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In Brief

Lake Max Asscn annual mtg

The Lake Maxinkuckee Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, August 4 at 10 a.m., at the Culver Cove banquet room, second floor (elevator available). Questions may be directed by email to LMA Executive Director Jane Grund at lakedir@culcom.net.

Sidewalk days July 27, 28

Culver's annual sidewalk days will take place Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, in downtown Culver. As in years past, South Main Street between Jefferson and Madison Streets will be shut down and participating businesses will offer sale and special items for browsing shoppers during regular business hours.

Corn roast, Firemen's Fest July 28

A longtime annual tradition, the Culver Lions Club's corn roast, held in the town park, will take place Saturday evening, July 28, with shucking starting at 2 p.m. and serving from 4:30 to 7:30. Fresh-roasted corn on the cob, hamburgers, and more are part of the cost of the meal. The annual Culver Firemen's Festival is also part of the lineup. Taking place outside the fire station on Lake Shore Drive, the event includes games, play activities for children, and much more.

Maxinkuckee Players' summer schedule

Maxinkuckee Players summer of 2012 musical "Crazy for You" is a romantic comedy filled with Gershwin music. All six performances will be at the Culver Community High School auditorium starting with opening night July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Other opportunities to see this show include: July 29 at 4 p.m., Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. Sponsorship in our program is available through the deadline July 13. For further information, please contact Lenore Jones at Lenore@ancofficeproducts.com.

Poirot book, movie at group

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library will focus on "Evil Under the Sun" Wed., August 1 at noon in

A festival and a centennial -- Culver celebrates

Culver's Lake Fest weekend is always one of the liveliest of the year, and this year the excitement was joined by the centennial celebration of Culver's Woodcraft Camp. The two converged in the Lake Fest's annual Saturday morning parade ** (LEFT CENTER PHOTO), during which no less than 100 campers (one for each year of the camp's history) in full Indian regalia-- making for a stream of continuous color and activity too lengthy and elaborate to convey in one photo alone -- paraded through Culver to repeated applause. Longtime Indian Lore director at the camp Dick Zimmerman was parade marshal (see photos page 2). Delighting audiences was Friday night's centennial pageant, which told the story of the local Potawatomi and the founding of the camp, and included a huge cast of performers. Pictured at LOWER LEFT is Ken Trickey Jr., center, portraying the camp's first director, legendary scouting pioneer Daniel Carter Beard, flanked at left by camper Will Abernethy and at right by Ignacio Landa, wearing early, all-wool Woodcraft uniforms. At RIGHT, camper Dylan Barnes portrays a long-ago Woodcrafter on a magical journey to encounter his Potawatomi predecessors, played at center by Dave McLiver and at right by Bryan Lane. The original Council Rock, long a staple in the Council Ring, was recreated especially for the elaborately staged event. UPPER LEFT: *Another new offering at Lake Fest was the shift to the Culver beach lodge of the annual Sunfish Regatta, which added splashes of color to the festival area Sunday morning.

Woodcraft centennial, Lake Fest, other events make for magical Culver wknd

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If the weather is any indication, it seems God was in favor of either the Culver Woodcraft centennial celebration, Culver Lake Fest, or both succeeding last weekend.

By Wednesday of last week, the festival's much-anticipated fireworks had basically been canceled (pending "a substantial amount of rainfall," which no one expected to actually take place), after the committee consulted with Culver's fire chief. Much to many people's surprise, Wednesday night and part of Thursday saw rain fall to more than 1.5 inches, and with "substantial" being defined as at least one inch, word came out Thursday from Lake Fest organizers that the fireworks were back on.

Additionally, after weeks of temperatures generally staying in the 90s to 100s, and a drought severe enough to see Culver Academies three-masted ship The R.H. Ledbetter dry-docked early for the

first time since 1988, the almost-perfect weather descending on Culver Friday and Saturday seemed too much to believe. Temperatures and humidity were back up Sunday, but not before one of Culver's most memorable weekends in recent years, combining a gala celebration of the Woodcraft centennial -- at the camp and Culver Academies campus as well as in town -- with another well-attended Lake Fest marked by especially well-attended fireworks. This was no doubt due in part to the lack of fireworks in most of Marshall County over the 4th of July holiday, due to a county-issued ban in light of the drought -- not only was the fireworks ban lifted in time for the weekend, but the county-wide burn ban as well, facilitating bonfires and the like for those wishing to light them.

Festival organizers say it's hard to estimate the number of attendees at Saturday night's fireworks display over the lake, but certainly the numbers were in the thousands for an ex-



PHOTO/DOUG HABERLAND - CULVER ACADEMIES

25 alums of Culver Woodcraft's Drum & Bugle Corps took to the parade field Saturday as part of the Woodcraft centennial celebration.

hibit which included a sky-bourne Culver "C" logo in fire, in honor of the Woodcraft anniversary.

Add to all of the above the presence of Ben Smith's Rocketman water-based jet pack taking on customers -- and delighting rubbernecks passing by the west shore site of the demonstrations -- all weekend, and a beautiful double balloon launch over Lake Maxinkuckee Saturday evening, as well as additional offerings ranging from the Susanna Quilters' bi-annual quilt show at Wesley Church, an informal reunion for the Culver Comm. High School class of 1992, and the Culver Coffee Company's regular

Lake Fest beer garden and live entertainment, and the result was memorable to say the least.

Summer alums were packing Culver Academies for the always well-attended homecoming reunion weekend, made much more significant by the celebration of the Woodcraft Camp's centennial. According to Academies Alumni director Alan Loehr, some 1,000 visitors took part in the festivities, which included an elaborate staging of the "Trails of Adventure" dramatization of the history of Lake Maxinkuckee and the camp, last seen 25 years ago for the 75th anniversary of the camp. Taking place at the Academies' football

field, the event filled the stands there to capacity and crowds overflowed along the sides of the field. In addition to other festivities throughout the weekend, a special Garrison parade delighted audiences Saturday night.

Earlier on Friday, the parade field near the school's Naval Building was transformed into a full-out carnival for campers and alumni youngsters, complete with dozens of inflatable slides and play equipment, games, food, balloons, and an array of fun offerings in honor of the centennial.

"I felt the weekend was a huge success and brought so many groups together on campus," says Tony Mayfield, director of Culver's Summer Schools and Camps. "Our campers, both Woodcraft and Upper Camp, parents, alumni, faculty and staff and members of the local community were seen and represented

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No decision at county level: golf carts still limited to town of Culver proper

By Lydia Beers,
Staff writer

MARSHALL CO. — Culver area residents hoping to extend the range of their golf cart use beyond the Culver town limits were likely disappointed by the results of a July 16 public hearing at the Marshall County Building, where county commissioners were unable to come to an agreement regarding golf cart access on county roads.

"I'm seeing three different views by the three different commissioners here," commented commissioner Jack Roose following the end of the discussion Monday.

In the beginning of June, commissioners passed an ordinance on first reading allowing golf cart traffic only on roads with reduced speed limits or in neighborhoods surrounding area lakes and golf courses.

At that time, County Attorney Jim Clevenger was asked by commissioners to revise or prepare a second version of the ordinance that would allow golf cart traffic on all county roads to be considered for the two further readings of the ordinance.

About 15 individuals attended the public hearing Monday to voice their opinion on the matter. Among them was Leo Watson of Culver. Watson compared golf cart use to bicycle use, noting that both bicycles and golf carts travel at a similar slow speed. He also presented statistics showing that more people are injured by riding bicycles on roads than riding golf carts on roads. Watson said that he is in favor of giving golf carts

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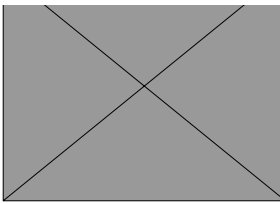
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Ledbetter aground

For the first time in 24 years, Culver Academies' flagship the R.H. Ledbetter was pulled from Lake Maxinkuckee well before the end of summer camps due to low lake levels brought on by the dry conditions affecting the area this summer. The news came as a disappointment to many, as conditions had prevented the boat's annual Moonlight Serenade cruise and concert, and there had been hopes of rescheduling the traditional event. The last time drought conditions forced the Ledbetter's early removal was the summer of 1988, though that year water levels dropped much later in the season, after the Serenade had taken place.

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Lake Fest 2012

LEFT: Scenes from Saturday morning's parade include Maj. Dick Zimmerman, Woodcraft staffer for 61 years and head of the Indian Lore dept. there, as parade marshal.
CENTER: Ed "Red" Kowatch promoting his favorite past-time (of which he's won national championships), horseshoe pitching.
RIGHT: Madeline Pretzer, age 3, daughter of Josh and Erin Pretzer of Culver, gathers candy at the parade.



UPPER LEFT: *Ches Schrimsher, left, and Sam Luttrell, right, had crowds cheering as they competed in the watermelon eating contest.

UPPER MIDDLE: Friday night's zany Gong Show featured Jim Harper (far left) as timekeeper and Patty Stallings, Don Baker, and C.J. Dehning as judges. At UPPER RIGHT is Gong Show participant Emma Sexton.

CENTER LEFT: **Youngsters on the run in the festival's fun run Saturday morning.

CENTER RIGHT: *Hot competition at the town beach for the tube races Saturday afternoon.

LOWER LEFT: Ben Foster, age 4, enjoys the ferris wheel, part of the regular carnival rides offered throughout the weekend.

LOWER CENTER: Larry Welsh has provided P.A. sound service for the Lake Fest for the past 27 years now.

LOWER RIGHT: Lily Maes competes in the pedal tractor pull. Saturday afternoon.

LOWER FAR RIGHT: **Vinnie Carnegie's Mustang created enough smoke to bring him to victory in Sunday afternoon's burnout contest.



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at all of the functions.”
The 100th anniversary was well-represented at Lake Fest as well. Long-time Indian Lore instructor at the Woodcraft camp Dick Zimmerman was parade marshal during the traditional Saturday morning festival parade through Culver, and the 100 Indian

dancers (for the 100th anniversary of the camp, of course) in full regalia made an impressive sight and drew applause from streetside as they passed. It all culminated at the viewing stand near the depot on Lake Shore Drive, where Zimmerman was presented a formal proclamation from

the town of Culver in honor of the camp's -- and his own -- achievements over the decades.
A 300-strong alumni marching unit took place in Saturday's colorful Garrison Parade, 25 of whom were the Alumni D&B (that's Drum and Bugle) Corps, notes Loehr.

As is chronicled elsewhere in this edition, the Lake Fest offered some new twists this year, including a canoe and kayak “poker run” on Lake Maxinkuckee Friday evening, and the debut of the annual Sunfish Regatta, which for the past ten years has launched from the Zeglis

cottage on the east shore, at the Culver beach lodge Sunday morning.
So whether the drought and heat wave of the summer of 2012 are over for the duration, Culverites at least can be grateful for a brief but eventful respite to hold onto.


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Obituary

Thomas L. Darovic, March 28, 2012

CULVER — Thomas L. Darovic, longtime summer resident of Culver passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from a courageous fight with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Tom was just 61 years of age. He is the beloved husband of Janet, nee Lee; loving father of Tracy (Adam) Gordon, Cindy (Jeff) Henkes, Thomas C. (Melissa) and Robert (Lindy) Darovic; dear grandfather of Caleb, Cooper, Meredith, Gavin, and Jack; cherished son of Lou and Mary Darovic; fond brother of Janet (Gary) Watson and Sandy (David) Deets; also survived by his father-in-law, William Lee and loving brothers-in-law, Michael Lee, Bill (Linda) Lee, Rick (Pam) Lee, Dave (Swede) Lee, and Jim (Julie) Lee along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Sunday, July 22 at 12 p.m., at the Culver Park (A Pier), Tom’s family and friends will be having a park bench dedication ceremony in his memory. Tom’s family would like to extend an open invitation to all who would like to attend this ceremony.

Death notice

Fetzer

Ann Marie (Foster) Fetzer July 22, 2012

DONALDSON — Ann Marie (Foster) Fetzer, 76, died July 22, 2012.

She is survived by her children, Amy Sue (Fetzer) Pratt and husband Michael J. Maciejack of Plymouth, Eric Foster Fetzer and wife Lisa A. (Torgrude) Fetzer of Cape Coral, Fla.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Resurrection will be held Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel (Ancilla), Donaldson. A visitation/gathering will be held immediately following.

Funeral arrangements are pending at T. P. White Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Letter to the editor

Thanks to Culver for accident aid

I would like to thank the people of Culver for helping me on June 17 after a bicycle accident around midday. I especially would like to thank the lady who helped me get water, held my head and who gave me sips along the way for nearly 15 to 20 minutes.

Additionally, all the people who came out and gave me a blanket and pillow for my head. I also would like to thank the lady who went to get my mother-in-law Clare Moore, and brought her to her friend’s house, Agnes Bramfeld.

Many people showed kindness towards me and my husband during a very difficult time: helping navigate the traffic that was accumulating behind me and relieving my husband from being the police guard. I in fact did dislocate my elbow with this bicycle accident, however, and now recovering nicely with rehabilitation through occupational therapy. Thank you again to the community of Culver.

Sincerely,

Margarita Redmond

Engagement - Carter, Elizondo



Haley M. Carter of New Palestine and Nicolas W. Elizondo of Culver announce their engagement to be married at Zion Lutheran Church in New Palestine, where they are both church members.

The future bride, daughter of Kent and Linda Carter, is a 2010 graduate of Lutheran High School of Indianapolis.

She will graduate from the University of Indianapolis in 2014. She is a full-time student, and sales associate at Macy's Department Store.

The future groom, son of Frank and Susan Elizondo, is a 2009 graduate of The Culver Academies. He will graduate from the University of Indianapolis in 2014. He is employed by Primerica Financial Services and is a full-time student.

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Kiwanis supports BPA

Culver Kiwanis president Russ Mason presents a check to Gene Baker, faculty advisor for the Business Professionals of America chapter of Culver Community High School. BPA is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

While Culver's BPA chapter is relatively small at 30 members, when compared to other chapters it's been very successful in the past years at regional and national competitions, said Baker. The chapter has sent at least one student to the national competition for the last nine years and at least two or more students in five of the last nine years. Last year's regional and national competitors were seniors Kellie Bonine, Chloe Broeker, Joe Krsek, and junior Mitch Maes (Torch Award recipients), seniors Serena Hughes (Presentation Management, individual), Cameron Turney (Torch Award Recipient and District II president), and sophomore Justin Croy (Computer Modeling).

Baker thanked the Kiwanis Club for its donation and support over past years, explaining the money will be used to defer travel and other expenses as the members attend competitions.

Next year's national competition will be in Orlando, Florida.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver meets every Thursday in the Culver-Union Township Public Library at noon. To learn more about the club, contact Bob Kline, 574-842-2567 or rwkline@fourway.net.

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., July 26: Beef stroganoff, peas, cauliflower, whole grain bread and margarine, pineapple, milk.

Fri., July 27: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, wheat bread and margarine, mixed fruit, milk.

Mon., July 30: BBQ chicken, broccoli, succotash, honey wheat bread and margarine, fruited Jello, cupcakes, milk.

Tues., July 31: Ham and beans, cornbread and margarine, spinach salad and raspberry vinaigrette, cobbler, milk.

Weds., Aug. 1: Chopped steak and gravy, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, rye bread and margarine, dessert, milk.

Thurs., Aug. 2: Pulled pork, yellow kaiser bun, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, pears, milk.

Fri., Aug. 3: Taco salad: meat, lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, corn chips, ranch dressing, black bean and corn salad, hot cinnamon apples, milk.





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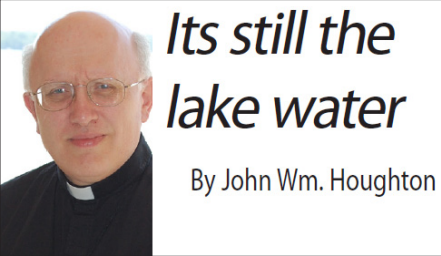
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The M- word



sylvania: but events this spring have left me a little suspicious.

For some reason, the Commonwealth chose this year to demand that I surrender my Indiana residency and join up with the Keystone State (I’ve worked there since 2007, and they never wanted me till now). I didn’t (and don’t) think much of the idea, but there didn’t seem to be much to be done about it. One of the side effects of this was that I had to switch the registration of my car to Pennsylvania (somehow earning a rebate from the insurance company) and get a new license plate. Just out of pure cussedness, I decide to get a vanity plate which would reassert my Hoosier patriotism. After a moment’s reflection, I decided on “MARMONT,” a name which (I thought) would get in both my general “back home in Indiana” feeling and a little bit of our local history as well (it was the name of our town from 1851 to 1895). I mailed in the paperwork and a check, and sat back to wait.

About ten days later, I got an envelope in the mail from the state capital in Harrisburg. It was obviously too small to contain a license plate, unless the Commonwealth had found a clever way of folding them up for mailing purposes. When I opened it, I found my original papers and check, with yellow highlighting on the word MARMONT, and the four typed words “What does this mean?”

My first reaction was to conclude that Pennsylvania state offices aren’t allowed to use Google, but my second was to wonder what naughty word it was that the bureaucrats thought “Marmont” might resemble. And it turns out, if you dig far enough, “Marmont” does have an unsavory connection—but, as I said, I doubt that it’s one they were thinking at PennDOT.

Auguste-Frédéric-Louis Viesse de Marmont was born to a minor noble family at Châtillon-sur-Seine, France,

I don’t think you have to be a French history major in order to work for PennDOT, the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Penn-

on July 20, 1774, near the end of the Bourbon monarchy. Some sources suggest that he attended military school as a young man and was commissioned as an infantry sub-lieutenant at 15, the year of the Revolution; certainly, he became an artillery officer not very much later. In 1793, Spanish and British troops reinforced a Royalist rebellion against the Republic in the port city of Toulon; among the commanders of the army sent to recover Toulon for the Republic was the 24 year old Napoleon Bonaparte, already a colonel and promoted to General of a Brigade before the siege of the city was over. General Bonaparte noticed the good work being done by the nineteen year old Marmont and appointed him an aide-de-camp.

As Napoleon rose to power, Marmont remained at his side. After defending the new Republican government, the Directory, from a rebellion in Paris in 1795, Napoleon was rewarded with command of the French army in Italy. Despite having a horse shot out from under him, Marmont captured a cannon in Napoleon’s victory over the Austrians at the Battle of Lodi in May of 1796 and was awarded a ceremonial sabre; when Napoleon went on to conquer Malta, Marmont was one of the first ashore. He captured a standard of the Knights of Malta and was promoted on the spot to General of a Brigade; when Napoleon invaded Egypt, Marmont became the governor of Alexandria.

In November of 1799, Napoleon seized power in Paris, at first with the title of First Consul; Marmont became a Counselor of State and commander of the artillery and of the reserves. Napoleon returned to Italy the following spring (his famous crossing of the Alps) with Marmont at his side, and in June of 1800, the 25 year old Brigadier was promoted again, to General of a Division, after the defeat of the Austrians at the Battle of Marengo. (They had retaken Italy while Napoleon was in Egypt and Paris.)

In December of 1804, Bonaparte cemented his hold on power by declaring himself Emperor Napoleon I; he also named eighteen of his top generals to the new rank of Marshal of the Empire. Marmont, to his own irritation, was not one of them. He continued to be one of Napoleon’s top agents, however, and in 1806, when the French prevented the Russians from seizing the Republic of Ragusa (Dubrovnic, in Croatia) by seizing it themselves, Marmont became the Duke of Ragusa as part of the Napole-

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Busy days and Indiana’s Atlantis

Your editor has just wound up probably the busiest couple of weeks this year so far, due in part to the publication which should be inserted into this week’s *Culver Citizen*, as well as available at various sites around Culver and Plymouth alike. As you’ve hopefully seen, it’s a “Historic Visitor’s Guide to Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee,” which of course includes not only the town of Culver and select sites around the lake, but Culver Academies as well.

Hopefully the guide will be devoid of at least the most cringe-worthy errors, though there are sure to be some readers who wonder why some sites “made it in,” while others did not. It’s obviously not a perfect process, and to be honest, some of the deciding factor was time and publication space. There’s always room in the next one, right?

And of course Culver has just wrapped up what was surely its busiest weekend of the summer, between the Lake Fest and festivities associated with the centennial of Culver’s Woodcraft Camp.

It was cheering to see the spirit of community cooperation and camaraderie exhibited with regards to the Lake Fest committee’s decision to make the Woodcraft 100th its theme, as well as the town’s formal declaration honoring the camp for its achievements.

I think most everyone in attendance at Saturday morning’s parade (which Marshal Zimmerman said was a highlight of the centennial celebration for him) would agree it was another success, and of course this year’s fireworks were a well-deserved hit with all audiences -- and there was quite an audience.

I expect due in part to the fireworks ban and resultant fact that most of the area has had no fireworks thus far



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

this year, the streets were lined both sides with cars, the park crammed with wall-to-wall spectators, and even the shoreline at Culver Academies campus nearly a solid line of people watching the display. Many likely didn’t get to see it, depending on their vantage point, but the display featured a Culver “C” logo in honor of the 100th anniversary as well.

In spite of that miraculous rainfall which saved the day last week, obviously the drought continues to be a topic of sober conversation around the county, state, and country.

On my way back from taking photos at the “Rocketman” flights on the west shore Saturday (and before stumbling upon the launch of two hot air balloons from the town cemetery, which was fascinating and a blast for the kids to watch -- photos next week!), I stopped and took a few shots of the rather pitiful state of the Maxinkuckee outlet to Hawk Lake, which isn’t letting much out right now, and is instead a dry, craggy mess. The drought in a visual nutshell.

If there’s a “positive” to the drought (and I suppose there are a few, besides something to talk about in small town newspaper columns and remember years later), one might be something Hoosier but not Culver per se, though my connection to it came in a roundabout Culver manner.

A few years ago I was with a group visiting the wonderful Wabash County historical museum our own Richard Ford, of the east shore, had a major hand in facilitating. One fascinating tidbit which caught my eye was the 1967 (intentional) flooding of little Monument City, Indiana, in the Huntington area, to create the Salamonie Reservoir.

There’s something about ghost towns and forgotten places, and the

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Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Among those to identify last week’s Mystery Citizen were Becky Banfield, David Mount, Jim Taber, Lynn Rasch, Bill McLane.

under his tutelage in his 61 summers at Culver. He was Dick Zimmerman, this year’s Lake Fest parade marshal and the



LEFT: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Dick Zimmerman
RIGHT: This year’s Lake Fest parade marshal and the

head of Indian Lore at Culver’s Woodcraft Camp since 1964 (longer, of course, in other roles at the camp). He’s been somewhat omnipresent this summer, with the centennial celebration of the camp, but he looks a might bit different than he did in this 1962 photo (though he hardly seems to have aged over the years!).

As is evident from the photo at right, there’s no denying this week’s Mystery Citizen is also in Woodcraft garb, but he’s become a familiar face in the Culver community in recent years, involved in a number of worthy endeavors in the area.

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



View from page 4



The “lake” side of the Maxinkuckee outlet on the west shore, where drought conditions have left the culverts carrying water to Hawk Lake bone dry.

motion that one could actually boat over top

Marmont from page 4

onic Kingdom of Italy. In 1809, Napoleon summoned the Duke, along with other generals, to assist in his campaign against the Austrians, and Ragusa finally became a Marshal of the Empire after the Battle of Znaim.

Two years later, in 1811, Napoleon transferred Ragusa (the Duke, not the city) to the Iberian Peninsula, where he was to assist Napoleon’s brother, Joseph Bonaparte, in his uncertain post as King of Spain. The Marshal’s opponent was Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington, and he actually managed to out-maneuver the British general until, having gained a position where he only needed to await the arrival of reinforcements, he instead attacked, beginning the disastrous Battle of Salamanca. Not only did the British win, Ragusa himself was so severely wounded that his right arm had to be amputated.

1812 was the year of Napoleon’s failed invasion of Russia, and the following winter saw the armies of Europe rebuilding. A new coalition formed against the French Empire in 1813: Ragusa fought at Napoleon’s side in the great French victory of Dresden and beside Marshal Ney in the even greater French defeat at Leipzig in October of

this flooded town always struck my fancy, and many’s the time I told my kids about it (there’s even a children’s picture book, “Letting Swift River Go,” which is something of a tearjerker, in which an older family member rows a child over the area where cherished childhood memories live on -- under water).

At any rate, due to the drought, Monument City, Indiana is back on land, and if you Google its name, you’ll be able to see photos and video and get the whole story. Admittedly, it’s mostly foundations and roadways, bricks and random bits of structure like doorknobs, but I was fascinated to learn one could go see Indiana’s own version of Atlantis, at least for a short time. Unfortunately it appears the DNR has shut out visitors know, on the basis that they don’t want artifacts disturbed or taken, which I find pretty

that year, and he continued his leadership as Napoleon’s forces fell back around Paris.

Until he didn’t.

At the end of March, 1814, with the Emperor only a short distance from the city, and with his own troops controlling the road that would bring Napoleon back to his capital, Auguste de Marmont, Duke of Ragusa, Marshal of the Empire, surrendered to the allied leader, Tsar Alexander I. It would be only a few days until Ney and the other Marshals also rebelled, and Napoleon abdicated on April 4: but Ragusa’s surrender was, Napoleon said, “the final blow.”

The restored Bourbon king, Louis XVIII, made Marmont a Peer of France, and he remained loyal to the Bourbons, even to the point of firing on the citizens of Paris at the beginning of the revolution that overthrew Charles X in 1830. He followed Charles into exile, and lived on until March of 1852, writing his memoirs. The one thing that always marked Marmont in the popular imagination, however, was his surrender of Paris and desertion from the Imperial cause. In fact, his titular dukedom—Ragusa—

odd. After all, Indiana willingly flooded the town and to my knowledge no one has expressed any formal regrets or undertaken an effort to collect artifacts and memorabilia related to it up to now, so it seems odd that the site would become an archeological dig today, but maybe I’m missing something. It’s still worth an online search, and you can tell your grandkids you remember the drought of 2012, when Monument City rose again -- even if for a short time.

A parting shot of thanks to Culver’s own “AT&T guy,” Josh, who helped make this edition possible by going the extra mile to get the editor’s internet back up and running following last week’s thunderstorm. Tell him thanks when you see him around town!’

became a French verb, “raguser”—meaning “to betray.”

So, I still think MARMONT in itself is innocent enough on a license plate: but I suppose someone in Harrisburg may just possibly have known that it was only one step away from “traitor.”

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

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the library’s large meeting room. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

Water conservation requested by town

Due to the lack of significant rainfall, residents are encouraged by the town of Culver to take steps to conserve water outside as well as inside their homes. Details, including suggestions on specific methods of conserving may be found online at townofculver.org. Those with questions or concerns please contact town hall at 574-842-3140.

New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver Public Library host computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., (each lasts two hours). Computer classes are free and open to the public. Sessions include: Video Editing Part II (July 27); Resume Building (July 30 Aug. 3); Finances with Excel (Aug. 6 and 10).

Friends book sale Aug. 3, 4

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the lower level of the library. Book donations are always welcome and may be dropped off at the circulation desk at the library.

Park ice cream social Aug. 4

The Culver town park will hold its annual ice cream social Saturday, Aug. 4 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with musician Jimmy Banks performing live. All are welcome to the event,

Lake Max Triathlon Aug. 11

The Lake Max Triathlon will take place Sat., Aug. 11, starting at 8 a.m. and will include a quarter-mile swim in Lake Maxinkuckee, 12-mile bike ride around the lake, and three mile run near the lake. A variety of individual, team, and age-based categories are offered. For more information, or to register, visit lakemaxtriathlon.blogspot.com

Fire Dept. golf scramble Aug. 11

The Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept’s Bill Snyder Memorial four-man golf scramble will take place Sat., Aug. 11, with tee-off at 2 p.m., at Mystic Hills golf course. The event will have a “Beer, Bands, and Brats” theme, with Marshall County-based band Greenfire starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, which includes food and live music. Beer is \$2 per cup and mixed drinks are available at course cost. Contact 574-952-2809 or any firefighter for more information.

Community meal at Grace Aug. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Wednesday, Aug. 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.

Wesley Preschool senior class openings

The Wesley Preschool senior class, age 4 by Aug. 1, has openings for this fall. Classes meet Monday, Wed and Fri beginning after Labor Day. For more information, please call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852.

Tutors needed

Tutors are needed for A Better Chance 2 Learn, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, weekly beginning Aug. 27, at the Culver Public Library. Training will take place in Mentone Wednesdays and Thursdays. Adult must be able to pass a short screening test, background check, and able to tutor. Call Tina Bailey for more information, at 574-505-1028.

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. Drawing will be held July 21 after Lake Fest fireworks in Culver’s town park. Inquiries may be directed to culverkiwanis@gmail.com or 317-363-6681.

Wednesday night play group

Parents with young children are invited to join the fun Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. for fun and games at St. Mary of the Lake Church’s weekly play group. No registration is required. Families will meet in the church basement and will likely head to the park following.

Safe Routes sidewalk work underway

Residents are advised that construction has started on Culver’s INDOT “Safe Routes to School” project, with completion planned for July 31. Work will be on School, Ohio, Main, and Davis Streets. Streets and/or sidewalks may be temporarily inaccessible during this time. Questions may be directed to Culver’s town hall at 574-842-3140.

CCSC summer food program

Culver Community Schools’ Summer Food Service Program for Children provides free meals for children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities regardless of age who participate in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or breakfast for \$1.50. Call Carin Clifton at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113 with questions and for location details.

MCJFL seeks donations

The Marshall County Junior Football League’s Culver branch is looking to the community to help purchase jerseys, buy awards, and secure game officials. This year’s goal is \$7,500. Gold sponsorships are \$300, silver \$275, and bronze \$150. Sponsors’ names will be featured on jerseys and the team banner at games. Make checks payable to MCJFL-Culver and please send by Aug. 1 to Stephanie Schaller, 4060 S. State Road 23, Knox, IN, 46534.



Miss Maxinkuckee 2012

LEFT: Friday night's Miss Max pageant saw chosen, from left, Miss Maxinkuckee 2012 Donna Zehner, Junior Miss Jordan Schrimsher, Little Miss Kaylee Hamilton, and Princess Miss Rylie Prosser.

In the Princess Miss age group, Breana Hamilton was second runner up, Madlin Hamilton first runner up, Tyra King took Top Sponsor, Chloe Salyer awarded for Best Theme, and Rylie Prosser was Miss Congeniality.

In the Little Miss age grop, Kaylee Hamilton won for Best Theme, Savannah Hissong was first runner up and Miss Congeniality, Paige Lancaster second runner up, and Haley Wieringa earned Top Sponsor.

Junior Miss winners included MacKenna Cavender, second runner up, Maddy Diaz first runner up and Best Theme, Rainbow Hines earned Top Sponsor, Alicia Large named Miss Congeniality.

In the Miss Max age range, Clare Hartman was first runner up, Jaclyn Rocco second runner up and Top Sponsor, and Donna Zehner (in addition to being Miss Maxinkuckee) won Miss Congeniality and Best Theme.

1st Lake Fest canoe-kayak-SUP poker run deemed a success

The first annual Canoe, Kayak.& SUP Poker Run was a great success, according to co-organizer Kathy Clark, director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council.

In all, 41 people signed up to participate, bringing their favorite self-propelled watercraft for some fun competition with friends, family and neighbors, including one participant's handmade, wooden kayak.

Dawn Brockey -- who participated with husband Larry -- attened in "a little summer dress and hat," says Clark, aiming to "fool the competition into thinking they weren't taking the poker run seriously...but she was really wearing her swim suit hidden under the dress. They paddled their double kayak on the long route and Larry said they had a blast."

The shortest route left from the park and included stops at the Harbor Condos -- where Bill and Cheryl Rhodes

handed out cards -- and on to the Semler family pier, followed by Lt Cmd. Barnes' pier where Allen Chesser was stationed, with the last stop at Suzanne King's home.

This route's winners were: First place, Jennifer Levett SUP; second place, Elizabeth Levett; and third place, Amy Levett.

Clark notes the Semler family "obviously played fair when handing out cards, because the only other two participating on this route were Semlers!"

Route two had a full house (no pun intended), with initial stop being the King home; then Hank and Marshia Bilsland's pier, where they handled the crowds; next came Verl Shaffer's pier, manned by Gary Schaffer and his son Nolan; then the Brantingham pier manned by Dan Osborn; and holding the last cards was Jane Grund, stationed at the Spiece pier.

The winner of this 2.25-mile route was James Schuller in first; Richard Matkovich taking second; and Eric Clark following in third place.

"Everyone looked like a winner," adds Clark, "if the smiles on their faces were any indication!"



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ABOVE: Poker run winners (from left) Amy, Jennifer, and Elizabeth Levett; and James Schuller, 2,25 mile winner.

LEFT: A kayaker on the paddle.



Susanna Quilters' rainbow of quilted art

The Susanna Quilters, based at Wesley United Methodist Church on School Street, held their bi-annual quilt show in conjunction with this year's Lake Fest, offering a stunning array of 60 of their own quilts hanging in the churh's fellowship room, hallway, and on stage, and 70 exhibited as wall hangings, according to event co-chair Judy Patton.

The Susanna Quilt group was founded in 1999 by Phyllis Pearson (ABOVE), who returned to Culver for the show. Pearson first taught 16 women the basic techniques of making a quilt and the group has stayed together for 13 years, meeting every Thursday morning at the church to sew, according to co-chair Elaine Averill.

The quilt group does many charity projects for local nursing homes and shelters, adds Averill, who explains that, since Susanna is a circle of the United Methodist Women of Wesley Church, it's made up of members and friends of the church. In the foreground above is Pearson's own, 2011 quilt, "Tulips from the Past," machine pieced by Pearson and Sue Kistler.

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Lake Fest car show results

The 29th annual Lake Fest car show was held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Warm temperatures and a nice breeze off the lake provided a very comfortable setting for the show, which included 54 cars providing a wide range of vehicle types for the public to enjoy. A large crowd admired the cars throughout the show, with vehicle owners receiving door prizes and dash plaques for participating. Awards were given to the top vehicles in each class, including:

Antique (1934 and older): Leon Bennett, 1932 Plymouth PB Coupe

Original/restored, 1935 to 1955: Steve Miller, 1950 Ford Coupe

Original/restored, 1956 to 1976: Darrell Russell, 1966 Malibu

Original/restored, 1977 to present: Kevin and Nancy Bammerlin, 2009 Challenger SRT8

Street rod, 1900 to 1948: Charlie Campiti, 1929 Ford Model A Roadster

Street machine: 1949 to present: Dale Winfrey, 1966 Pontiac GTO

Truck, 1900 to 1960: Duane Bender, 1952 Ford F-1

Truck, 1967 to present: George Dotlich, 1967 Chevrolet

Import: Hugh Janda, 1970 Datsun 1600 Fairlady

Special interest: Lyle Hoffer, ¾ scale Dodge Bighorn

Miss Maxinkuckee choice: Jim Johnson, 1950 Willys

Best of show: Jim Hall, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Donna Zehner, this year's Miss Maxinkuckee, was on hand to choose her favorite vehicle and present awards to the winners. She picked a 1950 Willys owned by Jim Johnson. This year's Best of Show was a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 owned by Jim Hall.

The car show committee would like to thank everyone who attended this year's show and also everyone who helped make this year's show a success.

"We hope everyone in attendance had a great time and enjoyed a beautiful day in the park enjoying a nice display of automotive history," added Scott Curtis of the committee.



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Waterball winners

Chad Stepp from Bourbon was the waterball champion at Saturday's annual competition, held on State Street in front of the Culver fire station as part of the Lake Fest festivities. Culver's own Tim McCarthy was runner-up in the event, which included 14 teams using fire hoses to control a "ball" suspended above the street.



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Rocketing Lake Max

ABOVE: Chad Hundt of Plymouth was one of 23 customers taking advantage Saturday of a water-based jetpack offered on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee by longtime summer resident Ben Smith, owner of Florida and Chicago-based Rocketman (www.riderocketman.com). Smith notes that 23 in one day beat his previous record of 16 flights in one 24-hour period. The jet pack, which soars up to 30 feet above the lake water, was busy on Friday and Sunday as well, and drew scores of curious boaters slowing down to watch. On the pier guiding Hundt through a helmet was assistant Micheal Tecklenburg. Smith says he plans to bring the jet pack back here next summer.

Hazardous blue-green algae not yet a concern on Lake Max

Making the rounds in regional news and local social media of late has been discussion and concern over the presence of blue-green algae in nearby lakes, and whether the potentially harmful blooms could affect Lake Maxinkuckee waters.

According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, "blue-green algae blooms have the potential to cause health problems in humans and animals," including "rashes, skin and eye irritation, nausea, stomach aches, and tingling fingers and toes."

Two dogs, in fact, died and two others were sickened last week after swimming in a cove at Salamonie Lake in northeast Indiana, with symptoms suggesting blue-green algae toxicity may have been the cause.

Blue-green algae blooms, notes the DNR, "are a seasonal occurrence in some Indiana waters, fueled by summer heat, sunlight and fertilizer runoff from lawns and farms. Drought and low water levels in lakes and reservoirs can increase blue-green algae quantities and/or toxins."

Kathy Clark, director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, acknowledges that "almost every lake has some blue-green algae, Lake Max included."

The Marshall County health department has just asked

that all county lakes, including Maxinkuckee, be tested for blue-green algae. As yet, Lake Maxinkuckee has not made the DNR's list of likely spots with the algae, and as yet there's no evidence of major contamination. Clark notes many pet owners report their dogs swimming regularly in the lake with no side effects, though she urges swimmers and pet owners to "watch out for the scum!"

If high levels of algae or toxins are documented during the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management's testing, a notice will be posted at algae.IN.gov and caution notices placed in those locations until algae cell counts return to safe levels.

Boaters, swimmers and dog owners are cautioned by the IDNR to avoid ingesting lake water; avoid contact with algae blooms, which generally appear as a scum on the water surface; shower with soapy water after swimming; bring clean water for your dog to drink on hikes or other outings; keep dogs close and on a leash, and bathe your dog with soapy water as soon as possible after a swim.

Blue-green alga is most often found in shallow water or coves and bays where water movement is limited, notes the DNR.

20 years together

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Ragan (Croy) Breiter (left) traveled the longest distance for the Culver Community High School Class of 1993 small gathering in town over Lake Fest weekend. Celebrating with fellow CCHS grad Rollonna (Ringer) Sauberlich (Class of 91) is Crystal (Smith) Compton.

The friends took a midnight cruise on Lake Max with fellow '92ers Brian Brockey and Maggie (Hopkins) Nixon.



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Susie Norwich, also of Culver, was also in favor of giving golf carts access to county roads. She said that she sees horses, young children on bikes, and joggers going down county roads all the time. Golf carts, in her opinion, would not pose any more danger than these other potential hazards to motorists.

"Anytime you go on a road, you have a risk," said Norwich. "When you go around a curve (on a county road) you know you have to watch."

Bruce Carter, of Culver, said that he believes allowing golf carts access on county roads will increase accidents.

"You guys are responsible for the legislature of the county, and you can pass laws to keep us safe," said Carter to the commissioners. "Have you heard that a majority of licensed drivers in Marshall County want golf carts? I don't think so — there is a silent majority (that don't want golf carts on county roads)."

Carter concluded, "I'm in favor of golf carts on a golf course, and that's it."

Sheriff Tom Chamberlin and Coroner Bill Cleavenger both weighed in on the subject, and both opposed carts on

the roads.

"My concern is that on county roads, the speed limit is 55 miles per hour," said Chamberlin. "Most vehicles are doing 55 plus...my concern first and foremost is them coming up on a slow-moving vehicle."

Chamberlin asked that the commissioners only allow golf carts access on roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. Other concerns he brought up included passing issues with the width of some county roads, low light issues, and carts traveling in bad weather.

Cleavenger noted that while Marshall County has not yet had a fatality related to golf cart travel, he believes such a situation could occur if carts were permitted on county roads.

"If you are going to permit it, make it extremely restricted," said Cleavenger.

He asked for access only on roads with a 20 mile per hour speed limit and only during daylight hours. He also asked that carts be required to have flashing lights.

"These things are just not meant to be on the road and stand up to vehicular traffic," said Cleavenger.

Commissioner Roose said that he feels golf carts should be allowed total access to county roads, to which commissioner Greg Compton responded, "I think we are putting our citizens in danger — I cannot be in favor of that."

Commission Kevin Overmyer said, "I think doing it by speed limit is the best thing," and suggested access on 45 mile per hour roads.

He added that he does not want to see carts on Michigan Road because of the high amount of daily traffic on that road — 12,000 vehicles per day according to county highway superintendent Neal Haeck.

Roose made a motion to allow carts on all county roads with lights and other safety features. His motion was not seconded. Compton made a motion to draw up an ordinance allowing carts on county roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less, and only during daylight hours. His motion was also not seconded.

"We are at an impasse here, so I guess at this time there are still no golf carts allowed on county roads," concluded Overmyer.

Fire destroys barn, tractors

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CULVER — A large barn on 18B Road near Culver burned to the ground the afternoon of July 14. Culver fire chief Mike Grover said that the cause of the fire is undetermined. Another barn and a residence nearby were not damaged by the blaze that lasted for several hours, but several tractors inside the barn were completely destroyed.

“We had (the fire) under control in about 45 minutes, but we were on the scene until 6 or 7 p.m.,” said Grover, adding that Culver firefighters were assisted by firefighters from Argos and Aubbeenaubbee Township.

“Heat was definitely a factor, not in the cause of the fire, but in fighting the fire,” added Grover. “It was difficult for the firemen to stay hydrated. The Culver ambulance service was on scene, doing blood pressure checks regularly on all firemen.” Grover said the heat was in the 90’s Saturday as firefighters fought the blaze.

Billows of smoke (below) could be seen from a distance as this barn on 18B Road (LEFT PHOTO) burned to the ground Saturday afternoon. Inside the barn were several tractors, which were also lost. Another barn nearby and a residence, however, were not damaged.

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Woodcraft anniversary generations

Paul Paré of Culver, left, and daughter Arielle share an unusual distinction.

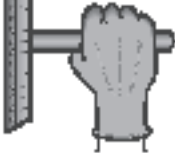
As a camper, he was a participant in the 50th anniversary celebration of Culver’s Woodcraft Camp in 1962 (and happens to have been present at the groundbreaking for the present camp, opened in 1963, as well), and she’s participating in her final year of Woodcraft, during which the camp is observing its 100th anniversary.

Arielle was also a participant in the Friday night centennial pageant on Culver Academies’ football field.



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