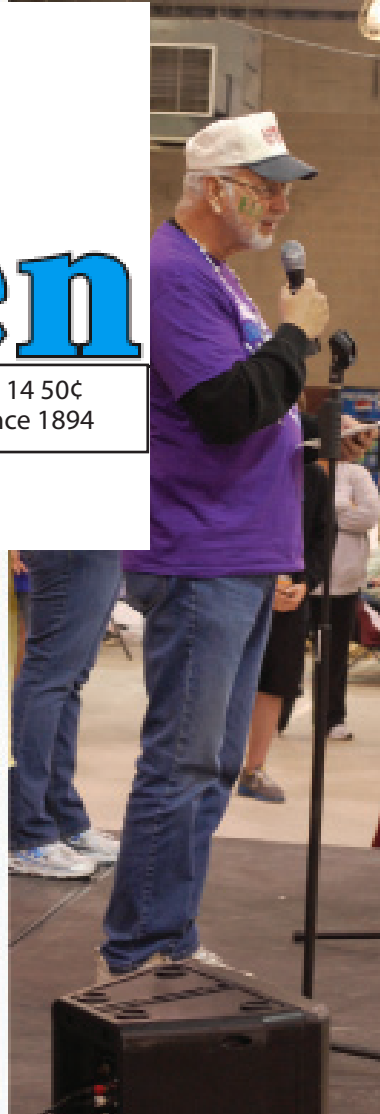


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In Brief

Kindergarten round-up today

Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2012-13 school year. Kindergarten roundup will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 to make other arrangements.

CES 6th graders' "Twelfth Night" Friday

The 19th annual 6th grade Shakespeare play will be held Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium. This year's play is "Twelfth Night," a comedy dealing with playing tricks over the Christmas holidays. A free-will donation will be collected and added to the "Soup for the Soul" funds to aid numerous charities, people, and programs.

Town wide yard sale this wknd

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Spring Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 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@townof-culver.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 26 at town hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Student art show this 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 are represented. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print making, three dimensional and middle school. Visitors may vote for their favorite art and entry in the People's Choice category. There is

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Culver fights back against cancer

Hundreds kicked back at cancer Friday night at the 5th annual Relay for Life at Culver Academies. TOP LEFT: Culver's Michelle's Headquarters team assisted Jane Feitz (second from right) as part of the Hello Gorgeous! program, which pampers women battling cancer. Assisting from left were Marilyn Rans, Susan Elizondo, and Michelle Allyn. LOWER LEFT: *Indianapolis Colts running back Donald Brown addresses the crowd. CENTER LEFT: Stealing hearts and kicking off the Luminaria Ceremony were Grayson Neer (age 6) and dad Dana Neer. CENTER RIGHT: One of hundreds of luminary bags pays tribute to late Culver Comm. High School teacher Mike Schwartz, who spoke at Relay here two years ago. RIGHT: Cancer survivor Don Freese speaks at the Fight Back ceremony.

Top ten CCHS seniors, chosen teachers honored

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor
Culver Comm. High School principal Albert Hanselman once again reiterated to the audience at the annual Top Ten awards banquet sponsored by Culver's Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club that the event is one of his favorite evenings of the year, and once again parents, students, and teachers in attendance April 3 surely shared his sentiments.

Again held at the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church's meeting hall and catered by the ladies of the church, the banquet gave the top ten soon-to-be-graduating CCHS seniors a chance to laud the teacher who most influenced their respective educational careers.

For **Kalee Miller**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller, that honored teacher was Culver Elementary 3rd grade teacher **Valerie Cultice**. A future Butler student planning to major in Psychology, Miller said

choosing just one teacher was difficult, but credited Cultice with introducing her to "reading that I actually liked," a hobby Miller said she "just can't seem to put down."

Miller also noted elementary teachers are often overlooked in the process of choosing an honored teacher, even though students are given their foundation during their elementary years.

"She was the perfect role model for me," she added, "kind and down to earth. Ever since I set the goal to be here (as a top ten senior), I knew she would be the one I'd choose."

Cultice said it was an "honor to be remembered" by Miller, the top student in her class. She recalled Miller's character, conscientiousness, sense of humor, and "little tolerance for injustice." She also emphasized the strong impact the written word can have.

Honoring CCHS athletic director and football coach **Andy Thomas** was **Joseph Krsek**, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Nathan Krsek. Planning to major at Purdue in mechanical or aerospace engineering, Krsek said Thomas had been "a role model and inspiration" as well as "a great friend who truly cares about everyone."

Krsek thanked his former coach for instilling confidence in him and teaching him to look forward to the next game, rather than dwelling on a past loss.

Krsek added a note of thanks to CCHS teacher Mike Buschman for instilling in Krsek a love for math.

Thomas congratulated fellow educators and parents of the students, noting he "darn near broke down when I found out I was (Krsek's) honoree."

"It means a lot more than just wins on Friday night," Thomas added. "This is better."

In addition to specific memories of Krsek's on-field football accomplishments, Thomas cited

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LEFT: Culver Comm. High School's top ten graduating seniors with their honored teachers. TOP PHOTO: From left, Cameron Turney (seated) with Donna Schwartz (standing in for the late Mike Schwartz, standing), Kelly Bonine and Diane Derrow, Cally Jo Klausing and Bonnie Schmidt, Kalee Miller and Valerie Cultice, Joseph Krsek and Andy Thomas.



LOWER PHOTO: From left, Austin Vela and Scott Eckert, Serena Hughes and Nicole Treber, Aspen Kitchell and Brett Berndt, Cassandra VanSky and Vickie Benner, Cole Flora and Debbie Scott.

Community to determine museum's future May 12

Six years after Culver's first-ever museum opened its doors, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is concerned those doors may close, which AHS leaders say would be a great loss not just to local history buffs, but to virtually all facets of the community and even beyond.

As many in the area are aware, the Center for Culver History, presently located in the lower level of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, will be forced to depart that space in approximately 18 months, following a decision by the library's board of directors in October, 2010.

With that in mind, the AHS is hosting a "town hall" style meeting Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium, which all community members are encouraged to attend; local organizations are encouraged to send representatives.

The meeting's role as a full community discussion, says the AHS, is important since the existence of a museum chronicling, preserving, and sharing Culver's history -- one of the more unique histories in Indiana and beyond -- is so important to the community as a whole.

"We want to get the community more involved in the operation of the museum and get their input into improvements as to how they can improve the museum," says AHS president Jim Peterson.

Towards that end, one goal of the meeting is to hopefully establish a steering committee representing the various facets of the Culver community as a whole, with the specific focus of strengthening and improving the museum and giving increased voice to community members.

Helping lead the meeting will be Jeff Harris of the Indiana Historical Society, which AHS leaders feel is important on several levels. Harris has helped launch, direct, and revitalize historical organizations and museums around the state for many years, and brings invaluable expertise and knowledge to the table. His leadership is aimed to keep the meeting positive, focused, and professional.

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Culver Relay raises \$95,000, focuses on hope, heroes

For the fifth year in a row and from across economic, geographic, and age-related boundaries, hundreds gathered at Culver Academies' multi-purpose building Friday night to fight cancer and help bolster a fund-raising marvel for a small, Midwestern community.

As of early Saturday morning, over \$95,000 had been raised for this year's student-organized Relay for Life, and surely numbers will top the hoped-for \$100,000 in short order. As in the past, those figures are staggering for one of the few high school-based and organized Relays -- which contribute to the American Cancer Society's ongoing battle against cancer -- in the U.S. Of equal import in the eyes of many was the impact of a community gathered in support of cancer victims and their caregivers, family, and friends.

Two of the featured speakers of the evening exemplified that impact. Though a Bass Lake resident, Don Freese is best known locally for his active roles in Culver's Lions Club and Trinity Lutheran Church. During the Relay's Fight Back Ceremony, he focused on heroes, referencing late Culver Comm. High School teacher Mike Schwartz, who addressed participants at the same ceremony in 2010 and, said Freese, spoke of "every day as a gift from God."

"He was a respected, accomplished teacher...if he were here tonight, he'd say, 'Don't quit -- keep walking.'"

Freese discussed his mother's surgery in St. Louis in 1953 to rid her of cancer, the earliest of its kind in that city.

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Students learn of Culver careers

Several from the Culver area visited the Culver Community Middle School to discuss various aspects of their respective careers with 7th grade students, including schooling needed, pay range, and facets of their work. Students rotated in brief “sessions” from room to room, where they heard presentations from each, and were given an opportunity to ask questions, as part of the school’s annual “Career Day.”

Pictured here, from left, are Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction in Culver, Dr. Mark Coutts, optometrist with the Family Vision Clinic in Culver, and Travis Dexter, technician with WNDU-TV in South Bend. Others presenting included a fitness trainer with Lifeplex in Plymouth, and *Culver Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney.

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Culver EMS seeks volunteers for benefit of entire community

Dropping numbers present challenges

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's EMS service is looking for a few community-minded individuals to fill much-needed gaps in the program's volunteer staff, a staff which has recently become markedly depleted.

The service can have up to 30 EMTs, says director Chuck Dilts, and 16 drivers. And while Culver's service has rarely quite attained those levels, right now numbers are low enough to prove challenging, at times, for those who are involved, not to mention expensive to taxpayers over the course of time, since hours must be covered, even if it means bringing in paid staff.

"It ends up being higher cost (to have few volunteers) to the town in the long run," says early EMS member and several times past director Sally Ricciardi. "With tax freezes and the economy stinking, tax dollars don't go that far."

At present, CUTEMS (the Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Service) has 12 volunteers and two drivers, and is paying nine part-time people and two full-time people.

Notes Bob Cooper of the service, the EMS must have at least one advanced EMT and a driver in any ambulance going out, which amounts to a minimum of four people per day, though in the case of a backup call, the service could go with a basic EMT and one driver.

Shifts are scheduled a month at a time, to cover full 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Two EMTs are scheduled for 12-hour, 6-to6 shifts, says Dilts, who notes volunteers are asked to pull a minimum of four shifts per month, with at least one being a weekend shift. Covering a shift doesn't mean a volunteer can't work or engage in other activities; just that he or she can hear their EMS radio and is prepared to move quickly if a call comes in.

EMT volunteers, who must be at least 18 years of age, will require some training, of course, and beginners typically start as drivers (currently drivers must be 21, but Dilts notes the service has considered lowering that requirement to 18).

"We provide in-house training on the ambulances," explains Dilts. "They learn about the equipment and where it's located, and how to use it. At some point in time in the first six to 12 months here, drivers complete a state-certified emergency vehicle operations course."

From there, he adds, a basic EMT course follows, some-

thing with which the EMS tries to help volunteers financially. Eventually, volunteers may work up to the level of Advanced EMTs.

The EMS, Dilts notes, is part of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Prior to 1977, ambulance needs in Culver were handled by then-funeral home director Jim Bonine with assistance from Art Birk. The service went to a volunteer one in 1977 and purchased its first ambulance in 1979. A remodel of the town hall resulted in the present ambulance garage opening in January, 1980, according to Ricciardi.

"We had an average of 25 to 30 people (in early years)," says Ricciardi. "Maybe 20 EMTs and 10 drivers."

Those numbers were steady through the 1980s and 1990s. Times changed a bit as Marshall County shifted in 1998 from local ambulance dispatch to the present 911 system. CUTEMS had officially become an Advanced EMS in 1993, after which two full-time advanced members were hired.

Changing times in Culver also contributed, says Dilts: in recent years there have been fewer volunteers working in the Culver area and able to leave their jobs during the day for an ambulance run.

Dilts points out volunteering for CUTEMS can be a stepping stone to higher positions in an emergency services profession, something several former Culver volunteers have accomplished.

"If you start as a driver," Ricciardi explains, "you can find out whether or not you can handle an accident scene or an emergency where someone's gravely ill, and then you don't spend the time (needed to take) the EMT class, if you find you just like being a driver."

Dilts, Ricciardi, and Cooper all point to a sense of accomplishment gleaned from volunteering for the service.

"It makes you feel good to know you're able to help someone," Ricciardi says.

"its personal accomplishment, a sense of personal pride," concurs Dilts. "I get out of it helping the community; that's my biggest thing. I've always been a service-oriented person. I started out as a combat medic in the Army and it kind of filtered over into the civilian EMS."

Those interested in volunteering may contact the CUTEMS office by phone or email, 574-842-2773, cutems@culcom.net, or pick up an application at the town hall at 200 E Washington Street in Culver.

Birth - Jones

Robert Lee Ross

May 16, 1936-April 19, 2012



CULVER — Bob Ross passed away at approximately 2 a.m. in his home in Culver. Bob was not only loved by his family, but also by his many, many friends.

Bob was born in Dubois, Pa. to the late Leland and Sarah (Sterling) Ross.

Bob graduated from Culver High School in 1954. He then proceeded to serve in the U.S. Army from 1954-56. He has kept many ties relat-

ing to his service in the military. He was a lifetime member of both the VFW #6919 in Culver and the American Legion #27 in Plymouth. He was also a member of the Moose #741, Elks and Eagles Lodges in Plymouth; he also became a member of the AMI Vets #91 in Monticello.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Suzanne (Bope) Ross in 2004.

Bob is survived by his companion of almost eight years, Sue Hensley of Monticello. He has one sister, Karen (Tink) Lepionka of Dubois, Pa. Bob also has three children who survive: Diane Hansen of Culver, Susan Piscioti of Orangeville, Ill., and Cindi LaMunion of Monroe, Wis. He has eight grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren. He also has two nieces, one nephew, along with five great-nieces and two great-nephews.

There will be no burial services. However, family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate his wonderful and exuberant life at the VFW in Culver Sunday, April 29 from 12 to 2 p.m., and/or the American Legion in Plymouth, Sunday, April 29 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The family would like to thank Hospice and all of his friends for the help and support when we needed it the most, and requests that any contributions be made to any of the organizations of which he was a member.

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 26: Chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, cookie, milk.

Fri. April 27: Swedish meatballs, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, wheat bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, milk.

Mon., April 30: Chicken patty, bun and mayo, potato salad, pickled beets, applesauce, milk.

Tues., May 1: Cheeseburger, wheat bun, baked beans, brussel sprouts, tropical fruit, milk.

Weds., May 2: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, cobbler, milk.

Thurs., May 3: Beef stroganoff, peas, cauliflower, whole grain bread and margarine, pineapple, milk.

Fri., May 4: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, wheat bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

New vehicles, cash are 2012 Kiwanis raffle offerings

Tickets are available for the Culver Kiwanis Club's annual raffle to benefit local charities. This year's winners can choose between \$35,000 towards the choice of a 2012 Ford Mustang GT Premium Coupe or a 2012 Ford F150 XLT pickup, or another vehicle from Oliver Ford Lincoln of Plymouth, or \$25,000 cash.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50, and are available at Osborne's Mini-Mart and Park N' Shop in Culver,

or from members of Culver of Plymouth Kiwanis Clubs. Proceeds will benefit local charities. The drawing will be held Sat., July 21 after the Lake Fest fireworks in Culver's town park.

Inquiries may be directed to culverkiwanis@gmail.com or 317-363-6681.

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She lived another 50 years, he noted.

Freese himself successfully battled prostate cancer and was assisted, he explained, by the American Cancer Society. Students in his classes as a substitute teacher, said Freese, ask him if he's having a good day.

"I swung my legs over the edge of the bed and stood erect," Freese responded. "It's a good day."

Freese concluded with the hope that the "C word," cancer, can be eliminated from our collective vocabulary, or replaced with another "C word:" cure.

Surely stealing the hearts of the audience were the featured speakers launching the solemn luminaria ceremony.

Culver Academies wellness director Dana Neer, after noting he was part of the very first Relay for Life after a close friend's brother died of cancer in Pennsylvania, described the difficult journey to his 6-year-old son Grayson's diagnosis with non-Hodgkin lymphoma last year, noting, "My little boy's been a teacher for me (by way of his) spirit and attitude."

Neer was particularly grateful, in the wake of the diagnosis, to the Culver community for "your cards, notes, and phone calls -- not a day goes by that someone doesn't say, 'We're thinking of you or praying for you.'"

Bringing Grayson to the stage, Neer conducted an often-humorous "interview" with his son, which included the youngster's assurance he could out-race anyone in his family except his nationally recognized, record-beating

runner sister, Waverly.

"Thank you for your cards and prayers," Grayson concluded, ushering in the several minutes of silent walking which followed, as participants placed lighted glow sticks into luminary bags decorated in honor of cancer victims or those battling the disease.

Undoubtedly the best-known speaker of the evening was one of the earliest: Indianapolis Colts running back Donald Brown, who in an interview with the Culver Academies Vedette newspaper and blog, called the Relay, "a great event for a great cause; lives are being saved through such events.

"What I find so impressive about the Culver Relay for Life branch is that it was started by students...This is my first year attending Culver Relay and so far I am very impressed."

Also highlighting the evening was the introduction of

cancer-battling Jane Feitz, who was treated to spa and hair "pampering" by Culver representatives of Hello Gorgeous, which surrounds women fighting cancer with care and affection through a makeover, presentation of beauty-related gifts, and a party with family and friends.

Culver-based Michelle's Headquarters has given several area women the Hello Gorgeous treatment, and owner Michelle Allyn and assistant Susan Elizondo joined Feitz onstage along with Hello Gorgeous founder Kim Becker, to enthusiastic applause.

"These ladies made me feel pretty on the outside," Feitz, a Culver Academies employee, told the audience, "And beautiful on the inside."

Hour-by-hour Relay coverage in text and photos by the Culver Vedette staff is available online at thevedette.wordpress.com.

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Traveling exhibit on Indiana maps joins Culver map display at Center



PHOTO PROVIDED
Cindy Miller of Culver (right) and visitor Craig Williams examine the new Indiana and Culver maps exhibit at the Center for Culver History.

The Center for Culver History is currently displaying “Indiana Through the Mapmakers Eye,” an Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit, on loan through May 22.

The exhibit is drawn from approximately 1,500 maps and atlases of Indiana and the Midwest dating from 1577 to the present, and examines ways people have used maps through the years, including: as documentation, as tools, as political images and as art.

Maps displayed show changes within Indiana’s road, canal and railroad networks, legal boundary lines, and Native American territories.

The museum is also exhibiting a selection of local maps from its own collections, including documentary maps showing landowners and boundaries, tourist/business maps, geological maps, and artistic maps. They are chosen from various years, dating back to the 1830's, when local Potawatomie reserves were marked on the east and south shores.

Some of the maps displayed in the Indiana exhibition include: an 1833 tourist’s Indiana pocket map; a 1913 Sanborn Company fire insurance map for Bloomington; Thomas Kitchin’s 1747 map of French settlements in North America; and a circa 1880 scale-model map of the University of Notre Dame.

Culver maps include: a late 1800’s map of Indian trails, a 1960’s tourist map of the lake which features geographical names for locations on the lake, and a prehistoric detailing boundaries between swamp, forest, and savannah.

If these walls could talk:
Jefferson and Main, southwest

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As we continue our virtual "walk" down Culver's Main Street, we've reached the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, known today as the Antiquarian and Historical Society's Heritage Park, though many will recall its lengthy tenure as a Texaco service station.

That's no surprise. A service station existed there 1924,



ABOVE: A county officer directs Lake Fest parade traffic in 1994 with the old Texaco station in the background. Plans were already underway for its transformation to Heritage Park (seen today, UPPER RIGHT). LEFT: Steve McDaniel's 1983 photo shows the Texaco sign still on the corner.

anyway, though initially it was the William M. Hand and Sons Service Station.

Rewinding further back, the earliest years of use of the spot in Culver are a bit shrouded in mystery, but a March, 1910 report notes the original structure was an 1868 school house W.E. hand had moved to the corner from location unmentioned, but certainly out of the town proper. Hand used it for his home, apparently, until 1919 before its remodeling and conversion to a store.

Circa 1926 (or in one source, 1924), the old wood frame structure was torn town and replaced with a service sta-



tion, which was initially leased by the Standard Oil Company, Howard Mikesell among the first managers. It was officially known as the Wm. M. Hand & Sons Service Station as of 1935.

The Culver Citizen noted, in July, 1946, that Gordon Cultice had begun operating the Standard

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Name that Culver ‘citizen’

A handful of readers recognized last week’s Mystery Citizen, which may be a bit understandable since she didn’t attend high school here. However, she has become a major figure in many local projects, though most recently may be best recognized for her role in Culver Lake Fest among others. Lora Pinder, Judy Patton, and Kay Tusing all recognized Susie Norwich, seen below.

This week’s Mystery Citizen has been in Culver for much of his life and is a familiar face in one longstanding Culver business.



LEFT: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Susie Norwich, then and now. ABOVE: This week’s Mystery Citizen.

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Lions hand Culver 10-4 NSC loss

By James Costello
Sports Editor

BREMEN — Success in the game of baseball often requires a short memory.

When Culver’s first three batters went double, double, triple, and the Cavaliers scored three runs in their first five at-bats, it looked like it might be a long night for Bremen. But the Lions put it behind them and bore down with two runs in the bottom of the first, then tacked on another four in the second en route to a 10-4 Northern State Conference defeat of visiting Culver Wednesday night in Bremen.

“Culver usually comes out and they hit the ball well right away, and we’re used to that,” said Bremen head coach Bo Hundt. “The biggest thing is we left pitches up early in the game there, especially in the first inning, and that’s what happens. They’re going to swing the bats, and in a field like ours there’s a

lot of room out here to hit the ball. They hit it well, and they capitalized. Our kids kept battling and got back 3-2 and came back and took the lead the next inning. I was happy to see that they battled back and didn’t give up right away.”

With the wind blowing straight out, the Cavs jumped on top early as Collin Stevens doubled the opening pitch to the left field fence, Kyle Vlach followed up with an RBI double to deep center, and Randy Cline scored him with another long fly to deep center for three bags. The blitz momentarily rattled Bremen as sophomore starter Jacob Bennitt walked Nick Pritz with four straight balls, and Sam Hissong reached on an error at second that scored Cline and put Pritz on third. But Bennitt fanned the next two batters and induced a pop-out to first to hold the damage to three runs with runners on second and third.

“We talk to the kids about coming out aggressive, and the first four or five hitters that we have in our lineup are fairly aggressive with the bat, the first three especially,” said Culver coach Mike Elliott. “We come out with a double, double and a triple to start. But we’ve got to get the bottom of our order — our six, seven, eight and nine guys — to get a little more aggressive at the plate. We’re taking too many pitches. You get your first five guys on and you plate three runs, you’re happy with it, but we also left guys on second and third with no outs. That’s the thing that has hurt our guys all year, is coming through big in key situations.”

The Lions cut the advantage to 3-2 in the bottom of the inning as Sean Knepper singled to left and reached second on the misplayed fly ball. Eric Knepper was hit by a pitch, and Sean scored on the next at-bat when Culver sophomore left-hander Chris Zehner’s pick-off throw to first flew errant with the Kneppers already on their way to stealing second and third. Nate Leeper struck out on a seven-pitch at-bat, and Tyler Coffel singled in Eric with a fly to shallow right before Pritz’ saved the tying run with a double play on a diving catch in shallow center and throw to first that caught Coffel in no man’s land between first and second.

Stevens drew a walk on a seven-pitch at-bat but was left on first in the top of the second, and things got out of control for the Cavs in the bottom of the inning as Bremen punished them for three walks and two mistakes in the frame.

Austin Gardner drew a leadoff walk and advanced to second on Ben Coxey’s groundout to third, designated hitter Dillon Mullen put a ball in play to short and reached when the hopper was mishandled, and Zehner walked Bre-



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Community's Kyle Vlach delivers a pitch during a Northern State Conference game at Bremen last week.

men nine hitter Wes Burkholder to load the bases.

Sean Knepper drew a walk to plate Gardner for the tying run as the top of the order came back around before Kyle Vlach took over for Zehner, inducing a foul-out to third for the second out of the inning. But Vlach couldn’t quite wriggle off the hook as Leeper singled into shallow left to score Mullen and Burkholder both, and Sean Knepper scored when Leeper reached second on a run-and-hit mental error as Coffel put a hard chopper in play to second, and Cavs sophomore Shawn Russel tossed the ball over to Stevens as he made his way from short to second base, instead of getting the easy third out at first.

That big inning turned out to be all the Lions needed as they salted away their second conference win to move to 2-0 in NSC play. “We jump up three to nothing, and that’s happened to us all year. When we have had leads, we tend to give them away pretty quick, whether it be pitching or lack of defense, keep coming up with the plays,” said Elliott. “We tell the kids if we can stop some of that momentum and not put so much pressure on ourselves... We’ve got to realize right now when we’re out in the lead, the pressure’s not necessarily on us. It is, but we’ve got to be able to handle it and make the other team earn their runs and not give up some of the easy stuff that we have in the first eight games here. Sitting at 0-8, the kids are putting a little bit more pressure on themselves to make some plays, and that’s backfired at times. We’ve not been able to put a full seven innings together. We’ve played well in spurts.”

Bennitt also moved to 2-0 on the season as the young pitcher went six innings giving up just five hits — only two after Culver’s initial outburst in the top of the first — with nine strikeouts and three walks for three earned runs. Mullen took over to close in the seventh and balked in the Cavs’ final run with two outs as Stevens reached on a fielder’s choice, advanced to second on a Vlach single and moved to third when Pritz drew a two-out walk.

But it was too little, too late as Hissong put a routine grounder in play to short for the game’s final out.

Zehner took the loss in his first start as Culver stayed winless at 0-8 with an 0-3 NSC start. The Cavs will take a week off from varsity play before resuming play next Wednesday.

“The kids are putting a little too much pressure on themselves. We’ve got a couple kids out right now, and we’re playing some kids with not a lot of varsity experience, but you’ve still got to come and be aggressive at the plate and make some things happen,” said Elliott.

“We’re going to keep working on it. Our seniors are taking off for a few games, and we’ve got a few practices and some JV games, and we’ll get some kids some more experience and get ready to go.”

• BREMEN 10, CULVER 4
At Bremen
Culver: 300 000 1 — 4 6 5
Bremen: 242 002 x — 10 9 1
Jacob Bennitt (W, 2-0), Dillon Mullen (7) and Austin Gall; Chris Zehner (L, 0-1), Kyle Vlach (2), Collin Stevens (6) and Sam Hissong.
2B: Stevens (C), Vlach (C), Mullen (B), Nate Leeper (B), Tyler Coffel (B)
3B: Randy Cline (C), Eric Knepper (B)
Records: Culver 0-8 (0-3 NSC), Bremen 4-3 (2-0 NSC)

Sports briefs

Girls tennis

CGA beats Goshen

Culver Girls Academy beat visiting Goshen 3-2 on Saturday.

Natalia Lopez-Yanez won 6-1, 6-2 at 3 singles, Pita Navarro and Maria Solis were victorious, 6-4, 6-3 at 1 doubles, and Carlota Silva and Rachel Simm won their 2 doubles match 6-0, 6-1.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, GOSHEN 2
At Culver

CGA trumps Marian

Culver Girls Academy topped visiting Mishawaka Marian 4-1 in a girls tennis meet at home Wednesday.

The Lady Eagles won in straight sets on all courts except in 1 singles play, where Sonia Shen lost in three sets. Paulina Cano won a 9-7 tiebreaker to put away Marian’s Lauren Garatoni in straight sets at the meet.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 1
At Culver

Softball

CGA sweeps Maconaquah

Culver Girls Academy swept visiting Maconaquah in a doubleheader at the Academies Saturday, winning the opener by a slim 17-16 margin before routing the visitors 18-8 in game two.

Jamie Madison helped her own cause with a home run and a double en route to the pitching one in the first game, and she doubled as Abby Jeffirs got the pitching win in the second game.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 17-18, MACONAQUAH 16-8
At Culver

Lady Eagles fall in 5

South Bend Adams handed host Culver Girls Academy a 16-5 loss in five innings Monday at the Academies. CGA plate five runs on five hits at the game, including two home runs by Jamie Madison.

• S.B. ADAMS 16, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5 (5 inn.)
At Culver

Bremen dimes Culver

Bremen dined Culver in five innings 16-0 in a Northern State Conference game at Culver Wednesday. Kailee Feldman had two doubles and four RBI, and Rachael Czarnecki had two hits and three RBI for the Lady Lions, who moved to 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

• BREMEN 16, CULVER 0 (5 inn.)
At Culver

Baseball

Bremen shuts out CMA

Austin Gardner gave up just one hit in a complete seven-inning outing, and Bremen shut out host Culver Military Academy 5-0 on the road Saturday.

• BREMEN 5, CULVER MILITARY 0
At Culver

Culver loses at 5 at Jimtown

Auggie Rubalcava held Culver to just two hits on the mound, and the Cavaliers were shut out 10-0 in five innings by host Jimtown on the road Monday.

• JIMTOWN 10, CULVER 0 (5 inn.)
At Elkhart

Boys golf

CMA takes 2nd at LaVille frosh-soph tourney

Warsaw won the LaVille Freshman-Sophomore Golf Tournament with a score of 343 at Sprig O’Mint Saturday, while Culver Military finished second just three strokes back. The JV Eagles were led by Logan Joseph’s 83 and Ben Sharff’s 84, while Michael Heidkamp shot an 89, and Matt Moody carded a 90 for the Eagles.

Bremen edges Culver

Bremen beat Culver by four strokes in a dual Northern State Conference meet on the Cavaliers’ home course at Mystic Hills, 172-176. Kevin See Sports page 6
Woodyard and Micah Knoblock

Walls from page 4

Service Station at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, with Charles Baker managing. This wasn't Cultice's first foray into the business.

Born in Hibbard (though graduated from high school at Harvey, Illinois), Cultice had worked at Culver Military Academy and attended Tri-State College at Angola, Illinois as well. In Febraury, 1934, the Culver Citizen noted he began managing the Linco Service Station across the street (long known as a Marathon station, it sat at 102 S. Main, site of today's Culver Academies Museum). This is In June of 1943, George Crutchfield of Indianapolis pur-

chased Hand's Service Station, opening it in July. Cultice was certainly still involved in the business, and by 1952, Gordon's Standard Service joined seven other service stations listed in the Culver phone book. Cultice would, by the late 1950s, transition the business to the Texaco flag, which it retained well into the 1980s.

In the mid-1990s, by which point the station had been closed for several years and become delapidated, the Antiquarian and Historical Society began work to clean up the property. This was complicated by environmental regulations concerning proper disposal of whatever auto

fuel was left in the old underground tanks, and so proved to be a more difficult and expensive endeavor than originally conceived. But it was accomplished, and by 1996, Heritage Park was underway. It is, of course, an ongoing project of sorts, as names continue to appear on the bricks there (and residents continue to stroll its pathways taking in memories of family and friends).

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no charge for this event.

IOOF breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will host an all you can eat pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy breakfast Sat., April 28 from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of Pine and 18B Road, Culver. Adults are \$6, children \$4. Come out and eat breakfast before going to town-wide garage sales.

Friends book sale this wknd

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.

Dancevision this wknd

Culver Academies' spring Dancevision will take place Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the Eppley auditorium. The public is welcome to this free event.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Players will be hosting auditions for their summer musical, "Crazy for You" Sat., April 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Culver Community High School auditorium. Please bring a song of your choice to sing and be prepared to read from a script we'll provide and perform a short dance combination. For more information, please contact Lenore Jones, director at Lenore@ancofficeproducts.com or 574-780-7450.

Community meal at St. Mary's Monday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Monday, April 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided 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.

CCHS football meeting May 1

Attention high school football players: there will be a meeting for all football players and parents in grades 9-12 for the 2012 season Tuesday, May 1. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The summer schedule will be handed out. Upcoming events, expectations, physicals, costs, workouts, and camps are among the topics to be discussed. If you have any questions, contact Coach Thomas at 574-

842-3391, extension 3409

Flea market items needed

Culver Lions Club now taking donations for their Flea Market on May 5. For pick up please call Fred at 574-842 2015.

Volunteers needed

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, INC., are looking for men and women willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance, and become Basic and Advanced EMT's. Culver-Union Township EMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well as EMT classes are held in the area at different times of the year. Interested persons may call or email 574-842-2773, cutems@culcom.net, or at 200 E Washington St., Culver, In 46511.

State-wide exhibit to include Culver maps

Through May 22, the Center for Culver History will host "Indiana through the Mapmakers Eye," which examines ways people have used maps through the years and features local and state-wide maps.

Sidewalk program

Applications for the 2012 Sidewalk Program will be available at town hall. Completed application for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received.

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: Internet for Beginners (April 27), Email for Beginners (April 30, May 4).

For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.

Keitzer scholarship apps due May 1

Applications for scholarships from the Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Trust are available at the First National Bank, Monterey, and Culver Community High School. Graduates of CCHS who have lived within a 5-mile radius of Monterey for at least one year while in high school are eligible to apply for the scholarship. One scholarship will go to a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church of Monterey who is a full-time resident student studying for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. One or more scholarships will be awarded to students who are graduates of CCHS who are full-time students at a college or university. Deadline for filing applications is May 1 by 3 p.m. for both renewals and new applicants.

Vision specialist at REAL Meals May 2

Daniel Olson, M.A., Blind Rehabilitation Spe-

'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 meeting be moderated by Jeff Harris, Director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society, and is open to the public. Anyone with an interest in preserving local history is strongly encouraged to attend and make their voice heard. The AHS requests that organizations send a representative to the meeting.

MCJFL sign-up dates

Culver's Marshall County Junior Football League youth football sign-ups will take place May 15 (5 to 7 p.m.), June 16 (9 a.m. to noon), and June 23 (9 a.m. to noon). Please sign up at the open garage doors on the west side of the Culver Community High School. We are also looking for volunteer coaches as well as event volunteers. Please contact the following if interested: commissioner Chris Stevens (stevensc@culver.k12.in.us, 574-216-5007) or co-commissioner Van Hissong (vhisssong@hotmail.com, 574-225-0712).

Note: players must be 7 years old by July 31 and weigh at least 45 pounds.

Poplar Grove 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. To donate to the sale, please call Susan Shaffer at 574-952-2688 for pick-up of those donations.

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. Entertainment will be provided by the magical transformation act, "Quick Change." The silent auction will culminate with a premium live auction. Admission to the event is \$65 per person or \$125 per couple and is by reservation only.

Lake Max Challenge paddleboard event June 30

Culver will host Indiana's first-ever World Paddle Board Association sanctioned Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) race Saturday, June 30 via the the Lake Max Challenge. 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. Learn more or register at lakemaxchallenge.com and facebook.com/lakemaxchallenge. Or contact 574.889.0022.

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Turmoil in the Middle East. There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

Unreliable "allies." Egypt, a long term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak, has been deposed. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The president of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs – fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of everything Western – came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region – Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates – are even weaker and less reliable needs to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at a cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's most steadfast friend, a most important strategic asset and most reliable ally.

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turned in dual 39s for the Lions, while Nate Strahler shot a 44, and Brad Foster carded a 50. Culver was led by Trent Elliott’s low-medal round of 38, while Zach Duplay shot a 44 followed by Luke Dunfee’s 46 and Joe Krsek’s 48.

• BREMEN 172, CULVER 176
At Mystic Hills (Par 35)

Triton tops CMA, Plymouth in battle of unbeatens

Triton beat out Culver Military by six strokes, 153-159, while Plymouth took its first dual meet losses of the season with a team score of 163 ahead of Adams’ 188 in a four-way meet which featured three unbeaten teams at the Plymouth Country Club Thursday.

Triton’s Quentyn Carpenter and CMA’s Davis Payne both turned in 2-under-par 34s at the meet to share low-medalist honors. The Trojans’ Ryan Rapp carded a 38 followed by Tanner Shepherd’s 39 and Chandler Slone’s 42 as the team stayed perfect at 11-0. John Connelly shot a 39, Alan Kuestermann scored a 41, and Ben Sharff shot a 45 for the Eagles, who moved to 6-1 with their first loss in dual play.

Cavs fall to Winamac

Culver lost a dual golf meet with Winamac 178-185 on its home course at Mystic Hills Monday. Trent Elliott and Luke Dunfee carded respective scores of 43 and 44 for the Cavs, Zach Duplay shot a 48, and Joe Krsek came in in 50.

• WINAMAC 178, CULVER 185
At Mystic Hills (Par 35)

Boys track Culver splits with Rochester, Caston

Culver Community split with Rochester and Caston in a three-way boys track meet Thursday. The Cavaliers earned wins in six events at the meet. Cole Flora won both the 100- and 200-meter dash, and he ran on Culver’s winning 400 relay team with Micah Budzinski, who won the 110 hurdles at the meet. Matt Hurford won the shot put, and Bradley Beaber won the long jump for the Cavs.

• ROCHESTER 73, CULVER COMMUNITY 61, CASTON 33

Girls track Lady Cavs earn split

Culver’s girls track team lost to Rochester but beat out Caston in a three-way meet Thursday. Tatum Schultz won the 300 hurdles and the high jump and finished second in the 100 hurdles and the long jump, while Kayla Shaffer won the 400 and 200 and placed second in the 100, and Denisha Brown won the 100 and placed second in the 200 and the high jump. Donna Zehner won the discus with a throw of 103’ 10 1/2” and finished second in the shot put.

• ROCHESTER 69, CULVER 55, CASTON 31



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An Earth Day cleanup

Boy Scouts and residents partnered Saturday morning for an Earth Day cleanup of Culver’s town park, Indian Trails, and west shore public landing.

Among participants, pictured above, are (LEFT PHOTO) Dan Baughman and grandson Robby Wozniak), and (RIGHT PHOTO) park superintendent Kelly Young (left) and Culver resident Mary Baker.

The event was coordinated by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Marshall County Lakes and Waters Council.

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Culver entities receive MCCF grants

Three Culver-area entities received grants recently via the Marshall County Community Foundation.

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council was awarded \$6,500 from the Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund by the MCCF. Kathy Clark, executive director for LMEC, explained at the awards ceremony that the grant would be used exclusively to install a sediment trap on the John Kline Ditch just after it comes under SR 110 onto the Mystic Hills Golf Course property.

The LMEC has already led the installation of sediment traps on the three major drainage ditches or tributaries that feed into Lake Maxinkuckee. Over the last thirty years, the organization first installed a small wetland with a sediment trap on the Leonard Wilson Ditch which runs from the east onto pasture land owned by the Culver Academies at state road 10 and Queen Road. This project has the honor of being the first man-made wetland/sediment trap constructed in Indiana, Clark noted.

The second major project was converting parts of an 80 acre tract of land owned by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, known as the Maxinkuckee Wetland and Conservation Area, which sits at the south-eastern corner of the lake.

"This project actually involved installing a huge sediment trap by reforming the actual ditch," Clark explains, "thereby slowing the intake of phosphorus into the lake environment. The last major project was building a full wetland, including a large sediment trap system, on private property now owned by the Murphy family just west of Queen Road on the B.A. Curtis Ditch."

While this Mystic Hills project is not as large as the first three, it is just as important, says Clark. Soil and nutrients flow unimpeded from farms in northern Fulton County, through the John Kline Ditch, and right into the Maxinkuckee Wetlands. This makes that wetland work very hard, she notes, to eliminate these nutrients, sometimes slightly overwhelming the systems already in place.

"By LMEC enlarging and slightly expanding the curve in the ditch area just past the culvert that runs under SR 110, and digging a deep hole in the expanded area," she says, "the majority of these sediments, along with the nutrients that are bound to them, should be prevented from entering the larger wetland system. It is a rather simple system, slowing down the flowing water to the degree that it will allow the sediment to drop to the bottom of the creek or ditch."

To put the finishing touches on the project, LMEC intends to plant native grasses and some colorful plants as well installing wild flower seeds in bio-logs to give that little corner of the golf course some wonderful color. Clark and Mystic Hills owner Vicki Pugh did a pre-project walk-through last week and both are excited to get started.

The Culver Boys & Girls Club received a \$3,750 grant through the MCCF to help enhance its educationally-based summer program, which serves youth ages 5 to 18 in the greater Culver area, according to unit supervisor Cory Monnier.

Monies received, he explains, will be utilized to purchase required supplies, cover the cost of offsite learning opportunities and offset the cost of staffing.

"This program will offer an array of on-campus and off-site learning opportunities designed to encourage learning and development over the summer months," he says. "Every week of our summer program will be themed around a specific subject matter. Members will complete fun on-campus learning activities surrounding said subject matter and then conclude the week with an offsite learning opportunity. Themed educational activities will incorporate an array of math and reading skills through the use of skill building worksheets and games.

"We will take field trips to places such as the Fort Wayne Zoo and Fair Oaks Dairy Farm," Monnier adds, "to high-

light weeks centered around units on animals and farm life. The Culver Boys & Girls Club is extremely thankful for the Community Foundation and their gracious investment in this program."

The program will run June 4 through August 10 and will be open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. For additional information on the summer program, contact Monnier at 574-250-0103.

The MCCF awarded the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver with two grants: \$2,000 to purchase digitization equipment and \$6,500 to produce a documentary film about the history of Culver. The digitization grant money will come from the general endowment fund, while the video award is from the Walter Vonnegut Fund, which is specifically for projects that promote environmental and educational awareness of Lake Maxinkuckee.

"These awards are a big deal for us," said Center for Culver History Director Rachel Meade. "We have a small staff and every dollar counts. The grants will allow us to really use our limited resources in the most effective way possible."



The Center for Culver History will purchase new scanning equipment and software with the digitization award. With a new sheet-fed scanner, the museum hopes to solicit loans of family photo col-

lections, which may be quickly scanned and returned to their owners, says Meade. Purchase of a large-bed scanner and photo editing software will allow for the museum to increase its capacity to scan yearbooks, maps, and other large-scale items, to be added to the museum's online digital collections (at culverahs.com).

The video award, Meade explains, will fund production of a comprehensive history of the Culver area, centering upon Lake Maxinkuckee. The film will begin with the glacial formation of the lake, then trace the histories of the various unique communities that have flourished on its shores. The film will incorporate historic photographs with footage of the lake and surroundings, as well as interviews with local historians and residents. Those with an interest in contributing photographs, memories, or volunteer efforts to the project may contact the Center for Culver History at historyofculver@gmail.com.

The general endowment of the Marshall County Community Foundation now exceeds \$4.5 million dollars, enabling the Foundation to award grants in excess of \$135,000 on an annual basis. During the spring 2012 grant round, \$69,581 was awarded to seventeen organizations in Marshall County.

"Donations to the general fund of the Community Foundation help support projects such as these," noted Kurt Garner, MCCF Grants Committee Chair, as he announced the awards.

Grant committee members and the communities they represent include Kurt Garner, Chair, (Plymouth), Kay Finlay (Culver), Kevin Hickman (Bremen), Tammy Houin (Plymouth), Carolyn Kline (Culver), Robert Pickell (Plymouth), Sarah Smith (Plymouth), Mike Overmyer (Culver), Amy Middaugh (Bourbon) and Don Thompson (Argos). Patti Kitch (Bourbon), Sylvia Bieghler (Plymouth), Dean Byers (Plymouth) and Susie Reinholt (Plymouth) serve as advisors to the committee. General Endowment grants are awarded to support charitable causes as allowed by IRS regulations and typically in the areas of health and human services, children and youth, arts, community development, education and the environment.

General Endowment Fund grant applications are due February 1 and August 1 each year. Ralph C. Vonnegut Fund grant applications are due February 1. Applications and more information may be obtained by calling the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 or visiting www.marshallcountycf.org.

Special session clarifies outdoor dining specifics

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Attendees expecting sparks to fly during an April 17 public work session of Culver's town council concerning the addition of outdoor dining to a local restaurant may have been surprised at the congenial tone of the gathering.

The meeting followed up on the council's regularly scheduled one of one week earlier, during which a temporary permit was granted to Main Street's Cafe Max to occupy part of the sidewalk with a railed-in dining space.

The arrangement was allowed up to the launch of work in September on revitalization of Culver's downtown, which will involve replacement of the sidewalk. The move sparked some controversy during the week leading up to the work session, which was scheduled on Friday, even as a state excise-required railing was installed in front of the restaurant.

Council member Lynn Overmyer complimented Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler on the look of the railing and dining space.

Mahler addressed prior questions of the space's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, explaining the most recent ADA standards require 36 inches of sidewalk space to allow wheelchairs and other devices, while Culver's zoning requires 48 inches. Mahler said the sidewalk space outside her new railing is five feet, two inches from the streetside tree box in front of Cafe Max, which exceeds both requirements.

Mahler also brought printed emails and Facebook comments from customers, other businesspeople, and community leaders, she said, lauding the new space.

"I think outside dining is great," said Overmyer, who raised concerns as to whether citizens with walkers could navigate the sidewalk under the new arrangement.

Mahler said her own mother has a walker.

"If you can't trust the ADA in making their own guidelines," she added, "who can you trust?"

Council member Bill Githens also reported hearing a number of positive comments about the addition.

Council member Ginny Munroe noted most sidewalks in Culver are 48 inches.

"We can't apply a more than 48 inch rule there (in front of Cafe Max), and not all over town," she said.

Mahler also elaborated on ADA requirements in allowance of two wheelchairs to pass each other, noting a 60-inch space is required at least every 160 feet to facilitate such passing. She also said she hopes, if the council grants her permanent permission for the arrangement once revitalization work is complete, to make the railing removable in winter to facilitate snow plowing.

Mahler also addressed concerns raised about alcohol consumption outdoors, in light of Culver ordinances forbidding consumption of alcoholic beverages on sidewalks and in public places. She noted the railing, as dictated by excise laws, effectively protects the space as part of the establishment, for purposes of beverage consumption. Other entities in town seeking in the past to serve alcohol outdoors without a permit could have researched excise laws for clarification, she added, noting excise representatives examined the completed railing and "blessed it."

Githens commended Mahler for "doing your homework" and added the arrangement is on a trial basis, though other businesses have shown some interest in similar endeavors.

Munroe said many businesses and citizens are excited about the addition.

"You've inspired some people with something new," she said. "And (some are asking), 'How can we fill some of these empty storefronts in Culver?'"

Sue McInturff, owner of the nearby Diva gift shop, said the outdoor dining space was nearly full Sunday afternoon.

"It brought people outside and created more of a community atmosphere (with) people hopefully strolling down to my store."

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Krsek's hard work and selflessness.

"You've never heard him say a bad word about anyone, or anyone say a bad word about him," he added.

Cameron Turney, daughter of Sherrie Back and a future Ball State major in speech and language or journalism, honored late CCHS business teacher and Business Professionals of America leader **Mike Schwartz**, who was represented at the event by his wife, Donna.

Without Schwartz, said Turney, "I wouldn't have the courage or self-confidence to stand here and talk to you."

Turney characterized Schwartz as a man who loved his students and put a "monumental" amount of work into BPA "with a smile and encouraging word."

Encouraging words from him about Turney's writing shaped her high school career, she said, and praised his strength and faith.

"My experience with him was truly life-changing," she concluded. "I hope he knows how life-changing he was."

Donna Schwartz described her late husband's dedication to BPA and how much it meant for him to be part of Turney's life. She referenced the message of a book he had been reading that "all things work together for the good."

"You can't change the past," she continued, quoting a favorite passage of Mike's, "but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future."

Future Purdue undergraduate studies major **Aspen Kitchell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Kitchell, chose former middle school science teacher (and present high school dean of students) **Brett Berndt** as honoree, quipping that Hanselman helped her make the difficult decision by encouraging the choice of "the teacher I'd feel most comfortable eating with!"

She described her disappointment at the news Berndt was leaving the classroom to become dean, as he "could have taught more students science."

Kitchell also said managing the boys' basketball team under coach Kyle Elliott and Berndt for three years "was one of the best experiences of my high school career," and described Berndt's assistance through the emotional highs and lows of the experience.

"I realized teachers are not only there to instruct you, but help you through the journey," she said.

Berndt thanked Culver Community Schools' administration, describing the school as "an amazing place to work."

Thanking Kitchell, he said it was an "absolute honor knowing I influenced you in some way, somehow," and described her as "always reliable, trustworthy, and all self-motivated. She's a role model for my daughter."

Teasing her about her college of choice, Berndt also created a faux "award" for Kitchell using names of other influential teachers in her career to form an Indiana Uni-

versity logo, which he presented to her with a smile.

The daughter of Suzanne Wakefield, **Cassandra VanSky** -- poised to attend Indiana University at South Bend to become a nurse practitioner -- chose CCHS English teacher **Vickie Benner** to honor, whom she called a "sophisticated woman...with a deep understanding of literature."

VanSky said Benner's classroom is "always interesting" and that the teacher "helps students any way she can (and) goes above and beyond to find answers for us."

For her part, Benner said she's lucky to teach at Culver, adding she doesn't want this year to end due to the quality of her current students, noting she joked with a colleague that she could fail them all to keep them here another year.

Benner said VanSky initially questioned her own ability, but added, "here you are, an amazing young woman and a top ten scholar about to graduate. I'm really proud of you."

Kellie Bonine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bonine, is bound for Manchester College to study accounting and business management, and chose to honor CCHS choir and music teacher **Diane Derrrow**, a choice about which she said "there wasn't a doubt in mind."

Bonine recalled her challenges performing in "Seussical, the Musical" in middle school, and her journey to president of the school's Drama Club in her junior year, which she said "changed everything about my high school experience."

The sense of humor Bonine referenced in relation to Derrrow was evident as the teacher recalled in some detail the challenges of working with a temperamental Bonine in earlier years. Derrrow said she reconsidered her impressions of Bonine a few years later and was amazed at "the renaissance of Kellie Bonine (to) an outstanding performer who just stole the show" in last year's "The Crazy Quilt Club."

"I know she will go on (and) persevere and accept and conquer challenges because she taught me how to do that with her," noted Derrrow.

Future University of Southern Indiana at Evansville student **Cally Jo Klausing**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Klausing, began an emotional tribute to Culver Elementary teacher **Bonnie Schmidt**, who joined Klausing at the podium in support.

"We came a long way baby, didn't we?" Schmidt asked, adding she assumed her husband, retired industrial tech teacher Tom Schmidt, was the honoree.

"To know Cally Jo now is marvelous -- absolutely fantastic," Schmidt said.

Serena Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hughes and future architecture and construction management major at Lawrence Tech University in Michigan,

honored CCHS French teacher **Nicole Treber**.

Hughes, explaining her own first experience in an American high school was also Treber's, said the teacher had taught French in Paris "and found herself in Indiana to be the French teacher at our high school."

Treber, said Hughes, "has been more than simply a teacher; she's an amazing role model and gives the best advice. She has such respect and understanding of different cultures and an appreciation of fine arts."

Treber, who said its "very encouraging to know we can touch our students," joked about debates with Hughes over pronunciation of various American cities and states, but said Hughes is "my official translator now."

"Serena wants to become an architect," added Treber. "As an architect she builds bridges. The world is quite divided in many ways, and we need bridges. She built a bridge between two cultures: hers and mine."

Honoring Culver middle school math teacher **Scott Eckert** was **Austin Vela**, son of Donna Vela and undecided at present as to college choice.

"Every teacher's influenced me in some way," said Vela, who noted Eckert "stood out the most."

Eckert said Vela was one of his top Algebra 1 students as a freshman, though Eckert didn't expect Vela's selection of him.

"Sometimes we don't realize as teachers, mentors, or friends what impact we have on the kids we deal with," he added, noting Vela is "one of four survivors in Calculus."

The son of Lori Hill and Scott Flora, **Cole Flora** plans to attend IUSB in the fall to major in radiology and technology. Honoring middle school teacher **Debbie Scott**, Flora expressed gratitude for Scott's help not only with school work, but through challenges and obstacles in his personal life.

"Thanks for being a great influence on my life," he said.

Scott said Flora was one of the first students in her IGNITION mentoring group as a freshman.

"Some days he'd make me laugh so hard I'm crying, and other days I wanted to scream in frustration!" she noted. "But it's been a joy knowing you."

Hanselman congratulated the honored teachers in what he called "trying educational times."

"We get to come see you every day," he said to the students. "We have to be our best. You are our best and brightest."

"This is the best I have to offer," he concluded, addressing the audience, "and they're fantastic."

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Haimbaugh is Student of the Month

Hayden Haimbaugh of Culver Community High School was one of the afternoon class recipients the SCILL Center's Student-of-the-Month award for the month of January. The Student-of-the-Month is chosen by the AutoTech instructors, Rodney Dawson and Mark Anderson, based on the student's test scores, class participation, attitude, attendance and initiative in the shop. Other recipients included Tyler Wickizer of LaVille High School, Tyler Keeton, Knox High School (morning class) and Anthony Chasse, Knox High School (afternoon).

'Pay it Forward' at CUTPL book/film club

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book/film group will meet Wednesday, May 2 at noon in the library's large meeting room, located downstairs. Bring your lunch and enjoy good company, good film, good discussion after the film. The book is "Pay It Forward" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Trevor starts a chain reaction of goodness with his Social Studies project. We wonder, how much impact can a Junior High project have on those who pay it forward? The film stars Kevin Spacy, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment. Copies of the selection are available at the Circulation Desk and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.



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CES 5th graders sign new masterpiece

Culver Elementary 5th grader Nora Kline (left) with mother Kathleen, and fellow student Sunora Clingler and mom Darlina Clingler (far right) examine brand-new copies of the student-created book, "Scranicies" (combining "scrambled" and "species"). An annual endeavor of Raeanne Stevens' 5th grade reading class, the professionally bound hardcover combines student creative writing and artwork, this year around themes inspired by the poetry of Jack Prelutsky, to whom the book was dedicated. "Students created stories and pictures of imaginary creatures such as a tanda (tiger/panda), lino (lion/rhino), unidrag (unicorn/dragon), fying sauciniop (flying saucer/genie/frog that hops)," says Stevens. "We have a rapping turtle, journeys to unknown jungles, and voyages to outer space!" Students and parents gathered recently in the school's media center to exchange signatures in copies of the book.

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The AHS, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, has spearheaded a number of projects in Culver, from the creation of Heritage Park and the replica 1895 lighthouse in the town park, to designating various areas on the National Register of Historic Places, in addition to a host of publishing and digitization projects. The present museum evolved from several year's collaboration with the library, and was formalized in 2006. As a result, the AHS' extensive collection of Culver historical items was, for the first time, made available consistently to the public in the library building, where over 1,000 unique items relevant to Culver history are preserved. That's something museum director Rachel Meade feels is especially important. "For a small rural town, there is an incredible amount of enthusiasm for local history here," says Meade. "So many seem to have a strong emotional connection with this place. They are drawn in by summers spent on the lake, pride for the Culver High School or Culver Academy, connection with the summer camp or local clubs and businesses or the beautiful landscape of the area. "At the Center for Culver History," she adds, "we try to provide a place to represent all the diverse facets of this area. We are the only organization to provide such a space to record the memories and life of the entire community. With the support of those who love Culver, we hope to continue doing so for years to come." "I think that the museum is a great asset to the community," echoes Peterson, "but since we have to make some hard decisions as to the location of the museum, we're taking this opportunity to get community input as to how we can improve the museum and make it more relevant to the community." Many in Culver recognize the uniqueness of the community's makeup, from the many historical figures to associate with the area due to both Culver Academies and the rich history of Lake Maxinkuckee, to a number of "firsts" or unusual attributes, such as the first integrated high school basketball team in Indiana, the ice industry, the flourishing tourist and hotel era, the connection to the Titanic, and others. It seems a given to many that, if any Indiana com-

munity merits a community museum, it's Culver. Additionally, AHS leaders point to the value museums as a whole bring to communities, stressing that the notion that museums are simply for "history buffs" ignores the statistics on their power as a tourist draw, civic center, and important research center providing family histories and chronicling the timelines of local churches, clubs, organizations, businesses, public entities, and more. In that sense, says the AHS, there are few individuals, groups, or entities whose existence isn't impacted by the presence -- or absence -- of a museum and archive, to which they may go for research. preservation, and presentation. There's also the importance of the sense of civic value and investment museums provide to all ages, though perhaps most importantly to young people, something simply reading a book or website can't replicate. "Human interaction that provides a corporate experience," stresses Tom Lidtke in his article, "Museums are a Souce of Wealth." "physical interaction with exhibition objects provide(s) a multi-sensory experience that cannot be had sitting in solitude staring at an image on a 17' monitor....to compare (the Internet) to the reality of a museum visit is like comparing a picture of a strawberry to tasting a fresh, sweet and juicy strawberry. Clearly, major underwriters such as the Marshall County Community Foundation agree. Besides providing \$40,000 towards the \$100,000-plus the AHS spent to renovate the historic space the museum now occupies at the library (among other grants to the AHS), Meade notes the MCCF just awarded funds to the AHS toward "several exciting projects, including increasing digitization of historic photographs and records, and production of a video documentary about Culver's history. We would love to involve the broader community in these endeavors. " As Peterson points out, "The future of the museum will be determined by the resources available to support it." Perhaps the most valuable of those resources is one AHS leaders hope to see on May 12: the people of the Culver community.

Culver Garden Court ribbon cutting, open house



Attending the ribbon cutting at Culver's Garden Court senior living facility were, from left to right, Kevin Berger of Easterday Construction, Dr. Ronald Liechty of Garden Court, Ed Pinder of Culver's town council, Sue McInturff of S. Main Culver's Chamber of Commerce, town council member Bill Githens, and Sheral Anderson, senior case manager for Congressman Joe Donnelly.

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Culver's Garden Court senior living facility held its much-anticipated open house and ribbon cutting last Tuesday, the culmination of some 15 years of searching for land, said Dr. Ronald Liechty, Garden Court board president, and over two years of work to prepare and build the facility. A number of people gathered at the 801 S. Main Street Garden

Court, where rooms were available for tours and refreshments offered. Liechty, noting he and Garden Court board vice president Dean Byers have an accumulation 87 years of service on the board, said he will be replaced by Jim Causey as president this fall. He said Garden Court's development committee goes into action once a site has been designated. Architect Brent Martin has designed seven of the facilities now, Liechty added, and Easterday Construction has built the same number. Liechty also cited the work of consultant Scott Hughes and attorney Jim Tousley. Also thanked were Wade and Claudia McGee, who made the land available for sale for the site. Kevin Berger of Easterday said he personally spent ten years searching for a Culver site for the facility.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "I think this is a beautiful addition to Culver." Berger expressed his appreciation to Culver's town council and its preparation of the land surrounding Garden Court, which has been annexed into the town of Culver for further future development. He also thanked Liechty for a "wonderful job" as well as his "years of guidance and friendship." The actual ribbon cutting was handled by Ron Cisco, the very first of the four residents currently occupying the facility. The facility, funded through the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, will be managed by Bradley Residential Management.

Van Herk gears up for 'Music in the Park' for a cause

PLYMOUTH — It's about that time of year when weather allows for refreshing outdoor entertainment venues to open their gates for sunny, temperate afternoons filled with live acoustic folk rock performances and, sometimes, it's all for a great cause. Listeners can have both Saturday, May 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Young Amphitheater in Plymouth's Centennial Park, catty-corner from the High School. Who's performing, you may ask? Jack Johnson? Bob Dylan? James Taylor? Well, you may know him as the manager of Culver's First Farmers Bank and Trust, but more have come to know Chad Van Herk as a well-travelled singer-songwriter with an ever-growing base of fans both locally and—in this age of internet radio and Youtube — worldwide. Well, you can now bring your friends and family to an outdoor fundraising benefit concert featuring the local artist performing his mellow acoustic rhythms live at the Young Amphitheater in Plymouth. Opening for Van Herk will be singer/songwriter Jerry Ivan Nenycz (also recently named Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year state competition champion) performing from 2 to 2:30 to kick off the show. Van Herk has organized this live performance to raise monies for the Ingram family whose youngest son Trek Atlas has been diagnosed with Niemann Pick Type A, a

frustratingly rare, incurable genetic disease which claims the life of those who are so-diagnosed by the age of three. The Ingrams, who hail from the distant shores of Hawaii, had previously just begun selling all of their personal belongings in order to finance a journey across various international borders and, as the family's favorite Chad Van Herk song goes, "...leave footprints all over the world" in a year-long sabbatical with their three sons (hence little Trek's fitting name). The Ingrams had gone so far as to purchase one-way tickets to Asia to begin their globe trekking adventure just weeks before little Trek Atlas would be diagnosed with the disease. As a result of the diagnosis, the Ingrams had multiple flights to visit specialists in Colorado, which rapidly depleted their savings and dashed their dreams of world travel. Meanwhile, the Hard Rock Café in Maui began making plans to hold a private family benefit for the Ingrams. That's where Van Herk comes in. "I received an email from the Hard Rock Café in Maui with several attachments and image files and, without reading it, I immediately thought it was junk mail," Van Herk laughs. "But they followed up with another email to convince me to come out for the benefit. I was both moved and humbled by the invitation. This will be, essentially, a farewell party for Trek as his health continues to decline. We will be celebrating his short but hopefully not uneventful life."

While Chad and his wife Liz will be paying their own way to Hawaii so that more funds can go to the Ingram family, the Van Herk's also hope to raise a sizeable sum to deliver to the Ingrams "with love and support from our friends, families, coworkers, and communities," says Chad. "That's what the concert is for. All profits will go to the Ingram family in hopes that Trek Atlas Ingram can live a comfortable life for the short time he is with us, and even get a few stamps in his passport before he disembarks on his trip to the Great Beyond." Tickets are only \$10 at the gate on the day of the show, but they can also be purchased in advance either directly from Chad or at his website www.chadvanherk.com, where donations can also be made. You may also learn more about the Ingrams at www.babytrekatlast.com where donations can be made directly to the Ingrams. "Step outdoors and enjoy some laid back acoustic melodies, all for a great cause," says Chad.

