donald Reed in 1961

Dr. Donald Reed, familiar to many Culverites as a 1945 graduate of Culver High School and family practioner here for several years and most recently of Greenfield, Ind., passed away March 26 at age 84, at the Indiana Heart Hospital.

Born Sept. 19, 1927 in South Bend, Reed attended Indiana University in Bloomington and IU Medical School, completing his medical residency at Ohio State University. He married Nancy “Susie” Howard (who survives) in 1965 in Plymouth. He also served three years in the US Navy.

Reed took over the medical practice of his uncle, Dr. Donald Reed, following the latter's death, and practiced with Dr. R. Hippensteel at the Reed Medical Center at 121 College Ave. in Culver (today a private residence). Reed,

who practiced for six years in Culver starting in 1961, was also on the staff of Parkview Hospital in Plymouth.

After leaving Culver, Reed worked at Saint John’s Medical Center as a neurologist, practicing medicine for 50 years total.

Also surviving and Reed's sons Richard (Tina) Reed of Indianapolis, Robert (Deanna) Reed of Greenfield, Mark (Angie) Reed of Greenfield, Bryan (Angie) Reed of Indianapolis, and William (Lynn) Reed of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Brandon, Kirsten, Abagil, Madalyn, Darin, Emily, and Adam; brother, Edgar Reed of Louisiana; sister, Winifred Joice of Culver, Ind.; and a nephew, Reed Joice.

Private services took place at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com) or email condolences to [sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com](mailto:sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com) or [www.theheraldbulletin.com](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com).

## Library board discusses fire and security updates, discovers funding source

By Rachel Meade

At its March 20th meeting, the Culver Union Township Library Board discussed updating its fire and security systems and voted to run a complete inventory of non-book library belongings, using money from a recently discovered Bond Operations and Reserve Fund. The inventory will fulfill an insurance requirement for the library’s bond.

“There has not been a thorough inventory done of the building, maybe ever,” Treasurer Alfred Nyby said to the board. “We do feel, for insurance purposes and our own control, we need an inventory of everything the library owns.”

Nyby and Library Director Colleen McCarty suggested hiring Buckland and Associates, a company highly recommended by the Plymouth library, to conduct the inventory. The 3-day process, to result in the bar coding of all library possessions, will cost \$9,000.

McCarty explained that she had recently become aware of a fund of money composed of a percentage of every bond payment. This fund, the Bond Operations and Reserve Fund (O & R fund), currently has a reserve of \$26,000 and may be used in any way that services the bond.

The board voted unanimously to allocate \$9,000 dollars from the O & R fund to conduct inventory through Buckland & Associates. Nyby noted, “That’s been hanging over our heads for years now.”

McCarty said that money from O & R fund could also be used to pay \$350 to independent financial advisory firm Umbaugh & Associates for their services in filing the library’s bond information online, a new state insurance requirement.

Nyby explained that they’d hired the firm to deal with all the paperwork associated with the library’s bond, which has a long and complicated history.

“Colleen and I have two large volumes detailing everything that happened to that bond years ago. [We] thought maybe we could figure it out for ourselves. We wasted way too many hours on that.”

McCarty also noted that the \$500 annual payments to Umbaugh could have been coming from the O & R fund all along. Nyby wondered whether they might ask for repayment retroactively. In response to a question from board member Joan Bess regarding the possibility of using O & R money to fund security updates, McCarty stated that she is still researching potential uses, but believes that “because the bond covers the building, it’s possible the money could be used in any way that secures the building.”

McCarty then detailed some gaps in the building’s fire protection. Following a recent visit from the Fire Marshall, the library was written up in non-compliance for failing to

conduct a yearly report on its smoke detectors. McCarty hired a qualified independent inspector from Bremen to conduct their inspection, which the library passed.

The board discussed the possibility of installing additional smoke detectors throughout the building. Nyby noted that there should be detectors every 30 feet, but that the library has only four for the entire building, 3 stationed by the elevator on each floor and one the boiler room. Colleen added that the library does not have a sprinkler system, to protect the books.

Nyby said that in order to install additional smoke detectors, the library would need to upgrade its fire panel, which is so outdated that replacement parts are no longer available. McCarty said she’d asked the inspector for an estimate on the cost of updating the fire panel, installing additional smoke detectors, and updating the burglar system.

McCarty reported that Evergreen (a library consortium software that allows library patrons to order books from other libraries in the system) will soon have over 100 members. She said visitors and circulation numbers for February had increased considerably from the previous year (up 5,280 and 500 respectively).

McCarty also noted that Carol Saft has been reappointed for a second term on the board. She encouraged board members to attend the library’s civil war events taking place in conjunction with One Book/One Town Marshall County. These will include a discussion of Shelby Foote’s Shiloh led by Jim Faulkner, presentations by staff member and civil war reenactor Margaret Carter, and exhibits both upstairs in the library and within the Center for Culver History museum.

“We’re pleased to be participating,” said McCarty.

Nyby raised some issues with Overdrive, the library’s e-book download service. He wondered if it’s compatible with library ethics policies, explaining that books digitally downloaded from the library with a Kindle triggered offers to purchase the book just before the return date and that Amazon is using it to gather confidential patron information.

Library Board President Jim Hahn agreed, adding, “I wouldn’t appreciate getting a solicitation to purchase.”

Saft noted that survey results showed users had specifically requested the service. She wondered whether the

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## Death notice

Rickman

**Juanita M. Rickman  
March 31, 2012**

CULVER — Juanita M. Rickman, 67, of Culver died March 31, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Rickman of Culver; son, Eddie (Brenda) Rickman of Rochester; daughters, Jeanne (John) Newman of Winamac, Cathy (Michael) Faylor of Kewanna, Jane (Ryan) Sheets of Culver, Lynn Rickman of Cape Coral, Fla.; sister, Nancy Peterson of Valparaiso; and 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with a rosary service at 7:40 p.m. Services were Wednesday, April 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's of The Lake Catholic Church, Culver.

Letters of condolence may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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

## 50th anniversary - Drang



John and Rochelle Drang are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Together they have found a friendship, raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage.

The couple was married on April 7, 1962, at Burr Oak Church of God by Rev. Warren Sorenson. Elgie and Margaret Good, parents of the bride, and Agnes and Frank (deceased) Drang, parents of the groom, attended the beautiful wedding. John and Rochelle Drang brought three children into this world; Sherry Carole, Joel Thomas, and Sarah Marie. They enjoy their

special time with their three grandchildren Noah Christopher, twins Brooke Lynn and Olivia Rose.

After marriage the couple lived in Gary, Indiana while Rochelle completed her nursing degree. John drove heavy equipment within Inland Steel. The couple then moved to Homestead, Florida while John went to school for heavy equipment.

After completing schooling, the couple returned to Culver, Indiana where they have lived on Rochelle's grandparents farm for 46 years. Rochelle retired in 2011 from Lake Shore Clinic after 45 years of service. John retired in 2004 from Klink Trucking.

To celebrate their marriage, their children are asking to shower the couple with cards to their Culver address, 16682 Thorn Rd., Culver, IN 46511.



Jeff’s ballyhoo?



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

Ballyhoo" column, always (unlike my own) on page 1 of the Citizen.

I usually get pretty positive feedback, for reasons somewhat inexplicable to me, when I write a more "personal" themed column for this paper, which is something I haven't done in a while, I must admit. The "Bill's Ballyhoo" format always appealed to me: something of a collection of bullet points, mixing in personal chit-chat with all the local -- let's not call it "gossip" that's not really fit to print as "news" per se. So maybe I'll try to make this a more regular feature in the paper. We'll see how it goes.

\*It's hard to believe it's April and the warmer weather segment of Culver's community is slowly trickling back to town, though the real influx will hit its peak in May,

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Where in the world is  
*The Culver Citizen*?



Photos of our small-town paper visiting exotic spots around the world continue to come in. Following up on our last photo (LEFT), about which there were some good guesses but no correct answers, so here it is: pictured is Linda Hippenhammer holding the *Citizen* at the entrance to the Cambodia Cultural Village, Siem Reap, Cambodia, as taken (and sent in) by her husband, Creighton.

This week's Mystery Citizen spent part of his childhood here, left for a number of year, and returned more recently. He's visible around town, as is his wife, who's been here even longer.

Here's another chance: The photo BELOW is, as many readers will recognize, Culver's Judy Patton at another



faraway locale. Can you identify where? Guesses (or your own photo(s) of the Citizen around the state, country, or world) may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

Christ is Risen! ..or  
Happy Easter!



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran Church

The first eight days of Easter take us into the depths of the lowest point and then to the heights of the highest point of the Church Year. The season of Lent reaches

its climax on Good Friday (April 6) and comes to an end on Holy Saturday (April 7). As we recall the depth of Christ's agony in the torture chamber and on the Cross, brought alive for us through the work of Mel Gibson and the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, we are compelled to remember that our sins brought all this upon Him. So, we search our souls and humble our hearts. There is nothing morbid about this focus on Christ's suffering and death. It is a source of great relief and strength to us, for through His bitter agony and death, Christ removed our guilt and won the forgiveness of our sins. As we see Him torn and bleeding upon the Cross we are looking at the price of our salvation.

From this depth we are brought to the heights of celebration with the Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord (April 8). Churches around the world pull out all the stops as the "Alleluia" returns to the lips of God's people. White and gold paraments, processional, celebratory music with various instruments, and joyful singing join with the Gospel proclamation, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here."

At a recent pastors conference, I was reminded that on April 8, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We were encouraged to let our words of greeting on this day reflect the reason for our celebration. In the early church, Christians greeted one another with the words, "Christ is risen!" The response to this greeting was, "He is risen indeed!" There is certainly nothing wrong with wishing one another "Happy Easter!" The Time of the Easter in the Church actually runs from Ash Wednesday through the Day of Pentecost and April 8 begins the specific Season of Easter in the Church Year.

On April 8, we celebrate The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The greeting and response, "Christ is risen" "He is risen indeed" reflects and proclaims something much more than "Happy Easter." "Christ is risen" "He is risen indeed" proclaims that Jesus, who died on the cross as the payment for sin, is now raised from the dead. St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter 6, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

No one correctly identified last week's Mystery Citizen, which is understandable. He spent the early years of his life in Culver, but that was rather a long time ago. He returned in more recent years to marry lifelong Culverite Marilyn Kelly. He's Foshen Hatten, who is here pictured during World War II, in which he served.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also been more or less a



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Foshen Hatten, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

verite associated with one past business here. Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.





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## Trinity flag erected in Birk's memory

Trinity Lutheran Church installed a 20 foot flag pole March 30 in memory of prominent Culver citizen Art Birk, who passed away in 2009. After digging a 36 inch hole and using 800 pounds of cement, the pole was placed vertically using a front-end loader.

The pole was obtained via a generous memorial to Birk donated to the church.

Pictured from left to right are Pastor K.C. Dehning, Caleb Dehning, Pat Birk (Art's wife), and Lois Broeker.

## Ride the Easter Train Saturday at Judson museum

Hop aboard the Easter Train on Saturday, April 7 at the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum located in North Judson, Indiana. Passengers ride in vintage cabooses, a passenger coach, or open-air sightseeing cars. The train excursion is round-trip from the depot and travels over five miles, crossing the Kankakee River at English Lake, before returning to North Judson. The train then continues on to a park along the railroad tracks where passengers disembark for an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Each child and youth will receive a bag of Easter items, toys, and candy from the Easter Bunny. Afterwards, everyone will board the train for the trip back to the depot.

Trains depart at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (central time). The total length of each trip, including the Easter Egg Hunt, will be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Ticket prices begin at \$7 and purchasing tickets on-line is recommended at [www.hoosiervalley.org](http://www.hoosiervalley.org), or call the depot (574-896-3950) on Saturdays, 9 to 4 central time.

Before or after the train excursion, be sure to visit the museum and grounds where admission is always free. Stroll around the grounds to see all types of rolling stock and engines of a by-gone era.

## View from page 4

I expect.

\*Though we're still waiting on an official "grand opening," Culver's Garden Court senior living center has begun to be occupied, which is a great feather in the town's cap.

\*If you've driven down that way, of course (or read the paper a few weeks ago), you're aware of the grass fire which approached the Garden Court area.

Someone, following the fire, placed the sign pictured on this page, on a phone pole near the fire scene. If you can't make out the details, it looks suspiciously like Smokey the Bear, and the text reads, "Only You."

Word on the street is, it's not an "official" sign (though it may have been placed there by an employee of an official local entity!), but all meant in good fun. I'm told nearby property owners were good sports about it and even joined in the chuckling.

\*Recognition is in order for Justin Croy and Serena Hughes, Culver Comm. High School students and BPA finalists headed to the state championships in Indianapolis. Justin is also among several local students joining Culver Academies students and staff this past week-plus for a mission trip in Mexico, which I gather was an incredible experience for all. Other CCHS students included Erin Bau and Luke Dunfee, and Academies student (and Culver resident) Abby Van Horn. We'll follow up on these stories shortly.

\*Even amid the gloom at the official end to the restaurant which launched Culver's fine dining tradition of the past 15 years or so, the Edgewater Grille, the buzz around town seems to be excitement at the possibilities for the establishment poised to replace it. And certainly the community is fortunate to have the many great eateries we do, on an ongoing basis.

\*While we're in the neighborhood, many are watching with interest the renovations going on at 614 E. Lake Shore Drive, Clara Hansen's former restaurant between the Uptown Cinema and Edgewater. Diane Hansen (no relation) has purchased the building, as many know, and has already done extensive remodeling, including at least partial (if not full) reroofing. Diane says she's still considering what she has in mind for the place. I expect most Culverites will just be thrilled to see it back in action. There are many memories there, for many people.

\*In my own life, the past week or two have been fantastic examples of why small-town life is what it is, and why my wife and I (usually!) find it so endearing. As just about everyone in Culver (since it's Culver) knows, my wife was scheduled to be induced to have our son around

two weeks ago, by the time you read this. She came home bemused more than once when perfect strangers (to her) at the grocery, or drug store, or on the street -- even behind the counter -- wished her well with the induction!

By then, we were already overwhelmed at how many people had pledged to bring us meals, another example of small community life, and a truly appreciated one.

Alas, the baby had other plans and as I write this, he still shows no signs of arriving, though we're convinced he does exist and will be making an appearance soon enough. Meanwhile, we've lost count of how many folks have come up and asked about his status, or even better, already know the whole story without even asking because -- well, it's Culver.

\*It's hard not to be cheered, wherever you are in life, by the weather, which has been nothing short of amazing this past month (the warmest March since 1895, one South Bend news source tells us), and partly as a Lenten discipline, I've been walking to work and elsewhere every chance I get, which has been especially rewarding these past weeks. Culver has exploded with white, pink, and purple blossoms so proliferant that some streets hit you with their fragrance before you've even turned the corner. Those blossoms are giving away to green buds now, even as Easter is, amazingly enough, peering around the corner at us.

\*The town park's annual Easter egg hunt is one piece of evidence of this, though I hope it's not the only remaining vestige of the old, original meaning of the holiday. Even if you're what some jokingly refer to as an "E-C Christian" (for "Easter-Christmas" only), or not a Christian at all, perhaps this Sunday you can at least pause a few minutes to contemplate the meaning of the day, and all the questions it asks, which to some extent demand an answer. At any rate, in recent years, I've come to deeply appreciate what goes on in my own church during the "Triduum," or "three days" leading up to Easter, and then Easter itself. Pretty incredible stuff.

I've come to be curious at the perfectly innocent question of whether someone is "religious" or not, as if there's anyone alive who isn't. That is to say, everyone's pretty deeply religious about *something*. Some about God, some about money, some about their career, or status, or what have you -- and a lot of us, truth be told, a little of all of it. We all worship something -- it's an inescapable fact of human nature. Or so I'd argue.

Wherever this leaves all of us, we here at the *Culver Citizen* wish all of our readers a happy Easter 2012. Blessings to all.



## Easter from page 4

Jesus." (Romans 6:9-11) The price of sin, death, has been paid by the death of Jesus. The price is paid in full and your sins are forgiven. How do we know? "Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed!"

## Treats to be honored at Gala



PLYMOUTH — Tickets are now available for Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center's 15th Annual Catch the Spirit Gala, which will be held on Friday, April 20, at the Swan Lake Golf Resort in Plymouth.

As one of the premier events in Marshall County each year, tickets should be purchased early to insure a seat.

This year's Gala will honor longtime residents and business owners, Ajean and Budd Treat with the Community Spirit Award. The Community Spirit Award is given to Marshall County residents who exemplify the spirit of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center: passionate giving, enthusiastic service and compassionate care.

Ajean and Budd Treat have made Plymouth and Marshall County their home, while building a true community institution, Treat's Squire Shop. When Budd Treat opened the store in 1966, he immediately became involved through the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Over the years, both Budd and Ajean continued their civic involvement while providing fine menswear throughout northern Indiana and the Chicago area.

Proceeds from the Catch the Spirit Gala will benefit SJRMC's Community Health Services for the poor and underserved in Marshall County. These many programs provide free medical care and prescription medication assistance to patients in need, as well as mobile health screenings and health fairs. The most commonly known community health program in Marshall County is the Saint Joseph Health Center on Washington Street, which provides primary health services to the local community.

The Gala begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. For questions, to purchase tickets or for information on underwriting opportunities, contact Kristin Michel at 574-472-6368. You may also register online at [www.sjmed.com/ways-to-give](http://www.sjmed.com/ways-to-give).



# Lake Max Challenge will be first sanctioned SUP race in Indiana



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Scott Bewick paddleboards last July at the town beach in Culver.

Adding to the always-varied offerings locally this summer, Culver will host Indiana's first-ever World Paddle Board Association sanctioned Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) race Saturday, June 30. Lake Maxinkuckee residents Becky and Ed Furry, avid SUP enthusiasts, discovered there wasn't a sanctioned

event in Indiana and so began organizing one over the winter, according to Becky, who with Ed (son of Bill and Krista Furry of Culver) founded international sailing and photography company Sail22. The couple joined the event, dubbed the Lake Max Challenge, with the Midwest SUP Championship series and have launched a website, [www.lakemaxchallenge.com](http://www.lakemaxchallenge.com) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/lakemaxchallenge](http://www.facebook.com/lakemaxchallenge)) to share information. Lake Max Challenge shirts and other gear are also offered on the website.

Stand Up Paddleboard racing is described at wikipedia.org as "an emerging global sport with a Hawaiian heritage" and "an ancient form of surfing" in which (as the name suggests) the racer stands atop a surf type board and paddles it to move forward. The sport has become increasingly popular on Lake Maxinkuckee among some enthusiasts in recent years.

The Lake Max Challenge will start at the beach lodge at Culver's town park, 819 E. Lake Shore Drive. Parking and launching will be off the east end of the town beach.

Registration and packet pick up will take place from 7 to 8:30 a.m.; followed by a racer instruction meeting (8:30); first race start with subsequent races to follow (9 a.m.); awards and BBQ (1 p.m.).

Entry fees are: kids race, \$10; recreational/short course, \$30; elite/long course, \$40; Lake Max Challenge, \$50 (if entered in a shorter course, \$20).

Contact [info@lakemaxchallenge.com](mailto:info@lakemaxchallenge.com), 574.889.0022.

## Briefs from page 1

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, April 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.

### Correction: preschool registration

Open registration for Wesley Preschool will be held Saturday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., rather than 9 to 11 a.m. as previously reported. Registration will take place in the Wesley Methodist Church Preschool room, 511 School St. (enter on south side, across from Elementary soccer field). Seniors are to be age 4 by Aug. 1 and juniors are to be 3 by Aug. 1. Registration requires a \$40 supply fee at time of registration. Please call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with any questions.

### Sidewalk program

Applications for the 2012 Sidewalk Program will be available beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, April 2 at town hall. Completed application for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received.

### Tree commission member opening

The town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Tree Commission. Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 or [clerk@townofculver.org](mailto:clerk@townofculver.org) no later than April 10, 2012, by 4 p.m. The Culver Tree Commission is in need of one appointment, which will be made at our Town Council Meeting April 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

### ‘Wesley’s Got Talent’ April 15

Wesley United Methodist Church invites the community to the second annual Wesley’s Got Talent” show, Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The event is free, although there will be a freewill offering to support the ministries of the church.

### Student art show April 28 wknd

Culver’s Tri Kappa is pleased to announce its 10th annual student art show Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 29 from noon to 3 p.m., at the Culver Cove Marmont Room.

Students from the Culver Community High School, Middle School, and the Culver Academies may submit entries. Judged categories include drawing, painting, photography, print making, three dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite artist and entry in the People’s Choice category. There is no charge for this event.

### Hydrant flush

The town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 9 to 13. During this process your water may have a “rusty” color; however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town’s water distribution system.

### Clean-up reminder

The Street Department will be picking up yard waste on a weekly basis. Please place leaves in the terrace not in the street and keep the leaves separate from the sticks and brush.

### Max Move April 14

The second annual Max Move will be held April 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. The goal for all participants to move around Maxinkuckee at their own pace. A chase car will return anyone to the starting line if needed and refreshments and bathrooms are available. The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus. Please arrive around 8:45 to register for this free event. Those with questions, please call Dana Neer at 574-842-8080.

### Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, April 27 & April 28 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested in participating and would like to have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at [clerk@townofculver.org](mailto:clerk@townofculver.org) or at 842-8140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, April 24. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale.

There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, April 28 at town hall, Culver Express and Osborn’s Mini-Mart.

### Friends book sale April 27 and 28

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Used books are always appreciated and can be dropped off at the circulation desk of the library.

### ‘Grand Liberty Tour’ equine performance April 21-22

National trainer/performer and recent Cavalia star Sylvia Zerbini will bring her Arabian horses and “Grand Liberty Tour” to Culver Academies’ Vaughn Equestrian Center for performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22. General admission tickets are priced at \$10 and are available through the Eppley Auditorium Box Office at 574-842-7058.

### Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 and Friday mornings at 10; each lasts two hours. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes, which include: Microsoft PowerPoint (March 30); Microsoft Publisher (April 6), Computers for Beginners Part II (April 16 and 20), Internet for Beginners (April 23 and 27), Email for Beginners (April 30, May 4).

For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib](mailto:abaker@culver.lib).

### Kindergarten round-up April 26

CULVER — Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schultdt announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2012-13 school year. Kindergarten roundup will be held Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2012. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, or please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 to make other arrangements.

### ‘Town hall’ meeting for museum’s future May 12

The Antiquarian and Historical Society (AHS) will host a “town hall” type event at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12 to bring Culver-wide residents together to save its heritage as preserved and shared at the Center for Culver History museum, which will be evicted from the Culver Public Library next year.

The purpose of the meeting will be discuss the museum relevant to the community’s needs and to allow the community to become involved in the preservation of its own unique history. The meeting will be moderated by Jeff Harris, Director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society. The meeting is open to the public and anyone with a vested interested in preserving the history of the area is strongly encouraged to attend and make his or her voice heard. The AHS requests that clubs and organizations send at least one representative to the meeting.

### CBGC auction will ‘Build Brighter Futures’

Organizers of the Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) annual fundraising event encourage everyone to “save the date” for the “Building Brighter Futures” event to be held Friday, June 15 at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be followed by a buffet dinner and entertainment provided by the magical transformation act, “Quick Change.” The silent auction will culminate with a premium live auction featuring spectacular items available to the highest bidder. Admission to the event is \$65 per person or \$125 per couple and is by reservation only.

CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The local club maintains a membership of over 240 children and will directly benefit from the proceeds earned at this year’s event.

### Poplar Grove rummage sale Memorial Day wknd.

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church will hold its annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, Memorial Day weekend, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. As in the past, items will be available both inside and outside, so rain will not cancel the sale. This is shaping up to be another large sale with furniture, antiques, tools, electronics, kitchen/household, clothing of all sizes, lawn and garden, collectibles, and much more.

If anyone in the community would like to donate to the sale instead of throwing something of value into the dumpsters at the town-wide clean up, please call Susan Shaffer at 574-952-2688 for pick-up of those donations.



# Culver Elementary honor roll

Culver Elementary School has announced it's A/B honor roll for the third grading period.

**1st grade:** Elizabeth M Bell-Howard, Elizabeth D Binion, Baleigh Grace Binkley, Caydin Allen Browning, Jason A Cadle, Hailey Victoria Carluccio, Alejandra Eleana Chantea, Kylee Marie Cole, Connor Michael Craig, Ava Claire Czerniak, Chloee Lauren Danti, Kendrick Cole Ditmire, Shawn Thomas Donley, Alix Rayleigh Dunn, Cabot Severns Ellert, Harmonee Angel Nevaeh Ewald, Owen Edward Falk, Trenton Wayne Fritter, Alison Nicole Grothaus, Kaylee Maxine-Kay Hamilton, Mason Thomas Herbert, Alisa Jo Hinds, Gabriella Starr Hopkins, Collin Pierce Hunnicutt, Kaitlyn Joann Kanschat, Ethan Paul Keller, Kali Brynne Kidd, Abbigail Grace Kisela, Lily Rayne Kozubik, Ashton E. Macedonio, Ashton Michael Xavier McCarthy, Abigail Mia Nufer, Lucile Jean Overmyer, Addison Elizabeth Pohl, Joseph Thomas Rehka, Benton Sayavongsing, Ches Michael Schrimsher, Aydan Skyy Shaffer, Shane Owen Shuman, Kaitlyn Anne Stacy, Jelena Stefanic, Abigail Nicole Sullivan, Tabatha Grace Tapia, Hailey Olivia Thamm, Rylan Ronald Voter.

**2nd grade:** Miguel Alvarez, Marquez Donovan Anderson, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Savannah Marie Barnes, Nico Mary-Madeline Barton, Virgil Eyvind Binion, Bryce Allen Campbell, Zoey Louise Coble, Mason M Cormican, Kennedy Rose Creviston, Matthew Paul Davis, Sydney Sue Denham, Austin Lee Dilts, Alexis Michelle Duncan, Tucker Ryan Fisher, Alexzandria Forest, Kordelia Fulton, Dayne Kennedy Garbacik, Anna Katherine Gregorash, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Tydameion M Hesters, Savannah Grace Hissong, Shaelyn Alexis Keen, Mary Katherine Kelley, Samuel Lawrence Luttrell, Alyson Paige Martin, Dylan James McKee, Rebecca L Minix, William Thomas Nicholson, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Kathleen Rose Perkins, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Alina Emily Rehka, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Gavin Matthew Salyer, Kaydin Jovee

Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Natalie Mechelle Stevens, Hunter J Taylor, Sergio Villegas, Haley Morgan Wieringa, Cody Daniel Winkler, Grace Elizabeth Wood, Spring Ye, Timothy Oliver Young, Alex James Zehner.

**3rd grade:** Shaloon Alvarez, Makenzie Faith Argiris, Blake Wayne Baugh, Mary F Boland, Ashley L Burkett, Damian Byers, Mia Patricia Conroy, Anthony J Czerniak, Damian R Dunn, Francis K Ellert, Olivia A Gilley, Joshua P Havron, Katie M Hoffman, Abigail RayAnne Johnson, Morgan J Keller, Kaleigh M Kephart, Ethan D Lima, Kenna Nichole Manns, Jessica Renee Pietsch, Lillian E Proskey, Wyatt M Ringer, Tyler D Rogers, Madison A Shedrow, Reagan D Sheets, Darren C Shock, Kendal S Stebbins, Shane M Stevens, Chyna Dawn Thomas.

**4th grade:** Isabelle J Ahlenius, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Zachary Michael Busse, Dakota Jack Clark, Trista Rae Fritter, Kagnie J Hoffman, Oliver Ryan Lampton-Adkins, Hunter A Manns, Rachel E Nash, Noah Riley Parsons, Kimberly Perez, Erin K Renneker, Dana T Rodgers, Gabriel M Sherman, John P Sieber, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Ryan W Tompos, Owen R Valiquet.

**5th grade:** Kennedy Lynn Ash, Lillian Elizabeth Gregorash, Katherine A Heim, Allison Rene Jones, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Sarah E Morrison, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Hunter Mn Ringer, Christian Michael Sanderson, Tihana Stefanic, Christian J Zakhi.

**6th grade:** Daniel L Aguilar, Lance R Beaver, Michael M Boland, Emily Marie Bradley, Alex Ted Santistevan Cole, Maija Lynn Santistevan Cole, Pierce H Ellert, James W Fagan, Emily L. Fisher, Jasmyne D. Fowler, Shilo P Guerra, Collin Kenneth Knowlton, Dylan C Lewandowski, Benjamin B Myers, Sydney G Pritz, Reilly K Reinhold, RT Roberts, Jake S Rodgers, Cody R Russell, Raymie L Shoop.



Shannon Deery, 14, stands among the hygiene kits she assembled for the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center health clinic in downtown Plymouth. Deery, an eighth-grader at Culver Community Middle School, worked on the project for her confirmation into St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver in April.

## Student collects hygiene kits for clinic

By Lydia Beers  
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — When it came time for Shannon Deery, 14, of Culver, to do a community project for her confirmation into the Catholic Church, she already had a pretty good idea of a need in the community. Deery's mother, Connie, works at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center health clinic in downtown Plymouth, and Shannon decided to put together hygiene kits for the patients of the clinic. Her older brother Conlan had done a similar project for Eagle Scouts several years earlier.

"I liked that I can do something to help other people," said Shannon.

She sent out letters to her friends and family, asking them to donate personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, combs, feminine products, razors and more for the kits. Shannon was pleased with the response she got — many people sent items or money so the eighth-grader could purchase items for the kits herself.

"Shannon has an uncle who travels a lot, and he sent a collection of travel-size items he had collected," said Connie. "People were so thoughtful."

The kits are gender-specific and come in reusable cloth bags.

Shannon has assembled more than 40 hygiene kits in all. Connie said that the kits will be handed out to the clinic's patients as needed.

"(The kits) help make it a more comforting experience to go to the doctor's office," said Connie. "They will go fast."

Connie said that the project was good for Shannon because it helped her learn planning, organization, and diligence.

"For the clinic, it helps us to be able to do more outreach," said Connie.



## Daisy Scouts learn history hands-on

PHOTOS/STEVEN METZGER

Girls in Culver Daisy Scouts troop number 00082 earned the two badges when they toured the Center for Culver History museum March 22. The badges were "Respect Myself and Others" and "Library Tour."

Pictured at left are (from left to right) Scouts Kaitlyn Kanschat, Addison Pohl, Linda Thamm, Ava Czerniak, and Alix Dunn, as museum director Rachel Meade leads them in a discussion about Culver history. The museum is located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library in downtown Culver.



## Vacating Academy Road, other items on town council docket

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Among items discussed at a fairly short town council meeting March 27 was the possible conversion of part of Academy Road in Culver to a private drive, an item raised by town attorney Jim Clevenger.

Clevenger noted Jeff Kutch, director of facilities at Culver Academies, recently approached the Marshall County commissioners asking the county to consider vacating the portion of roadway east of the town limits of Culver and up to State Road 10. The entirety of that section is surrounded by Culver Academies' campus or faculty housing, and is presently a county-owned roadway. Clevenger said he discussed the matter with Russ Mason of Culver's board of zoning appeals, though Mason said the issue is not, strictly speaking, a matter of zoning. However, Clevenger said there could be "more Culver participation" if Culver's plan commission held public hearings over the matter, rather than those hearings taking place at the county level.

Clevenger also noted the Academies handles plowing of snow and ice from the roadway.

"Since the Academy is mostly maintaining it, I guess the commissioners are not necessarily opposed," he said. "If landowners object, that may have a bearing."

He added the school would maintain policing of the roadway as it does its present lanes, should the county vacate it. Council president Sally Ricciardi noted use of golf carts on that section of road has been a "major problem," since the carts are permitted for on-campus use and in the town of Culver, but presently not on county roads.

In other Academies-related activity, the council approved a request from Lensie Howell of the school to hang five banners in the business section of Lake Shore Drive promoting the Culver triathlon in August, as well as 25 banners interspersed throughout Culver focusing on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Woodcraft Camp this summer.

## Houin joins Easterday law firm



By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

James Easterday of Easterday and Ummel announced this week that attorney Jeffery Houin will be joining the law firm as an associate on April 1. Easterday said, "Houin will be bringing a lot of experience in real estate and banking law to the firm." Easterday said he has been seeking an attorney to join the practice since the untimely passing of his partner Ted Ummel in October of 2010. The firm, first organized in 1975, has offices in Plymouth and Culver. Houin has been practicing in South Bend since graduating from Notre Dame Law School in 2008. Since 2009, he has managed the South Bend satellite office of Doyle Legal Corporation, P. C. He is also the attorney for the Plymouth Community School Corporation.

Updating on the search for a new town manager for the town of Culver, clerk-treasurer Karen Heim said resumes continue to trickle in, totaling 20 or more at this point. Resumes will be accepted through April 2, she noted.

The council approved \$29,809 required inspection fees for this summer's grant-funded Safe Routes to School sidewalk improvement project. The total amount awarded by way of the grant is \$250,000, according to Culver utilities manager Bob Porter, who noted the inspection will cost Culver nothing.

Town attorney Clevenger said that while the basic contract, which will be handled for the town by the Troyer Group, is required by the state, he negotiated some details with Troyer such as attendance and updates to council every other month by the group's field inspector. Porter, it was agreed, would be the liaison between Troyer and the town.

Council member Bill Githens emphasized the need for transparency at each level of the project.

The Safe Routes to School grant will replace sidewalks on portions of Ohio, Main, and School Streets. Work last year on South Ohio Street, Porter said, was not part of the grant funding and included both sidewalk and curb replacement, as opposed to sidewalks only, as will be the case this year.

Other council actions included renewal of a contract for Culver EMS' defibrillators at \$2,127 as well as approval of \$150 additional for Umbaugh and Associates to prepare the town's annual report (due to a new state requirement, Heim said, an additional report pushed the cost over the already-approved \$1,000).

Githens noted he and Heim will be now be able to update the town's website (townofculver.org), after assistance from local web designer Pat Renneker, who has handled the work up to now. Githens said the effort will improve the site and facilitate better communication with council members.

## REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

**Thurs., April 5:** Pork loin, broccoli, black eyed peas, cornbread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, milk.

**Fri. April 6:** Egg salad sandwich, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, carrot coin salad, coleslaw, cobbler, milk.

**Mon. April 9:** Beef and peppers, rice, seasoned beets, peaches, peas and carrots, milk.

**Tues. April 10:** Chef salad, lettuce, diced turkey ham, cheese, tomato, egg, cottage cheese, fruit cup, salad dressing, breadstick, milk.

**April 11:** Stuffed baked potato with taco meat, cheese and sour cream, broccoli, pears, cookie, milk.

**Thurs., April 12:** Pork fritter, bun and mayo, diced red potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

**Fri. April 13:** Spaghetti, tossed salad, western dressing, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, milk.

## Culver Police release annual crackdown results

The Culver Police Department announced officers made three impaired driving arrests during the "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" March crackdown.

In all, agency officers dedicated 14.5 hours of extra patrol towards Indiana's annual mobilization against impaired and dangerous driving. The arrests made during the 17-day mobilization were all for driving under the influence. There were more than 40 citations issued including driving more than 20 mph over the posted speed limit, and drug possession.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 609 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day in 2010. Of those crashes, six percent involved an impaired driver and/or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol content of .08 and higher.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 70 was supported by federal funding allocated to The Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). More than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies participated in this annual, statewide enforcement effort, which generally occurs around the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

To learn more about Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest enforcement efforts, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).

## Library from page 3

system could include a disclaimer.

In the public portion of the meeting, Antiquarian & Historical Society Vice-President Jim Sawhook informed the board of the Society's intention to hold a community-wide meeting to discuss the future of the Center for Culver History. Sawhook invited library board members to attend, adding that the meeting's purpose will not be to second-guess the library board's decision to terminate its agreement with the museum.

"It is not intended as a love fest but as a means of getting a grip on where we are and where we're going," said Sawhook.

Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction suggested the library consider installing a Knox Box, a security-system allowing firemen access to any town building through use of a single key. Berger referred to the boxes as "a cost-saving measure," noting that it could cost the library \$1,000 dollars to have their door broken down in case of emergency, while the installation of a Knox Box would cost \$300 to \$500.

In response to some questions regarding the security of the single key, he said he is encouraging the town to get liability insurance and develop standard ordinances regarding the Knox Boxes.

The issue was tabled pending development of the library's own security system (which could be integrated with a Knox Box) and further consideration by the town council on the matter.

"I think it's a great idea," said Hahn. "I'd just like to see the town get their ducks in a row."