

'Carmichael Sings Carmichael' Saturday

Randy Carmichael, son of Hoosier music legend Hoagy Carmichael, will perform "Carmichael Sings Carmichael" Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus. The performance will be followed by wine and delicious appetizers with Randy Carmichael in attendance. A limited number of tickets are available at \$25 for Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver members and \$35 for non-members, and may be purchased at The Center for Culver History museum at the library. Or request tickets via historyofculver@gmail.com or regular mail at P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511. You may also call the museum at 574-842-2941 ext. 218 or Ginny Gibson 574-635-0635.

Lakeside service, new schedule at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church has transitioned to a new summer schedule. The lakeside worship service will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the depot/train station at the town park. This service will be less formal and will last approximately 37 minutes.

The Sanctuary service will start at 10 a.m. It will be a more traditional service that lasts approximately an hour and three minutes.

During this summer schedule, there will be no Sunday School or childcare provided during worship. If you would like to offer your musical talents at one of these services, please contact our Director of Music, Dave Kitchell (ddkthll@memphis.edu).

Town hall Saturday hours

During June, July and August, Culver's town hall will be open Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in addition to the regular weekday hours. Call 574-842-3140 with questions.

Great Purse Extravaganza returns

The "Great Purse Extravaganza" to raise funds for "Hello Gorgeous" in Culver returns this summer, with the purse sale event to take place at the Culver depot during this year's Lake Fest, July 20, 2 to 5 p.m.

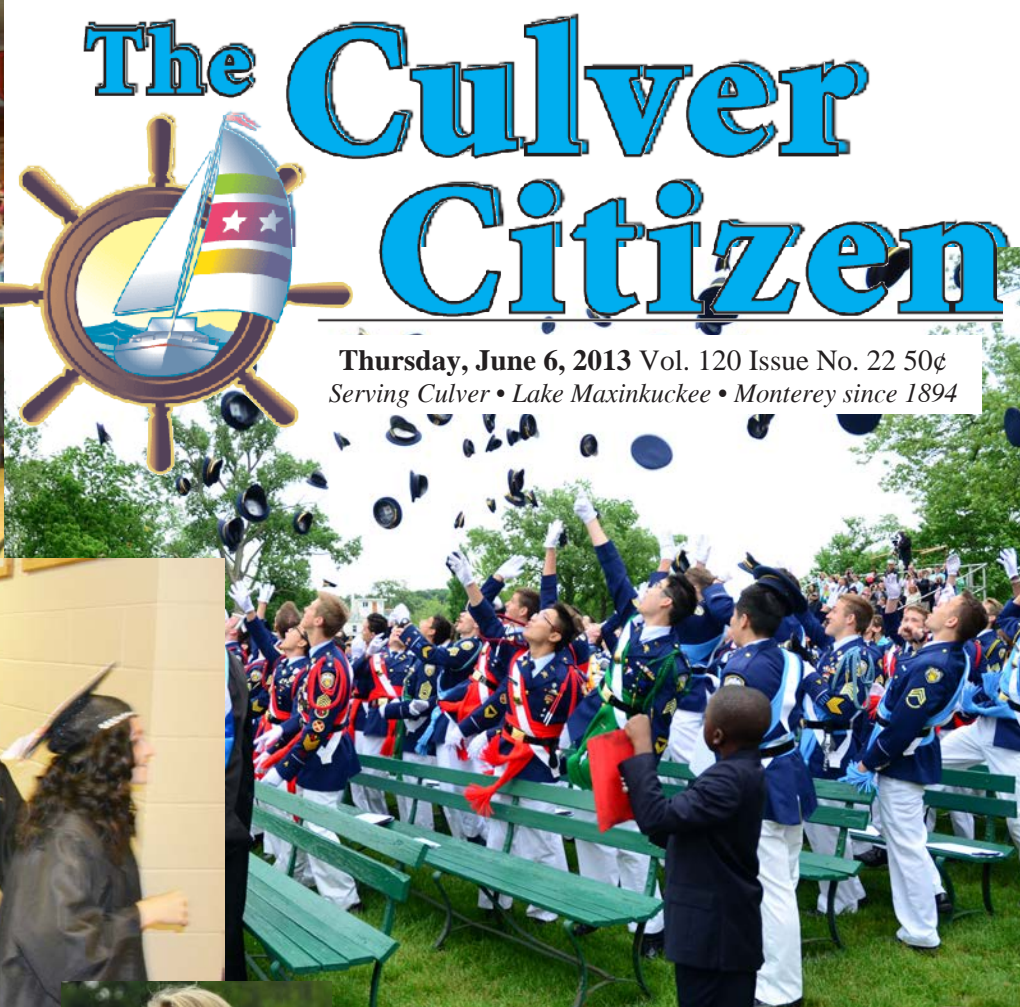
"Hello Gorgeous," sponsored by Michelle's Headquarters in Culver, creates a special day of hair and spa treatments and a welcome party for women battling cancer. Used purses may be dropped off at Michelle's, Culver Coffee Co., or Fisher & Co., in Culver before June 31. Call 574-842-2662 with questions.

Summer Reading activities

Summer Reading activities at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in the next few weeks include Cave Paintings (Monday, June 3, 3 p.m.), Ice eggs (Monday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.), Time capsules (Wed., June 12, 2 p.m.), Pirate Party (Wed., June 19, 3 p.m.), coffee ground fossils (Fri., June 21, 10:30 a.m. Check www.culver.lib.in.us for more

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Graduates bid Culver farewell

Students at Culver Comm. High School took part in commencement exercises Friday night, where they're pictured in some post-grad exuberance\*\* (UPPER LEFT), and on their way into the gymnasium for the ceremony\*\*\* (CENTER LEFT). Culver Academies students bid Culver farewell Sunday morning, where CMA cadets filled the sky with their caps, a longstanding tradition\* (CENTER RIGHT). At LOWER LEFT, members of Culver Girls Academy on their way to the graduation arch included Jacqueline McCloskey (displaying rational exuberance, front left). Leading the right-hand line are Mary McKinnis and Clare Marshall, both of Culver. LOWER RIGHT: \*Morgan Osborn, daughter of Culver's Daniel and Brenda Osborn.

Park board session yields plan of action for controversial public pier

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

For all the sound and fury leading up to last Thursday night's special park board work session, the five board members present (minus member Ed Behnke) left the meeting with an action plan conceived amidst little of the heated debate or lengthy verbal wranglings which have marked some of the more contentious board meetings of the past few years.

Recent discussion at the park board and even on Culver's town council had focused on why no contract was signed between the town and the installer of a \$44,000 public, handicapped accessible pier in the park, though this work session sought instead to determine just what sort of pier board members wanted, and how to go about getting it.

Early in the session, town attorney Jim Clevenger dispelled the notion that pursuit of legal action would likely force a reinstallation -- without more money being spent -- of a pier left partly under water shortly after its April installation. After corrections were made to remedy that situation, several board members said the resultant pier -- a hybrid of stationary and floating style -- still felt far too unsteady to be safe, and certainly for wheelchair bound patrons.

Clevenger said pursuing legal action against the manufacturer or installer would have more likelihood of success if the pier as installed wasn't ADA compliant or in other ways failed to meet specifically stated standards, which was not the case.

Board member Patty Stallings explained discussion with the installer prior to installation suggested to her the pier would be significantly more stable than the "rolling, bobbing, jumping" state she said it's in now. Clevenger, however, pointed to the subjectivity of defining stability for a pier, especially when weather and nearby motorboat conditions factor in.

Also discussed was whether further steps should be taken to protect the park from liability than the yellow "caution" tape at the pier's entryway, should someone attempt to use it, though board president Tammy Shaffer argued that, in warm weather, people would likely find a way onto the pier regardless.

Board member Rhonda Reinhold objected to the suggestion the manufacturer and installer delivered the pier requested by the board, noting she had attended meetings in which specifications were laid out, prior to her tenure as a board member.

"You guys said what you needed," she said. "He (the installer) should have known it wouldn't do what we wanted. One of the goals in every meeting was that (the pier be) very stable for people with wheelchairs -- for veterans or children."

Weighing in on various specifics concerning pier construction were Ed and Becky Furry, Culver residents and sailing professionals with their international Sail22 company.

Both emphasized no pier -- least of all a floating one -- is stable enough for safe wheelchair use during bad weather.

"No matter what," said Ed, "you have to take way more precau-

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Council work session tackles marketing Culver, park board-community relations

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Discussion of the town's role in marketing Culver and supporting local business and industry growth segued into the role of Culver's town park in such endeavors and recent controversy surrounding the park board.

The discussion took

place at a town council work session just prior to the council's regular meeting May 28. Council member Ginny Munroe discussed the need for a plan for marketing Culver and more interaction between the Culver Redevelopment Committee, Plan Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and possibly the

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation as well. She said town clerk Karen Heim and town manager Dave Schoeff discussed working with area colleges to utilize graduate students' skills to create a marketing strategy for the town.

Some discussion was held about abatements,

with council member Ed Pinder pointing out abatements proper are typically given to large companies bringing over 100 employees into an area; Schoeff emphasized a more general marketing plan as opposed to over-emphasizing aid to any one type of business or facet of industry potentially coming into Culver.

Also discussed was creation of a brochure or publication promoting Culver, with Pinder noting he felt county tourism publications had sometimes ignored or under-represented the community. Munroe added that a series of television commercials pro-

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Foresman, Silly Safaris next up in summer series at the park

The next concert in the park at the Culver town park will feature vocalist-guitarist Steve Foresman (steveforesman.com). Foresman plays "a mixture of rock, folk, classic country, and rhythm & blues (and) mixes a few original songs from the Foresman songbook, along with interpretations of artists such as Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Van Morrison, and the Beatles," according to

his website. Foresman has opened up for The Doo-bie Brothers, Heart, The Beach Boys, REO Speedwagon and STYX.

Foresman will take the stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8.



LEFT: Silly Safaris "Funologist" Amazon John. RIGHT: Steve Foresman.



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The performance is free and open to the public.

Also at the park on Weds., June 12, starting at 10 a.m., Silly Safaris (www.silly-safaris.com) present a live wild an-

imal show for all ages. Silly Safaris presents over 3,000 conservation-inspiring live animal shows every year throughout the U.S., and brings a variety of reptiles, mammals, birds and bugs for an experience everyone will remember, according to their site.

The park will also host pick-up beach volleyball every Tuesday and Friday at 7 p.m., starting June 7 and continuing all summer.



## Culver’s Burke Volunteer of the Year at Age of Excellence awards in South Bend



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From left, Pat Birk, Council of Churches treasurer, waardee David Burke, Jean Rakich Council of Churches president.

Burke was nominated due to his dedication to the Culver area’s “Meals-on-Wheels” program, in which he has served for 19 years as a driver, with 14 of those years as driver plus coordinator of the program, all on a volunteer basis. In early 2013, Burke felt it was time to turn over the driving and the management of this program to someone else. Burke was one of 15 nominees for the award, and was called forward for the presentation, which was presented by Steven Watts, chairman of Real Services, and Amy Grant. Real Services, Inc. provides services to the elderly and is headquartered in South Bend; it services Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall and St. Joseph counties. The organization helps over 30,000 elderly people located in this six-county area and manages the workload by way of the efforts of hundreds of volunteers like Burke.

David Burke of Culver was presented with an “Age of Excellence Award” at the 17th annual luncheon banquet held at the Century Center in South Bend on May 16. Master of Ceremonies was WNDU TV journalist Terry McFadden and keynote speaker was award winning vocalist and musician Amy Grant. Over 700 attended. The Culver Community Council of Churches put Burke’s name and credentials up for consideration for the “Kimble Volunteer of the Year” award, given to an individual, 60 years of age or older, who has displayed a commitment to volunteerism in service to the elderly.



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tions when you take a handicapped person out (on a pier). When the weather is rough, it will be rough. But straddle the grooves (in the pier) and you won't have a problem." They also noted no one is likely to fish off the pier when the wind is blowing significantly. Asked about the safety of the current pier, the Furrys said it appears to be considerably improved after last

month's corrections, though they emphasized they hadn't examined it closely. Some discussion ensued as to the genesis of the board's choosing a floating pier design, with Shaffer explaining the original intent had been to keep the pier in the water year-round, though later research showed this was impossible. Ed Furry asked if local installers were consulted along the way about the design.

Stallings said Culver-based installer Tim Yuhas gave his opinion that a floating pier wouldn't work on Lake Maxinkuckee, though a stationary one would. "No one local would even bid on (installation of) a floating pier," she added. "So we had professional

advice from here on not going with a floating pier," said Furry, "but we still went floating?" Audience member John Halphrey suggested the board negotiate with the manufacturer and installer towards a fully stationary pier, based on the fact that 20 percent of their payment has not yet been made by the town. Board and audience members, after it was noted the cost of installation and repair would likely go up "exponentially" in water depths over six feet, discussed the best means of determining exact depth at the approximately 100 foot distance at the end of the pier. Ed Furry also made several suggestions for specific parts and actions which would help stabilize the pier. He also suggested asking the installer to submit a new pier design, with the park board running the design past local installers for their opinions before it's agreed to, a call Clevenger will make to both manufacturer and installer, the board determined. It was also agreed to seek design review from Yuhas or, failing that, local pier installer Gary Shaffer.

## BIRD is the word once again in Culver this summer



PHOTO/TRENT BENNETT

Andrea Canacci addresses members of Culver's Kiwanis Club recently about the return of the student-run BIRD volunteer project to Culver.

The student-run community service organization BIRD (Building, Inspiring, Recreating and Discovering) is returning to Culver this summer thanks to the efforts of its creator, Andrea Canacci, of Culver, along with co-organizers John Ahlenius and Lindsay Van Horn, both Culver Comm. High School graduates. Canacci spoke to members of Culver's Kiwanis Club recently to about the project, which will culminate in a one-day community service event August 3, which "will spread volunteers throughout homes of elderly, disabled and financially unstable to provide DIY and at home services to those who cannot do, or afford it, themselves." The purpose of BIRD, which began as a senior service project a few years ago during Canacci's tenure as a student at Culver Academies, is to "create friendship and trust within the Culver community through acts of fellowship and service to our neighbors. Everyone at some point needs a helping hand; while filling out this application the services of volunteers can include cleaning, painting, landscaping, visiting elderly, and anything else of this nature."

In the past, BIRD has combined the efforts of students at both Culver Community High School and Culver Academies to spend a day in community service followed by an evening of food and fellowship in the town park and Canacci, now a student at St. Mary's College in South Bend, says that formula will be repeated this summer. Applications for those wishing service may be found at Culver's town hall and public library or they may call Canacci at 216-280-5065. Residents are asked to request help by July 27 so volunteers can acquire necessary supplies. Work may include yard work, cleaning, window washing, cleaning gutters, and small carpentry tasks. Applicants are encouraged to help with supplies for larger tasks, while volunteers will provide all labor free of charge. Volunteers may sign up as far as the day of the event at the same number.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Indiana Teacher of the Year flies into Culver Elementary

LEFT: Culver Elementary students and teachers got some inspiration a few weeks before the end of the school year from the Indiana Dept. of Education's Teacher of the Year, Huntington, Indiana Riverview Middle School's Melanie Park. Park, whom former Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett named Indiana's 2012 Teacher of the Year at a surprise school assembly in October, 2011, teaches Reading Remediation in grades 6, 7 and 8 when she's not taking the current year's sabattical to visit Indiana public schools in support of teachers and students. Dressed in a NASA flight suit she received from Space Camp, Park visited each classroom at the school to greet teachers and encourage students to value and support their teachers and the important roles they perform. She's seen here in 5th grade teacher Raeanne Stevens' class.

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# CCHS graduating seniors’ recognition, scholarships at commencement exercises

Thirty Culver Community High School seniors received special recognition at the commencement exercises on May 31, 2013.

Academic Honor Diplomas were received by John Ahlenius, Erin Bau, Allen Betts, Micah Budzinski, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Angel Okray, Ali Overmyer, Tucker Schultz and Collin Stevens. Culver Community High School's Certificate of Academic Excellence (Top were presented to John Ahlenius, Erin Bau, Allen Betts, Micah Budzinski, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Angel Okray, Elizabeth Rainey, Tucker Schultz, and Collin Stevens.

**John Ahlenius**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ahlenius: Culver Lions Club, Northern Indiana Power from the Past, Starke County Foundation Palmer, Culver Tri-Kappa Shirley Slyh, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Culver Community Staff, Culver Young Farmers, Bass Lake Lions Club, Bass Lake Lioness Club, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R and Ethel H. Hoffman, Kiwanis Club of Culver and Barbara Winters Scholarship for Excellence, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence - Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Alexandria Olivia Baker**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker: Mystic Hills Golf Course, Culver Community Staff, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University/Purdue University Fort Wayne.

**Erin Bau**, daughter of Mrs. Rhonda Brust: Starke County Foundation Palmer, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Bradley Allen Beaver**, son of Ms. Renee Keller: Pulaski County Soil and Water Conservation, Culver Young Farmers, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Academic "C." He will attend Indiana University/Purdue University Fort Wayne.

**Ethan Todd Bennett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Bennett: First National Bank Technical, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend IVY Tech Community College, Valparaiso..

**Allen Michael Betts**, son of Ms. Destini Tillman: Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Mem., JMC Engineering, Wabash Presidential and Top Ten, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Eunice Schrimsher, William and Barbara Snyder, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence - Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, 1 Academic Bar. He will attend Wabash College, Crawfordsville.

**Micah Brogan Budzinski**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Budzinski: TCU Moose Krause, Purdue University Presidential, Purdue University Raymond Best Mem., Starke County Foundation Palmer, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert.

of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Stevie Elaine Clingler**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Clingler: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Ball State University, Muncie.

**Michelle Tara Judd Elam**, daughter of Katherine Elam and the late Donald Judd: Fulton County REMC, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Gladah Ruth Shanks Humanitarian, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Coca Cola, Dorothy Mitchell Nursing, Betty Wilson Zehner, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence - Top Ten. She will attend Ball State University, Muncie.

**Marena Jo Fleury**, daughter of Ms. Joey Fleury: JMC Engineering, Physicians Hospital Systems, VFW Mens Auxiliary, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic Bar. She will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Hayden Porter Haimbaugh**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Haimbaugh: Scill Center Auto Tech, Skills Proficiency, Skills "Top Gun", Economy Auto Sales. IVY Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Clare Michelle Hartman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartman: Marianne Ransdell, Odom Funeral Home, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. Ball State University, Muncie.

**Makennon Victoria Hicks**, daughter of Mrs. Christine Scarborough: JMC Engineering, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Indiana University, South Bend.

Brandi Annette Hjertquist, daughter of Peggy Biddle and Dennis Hjertquist: Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. IVY Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Mark Joseph Hurford**, son of Michael Hurford and the late Margaret Hurford: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial-, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. IVY Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Matthew William Hurford**, son of Michael Hurford and the late Margaret Hurford: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Outstanding Male Athlete. Ellsworth Community College, Iowa.

**Hannah Jordan Kline**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kline: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial ., Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Indiana University/Purdue University, Ft. Wayne.

**Trusta Lee Nicole Littleton**, daughter of Carla Littleton and Jeffrey Littleton: Beatrice Goss, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. St. Mary's of the Woods, St. Mary's of the Woods, Indiana.

**Mitchell Andrew Maes**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maes:

Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, American Red Cross Scholarship. Indiana University/Purdue University, Ft. Wayne.

**Ashley Renee Martinez**, granddaughter of Brenda Engle: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Sally Overmyer Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Ancilla College, Donaldson.

**Angel Leanne Okray**, daughter of Mrs. Cindy Gibson: Heartland Artists, Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Mem., Culver Tri-Kappa Coolman, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. University of Indianapolis.

**Alissa Arizona Overmyer**, daughter of Ms. Angie Farris and J.B. Overmyer: JMC Engineering, Glenn and Lucille Overmyer, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Outstanding Female Athlete, Academic Honors Diploma. Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Elizabeth Rainey**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rainey, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Mem., R. B. Krueger, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence - Top Ten. Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Tucker Schultz**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Schultz, Hanover Blyth, Hanover Harvey Wiley, Mystic Hills Golf Course, Gladah Ruth Shanks Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence - Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. Hanover College.

**Ethan Andrew Sheridan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sheridan: Culver Building Trades, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Indiana University, South Bend.

**Collin Ryan Stevens**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Stevens: Donald Zeglis Memorial, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, VFW Mens Auxiliary, Culver Community Staff, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Comm. Cert. of Acad. Excellence -Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic Bar. Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Kyle Christopher Vlach**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Vlach: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Indiana University, South Bend.

**Joshua Lee Walters**, son of Tracy Thomas and R. B. Walters, Culver Building Trades, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Vincennes University.

**Justin Darren Wheeler**, son of Mrs. Michelle Wheeler: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Culver Building Trades, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. IVY Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Dana Lou Wireman**, daughter of Mrs. Patty Ruhnow: Starke County Foundation Palmer, Maxinkuckee Players/Singers, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard R. and Ethel H. Hoffman. Indiana University/Purdue University, Ft. Wayne.

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duced last year via a partnership of several local businesses had been cost effective and generated good response.

Council member Lynn Overmyer shared a publication she picked up in Pierceton, Indiana, with a year's worth of activities listed, suggesting Culver do something similar. Council member Bill Githens suggested the town park's summer events calendar could form the base of a similar publication, though Munroe emphasized non-summer events need to be promoted, but have been left unapproved when the park board was approached for permission.

Sue McInturff, owner of Diva gifts in Culver, suggested funding for expansion of off-season events such as the fall festival proposed for this October could include banners and advertising; the Chamber, it was noted has little budget to expand beyond its current activities.

Munroe said a company had expressed interest in establishing its business on a particular property in Culver last year, but conversation between it and various entities in Culver bounced back and forth, eventually dying out, something she attributed largely to the town's lack of a pre-existing plan regarding abatements and other incentives. She said the proposed site of the company became impossible when the price tripled once the property owner understood there was interest.

Kevin Berger, Culver's representative to the MCDEC, said the current economy no longer affords communities like Culver the luxury of waiting for companies to come to them, hoping for incentives on a case-by-case basis.

"Businesses are looking for reasons to dis-include you, not include you," he said. "Unless they're coming to specifically be in Culver for some reason, you need reasons they should include you on the list. Right now, we're not on the list."

He added the state of Indiana is able to direct companies to potential fits for their needs, but communities need to

have at least some loose parameters readily available to such companies to make them more desirable.

Audience member Russ Mason argued Culver is highly unlikely to compete with a community like Plymouth in terms of industry placement land and offerings, though Berger countered that Culver can offer a quality of life -- including Culver Academies -- as an enticement unavailable elsewhere. Schoeff suggested general marketing tools such as a strong promotional publication could aid in promoting Culver's quality of life towards business recruitment as well as tourist traffic.

Mason also said a major loss to the community around the late 1990s was the Culver Cove, in that its original business design was to limit condo owners' use of rooms in such a way that the Cove would retain a strong identity as a hotel and conference center. Instead, he said, more than 40 of the resort's rooms aren't in the rental pool.

"If we're trying to encourage some business here," he said, "we need a hotel with meeting rooms to bring people here for activities, and then let them loose in the town to spend their money."

McInturff pressed for more emphasis on retaining and growing existing businesses, rather than the less likely prospect of bringing industry here. Munroe, however, suggested a hybrid approach aiming at facilitating current business growth and attracting industry.

Munroe added she was "very upset" at the Culver park board for its refusal to allow a springtime craft beer festival in the park, earlier this year.

Some debate took place as to whether or not the council voted to suspend the ordinance banning alcohol in the park when it granted festival organizers permission to hold the event there, pending park approval, with Munroe emphasizing only the council can approve ordinance suspensions, which is why organizers started their permis-

sion seeking with the council.

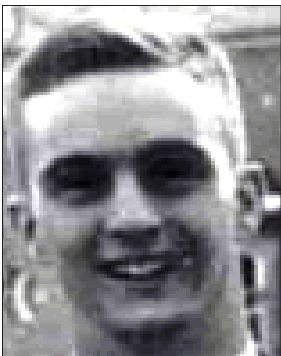
Munroe also expressed frustration that organizers of the fall festival asked the park board for assistance from the park's recently-hired activities director in running a children's haunted house as part of the festival, for which local restaurant owner Mark Damore Jr. offered some \$20,000 worth of decorations as well as labor. Instead, said Munroe, park superintendent Kelly Young turned down the proposal and proposed the park organize a 5k run instead. "To me this just says, 'Snub on you; I don't like you, Go away,'" said Munroe. "I'm honked off about it."

Mason echoed the sentiment, adding the park board should override the superintendent's decision if it's not supported.

## Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Not surprisingly, the correct “guesses as to last week’s Mystery Citizen flooded the editor’s inbox and phone. He was, of course, longtime (and popular) Culver Comm. Middle School math teacher John Browder.

Those who knew him included Larry Brockey, Christine Farlow-Scarborough, Marizetta Kenney, Jack Houghton, Bonnie Beach-Polk, Gary King Jr, Amy Browne Mason, Shelli Arriaga, Scott Allen Schulz, Justin Croy, Jim Keller Jr., Monica Lindsley, Debbie Noel, Theresa Burns, Mary Lou Durkes, Becky Banfield,



Jean E Overmyer, Terry and Carin Clifton, Kay Tusing, Joe Currens, Judi Currens, Vicki Wagner, Don Peverelle

Jeanette Geiselman, Mary Lou Durkes, Jim and Barb Jones. They all can bask in their free parking in downtown Culver while contemplating *this* week’s Mystery Citizen. He goes back a number of years here but lately has gotten involved in a number of local endeavors.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail. com or call and now. RIGHT: the editor This week’s Mystery Citizen.





# Cavs edge Triton for Sectional 51 title

By James Costello  
Sports Editor  
CULVER — Culver Community’s young baseball team opened the year with just one win in its first 13 games. Fast forward to Tuesday, and the Cavaliers are sectional champions.

Collin Stevens scattered six hits pitching a complete-game shutout, Nick Pritz scored both of the Cavs’ runs, and the home team got back on top, 2-0 over Triton at Class A Sectional 51 in Culver Tuesday night.

The win restored the Cavs to the title after the Trojans unseated them in last year’s sectional semifinal a year after the Sectional 51

hosts ended a quarter-century championship drought in 2011. Culver now advances to play North White in the second game at the Caston Regional Saturday, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET.

“It’s amazing,” said Stevens. “It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity to play on our home field here and win sectionals. Now we’ve got to go to Caston this Saturday and try to get another trophy.”

While Culver’s young lineup played like veterans under pressure Tuesday, the team got a knockout pitching performance from a four-year holdover in Stevens.

Stevens built efficiently off his curveball to finish with six strikeouts versus six hits, one walk and a hit batter, and he worked himself out of numerous jams as Triton left two on in the fourth and fifth innings and left the bags packed in the sixth.

“My offspeed is probably my number one pitch because I don’t throw very hard in the first place,” said Stevens. “I try to spot my pitches. I like my curveball and maybe a little bit of a two-seam fastball that dies a little bit. That has to work for me or I struggle at the mound.”

“Today he’s the kid we wanted on the mound,” said Elliott. “He handles pressure, throws strikes. He kept the ball down tonight, kept them off balance, and for the most part we had some really good defensive plays.”

Triton left eight runners on over the last four frames as Stevens was backed up by an errorless Cavalier defense that made several big plays highlighted by a seated throw to first from second baseman Shawn Russell and a backpedalling over-the-shoulder catch by right fielder Mark Hurford.

But no stop was bigger than the one Stevens made for himself with the bases juiced in the sixth — a falling save of a hard Ben Perkins liner back to the mound to end the Trojan threat and preserve the shutout.

“That play was really just reflex. I luckily put my mitt in the right place,” said Stevens.

“I couldn’t believe it; I was so happy that there were two outs because who knows? If there would have been one up the middle I might have dropped it or if it deflected off my mitt I don’t know if we’d have gotten the guy at first. It was very relieving.”

“Collin is a heck of an athlete and he’s been a great leader for them not only in baseball but in all their sports. Big time kids like that they make big plays at the right moment, and that’s what he did,” said Triton coach Rodney Younis.

“This is the fourth year that we’ve seen him, and honestly, this is probably the best that I’ve seen him pitch in the four years. He was on. As a senior that’s playing for a sectional championship, you’re going to get that.”

While Stevens pitched a six-hit shutout, the Trojans got an equally strong start from Pete Kauffman, who fanned four while surrendering just five hits with no walks lasting six



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The CCHS 2013 sectional champion baseball team. Pictured, from left, are (first row) Chris Zehner, Nick Pritz, Collin Stevens, Austin Brissette, Kyle Vlach, Shawn Russell, Cody Valiquet. Middle row: Everett Krueger, Brendon Pinder, Mark Hurford, Jeremy Penrod, Derek Keller, Tom Krueger. Back row: Adam Rippey, Mike Elliott, Ron King, Denny Burkett,

the sixth, taking Kauffman deep to left on a 1-0 offering with two out for the insurance run and the eventual final margin.

“Nick has hit the ball hard for us all year. He was hitting .406 coming in with 33 RBIs; that was his fifth home run of the season. He hits it hard pretty much every time he’s up,” said Elliott.

“You couldn’t ask for a better guy at the plate when you need something, and he came through when we needed him. That’s been one of the difference in our streak that we’ve had going — we’ve been getting some of the timely hits.”

Triton, meanwhile, couldn’t quite find the timely hit to break through against Stevens and the Culver defense as the Trojans left nine runners stranded, including eight over the last four frames.

In the top of the fourth, it looked as though Kauffman might help himself out when he reached on a grounder to short with one out and Bryson Mosier moved him over with a line single into left following an infield fly, but Gabe McPherson went down looking to end the inning.

Triton got two on again in the fifth as Landon Kaufman led off with a looping single into right, was moved to second on a Perkins sacrifice bunt and reached third on Grant Stichter’s infield single to bring the top of the order back around with just one out. But Cole Creighbaum flew out to shallow right, and Jayden Hargrave went down swinging to close out another scoreless inning.

It looked like the Trojans would finally break onto the scoreboard in the sixth as Seth Glingie was hit by a pitch and Mosier followed up with a single with one out. Following a McPherson flyout to left, Landon Kaufman coaxed a walk to load the bags, and Perkins put one in play that would have scored Glingie if not for Stevens’ falling catch.

“The last few weeks we’ve been really hitting the ball well. We struggled a little bit yesterday with our bats, and unfortunately it carried over to today,” said Younis. “We had some solid contact, but they made some really good plays. As far as stringing it together, we just couldn’t do that. We’d get a few kids on, but maybe with two outs or at inopportune times.”

Triton closes out the year at 13-15 as the Trojans came up short of the trophy in their third straight finals berth. The team bids goodbye to three seniors in Kauffman, Mosier and Glingie.

The Cavs improved to 10-16 while moving on to Saturday’s regional round of the tourney, meanwhile. Their win over Triton represented a reprisal for back-to-back losses to the Trojans in the two teams’ Northern State Conference series just two weeks ago on May 13-14.

But those losses came by narrow margins of 4-2 and 11-8, and Culver never doubted Tuesday.

Indeed, the turnaround against Triton was a microcosm of the Cavs’ turnaround this sea-

innings before Perkins took over for him in the seventh.

But Culver was able to capitalize in the fourth when Pritz ripped a double all the way to the center field fence, reached third on a Chris Zehner flyout to center and scored on Russell’s single through the gap at short. The Cavs went down in order in the fifth and the score remained a tentative 1-0 until Pritz came around again in

# Heckaman leads area athletes at girls state track meet



PHOTO/TIM CREASON

Culver Academies junior Leah Heckaman spins through the circle during the discus throw at Saturday’s IHSAA girls state track finals in Bloomington.

and 10th in the shot put. “I knew what I wanted to do, and even if everything didn’t go perfect, I’m satisfied.”

Heckaman was Marshall County’s only medal-winner during the girls meet at Indiana University’s track in Bloomington. A Plymouth resident who attended LaVille Jr. High School before enrolling at Culver, she hit a big throw in the discus prelims – 134 feet, 9 inches – to guarantee herself a spot on the awards stand.

“This is the third year I’ve

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# CMA finishes on bubble at Warsaw Sectional



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

CMA’s Ben Sharff watches his tee shot on the front side at Stonehenge during the Warsaw Boys Golf Sectional last Friday. Sharff made the individual, cut out to Thursday’s regional round of play.

320, but both squads saw individuals qualify for the regional as CMA’s Ben Sharff carded the low score among players from non-advancing teams with a 74, and Plymouth’s Nate Kolter and Ben Schenk posted competitive scores of 78 and 80 to grab the second and third individual berths out.

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Thursday’s finish was par-

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By Tim Creason  
Correspondent  
BLOOMINGTON — Say this for Leah Heckaman: She’s got a positive attitude.

Even though Heckaman had to face one of the toughest fields in years in the weight events, including a new state record holder in the discus, the Culver Academies junior was all smiles following Saturday’s IHSAA girls state track finals.

“I had a good day,” said Heckaman, who finished fifth in the discus

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

WINONA LAKE — Last spring, Triton’s boys golf team lost on a fifth-score tiebreaker to the host Tigers for the championship at the Warsaw Sectional, and the Trojans entered Friday’s 2013 tournament-opener at Stonehenge with hopes of avenging that narrow loss.

They ultimately fell a score short once more, albeit this time without the need for a tiebreaker.

Warsaw edged Triton by a stroke, 314-315 for top team honors, while Columbia City carded 319 to claim the third and final team berth to next Thursday’s regional round of play at Stonehenge.

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Culver Military and Plymouth finished on the bubble with respective fourth and fifth-place team scores of 328 and

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## Cool characters on parade

Culver Elementary 2nd graders took part in the annual Cool Character parade from the school and through downtown Culver Friday afternoon. The "Cool Character Club" is a regular part of the curriculum in the 2nd grade, where students start each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Character pledge. Students are directed back to the six pillar of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) if a discipline issue arises. Each pillar is represented by a color on the shirts worn by the students, which were underwritten by the Culver Kiwanis Club. Town marshal Wayne Bean led the parade in his patrol car.

## Culver Lions promote Liberty Day

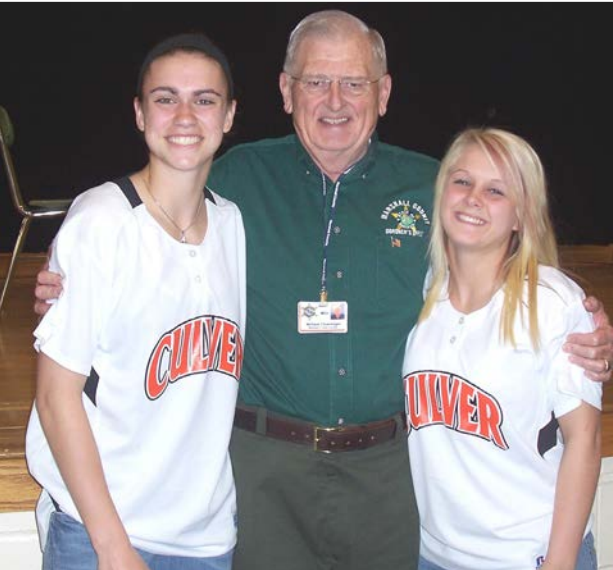


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LEFT: Culver Community students Kayla Shaffer (left) and Emily Shidler (right) join Marshall County coroner William Cleavenger, of Culver (center), during the Culver Lions-sponsored Liberty Day program last month.

their appreciation of the Culver Community School's administration and teachers in the effort to make students more knowledgeable about their Constitutional freedoms.

Culver Community 8th grade and 11th grade students were made more aware of the United States Constitution with a recently-held Liberty Day program sponsored by the Culver Lions Club, an annual offering since the program's inception in 2001. Marshall County Coroner William Cleavenger spoke to the students. Cleavenger, an elected official, explained the meaning of the Constitution and how his position as coroner includes the duty to uphold the Constitution. Following his presentation there was a question and answer period. A number of Culver Lions were in attendance, with Lion Jim Harper in charge.

At the conclusion of the program the Lions provided each student and interested adult with a copy of the U.S. Constitution. The Culver Lions expressed

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activities.

#### Community meal at Grace June 15

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

#### CBGC summer program moves to middle school

The Culver Boys & Girls Club summer program will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This year's program includes field trips to Amish Acres and the Water Park as well as weekly visits to the local beach and library. This summer, the program will be held at Culver Community Middle School. For more information on the program and fees, please visit [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org) or call Jessye Gilley at 574-250-0103.

#### Culver A Capella group launching this month

For those who love to sing....just not in front of anyone, the Aubbeenaubbee A Cappella singing group is open to people 16 and over who want to sing, just for fun. Those interested are encouraged to have fun, improve their health (really!) and meet new friends while making beautiful music together. Beginning June 11, the group will meet in the St. Mary of the Lake Church basement Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Paré at 574-274-7097 or [parefamily@att.net](mailto:parefamily@att.net).

#### Culver Farmer's Market open

The Culver Farmer's Market has opened for the season each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of

Jefferson and Ohio Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). Interested produce and flower vendors are encouraged to call Barb at 574-842-2648.

#### CUTPL Adult Summer Reading program

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Adult Summer Reading is open to adults of all ages, with programs, prizes, book discussions, and special events. Programs include "Making Your Garden Grow" with Master Gardener, Bob Yoder (June 13, 1 to 3 p.m.); a book discussion of "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald (June 22, 1:30 p.m.); screening of "Everglades of the North," a documentary about the Grand Kankakee Marsh (July 8, 6 p.m.); a Q and A with one of the film producers (July 15, 6 p.m.); "Digging for Your Roots: A Beginner's Genealogy Workshop" with genealogist Monty Peden (July 23, 1 to 3 p.m.). The program begins June 3 and will run through August 2.

#### Friends book sales June 13-15

The Friends of the Culver Library will hold a book sale Thursday, June 13 from 4 until 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Book donations can be left at the Culver Library circulation desk during library hours.

#### Summer food program

The Culver Community Schools summer food program offers free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs. Adults may eat, but breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch \$3. All meals must be eaten on site. Locations include: Culver High School (enter through middle school doors), June 3 through August 9. Breakfast: 7:45 to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Former Monterey Elementary, June 3 to July 12. Lunch noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Culver Public Library, June 10 to Aug. 1, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. (Tues. and Thurs. storytelling and craft). Aubbeenaubee Twp. Community Bldg., June 3 to July 26. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ora Gospel Chapel Church basement, June 3 to June 28. Lunch: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. EST. All sites will be closed on July 4 and 5. Those with questions may contact Carin Clifton, food service director, at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

#### Taste of Culver June 15

The 2013 Taste of Culver will be held Saturday, June 15 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in downtown Culver. A diversity of food offerings will include, pizza, polish sausage, mini burgers, chicken wings, sushi, cajun specialties, shaved ice, cookies, fresh fruit cups and hot dogs, from Culver's unique restaurants, accompanied by live music. Those with questions may call Patty Stallings at 574-842-2118 (cell 219-765-0702) or email [patty.k.stallings@gmail.com](mailto:patty.k.stallings@gmail.com).

#### Fly fishing 101 June 15

Learn when and why fly fishing is the right tool for the task Saturday June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Class is limited to five participants, minimum 11 years of age. Total cost for each participant is \$10. Equipment will be supplied. Please

contact Kelly Young, park supt., at 574-842-3510 to register.

#### Jr. Football sign-ups

Sign-ups for the 2013 Junior Football season are June 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Community High School library. All enrollment will be online this year with only an email address required. If you do not have one, volunteers can help you create one when you enroll. If you choose to enroll online on your own, please still plan to attend one of these dates to be fitted for equipment and uniforms. All are encouraged to "like" Culver Junior Football on Facebook.

#### Duff exhibit at Crisp Gallery

The Culver Academies' Crisp Art Center is hosting two exhibitions in its Wolf and Deer-Zink Galleries. Now on view is The Charles T. Duff Faculty Memorial Exhibition, which recognizes the career and artwork of one of Culver Academies' beloved master instructors of fine arts, as well as a selection of paintings from the Culver Collection addressing the broad subject categories of People, Places, and a Few Things. Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Culver to host "Michiana's Rising Star" event

Culver Academies Eppley auditorium will host one of the five regional competitions of the WNIT TV "Michiana's Rising Star" talent search Saturday, June 15. Top five performers will compete at the WNIT studio each evening from July 28 through Aug. 2, to determine the grand prize winner and "Michiana's Rising Star." Visit the contest website at [wnit.org](http://wnit.org) or call the station at 574.675.9648 x 309.

#### Vonnegut exhibit at museum starting June 18

The Center for Culver History will host the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library's traveling exhibit as well as local history and memorabilia of the Vonnegut family on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The exhibit will run from June 18 through July 20th, and is free. The Center for Culver History is located in the lower level of the original Carnegie library in downtown Culver. Visit [www.culver-ahs.com](http://www.culver-ahs.com) for more information.

#### Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity returns June 29

Culver Tri-Kappa's bi-annual Chairs for Charity returns Saturday, June 29 at the Culver Cove resort on Jefferson Street. The evening begins with a reception, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction. At 8 p.m. the live auction begins. Chairs, donated by Tri-Kappa members and artists in the Culver community, are artistically altered to create artistic content in a variety of themes. Tri-Kappa is encouraging members of the community to find a chair and give it a new life for the event. The chairs will be displayed in various businesses around town for two weeks leading up to the event. Proceeds from the event go to area children's education and other community needs. Please contact Kathy Rich [bkricht@culcom.net](mailto:bkricht@culcom.net) or Dorothea Ragsdale, [dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com](mailto:dnoyesragsdale@hotmail.com).

#### Culver High School reunion June 29

The Culver High School (CHS) reunion will take place Saturday, June 29, at the cafeteria for the Culver Community Schools Middle School/High School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Please forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs such as those mentioned above via CD) to: Thomas L. Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315, or e-mail [tlcurtis@media-combb.net](mailto:tlcurtis@media-combb.net) or call 508-369-1506.

#### Swimming lesson registration

The Culver park department will offer three sessions of swimming lessons this summer. Registration for children aged 3 and up will take place June 3 through 12 and the cost is \$25 per child. Session dates are as follows: session 1: June 17 through 26; session 2: July 1 through July 11; session 3: July 22 through July 31. Times will be determined at a later date.

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# Indians down Eagles at Plymouth final

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military’s lineup has been finding ways to hit its way out of trouble all season long. After a 12-inning marathon win over Jimtown in the Plymouth Sectional semifinal May 28, the hits finally dried up in May 29’s championship game.

St. Joe jumped out to a fast start with four runs in the top of the first, and CMA managed just four total hits against the Indians pitching staff of Connor Sweeney and Brad Hartman in an eventual 9-2 loss at Bill Nixon Field.

“It was a tough day at the plate, and that’s tough because we have been hitting the ball so well this season,” said CMA head coach Kurt Christiansen. “It’s part of the game, I suppose, but four hits isn’t just going to cut it, right? That’s kind of the story there. Our kids worked really hard at the plate and they worked really hard on the mound, but we can’t scatter 14 hits and only scratch across four hits. I think we only hit the ball hard three times all night; that’s not going to get it done in a sectional game, let alone in a sectional championship.”

The championship loss came on the heels of a 15-hit performance against Jimtown in 12 innings Tuesday capped off by a Trent Kolden walk-off homer. But after that emotional win, the Eagles couldn’t find the same magic at the plate Wednesday.

CMA got two of its four hits in the third, including a solo shot to right by leadoff hitter Kyle Bartelman that cut the Eagles’ deficit to 4-2. After struggling with his command early, Sweeney finally settled in some in the fourth, leaving the game with a 7-2 lead in the sixth after surrendering four hits with four walks and a hit batter versus two strikeouts. Hartman slammed the door shut in relief, facing the minimum number of batters over the next one and two-thirds innings to earn the save.

The Indians wasted little time giving Sweeney the run support he needed, jumping on top with a four-run first on the strength of six hits and a walk.

The Eagles got off to a slower start at the plate but were able to capitalize on Sweeney’s wild start as he walked Bartelman, hit Kolden with a pitch and walked Perley Provost to load the bases with none out. Bartelman scored when Colin Dean grounded into a double play at short, but Anthony McHugh grounded out to short to end the inning with CMA still trailing 4-1.

After scoring his team’s only run of the first after what looked like the start of a big inning for CMA, Bartelman plated the Eagles’ only other run of the night in his second

plate appearance in the third, taking Sweeney’s first offering deep to right to cut Culver’s deficit to 4-2. Dean singled and McHugh doubled him over to second with two out, but both were left stranded when Colin Raver grounded out to short, and the Eagles never got any closer.

St. Joe scratched out a run on a Scott RBI double against CMA reliever Drew Schroeder in the fifth, then pushed across two more in the sixth and seventh innings to bring the score to its final margin.

“I think that was a big moment, a pivotal moment. At 4-2 it’s still a ball game,” said Christiansen of Bartelman’s homer. “Kyle’s done a good job for us all year. He likes to jump on pitches early in counts and he got a fastball where he likes to hit it and put a good swing on it. At 4-2 we’re right in the game, but our at-bats and work at the plate just didn’t come through.

“They broke it open a little bit late, but at 4-2 our at-bats needed to be a little bit better. We just didn’t hit the ball very hard. Too many easy outs.”

It was a tough note to end on for the Eagles, who had won a pair of extra-inning thrillers at Plymouth headed into Wednesday’s final — an eight-inning win over Mishawaka Marian on a walk-off balk last Friday and a 12th-inning walk-off homer by Kolden against Jimtown Tuesday — but ultimately fell short of the program’s first sectional crown since a run of four straight titles between 1993-97 for CMA’s only four sectional championships to date.

“It was a nice tournament run,” said Christiansen. “It’s a testament to these kids. This is a group of kids that’s pretty special. There’s a lot of talent there, and they believe in one another and they believe they can win every single time they step on the field. And I think that carried over into some competitive games where we put ourselves in a good position and had an opportunity to compete and win, and they stuck together and got it done both against Marian and against Jimtown.”

“It was a nice season, and this group will be missed. There are a lot of veteran innings that we’re going to lose,” Christiansen said.

“It’s a really good senior class. I think one of the best things I can say about the program and that group of seniors is that they’ve put us in a position where we expect to win. They’ve taught the younger classmates how we do things, the way we approach our work and I think that legacy will be really important for us going forward.”

• SOUTH BEND ST. JOSEPH 9,  
CULVER MILITARY 2  
At Class 3A Plymouth Sectional

had a good toss of 41 feet, 1-1/4 inches, she missed winning a medal by about five inches. Micaela Hazlewood of Linton-Stockton reached 41-7 ½ for ninth.

In the 100-meter dash, Culver Community’s Denisha Brown clocked 12.70 in her trial heat but didn’t advance. She finished 19th overall.  
• 40th ANNUAL IHSAA GIRLS  
STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
At Bloomington

## Sports briefs

### Baseball

**Cavs close at Caston:** Culver Community struck first but couldn’t hold on in a 4-1 loss to North White at the Class A Caston Baseball Regional Saturday. With the Cavs leading 1-0 after scoring their lone run in the top of the fourth, North White plated two runs in the bottom of the fifth and tacked on another two in the sixth to clinch the 4-1 semifinal win. The Vikings went on to beat Elkhart Christian 7-1 for the school’s first regional championship. Kyle Vlach took the loss giving up six hits over six innings for Culver, which closed at 10-17 after getting back on top at its home sectional last Tuesday with a 2-0 win over NSC rival Triton. Collin Stevens and Shawn Russell both doubled for the Cavs, who closed at 10-17 following a 1-12 start to the season.

• NORTH WHITE 4,  
CULVER COMMUNITY 1  
At Class A Caston Regional

### Boys golf

**Culver splits:** Culver Community’s boys golf team split a three-way golf meet with Pioneer and Caston at home at Mystic Hills Tuesday, topping Caston 195-204 but falling to Pioneer’s 170.

Trent Elliott fired a 1-over 37 to lead the Cavaliers, while Kenny VanDePutte and Tristan Schultz both carded 52, and Cody Peterson and Tevin Jones turned in dual 54s.  
• PIONEER 170, CULVER 195, CASTON 204  
At Mystic Hills (par 36)

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ticularly disappointing for CMA, which finished a full 10 strokes better than the 2012 tally that earned the Eagles a top three team regional berth last season.

The upside is that team will have at least has one golfer representing it next Thursday after Sharff’s career-low 74, however. He was followed Friday by John Connelly’s 81, Zach Allyn’s 86 and dual 87s from Davis Payne and Santiago Fernandez.

“All year we’ve been plagued by some big numbers where some kids hit some errant shots, and out here you just can’t do that. It’s too severe with the high grass. We just had too many holes again where we had double bogeys, triple bogeys or worse, and you just can’t do that and expect to get out,” said CMA head coach Fred Haase.

“Ben Sharff, my number two, had 39, 35 so that’s the best round he’s ever shot. And he had a couple double bogeys during the round too, but he’s happy and I’m happy he made it out. I was hopeful he would. He’s playing solid golf right now, so we’ll see what happens next week.”

Culver Community closed out the year with a 444 at Friday’s tourney, meanwhile, led by Trent Elliott’s 83. Cody Peterson shot 117, Tristan Schultz came in at 115, Kenny VanDePutte carded a 129, and Tevin Jones finished up in 144 for the Cavs.  
• WARSAW BOYS  
GOLF SECTIONAL  
At Stonehenge Golf Club (Par 71)

## Heckaman from page 5

qualified for the state meet, but this is the first time I’ve won a medal, so yeah, that’s good,” said Heckaman. “I’ve never made the finals before, so to get there today in two events, I’m pretty happy.”

Heckaman finished 26th in the discus as a freshman and 15th as a sophomore, so she’s definitely headed in the right direction.

She also made the final round in the shot put. Though she



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# CCHS Building trades completes 32nd student-built home, first outside county

Culver Community High School's Building Trades program has completed its 32nd student-built home, which happens to not only be its largest to date, but the first built outside of Culver and, in fact, Marshall County.

An open house was held late last month at the 45,000 square foot home of A.J. and Jennifer Gappa, located on the south shore of Bass Lake along State Road 10 in Starke County. Besides CCHS builders, students also hailed from Knox and North Judson 10 in Knox. RIGHT: Part of the interior of the home, which takes full advantage of its lake view.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: The “lake” side of the new Building Trades house built by Culver Community, Knox, and North Judson students on State Road 10 in Knox. RIGHT: Part of the interior of the home, which takes full advantage of its lake view.

ing Gappa was next on the list for Building Trades, if the highest name of the list dropped out. That turned out to be the case, and the Gappas and Elliott scrambled a bit to prepare for work to commence. This also accounted in part for a delay which left a minor amount of work to be done on the decks and other areas of the house.

Few would notice, given lavish, expansive home, which contains five bedrooms, three and a half baths, hardwood floors, a fieldstone fireplace and open concept with cathedral ceilings to take full advantage of the view of Bass Lake. Elliott points out the copious cabinetry in the home is Culver-made Elkay-Medallion, provided by the Counter Top Shop of Plymouth (the Medallion plant doesn't sell its products directly to consumers). The home also includes a three-car garage.

"I'm very proud of the kids' effort," says Elliott. "We had a good group of kids and that made it a very enjoyable year.

"There was a lot of interest and support in the community," he adds. "That's the biggest thing that has helped, along with (Culver Community) administration support."

He notes the program started in 1979 "when the economy was bad and interest rates extremely high. With the support of the community and administration, we've been able to prevail through that."

The program also gave out \$6,000 in scholarships to its students to help them further their education or enter apprenticeship training programs this year, adds Elliott.

"I think Kyle Elliott's an excellent instructor," says Gappa. "I already knew the program was top notch. Now I got to see that on a first-hand, everyday basis instead of just from a school person's point of view."

Students working on the project included John Allman, Kaelin Bacewic, Kyle Balsley, Jordan Beem, Ben Button, Grant Campbell, Cody Fletcher, Cameron Gardner, Dustin Kroft, Mark Lehman, Stephen Lehman, Tyler Lowry, Dakota Manns, Shawn Russell, Jordan Sanders, Evan Scherf, Ethan Sheridan, Zach Temme, Adam Tompos, Josh Walters, Dustin Wheeler, and Dakota Wolber.

## Departing Commandant reflects on connecting Memorial Day with present lives of Academies students

Culver Academies observed Memorial Day as it has done for decades: in a solemn and stately ceremony in its Memorial Chapel, where the remarks of Commandant of Cadets Col. Kelly Jordan were made especially poignant by his imminent departure from the school he has served for the past five years, in early June.

Noting 342 of the school's winter and summer school alumni gave their lives in the service of their country, Jordan noted a Culture of Personality has replaced the Culture of Character as America's prevailing ethos, as described in Warren Susman's book, "Culture as History: The Transformation of American Society in the 20th Century." Susman, said Jordan, "describes the Culture of Character as being focused on how well one served others and on the ideals of being serious, self-disciplined, and honorable, and manifested as a noble character in most individuals, as opposed to the Culture of Personality, which is oriented more on one's own self and how others perceived one, and which is manifested as that of a performer."



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Col. Kelly Jordan, who is leaving Culver Academies this month, addresses students on Memorial Day.

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Jordan went on to point out Culver Academies "was founded during the era in which the Culture of Character was ascendant, and I submit that those we honor today, those here in attendance, and the school at which we gather conform to neither Susman's gloomy observation...and have instead remained true to the Culture of Character and its associated characteristics of citizenship, duty, honor, morals, and integrity."

Jordan also emphasized the importance of reading the names of the deceased aloud, another facet of Culver's Memorial Day tradition, and he quoted

the Academies' head of schools, John Buxton, who recently wrote that ceremonies like that at Memorial Day "...remind us of our history and our ideals; they inspire us. They remind us that we stand on the shoulders of heroic and capable students, faculty, and alumni who came before us...they are important to us because we believe [or should believe] that we are as capable today of making those [sacrifices] and identifying and seizing those opportunities" as others have been previously.

Various "minute" details of the Culver lives of some of those "Gold Star Men" of Culver were also recounted by Jordan, such as the food they ate in the dining hall and habits they were known for on campus, to help his student audience connect "their memories to be shared among us: those who would understand and ones who have shared their Culver experiences, walked where they walked, sat where they sat, saw what they saw, did what they did, and felt what they felt. Thus the true purpose of this ceremony is to help keep alive here on campus the memories of the deceased. Surely their sacrifices warrant this type of acknowledgment and acclimation from those of us now present at Culver."

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son. Despite a bumpy 1-12 start to the year, Culver's young lineup never lost the faith, and the Cavs have since won nine of their last 13 games, a fact that Elliott said makes Tuesday's sectional title win all the more rewarding.

"What can you say about these kids? We started out 1-12,

and now we've won 10 games. They've turned it around," he said.

"Six of those losses were by one run or in extra innings. The kids were building some confidence, and now going into regional next week we've won our last three one-run games

and obviously 2-0 today, so we've been winning the close games that we were losing or giving away early in the year."

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At Culver Sectional championship