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In Brief

St. Mary's bus Port-a-Pit

St. Mary of the Lake bus transportation is having a Port-a-Pit chicken sale this Friday, May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Culver Liquor Store parking lot on the corner of State Roads 10 and 17.

Dewitt/Pearl Harbor May 30 at REAL Meals

Area veterans and others are invited to view a new documentary chronicling the return to Pearl Harbor of a number of its veterans last December, including Culver's own Jim Dewitt. The film, "Return to Pearl," is approximately 30 minutes. The screening will take place as part of Culver's REAL Meals Weds., May 30 at the Culver beach lodge. Those wishing to attend are asked to register for the "picnic" meal by May 18 at 574-842-8878. A donation is requested but not required, for the meal. Mr. Dewitt is expected to be in attendance.

MCJFL sign-up dates

Culver's Marshall County Junior Football League youth football sign-ups will take place 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 vol unteer 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.

Monterey FD Hog Ride June 23

Monterey Fire Department is sponsoring its second annual "Hog Ride" motorcycle event Saturday, June

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A Culver institution

Papa's restaurant in Culver, then and now. UPPER LEFT: An early shot of Papa's from the 1970s, prior to multiple expansions. LOWER RIGHT: The Papa's building, pre-restaurant. Before it was Jobo's Pizza, which would give way in 1976 to Papa's, the building for a few years, at least, housed the House of Treasures, a gift shop many will remember on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. By 1955, it had been moved to Lake Shore Drive. In the background, of course is the former motel now known as the Inn by the Lake Bed and Breakfast. LOWER LEFT: The Papa's family today. From left, Brian McCormack, wife Carla, Jason Newman, and husband and wife team Catie and Matt Newman, standing today in the main dining area, where partially visible is the restaurant's iconic "wall of albums," reflective of its music-themed decor.

Papa's to celebrate anniversary as longest-running restaurant in Culver

Mainstay began this week, 36 years ago

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Some might think it odd that Culver's longest-running restaurant (and possibly the longest-running in Marshall County) is celebrating its 36th anniversary this summer -- after all, why not 35, last year? Or wait until 40?

But Brian McCormack, co-founder and owner of Papa's in Culver thinks making the restaurant's 36th a big bash fits the "unconventional" identity of the longtime local favorite, which opened its doors this week (May 16) in 1976. "We did an after-prom pizza party," he says of the restaurant's very first day. "That was our first run at it."

Beginnings

Anyone who's dined at Papa's (and few in Culver haven't, it's safe to say) has likely read the remarkable story of Brian's father Jim's involvement with the earliest American manifestation of the Beatles, printed on the Papa's menu. A lithograph artist and painter, Jim McCormack was working as a designer for Chicago's Vee Jay Records in the early 1960s. There, he designed what would have been the very first American album jacket for a then-unknown rock quartet, the Beatles. Instead, Vee Jay sold the rights to the group to Capitol Records for \$350. The elder McCormack, while scouting talent for Vee Jay, also advocated signing a surf-style group eventually also passed over, the Beach Boys.

By the mid-1960s, Vee Jay was out of business, and not long after, in the early 1970s, Brian says his dad had the whole family on an impromptu car trip from their home in the Chicago suburbs down route 30 -- then marred by only one stoplight! -- eventually to Lake Maxinkuckee, opting for a spur-of-the-moment overnight at a cottage for rent here.

"They fell in love with the place," Brian recalls of his parents, "and bought a cottage on the lake two years later."

The \$12,000 purchase meant sacrificing Christmas and birthdays for a while, he says, for a cottage and boat, but it was agreed.

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Culver's Cleavenger winner in last week's primary

By Lydia Beers, Staff
Writer

MARSHALL CO. —Republicans Tim Harman (State Rep. District 17) and Bill Cleavenger (County Coroner) won in Tuesday's primary election, defeating their opponents Francis Ellert, of Culver, and Les Trump, respectively.



William Cleavenger

Harman received 3,142 votes in all, nearly 60 percent of votes cast for either Harman or Ellert.

Cleavenger received 3,331 votes in all, 68 percent of votes cast for Cleavenger and

Trump. "I want to congratulate

Les on the race that he put on, he ran a very positive race," said Cleavenger. "I'm looking forward to serving the people of Marshall County as I have the past four years and I want to thank the voters for their confidence in me."

22 percent of all registered voters in Marshall County cast a ballot in this year's primary, according to Marshall County clerk Julie Fox. There were 6,259 total ballots cast, including

absentee. There were 742 absentee ballots cast.

Other results are as follows:

US President (R)
Newt Gingrich — 6.96%
Ron Paul — 13.05%
Mitt Romney — 62.70%
Rick Santorum 17.28%

US Senator (R)
Richard Lugar — 38.46%
Richard Mourdock — 61.54%

US Rep. District 2 (R)
Greg Andrews — 29.23%
Jackie Walorski —

70.77%

US Rep. District 2 (D)
Dan Morrison — 46%
Brendan Mullen — 54%

Committeeman Center

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Randy Burkholder — 43.75%
Robert Manuwal — 56.25%

Committeeman West 1
Tim Pletcher — 47.44%
Donna Pontius — 52.56%

Cole Porter's Maxinkuckee roots to shine onstage at June 9 musical gala



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Cole Porter at sail on Lake Maxinkuckee in the early 20th century.

Many are aware of the impact Lake Maxinkuckee had on the life and music of legendary musician and

composer Cole Porter. That legacy will be showcased in gala fashion, live onstage and in a dynamic, musical manner when the Cole Porter Radio Hour headlines what promises to be an enchanted evening Saturday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Legion Memorial Building on Culver Academies' campus, sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

The Radio Hour will be performed by 16 voices of the critically acclaimed chorale group Encore Vocal Arts under the artistic direction of Chris Ludwa, Music Director and Conductor of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra (as

well as Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Arts Chorale, Conductor of the Bloomington Pops Orchestra and Director of Arts at the International School of Indiana), according to the event's main organizer, Ginny Gibson, of the AHS.

Central to the production will be an actor's portrayal of Porter as the audience is taken on a musical journey through his life and music, with special attention to Porter's Lake Maxinkuckee connection.

Porter, a native of Peru, Indiana, spent his summers on the lake, most often with childhood friend Tommy

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Town manager announced, financial shortfall discussed at council mtg

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

With much of last Tuesday's Culver town council meeting occupied with discussion of tax draw matters -- continued from the previous meeting -- another significant news item nearly escaped mention. Council vice president Ginny Munroe, presiding in the stead of president Sally Ricciardi, who Munroe earlier announced was resting at home after a hospital stint, said the council offered David Schoeff the position of Culver town manager, a position he has formally ac-

cepted since that meeting took place.

Schoeff, hailing from Huntington, Indiana, has some dozen years as an engineer and has headed up the utility department in that community as well, said Munroe, who added she and fellow council member Lynn Overmyer, a native of Huntington, both checked out his references with good results. The new town manager would start June 1, Munroe noted, and plans to bring his family here after selling their home.

During the public input

portion of the meeting, resident Mike Stallings asked the council about an announcement by the town clerk at the previous meeting that Culver's tax rate this year jumped from the previous year, since the previous year's (lower-than-expected) rate was derived from a mis-advertised budget. That misadvertisment apparently resulted in more than \$400,000 less in funding for Culver than was originally planned for.

Munroe said the town hasn't yet tracked down

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copies of receipts to verify any amounts, though she noted Culver usually has a surplus in each of its funds.

Stallings said there "never was enough money to do anything" with regards to the \$6,000-funded tree commission, of which he is a member, and sidewalk funding. He said Culver has "a lot of bad trees" and asked the chances of the tree commission receiving more funding.

Fellow tree commission member Tom Kearns, noting the commission has placed 10 trees in the public right-of-way at School Street, emphasized the sidewalk program needs improvement, and there are a number of large, weakened tree branches in town which could kill someone or damage a car if they fall.

"We need more in our budget," Kearns added. "We're no longer able to get DNR matching grants."

In response to council member Ed Pinder's suggestion that the commission request funds at budget time, Kearns noted the town was apparently able to operate last year in the absence of \$450,000 unadvertised, and so should be able to take care of dangerous limbs which can't wait for budget time to be dealt with.

Culver town marshal Wayne Bean stressed that the town does indeed need to operate with financial reserves, citing some towns rendered penniless by weather disasters and the like.

Stallings also suggested a better system of checks and balances in monitoring town finances, to prevent a future

event similar to the misadvertisement.

"I would advise you, as a citizen and taxpayer, that you should look carefully from here forward to make sure you shut the door and the horse isn't out of the barn," he said. "It's the fiduciary responsibility of this board and others (that you) be cognizant of what goes on."

While agreeing with Stallings' point, Overmyer pointed out council members shouldn't be expected to do the clerk's job.

"I don't want that town clerk's position," she said. "I'm perfectly happy to sit behind this table and say what the budget is and what we can and can't do."

Munroe said she sees what's in the general fund and what is spent from each account in the budget, but said she's never seen checks received from the state for town budgeting.

Council member Bill Githens said he's on the "same page" as Stallings and hopes to calculate a trend with funds, once receipts are fully researched and made available.

"What's disappointing to me," said Munroe, "is, I assumed when we advertised for a million dollar budget, we received it...we continued spending money, thinking that. I probably wd have said 'no' if I had known (the expected draw wasn't received). My assumption is, when you're told by the clerk, the money's there."

Present clerk Karen Heim said the state of Indiana is

moving towards an online program called Gateway for towns and cities to use in budget creation. The program makes numbers easier to look at and presents annual reports, and will enhance transparency.

Munroe said town clerks carry insurance and the question of whether previous clerk Casey Howard, who was in charge when the advertisement was made, could make a claim to recoup some or all of the monies.

Githens promised more answers once Heim has all the receipts available for study.

In other discussion, town attorney Jim Clevenger said a service contract with DLZ Engineering lists the start-up date for Culver's downtown revitalization project as January, 2013, though a collective decision was made a few months earlier that the project would launch this fall. Munroe said she would follow up, along with utilities manager Bob Porter.

Vanadco has replaced welcome signs at Culver's entryways with attractive new signs, Overmyer announced, at a total cost of \$1,300.

Munroe reported a local realtor has contacted her about the NIPSCO power plant on Academy Road as an unattractive welcome for visitors to the community. Munroe said some landscaping could be requested.

Culver fire chief Mike Grover said he has put the department's grass truck out to bid with multiple problems.

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23, starting at the Monterey fire station. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 per passenger; riders eat for \$5, and non-riders for \$10. A hog roast will include live band and activities, and proceeds go to benefit the fire department.

CCHS cheer coach sought

Culver Community High School is seeking a head cheer coach for the 2012-13 school year. Interested applicants should direct all inquiries to Andy Thomas, Athletic Director, Culver Community High School, thomasa@culver.k12.in.us, 574-842-3391.

Lake treated for invasive species

Recent reports say Lake Maxinkuckee is very clear this spring, but Aquatic Controls treated 23 acres of the invasive species Eurasian watermilfoil in the channels on the southeastern corner of the lake May 15. Signs have been posted near the lake in this area giving a 30 day notice not use lake water to irrigate plants. Call Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council at 842-3686 with questions.

Beggs' baskets exhibited

A unique method of basket-weaving is on display at Culver-Union Township Public Library throughout the month of May. Dave and Sue Beggs create distinctive baskets from slash pine tree needles found in Florida. The baskets are available for purchase by contacting Dave Beggs at Main Street Manor in Culver at 574-842-2746 or www.mainstreetmanor.net.

Yoder presents gardening talks

Bob Yoder of Plymouth's Purdue Extension Office will present "Managing Unwanted Visitors," including animals, insects and pests, Tuesday, May 22, and "Being Creative with Your Landscape," Tuesday, May 29, both at 6:30 p.m. All classes are free and open to the public. For more information, contact cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Home networking at Thursday Tech Time

Thursday Tech Time, May 17 at 6 p.m., will focus on home networking. Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Computer classes on tap for May

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and last two hours. Sessions include: Microsoft Office Overview Part II (May 18), Microsoft Word (May 21 and 25).

Kiwanis raffle tickets available

Tickets are available for the Culver Kiwanis Club's annual raffle to benefit local charities. Prizes include \$35,000 towards the choice of a vehicle from Oliver Ford Lincoln of Plymouth, or \$25,000 cash. 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 Kiwanis Club. 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.

Volunteers needed

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, INC., are looking for men and women willing to drive the ambulance and become Basic and Advanced EMT's. 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.

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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Chris Ludwa

Hendricks, whose granddaughter, Julie Hollowell, continues to maintain the family's legacy on the east shore of the lake to this day. Hendricks wrote an extensive account of his and Porter's childhood here, detailing Porter's piano playing on the Maxinkuckee steamboat, The Peerless.

"Night after night, summer after summer," wrote Hendricks, "Cole hammered out his rhythm by the tempo which that master Captain Crook set for the 'Peerless' engine. That is where Cole got the heavy accented phrasing and that powerful punch in his music...I believe that some of the melody which lives in his songs is a direct reflection from a Maxinkuckee moonpath of long ago."

The concert will be followed by a wine and cheese reception, also at the Legion building. Tickets are \$25 for members of the AHS and \$35 for the general public. Seating is limited, so interested persons are encouraged to purchase tickets at the Center for Culver History in the lower level of the Culver Public Library, or by contacting Ginny Gibson at 574-635-0635.



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Musical fun

Culver Elementary students recently performed at the annual spring music show, which CES music teacher Kim Morrison said included "some singing, folk dancing, parachute routines, (and) playing instruments...the kids did a great job!" Pictured (AT LEFT) from left are CES students Anna Blocker, Jasmine Felda, Erin Renneker, Alexandra Temme, BreAnn Milam, and Isabelle Ahlenius. The memorable parachute routine mentioned above was performed by 2nd graders to the song, "Under the Sea" from the movie, "The Little Mermaid." And, yes, says Morrison, "we did have a huge, inflatable whale doing flips in the parachute during the instrumental section of the song."

Obituary

William Lee Overmyer

Oct. 13, 1927-May 9, 2012



MISHAWAKA — William Lee Overmyer, 84, of Culver passed away at 10:26 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. He was born Oct. 13, 1927 in Culver to Dewey and Mabel (Mills) Overmyer.

Aug. 26, 1948 in Carrollton, Ky. he married Jeanette Thomet, she survives along with four children; Patricia Ann Smith, Kent Overmyer, Steven Overmyer, and Michael (Debbie) Overmyer. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

William was also a member of the VFW in Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor’s choice. Elkhart Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation will be Sunday, May 27 between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Burr Oak Church of God, Burr Oak.

Death notices

Clingler

John R. Clingler

May 8, 2012

KNOX — John R. Clingler, 83, of Knox, died May 8, 2012 at 6 a.m.

He is survived by sons, John (Matilda) Clingler of Knox, Randy Thompson of Rochester, Bob (Sandy) Thompson of Delong, Ron (Barb) Thompson of Rochester; daughter, Candy (Shelby) Howard of Rochester; sisters, Violet Farris of Kentucky, Mildred Weiger of Indianapolis, Annabelle Cougher of Akron; sisters-in-law, Shirley Clingler of Delong, Jo Clingler of Akron; and 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, May 11, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church, Delong. Service was Friday, May 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Monterey.

Memorials may be made to Diabetes Association or VNA.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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

Arthurhultz

Ray W. ‘Bill’ Arthurhultz

May 6, 2012

MONTEREY — Ray W. “Bill” Arthurhultz, 64, of Monterey died May 6, 2012 at 3:14 p.m.

He is survived by sons, Steve Arthurhultz of Houston, Texas, Kelly Arthurhultz of Florida; a brother, Dan Arthurhultz of Monterey; and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements. Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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Sequestered jury OK’d in Rochester

ROCHESTER (AP) — A judge has ruled that jurors will be sequestered if a man goes to trial on charges that fatally shot an 81-year-old woman during a break-in at her northern Indiana home. Fulton County prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against 24-year-old Roy Bell of Delong for the November attack on Wilma Upsall at the home about 10 miles northwest of Rochester she shared with her daughter and son-in-law. The judge approved the request Thursday from defense attorney Edward Ruiz for sequestering the jury. Bell is next scheduled to be in court for a June 28 pretrial hearing. Prosecutors have also charged 34-year-old Jason Miller of Argos and 25-year-old William Scroggs of Delong with murder in Upsall’s slaying, but aren’t seeking the death penalty against them.

Overmyer awarded at LMC grad in Culver



Michael Overmyer accepts the “Leader of the class and Year” award from LMC board member Valerie Hines.

By Lydia Beers
Staff Writer

Leadership Marshall County (LMC), a group sponsored by the Marshall County Community Foundation, concluded their year Wednesday with a final graduation at Culver Academies.

LMC's purpose is to help community members become leaders in Marshall County by making them aware of what the county has to offer.

John Buxton, head of schools at the Academies, spoke to Class XVII members, reminding them to take advantage of their newfound knowledge of Marshall County.

"Match your skill set with some organization to make a difference in that organization," advised Buxton. "I think if you don't do that, it's a missed opportunity."

He also referred to Marshall County as "a community that cares, and a community that takes action."

Class members also presented on their class projects, which were a culmination of efforts over the entire 10-month class. The first group, comprised of four Bourbon-area residents, shared their "Shoe X Change" project, where they collected used shoes for redistribution at Triton Elementary School. The second group focused on shopping locally, and shared concrete ideas for driving customers to shop in the many independently-owned businesses in downtown Plymouth. The third group explained how they partnered with the Young Adult Professionals group in Plymouth, under the umbrella of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, to plan marketing for the group's first big event — a volunteer fair held at the Community Resource Center June 19. The fourth group, the "Bow-Wow Friends" shared their plan for a dog park in Plymouth's Centennial Park. With the blessing of the park board and through the help of generous donors, the group had already raised nearly \$14,000 of the \$18,000 needed to get the dog park underway.

Valerie Hines, Leadership Marshall County board member, explained to the class that one group would be the recipient of a \$500 grant through the Community Foundation to further their project idea. Class members voted anonymously to give the grant to the Bow-Wow friends.

Later, during the graduation ceremony, a "Leader of the Year" award was given to Culver's Michael Overmyer, of JMC Engineers and Associates, for his community service throughout his life.

Overmyer called himself a "community service junkie" and said that he has a deep passion for his community.

"As you are walking down life's road, you want to grab a few hands and you want them to grab a few hands, and that's how you get things done," said Overmyer to the recent LMC graduates assembled.

Since its first class in 1995, Leadership Marshall County has trained more than 240 leaders. To learn more about the program, visit www.marshallcountylmc.org.

Kiwanis-Marco Bassmasters fishing tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee June 16

The 8th annual Culver Kiwanis and Marco Bassmasters two-person team bass fishing tournament will be held Saturday, June 16 on Lake Maxinkuckee. Sponsored by Collins and Co. realtors and Culver Marina, the entry fee is \$80 per team, with a 90 percent payout and \$500 big bass guarantee. Additional door prizes will be announced at the tournament.

Check in at the Culver Marina and live well check begins at 5 a.m., and launch will be from Culver Marina. Marina launch is by winch from eye hooks at front and rear of boats.

Tournament hours are eight hours from legal sunrise. A pre-tournament meeting will take place at 5:30 a.m. at the Culver Marina, southeast corner of the lake inside channel. Coffee is offered in the morning by Culver Kiwanis and donuts by Culver Subway.

Weigh-in and release of fish will be at Culver Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in, at the conclusion of the tournament. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided at the awards ceremony.

The event is a major fund-raiser to benefit the youth of Marshall County, says Kiwanis member and co-organizer Bob Volkert. The public is invited to the launch and weigh-in ceremonies, he adds.

Questions may be directed to volkerts@msn.com, or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

More walleyes for Lake Max

NOBLE COUNTY — Walleyes remain so abundant at Sylvan Lake in Noble County that the DNR is again scaling back walleye stocking there. The move will allow the DNR to devote more walleye fingerlings to Lake Maxinkuckee in Marshall County.

“Given the high number of walleyes now present in Sylvan Lake, we think we can make better use of walleye fingerlings without affecting the quality of walleye fishing at Sylvan,” said Jed Pearson, fisheries biologist for DNR’s Division of Fish & Wildlife.

This year is the second time since 2009 the DNR has reduced walleye stocking at 669-acre Sylvan Lake. Even so, Sylvan continues to support one of the densest walleye populations in Indiana.

Using an electro-fishing boat, DNR biologists captured 100 age-1-and-older walleyes per hour of sampling last fall. The catch rate was the highest ever recorded in the state for walleyes and rivaled the number of largemouth bass typically found in Indiana lakes. The biggest walleye sampled was 24 inches, and 36 percent measured at least 14 inches, the minimum size for anglers to keep walleyes in Indiana.

The DNR began stocking walleye fingerlings at Sylvan in 2001 at about 13,000 fingerlings each year. In 2009, biologists cut the number to 10,000 walleyes per year due to concerns of over-stocking and signs of slowing growth.

“Even though we are now stocking fewer walleyes in Sylvan, there are more in the lake than ever before,” Pearson said.

Biologists will cut the number of walleyes stocked at Sylvan by another 25 percent in 2012.

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Papa's and more

If you've read our article this week on longtime Culver institution Papa's, you know there's a 36th anniversary celebration afoot. Sitting down to talk with Brian McCormack, wife Carla, and Matt and Catie Newman last week brought back a number of Papa's memories for me, and I'm sure readers have many more.

Of course, as I commented to Brian, Papa's for much of my younger life, was the "upper scale" restaurant in Culver, but it was also the place for gatherings and celebrations of all sorts. I recall the years my mother played piano for the Maxinkuckee Players, and the number of times I'd go to play practices with her, as much as anything just to wander around and explore the hallways of the high school. But after-practice ventures to Papa's were often on the roster, and I always secretly hoped we'd end up there, downing pizza and joining in Dan Adams' iconic, roaring laughter.

It was always tradition in our family that the "birthday kid" got to choose the birthday meal, and after a few years of asking for steak, I learned I could ask for Papa's pizza, and invariably did. That was childhood, but I recall celebrating my 21st birthday with a Papa's pizza as well. And of course whenever we ordered pizza, as is true, I suspect of most of Culver, it was Papa's. Okay, so that was the only choice in town for years, but never was it a reluctant one. Everyone knew this wasn't cheap-tasting, "generic" pizza, but the real deal, some of the best you could buy.

One other Papa's memory is actually newspaper-related. During the years of my route delivering The Pilot News, I was biking home, taking my usual shortcut through Hook's (today CVS') parking lot. I happened to glance at a car parked streetside and noticed a woman's purse falling off the roof as it drove away. I won't venture a guess as to whose it was (and I'm the one who drove off a decade or so ago with our camcorder flying off the roof of the van, losing the video we had of my eldest daughter's first pony ride!).

What I do remember is my parents checking inside to find the owner's identity and calling to say we had the purse. They delivered it to Papa's, I believe, and came home with a huge, free pizza -- which for a 12-year-old boy was as great a reward as- could ever have been!

An unrelated note: Pete Trone rightly reminded me that, in last week's column suggesting various places to take one's children in the area, my roster of Plymouth sites failed to include the Marshall County Historical Museum. Now, I can lean on the fact that the list was aimed first and foremost at outdoor, rather than indoor, destinations (though as it went on, the indoor places kept coming!), but regardless, let this be an addendum to be stapled onto that list.

Yes, the Marshall County museum is not only a fun spot to take kids as a kinesthetic sort of area history lesson, but you absolutely can't go wrong on a Saturday late morning, taking them to the huge train layout there, with its many interactive features and great detail. Check their website for exact times.

Now I'd be remiss not to mention that, if you're strolling around downtown Culver and not making the trek northward, the Culver Academies museum has a much smaller-scale train layout, recently enhanced by Academies IT head Larry Emmons, a model train buff who added fun, interactive features like lights and switches.

Back to Plymouth, I have to add the suggestion of the Plymouth Public Library. As a former employee, I'm also biased because I met my wife there (when she was also an employee), but long before that, PPL was a regular destination with my daughter. Besides the fact that their children's selection is simply unbeatable (and if this weren't primarily about where to take children and grandchildren,

I'd add that their DVD selection rivals the best rental place you can imagine), there's also a wonderful, extensive play area for kids. Just a great place to while away any afternoon you can't let your kids play outdoors.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

There's quite a lot going on around Culver these days, but obviously one major piece of news is the hiring of new town manager David Schoeff. I hope to have an interview/story on him in the near future.

One story I really won't have room to print in its entirety in the pages of the Culver Citizen, but which might be of interest to many readers, is the Pilot News' coverage of a recent "town meeting" concerning Indiana basketball, "organized by State Senator Mike Delph and IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox to collect feedback on a topic that has been divisive ever since the IHSAA first implemented a multi-class format for the basketball tourney back in 1997-98," notes the Pilot.

"Citing flagging attendance and a general lessening of interest in the state hoops tilt, Delph proposed to remand the IHSAA to restore the old single class format in the Indiana General Assembly's last legislative session earlier this year. The IHSAA balked at the idea but agreed to gather data and hear public opinions on the issue with a series of town meetings at 11 different high schools beginning with a stop at Fort Wayne Northrop on April 10."

Of course, many Culverites will remember -- or have heard tell of -- the legendary 1940s Culver High School basketball team under coach Paul Underwood which went undefeated in 1944 and reached the state semi-finals. That's the sort of event some proponents of returning to single-class basketball point to.

I was pleased to see Culver Comm. High School principal Albert Hanselman was represented in the discussion.

He said, "The students in 2012 are different than 30, 40, 50 years ago. We can't be serious if we expect a school such as mine with an enrollment of 300 students to compete in the tournament year-in and year-out with a high school that has over 4,500 students and to tell our students that we can win this tournament.

"Many of the larger schools in the state today," Hanselman added, "have athletic facilities that some colleges are envious of, and they have as many varsity assistant coaches as we have in our entire athletic program. In fact, one of the larger high schools in our area had more Division I basketball players on its roster in its past season than our high school has enjoyed in the history of our program. The reason the largest schools have more athletic success is not because their kids are more dedicated or have more desire; it's because they just have more kids. And if you have more kids, you have more opportunity to win at the highest level. It's simple math.

"We continue to talk about glorious tradition, and I now realize that we as adults are living in the past," he added. "Our responsibility is to the students that we serve in our schools today, not reliving our past."

Of course, some at the meeting made the opposite point. You can read the entire article online at thepilotnews.com/content/question-class-plymouth-hosts-ihsaa-hoops-tourney-town-meeting. What's your opinion? Multi or single class basketball in the Hoosier state?

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., May 17: Pork loin, broccoli, black eyed peas, cornbread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, milk.

Fri., May 18: Sub sandwich: turkey and ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, carrot coin salad, cobbler, milk.

Mon., May 21: Beef and peppers, rice, seasoned beets, peaches, peas and carrots, bread, milk.

Tues., May 22: Chef salad, lettuce, diced turkey ham, cheese, tomato, egg, cottage cheese, fruit cup, salad dressing, breadstick crackers, milk.

Weds., May 23: Stuffed baked potato, taco meat, cheese and onion, broccoli, pears, cookie, sour cream, and milk.

Thurs., May 24: Pork fritter, bun and mavo, diced red

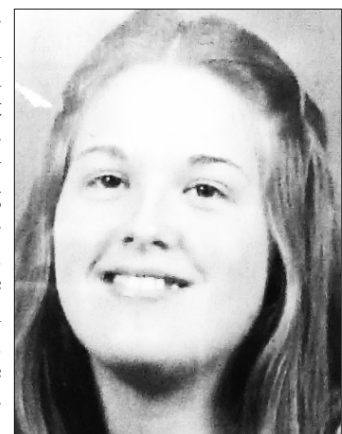
potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

Fri., May 25: Lasagna, tossed salad, western dressing, bread stick, green beans, fruit cup, milk.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen, Culver Comm. High School math teacher and coach (and former student there as well!) Mike Buschman, was recognized by several readers, including Brandy Pohl, Matt Newman, Caitlin Schrimsher, Nicole Dilts, Michele Trusty, Heather Tapia, John Ahlenius, Natasha Jessie, and Michael Skiles. Free parking in downtown Culver for all!

This week's Mystery Citizen is a recognizable face to many involved in a particular local institution in the Culver area, for many years.



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Buschman, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

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Sports briefs

Girls tennis

CGA splits home invite
Culver Girls Academy earned a split with a 4-1 win over Bishop Luers and a 3-2 loss to Valparaiso at the Lady Eagles’ home invite Saturday.
CGA’s wins against Valpo came at doubles as Pita Navarro and Rachael Simon won in straight sets at 1 doubles, and Olivia Cripe and Kendall Whitehurst won a 7-1 tie-breaker to earn a 2 doubles victory in straight sets.
The Lady Eagles won on all courts except at 1 singles in the win over Luers.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4, BISHOP LUERS 1
At CGA Invitational

Eagles fall to 13-ranked Chesterton
Culver Girls Academy lost a 4-1 meet with IHSTeCA 13-ranked Chesterton at home at the Academies Friday.
The Lady Eagles’ only win of the night came at 2 doubles, where Olivia Cripe and Kendall Whitehurst won in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.
• CHESTERTON 4, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1
At Culver

Boys golf

CMA hosts Culver invite
Culver Military placed third with a score of 320 at its home invitational at Mystic Hills Saturday, while Triton placed fourth just three strokes back, Plymouth was ninth with a 333 team score, and John Glenn was 15th with a 363. Warsaw won the meet with a dominant 305 led by Tyler Ostrom’s low medalist round of 70.
CMA was paced by John Connelly’s 76, while Davis Payne shot a 79, Bailey Roubos shot an 80, and Tim Thompson carded an 85.
• CULVER INVITATIONAL
At Mystic Hills Golf Course (Par 71)
Team scores: Warsaw 305, NorthWood 312, Culver Military Academy 320, Triton 323, Huntington North 325, Lafayette Harrison 331, Winamac 331, Elkhart Memorial 332, Plymouth 333, Mishawaka Marian 335, Wawasee 339, Michigan City 341, South Bend Riley 345, New Prairie 346, John Glenn 363, South Bend Adams 380, Logansport 390, South Bend St. Joseph’s 402.

Culver 3rd at Westville invite
Culver Community carded a 341 for fourth place at the 14-team Westville Invitational at Legacy Hills Saturday.
The Cavs were led by Trent Elliott’s round of 74, while Zach Duplay shot an 82, Luke Dunfee shot a 90, and Joe Krsek shot a 95 for the Cavs.
• WESTVILLE INVITATIONAL
At Legacy Hills

Duplay leads Culver
Zach Duplay fired a 3-over-par 38 to earn medalist honors and lead Culver Community’s boys golf team to a win over Oregon-Davis Wednesday at Mystic Hills. Team scores were: Culver 168, Oregon-Davis 212.
Luke Dunfee shot a 40 for the Cavs, followed closely by Trent Elliott’s 41.
Blake Hurford carded the Bobcats’ low score with a 49.
• CULVER COMMUNITY 168, OREGON-DAVIS 212
At Culver (Mystic Hills Par 35)

CMA wins 2
Culver Military Academy claimed two wins with victories over LaLumiere and Lakeland Christian Tuesday at its home golf course.
Michael Burns led the Eagles with a 3-over-par 38 followed by Davis Payne’s 39, Bailey Roubos’ 41 and dual 42s from Logan Joseph and Michael Bunn.
• CULVER MILITARY 160, LaLUMIERE 174, LAKELAND CHRISTIAN 179
At Culver Academies Golf Course (Par 35)

Baseball

Culver wins at New Prairie
Kyle Vlach held New Prairie to five hits and two runs, and Culver earned a 7-2 Northern State Conference win on the road in New Carlisle.
Crhis Zehner doubled for the Cavs, who finished with 10 hits and plated four runs in the top of the second en route to the win, which pushes the team to 4-13 overall and 4-8 in league play.

• CULVER 7, NEW PRAIRIE 2
At New Carlisle

CMA takes runner up at home invitational
Culver Military beat Westview 3-1 but fell to Valparaiso 12-6 in the championship game of the Eagles’ home baseball invitational Saturday.
Valpo rallied back from a 6-3 deficit with seven runs in the fourth to win the championship.
Bryan Espiritu tripled and recorded three RBI but took the pitching loss for CMA in the championship.
Cole Grandel got the win on the mound in CMA’s opener, taking over for Perley Provost in the fifth, as the Eagles plated three runs in the bottom of the inning and held on for the win.
• VALPARAISO 12, CULVER MILITARY 6
At CMA Invitational (championship)
• CULVER MILITARY 3, WESTVIEW 1
At CMA Invitational
Westview: 100 000 0 — 1 8 3

Glenn starts fast in win over Culver
John Glenn jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first two innings and held off Culver for an 8-6 Northern State Conference win at home in Walkerton Friday.
Josh Anderson homered and Justin Gierlowski got the win on the mound for Glenn, which moved to 9-3 in the conference and 15-8 overall.
Nick Pritz doubled twice, and Chris Zehner and Sam Hissong both doubled for the Cavs, who slid to 3-8 in the NSC and 3-13 overall.
• JOHN GLENN 8, CULVER 6
At Walkerton

CMA rally falls short
Culver Military Academy’s baseball team rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh but came up short against South Bend Riley, 4-3 Thursday.
Trent Kolden tripled, doubled and drove in a run to lead the Eagles. Perley Provost also doubled and knocked in a run for the Eagles.
• S.B. RILEY 4, CULVER MILITARY 3
At Culver

Culver dimes Knox
Culver Community’s baseball team snapped a 3-all deadlock with eight fifth-inning runs en route to a 13-3 win over visiting Northern State Conference foe Knox Wednesday.
Collin Stevens went the distance holding the Redskins to four hits.
Randy Cline tripled for the Cavs, while Sam Hissong and Nick Zehner each doubled.
Sean Martin doubled for Knox.
• CULVER COMMUNITY 13, KNOX 3 (6 Inn.)
At Culver

Culver earns 2nd win at Knox
Culver put up six runs in the sixth and seventh innings to snap a 2-2 tie and earn its second win of the season, 7-2 in a Northern State Conference contest at Knox Tuesday.
Kyle Vlach earned the win giving up six hits in a complete seven-inning outing, and Collin Stevens and Nick Zehner both doubled for the Cavaliers, who moved to 2-12 overall and 2-7 in NSC play.
Blake Bridegroom homered but took the loss on the mound pitching through six innings for Knox, while Dav-ey Johnston and Sean Martin both doubled for the Redskins.
• CULVER 7, KNOX 2
At Knox

Boys track and field

Eagles win
Culver Military Academy secured a 74-58 track and field win over North Judson-San Pierre Thursday.
Austin Hayden and Steve Choi collected three first-place finishes apiece to lead the Eagles, followed by double winners Polo Burguete and Wess Hibbard. Single winners for CMA were Austin Sheldon, Eugenio Segura, Aaron Arvizu, Landrum Neer, Tobi Bolarin, and Alejandro Velasco.
• CMA 74, NORTH JUDSON-SAN PIERRE 58

IHSAA announces softball sectional draws

The IHSAA announced the draws for the 28th Annual State Softball Tournament Thursday.
In Class A action at the Sectional 51 tilt at South Central, Culver Community will play Westville in Game 1, and Triton drew Marquette Catholic in Game 2 with the winners slated to meet in Game 3 of the tourney. Argos will play the host Lady Satellites in Game 4.
Sectionals run May 21 through 26 with 64 teams moving on to the regional round of the tourney beginning May 29. From there, 32 teams will square off into four-team semi-states convening Saturday, June 2 with four state championship games slated for Saturday, June 9 at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis.
Daily schedules for each tournament site will be announced by the host schools and added to the IHSAA website as they become available. Because of possible weather postponements and other conflicts, it is advised to check with the host school for precise schedules.

CLASS A
Sectional 51
At South Central
Game 1: Westville vs. Culver Community.
Game 2: Marquette Catholic vs. Triton.
Game 3: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2.
Game 4: South Central Union Mills vs. Argos.
Championship: Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4.

At Culver

Culver takes 4th at NSCs
Culver Community put up 64 points for fourth place at the Northern State Conference track meet last week.
Matt Hurford placed second in the 110 hurdles and in the shot put and third in the 300 hurdles and was voted All-Northern State Conference At Large. John Ahlenius finished second in the pole vault for the Cavs, meanwhile.
• NORTHERN STATE CONFERENCE MEET
At Walkerton

Girls track and field

CGA flies past Jays
Culver Girls Academy raced past North Judson-San Pierre 90-37 in a track and field meet Thursday.
Triple winner Amber Cowell led the way for the Eagles. Leah Heckaman, Turayo Adenuga, Sara Jamieson, Jasmine Solola, Laura Ma, and Kennedy Thompson picked up two first-place finishes apiece for CGA, with Anna Betekhtin, Sharon Chen, Olivia Martienz, and Motunrayo Adenuga each added single victories.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 90, NORTH JUDSON 37
At Culver

Girls track

Culver competes at NSCs
Culver finished fourth with a score of 69 1/2 at the Northern State Conference meet last week.
Culver commanded the sprint events, with Denisha Brown winning the 100-meter dash and Kayla Shaffer sweeping the 400 and 200. Tatum Schultz tied for second in the high jump and placed fourth in the 300 hurdles.
• NORTHERN STATE CONFERENCE MEET
At Walkerton

Boys lacrosse

CMA beats Penn 9-7
Andy Gleitz scored four goals, and Dustin Cowell and Ryan Gandy each scored twice as Culver Military beat Penn 9-7 at home.
Cowell also finished with two assists, and Brock Frazer made nine saves to push the Eagles to 7-4 on the season.
Zach Kush scored four goals for Penn in the loss.
• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity) 9, PENN 7
At Culver

Papa’s from page 1

came fond of this cute little town," Brian's parents saw an opportunity in the form of a tiny, 20-seat pizza place then called Jobo's, partnered to the adjacent motel (today the Inn by the Lake). The McCormack family would operate that motel with little success for the next four years, tourism in Culver being pretty slim in those days, certainly outside of summer.

At the time, Brian was in film school in Miami and his brother had just graduated from high school.

"We had no experience doing this business at all," says Brian. "We just kind of stepped into it."

Jim and Marion McCormack had a number of recipes, and sons Brian and Jim Jr. worked nights, aiming to enhance their ever-growing knowledge of the restaurant business.

It was young Jim who hit on the idea of delivering pizza, which Brian says "completely broke open our pizza business."

At the time, of course, Culver had a handful of restaurants, but few "higher-end" options. The dominant eateries at that point were Pinder's and the Corner Tavern, and neither delivered food. Soon, Papa's pizzas were flying out of the kitchen and into delivery vehicles in town, at Culver Academies, and around the lake; Brian notes delivery remains "a big part of what we do."

"I have (Culver Academies) alums come back and tell me we kept them alive!" Brian adds. "Maybe to this day, we're the only one (in Culver) that specializes in (delivery)."

Changes

Jim Sr. passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer, in the early 1980s, and mother Marion and sons Brian and Jim looked to growing Papa's offerings beyond pizza and sandwiches. Brian's wife Carla joined the team in 1985, becoming a presence to the public as Brian and Jim "pounded out the food from the back door."

In 1988, after some consideration, the group opted to expand "to what we thought would be a tremendous opportunity" by adding 30 seats to the building.

"About 15 minutes after we expanded," smiles Brian, "we realized we were kind of chicken about this, as the line got bigger and bigger!"

So the following year, a whopping 120 seats were added, along with a bar. Prior to that, the entirety of Papa's had been limited to what is today the west side of the building, and the kitchen. Brian calls the restaurant's growth "a great family story because it was a little hole in the wall (when first opened)."

The menu also expanded to included steaks, ribs, and seafood for the first time.

Marion McCormack died in 1995. Brian, meanwhile, had left a central role in the operation starting in 1993 for a five-year stint with his own recording studio on the west shore of the lake, dubbed Galt Studios. In 2000, Jim Jr. opted to leave the business entirely and Brian and Carla bought him out that year. Today, Jim is a very successful internet developer, having created truckertotrucker.com to move used semi lifts and trailers across the country.

Galt Studios was a natural outgrowth of the family's musical legacy, says Brian.

"A lot of fathers teach their kids to fix a car or throw baseballs. Mine taught me to play guitar and appreciate rhythm and blues and jazz."

That sensibility, of course, informs the decor at Papa's, where guitars autographed by the likes of Eric Clapton and the entire Rolling Stones lineup, adorn the walls. Customers, Brian explains, have brought him musical memorabilia through the years.

One highlight: "My friend Tom Spiece brought me Woodstock original tickets and autographs from Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and Jim Morrison," all of which also adorn the wall today.

Around 2000, the family erected the iconic "wall of albums" comprised of dozens of LP record sleeves from classic recordings of the past 40 years.

"That's been a real hit for people from that era," Brian says, "and just as much fun is that people not from that era -- students and young people -- who haven't seen the album art as it originally existed."

The Papa's family expanded again in 2003, when Carla's son Jason Newman -- soon on the heels of earning his teaching degree from Indiana University, where he'd gained experience in catering and restaurants -- came on board.

Responding to the Culver ‘dining boon’

Of course, the days of Papa's as Culver's primary "fine dining" option went by the wayside beginning in the 1990s, when a new era of higher-end eateries began here.

Brian McCormack notes Papa's had already enhanced its menu so, "Dad could have steak, mom could have fresh fish, and the kids could eat pizza, so everybody could be satisfied. Our business really consists of a large selection of wine and spirits, and a large seafood and steak application. We're lesser known for that, but the crowds that come in really mix up the menu."

Of course, from the very beginning, Jim McCormack Sr.'s vision was never for low-end, "fast food" style pizza.

"My father had a love for a pizza business still in Chicago called Connie's. It's high-end, gourmet-style pizza. His intention from the beginning was to be the best -- not just to do this for profit or anything, but the allure of people saying, 'Wow, that's really something.'

"We think the pizza's still pretty good," he adds with a knowing smile. "The recipe's been tweaked over the years, but every step was to get it one step better. We get people that call us and want us to ship it to them! That's what their memories of Culver are...the menu speaks for itself. It's been tried and true for so long."

Fire!

Culver might have bid Papa's farewell in August, 2009, if not for a worker from Bennett's Plumbing and Heating calling the fire department when he saw smoke coming from the building. The fire destroyed the restaurant's office and did extensive smoke damage throughout, but would have ruined the place entirely if not for early detection and capping of the flames by Culver's fire department.

Amazingly, following 48 hours of virtually nonstop labor, Papa's was able to open Friday of the same week as the Wednesday fire, accommodating the surging crowd of diners in town for the end of Culver summer camps that weekend.

In 2011, Carla's son Matt Newman and wife Catie injected their backgrounds in the food business -- after several years in Colorado Springs and Portland -- into Papa's.

"We're blessed," Brian says of the move. "It brought a

tremendous cohesion to our family, and a lot of skills. Matt is great at creation of new dishes and Catie is profoundly good at wine and spirits, and has pushed our beverage service up several notches."

A diverse clientele

It may be a well-kept secret that Papa's stocks over 300 bottles of wine and what Brian believes is "the largest Russian vodka collection in Indiana -- a lot of things people drive long distances for. To come see it they're kind of shocked that you can get this in a little town like this.

"We've always played the cards that you never really know who's coming to Culver. We've had John McCain here. Everyone dresses in jeans in Indiana, but there's an invisible wealth (to whom) we want to say, 'Of course, I have that (available).' I have an owner's wine list for those people who say, 'Do you have that 1999 Cabernet?' and I say, 'I do.'"

Over the years, a host of notables has chosen Papa's as their dining destination, from the late George Steinbrenner ("One of the most gracious men we've ever known," says Brian. "Business was where he was a tough guy, but with people he was a beautiful man.") to multiple generations of presidents and other illustrious families of Mexico.

Families like those are "only one of hundreds of great Culver families that have been part of what we do," notes Brian.

Celebrating the anniversaary

The advent of Papa's 35th anniversary last year didn't go unnoticed by the family, who considered a celebration then, but "were so busy we couldn't break through the summer of really large waiting lines. When we caught wind of Matt and Catie joining us, we decided to have our gala this year, for the 36th."

A party is planned for the 16th of June at Papa's, with giveaways such as a night at the Blue Chip Casino, \$250 cash, and gift cards, prizes, drinks, and more.

"We want to kind of celebrate and get back to what the community has done for us," Brian explains. "We did it by invite on our 30th and had a lot of fun (with) music and a lot of friends."

As part of the celebration, Papa's has rolled out a newly enhanced website (indianasbestpizza.com), complete with blog, as well as a Facebook page. Included on the site is an efficient online ordering system which makes the entire menu available.

"This isn't always the most gratifying business," Brian admits. "But when the fire happened, I probably had over 1,000 people reach out and say, 'What would we do without Papa's?' At our 30th anniversary, I had people make the trip from all the way across the country to thank us for being there."

Papa's has come a long way, he muses, from the early 1980s when Carla was alone on the floor and Brian was out lending a hand, to today's staff of 25 serving diners every night and for lunch Saturdays and Sundays.

"We're not new," Brian adds. "We think we're a Culver institution, and we want to be that...we just feel lucky that we aren't really that place searching for our identity. We found it a long time ago and that's allowed us to push our level of service and excellence up, and that's comforting."



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LEFT: CCMS students planting at the school recently included (front row, from left) Allie Harris, Haley Jones, Sierra Salerni, Tanner Hoffman, Ashton Keller, Breanna Betts. Back row, Maddie Diaz, Katie Garland, Vedrana Stefanic, Brianna Kinyanjui, Josh Krsek, Brandon Havron, Jack Rich, Drake Garbacik, Cheyanne Powers.

Middle school students beautify grounds with plantings

By Josh Krsek
Culver Comm. Middle School

If you've driven by the Culver middle school lately, you may have noticed some new plants. On May 4, 15 students from the 7th grade high-ability class decorated the front of Culver Community Middle School. They planted 10 flowers and four shrubs. The flowers were hardy rose bushes and the shrubs were two different types of evergreens. They used 25 bags of compost and 50 bags of mulch.

It was a good way to help students learn the importance of community service. This event was supervised and organized by the 7th grade teachers Cheryl Geik, Julie Kitchell, Ashleigh Trumble, and John Browder. Chuck Kitchell, the elementary principal, also helped with the tilling. This event was made possible by donations from the 7th grade fundraiser, the high-ability program, and middle school principal Julie Berndt.



CUTPL presents at international conference

Culver-Union Township Public Library staff members Andrew Baker and Teresa Hudson have recently returned from the 2012 Evergreen International Conference, held in Indianapolis April 25 through 28. They enjoyed several technical presentations, collaboration with staff from other libraries and presented their new inventory software and process. Nearly 300 people from multiple states and several foreign countries attended the conference, hosted by the Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium. Evergreen is an open source integrated library system, which provides libraries a comprehensive collection management solution. On Thursday, Teresa and Andrew presented their library inventory system to the conference. They designed, developed and implemented these tools to complete the 2011 inventory of the library's collection. With their new procedure, the CUTPL staff was able to perform a complete inventory of the library's 43,073 items in just two and a half days! The data from the inventory has allowed ongoing analysis and refinement of the library's collection management process. Culver-Union Township Public Library strives to continuously improve the accuracy of its collection data which in turn improves search results for items in the Online Public Access Catalog. The Evergreen Indiana Consortium currently has 98 member libraries and a collection of over six million items.



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CUTPL Adult Summer Reading sign-ups May 30

Student of the month

Todd Kersey from Culver Community High School was the afternoon class recipient of the SCILL Center's Student of the Month award for February. 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 Knox-based shop. Other winners include Tyler Wickizer from LaVille High School and Mikinzie Wilson from Knox High School (morning class) and Thomas Carey from Knox High School (afternoon class).

Sign-ups for "Dreaming of a Good Book," the Adult Summer Reading Program at Culver-Union Township Public Library, will begin Wed., May 30. The program will start Wed., June 14 and run until Wed., Aug. 1. Points from log books will be calculated and high score winner will be announced Wed., Aug. 8. No materials will be counted before June 13. Rule changes are being implemented for the summer reading program, to be announced soon. Patrons must sign-up to be eligible for our weekly drawings.

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Rhythm Week at Wesley

Helping celebrate Rhythm Week at Wesley Preschool recently was Don Baker (pictured at RIGHT, with guitar), who sang several songs "that really got the children moving," says teacher Jill Gavlick.

Pictured are students Katie Schouten, Elisabeth Perkins, Isabelle Hunnicutt, Gavlick, Jake Conroy, Kaylie Gibson, David Hite, Dash Barton, Chloe Salyer, Braiden Molebash, Brynn Berndt, Lexie Myers and Adam Walton.

Also helping celebrate the week was Culver harpist Beth Pare' (not pictured).



Seniors could win free car

By Lydia Beers
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — County Auto Center in Plymouth is giving area seniors a chance to win a free car, simply by bringing in their report card. "For every A — it doesn't matter if they have one or 30 — they will get an entry," said Joe Martin, Jr. of County Auto. "We are trying to encourage (students) to do well in their classrooms and get As." All entries will be placed into a drawing, and a winner will be chosen at the end of May. This is the second year that County Auto has offered the giveaway to Marshall County seniors. "We budgeted about \$10,000 and picked out a nice used vehicle," said Martin. Students -- and parents and grandparents -- can bring their grades until May 17. Seniors from Plymouth, Triton Jr./Sr. High School, Culver Community High School, Argos High School, and Bremen High School are all eligible to enter the contest. County Auto Center is located at 2705 N. Michigan St.

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Pilot News - Tuesday, May 29 issue
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Classifieds Deadlines - May 25 at Noon

Advance News, Bourbon News-Mirror, Bremen Enquirer, Culver Citizen, The Leader - May 31 issue
ROP/Legals Deadlines - May 23 at 4:00 p.m.
Classifieds Deadlines - May 24 at Noon

The Pilot News business office will be closed Monday, May 28th. The Pilot News will not be published on this day.

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