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Change in the landscape

ABOVE, LEFT: Two of the motel units at Culver Academies (units 5 and 6), located just east of the Indian Trails, were demolished late last week, and while various rumors have been circulated as to use of the space left open by their departure, official word from the school is that there's no official word yet. The motels were first constructed in 1959, and the remainder of them still stand.

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From one storyteller to another...

ABOVE, RIGHT: Culver Comm. Middle School student Nora Kline (standing at left) shares a 'story quilt' she made with award-winning artist and author Faith Ringgold, whose children's stories inspired the quilt, at a recent visit to the area by Ringgold. FULL STORY ON PAGE 11

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In Brief

Sports Spectacular Friday at CCHS

The 29th annual Sports Spectacular will be held Friday, April 4 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Culver Community High School gym, and will include faculty-student volleyball and basketball, student competition, a dance contest, and student dance. Admission is \$3.

Boy Scout sign-up Friday

The Culver Scouting committee will hold an informational meeting and sign-ups for Boy Scout Troop 290, which will be chartered by the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church on College Ave. in Culver, on Friday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. This sign-up, which takes place in the church basement, is for boys in the 6th grade through their senior year in high school. Those with questions may contact Jim Coiner at coiner@embarqmail.com or 574-542-2676.

Culver Young Farmers food drive Saturday

The Culver Young Farmers will hold a food drive Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Park-N-Shop in Culver. Donations from the drive will benefit the local food pantry. The Culver Young Farmers are one of the largest and most active chapters in the Indiana Young Farmers Association. The CYF group financially supports local FFA chapters and 4H clubs, provide scholarships to local high school students pursuing a career in agriculture, teach farm safety, assist with Marshall County Ag Day and many other ag related projects. Stop by Park-N-Shop Saturday and donate a non-perishable food item to help neighbors in need.

Fancy Nancy party Saturday

Join the Culver Public Library for stories, games and crafts in the Children's Room on Saturday, April 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for

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Tip sends two Culver women to jail

Marshall County – Working on a tip March 21, officers from the Indiana State Police, Culver Police Department, and Marshall County Sheriff's Department, proceeded to 624 Forest Place apartment 3A in Culver in an attempt to locate a stolen car and a female subject that was wanted on a warrant.

Officers arrived at the apartment complex and located the stolen vehicle, a white 2002 Chevrolet Malibu, in the parking lot. Troopers made contact with a female subject living in apartment 3A, Courtney M. Owens, 25. Owens gave police permission to search the residence for Kayla J. Belue, 24, who was wanted on a warrant. Belue was found hiding under a bed.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the apartment and located foil bindles that field tested positive for heroin, baggies which field tested positive for methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.

The apartment is located within a federal housing complex which elevates the seriousness of the drug charges.

Both Belue and Owens were arrested and transported to the Marshall County Jail. They both face multiple felony charges to include possession of methamphetamine within 1000 feet of a federal housing complex, possession of a narcotic, and possession of stolen property.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Stoppard's 'Rosencrantz' is Huffington series finale



"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" is the final presentation of the 2013-14 Huffington Concert Series.

childhood friends of the Danish prince and the play is struc-

By Jan Garrison

Tom Stoppard's Tony award-winning play Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead will be presented by the Acting Company on the Eppley Auditorium stage at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 6. The Company has been given Stoppard's personal approval to tour his landmark play.

The presentation is the final piece of the 2013-14 Huffington Concert Series at Culver Academies. The play centers on the misadventures and musings of two minor characters in Shakespeare's Hamlet – Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. The characters are

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Council considers grant to improve south side, supports visitor's center

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Obispo Street may be the recipient of much-needed rehab if an Indiana Department of Transportation grant is received by the town, though work wouldn't begin until 2018.

At the March 25 meeting of Culver's town council, application for a grant of some \$810,000 to \$865,000 to completely replace the street, sidewalks, and curbs along the street on the south side of town, was among several topics of discussion.

Town manager Dave Schoeff said the work would also be looked at as an opportunity to encourage homeowners along the street to improve their properties. As for the condition of the street (and its curbs and sidewalks) at present, Schoeff said, "its shot. When I first got here, I had probably five or six people call me out (to look at the street). One side is making improvements, but it's horrible."

The council agreed to meet for a work session ahead of the May deadline for applying for the grant, which would be an 80-20 funding match between INDOT and the town.

Visitor's center support

The council voted -- in follow-up to a work session held just prior to the actual meeting -- to put \$7,500 towards operating costs of the new visitor's center launching in conjunction with the relocated historical museum in the First Farmers Bank building at Main and Jefferson Streets.

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Culver BPA has year for the record books, prepares for Nationals

Culver BPA is off to Nationals for the 11th year in a row.

The Culver Community High School chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) traveled to Indianapolis recently for the 47th Annual State Leadership Conference, according to CCHS business teacher and BPA leader Eugene Baker.

After two long days of competitions and leadership seminars, the 39 students in attendance emerged with two first-place champions and 18 top-ten finishes. Out of these eighteen students, six qualified in their events to advance to the National Leadership Conference being held April 30 through May 4 in Indianapolis.

The National Qualifiers include: Haley Klimaszewski, 1st place in Computer Modeling and 9th place in Basic Office Systems; Janele VanDePutte, 1st place in Digital Media Production; Jerrod Betts, 3rd place in Mobile Applications; Lodge Burgess, 3rd place in Computer Modeling and 4th place in Computer Animation Team; Grace Lorenz, 4th place in Interview Skills; and Nick Pritz, 4th place in Networking Administration Using Microsoft. Other top-ten finishers include: Henrik Bill, Joe Cavazos, Justin Croy, Maddy Diaz, Keenan Galloway, Tevin Jones, Josh Krsek, Brandon Sellers, Kenny VanDePutte, and Roman Vantwoud.

The results from this year's State Leadership Conference are the greatest in Culver's

BPA history. In the past 20 years, Culver has only had one other group produce multiple first place finishers at the State Leadership Conference. No other Culver BPA group has surpassed 18 top-ten finishes.

This year's members have already raised over \$6,500 to cover their costs of attending

the State Leadership Conference, notes Baker. However, the club still needs to raise another \$3,000 to attend the National Leadership Conference. As a result, Culver BPA will be attempting to raise these funds through community donations and a Bake Sale. Anyone interested in donating may make a check out to Culver Community High School and simply note "BPA nationals" in the memo section. The high school's address is 701 School Street, Culver, IN 46511.

Additionally, BPA will host a bake sale at this year's Sports Spectacular, April 4 starting at 7 p.m., during which donations will also be accepted as well.

"The entire group of BPA members would like to thank all that have donated and supported us in the

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Visitor's center funding examined in council workshop

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council last week spent about an hour in discussion with representatives of Culver's new, "in the works" visitor's center as part of a work session in response to the center's request that the town help fund the project for this, its inaugural year.

George Duncan addressed the council on behalf of the center, which he said is being created in space at the First Farmers Bank on Jefferson and Main Streets in space which contiguous with the new location of the Culver museum sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver. That organization is also presently the sponsoring entity providing 501C3, non-profit status for the visitor's center, though discussion took place during the March 25 work session centering on whether the center might transition to its own autonomous status, or partner with another organization.

Duncan, who said renovation of the space on the southwest end of the bank build-

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Upcoming children’s art classes slated for April 6

The latest "I Am an Artist" children's art classes are scheduled for Sunday, April 6, at the Lions Club depot, 615 Lakeshore Drive in Culver.

“I am an Artist” is a step-by-step instructional paint class including music and other inspirational activities. Each class is \$25 (pre-registration only), and will include a 16 by 20 inch, wrapped canvas to take home of the participant’s masterpiece. Each class is a fun, positive, and

encouraging environment with an emphasis on discovering the unique beauty in every piece of art. Each class is limited to 20 seats

Children aged 4 to 9 will paint "My Sunflower" will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. The 1 to 3 p.m. class will paint a space-themed work, "Blast Off."

Participants should arrive five minutes early to check in. Kids ages 4 to 7 are required to have a parent or guard-

ian there to assist them. The class will break half-way through the session to eat a snack, have a drink, and rest hands.

Those with questions, or wishing to pay by personal check, may email lead instructor Shelly Schrimsher (of Unlocked Creativity) at shelly@unlockedcreativity.com.

Registration fee is \$25. Sign up at www.unlockedcreativity.com/iamanartist

Town of Culver news

Open house, community workshop May 8

An open house and community workshop will be held Thursday, May 8 at the Lion's Club Train Depot in Culver. The open house will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and will allow residents to “drop in” and review the draft comprehensive plan for the Town of Culver. Members of the consultant team and town staff will be on hand to answer questions. The room will be set up with several poster boards and exhibits displaying the draft plans and policies that are being considered. The open house will be followed by a Community Workshop at 7 p.m., which will include a more formal presentation of recommendations contained in the draft comprehensive plan.

Sidewalk program apps available now

Applications for the 2014 Sidewalk Program will be available beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday, April 1 at Town Hall. Completed applications for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received. You will need the measurements for sidewalk, curb or combination you are replacing in order to complete the application. If approved, sidewalks will be reimbursed at \$2.75 per square foot, curbing at \$14 per lineal foot, and curb/sidewalk combination at \$26 per lineal foot.

Automatic utility bill payment

Beginning in April, the Town of Culver will offer residents the option to pay their utility bills automatically via ACH (also known as EFT). Those who would like to take advantage of this option may fill out an authorization form available from Town Hall or www.townofculver.org. Please attach a voided check and return the signed authorization to Town Hall, 200 E. Washington, Culver, IN 46511.

Accounts will be debited automatically no earlier than the 10th of the month, allowing time for bills to be received and reviewed. Please be sure sufficient funds are available at that time. As always, if there is a question or your bill was not delivered, please call Town Hall at 574.842.3140 and we will be happy to assist you. A 15-cent charge per transaction will be added to non-Teacher’s Credit Union accounts.

For those who would like to begin the service in April, please return the authorization no later than the 5th of April. Going forward, authorization forms must be received no later than the 5th of the month you wish to begin the automatic payments.

If you have any questions, please contract Town Hall at 574-842-3140 or clerk@townofculver.org.

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It was noted a lengthy discussion had taken place about the center and its funding needs (see article this issue), and that a contract would be drawn up between the town and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, which is currently the sponsoring organization for the center.

Park superintendent salary and updates

In other discussion, council president Ginny Munroe said the park board had contacted her making an official request to change the salary ordinance for the park superintendent position, which is currently vacant. She noted the board requested \$40,000 to \$45,000 as a new salary range.

"They perceive the longevity amount for the previous superintendent won't affect the salary the first year, but the health benefit package is another issue."

She added a public hearing would have to take place, and asked that the matter be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Council member Lynn Overmyer asked if the salary would include rent for the upper-floor apartment located at the park's beach lodge, as had been the case with the previous superintendent.

Park board member John Helphrey, in the audience, said the board didn't know yet, and that the matter could be part of negotiation for the position.

"If it is a rental situation, it would be a 1099, taxed accordingly," he said. "It (the position) would be full-time, year-round. We expect it to be seven days per week, 14 to 16 hours a day job during peak season, and we expect the person to get people in for a variety of activities and programs all year long. We also expect that person to be degreed with a parks and recreation degree and the water safety aspect as well."

He added the board will conduct interviews in the coming weeks, to fill the position.

Wind energy system ordinance changes

A public hearing was held during which Russ Mason of Culver's plan commission discussed details of an ordinance changing Culver zoning laws concerning wind energy conversion systems. Noting large commercial systems are not permitted in any districts, Mason said the commission's ordinance changes revised setback definitions and established the conversion systems are only allowed in S1 (or suburban residential), R2 multi-family, C2 or commercial, industrial 1 and 2, and agricultural districts, and are always special use permit.

Tower height for the systems can't exceed 120 feet and the diameter of the fan blades can't exceed 40 feet. The systems must be a minimum of .5 kilowatts and a maximum of 45 kilowatts, and their noise is not to exceed 40 decibels. Thirty feet is the minimum clearance between blade tip and ground level, said Mason.

The required separation distance from a given property line, added Mason, is 1.5 times the total height of the tower. Thus if a tower is 100 feet tall, it has to be 150 feet away from any property line. The tower setback is 1,500 feet from any L1 (lake) R1 (residential), or P1 (park district), and there is a maximum of one unit for up to a five-acre parcel, with one additional unit allowed for each 5 acres.

Towers shall not be sighted such as shadow flicker will not fall on a person, unless that person agrees in writing, Mason noted. He said the plan commission spent seven or eight months on the details of the ordinance and had "a lot of input from the community...(it was) not just thrown together quickly."

Also changed are details of Culver's sign regulation, which establishes that a building permit is required for a company to put up a construction sign.

The council passed the changes on first reading only.

Sewer plant and water tower

The council voted to hire former seasonal employee Ben Smith as a full-time mechanical operator at the

town sewer plant, for which a full-time sewer plant operator is still being sought in vain.

Schoeff, as part of his town manager's report, also said two pumps are out at the plant, which need to be rebuilt one at a time, as only one is currently working. The council approved \$7,199 for the repairs, which should take two to three weeks. Also approved was purchase of six large sludge bags for the plant.

The town's "trickle" allowance for water usage will be extended to April 11, since only two of the 19 properties experiencing frozen pipes have restored water service, and the ground remains too frozen to address the issues.

The council had previously set March 19 as the end date for allowing homeowners to "trickle" their water without incurring added expense, to prevent further freezing. This month's water bill will be estimated for those in town who are trickling.

Approved was \$2,025 for inspection of the town water tank on Lake Shore Drive, which had to be emptied last month after a leak -- and some six feet of solid ice to boot -- was discovered in its tank. Schoeff said he fully expected the tower to need re-done inside and out.

Some council members balked at -- but did vote to pay -- a \$2,360 bill for a different company to handle last month's inspection and inform the town that the tower is full of ice.

Comprehensive plan open house

Schoeff also announced an open house and workshop is scheduled for May 8 at 6:30 p.m. to solicit comments from the community regarding the town's comprehensive plan. The meeting will take place at the depot on Lake Shore Drive.

On May 20, the comprehensive plan will be on the plan commission's agenda for a public hearing once comments are noted and revisions made. A council public hearing is scheduled for June 10 following the plan commission's recommendations.

Other items

The council approved a request from Culver's Knights of Columbus to hold a candy drive at major intersections in town the morning of April 26, with the notion discussed that a policy may be established requiring local organizations to file a permit with the town to hold similar drives.

Kevin Berger updated the council on news from the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, noting the metronet project is moving the high-speed internet line to Plymouth, which brings in that much closer to Culver.

He also said Jerry Chavez has been hired as the economic development director.

Town clerk Karen Heim noted Culver's townwide garage sales are slated for April 25 and 26, with "leftovers" going to the Lions Club's annual spring flea market the following weekend. The town-wide cleanup is scheduled for May 10, when a dumpster will be placed in the town lot at College Ave. and Lake Shore Drive for community members to use in disposing of excess junk. Heim encouraged residents to notify the town hall if planning a yard sale, in order to be placed on the map.

The council approved street closings and other requests typical for Culver's Lake Fest, this year planned for July 18 through 20.

April 1 is the first day the town will accept applications for its sidewalk sharing program, during which \$13,5000 is earmarked to pay portions of the cost of property owners' replacement of their sidewalks. October 1 is the cutoff date for construction, it was noted.

Terry Wakefield, Culver fire chief, reported the department's training officer, Jerry Siler, has resigned from that position and was replaced by Bobby Cooper.

Approved by council was an after-the- fact electrical motor replacement bill for the sewer plant for \$1018.84, as well as \$1,140 for remote backup of town of Culver computer files and emails, a yearly charge.

Heim reported the town is finally set to receive authorizations for ACH payments for water bills, which will allow auto withdrawal of funds from residents' bank accounts (though there is a 15 cent surcharge for those without an account with Teachers Credit Union). Those wishing to do so should get authorization forms to the town hall by April 5.

Council member Bill Githens and Munroe volunteered to serve as extra sets of eyes to review payroll and town balance sheets, after Heim requested their aid ahead of more in-depth federal-level audits, upcoming since the town received federal funds for grant projects recently.

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past," Baker adds. "We hope that the tremendous generosity of our community will continue as we attempt to pursue more record breaking performances at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Confer-

PHOTO PROVIDED
LEFT: Pictured is CCHS BPA sponsor Eugene Baker (left) with students headed to the BPA's national competition following their top ten victories in Indianapolis last month. Front row, from left: Grace Lorenz, Haley Klimaszewski, Janele VanDePutte, and Jerrod Betts. Back row: Lodge Burgess and Nick Pritz.

Engagement - Cooper, Russo



Jessica Lynn Russo of Plymouth and Brandon Lee Cooper of Culver announce their engagement to be married Aug. 23, 2014 in Argos.

The future bride is the daughter of James and Theresa Budd, and Dr. Paul Russo. She is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth High School. She graduated from

Goshen College in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and will graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing — Family Nurse Practitioner in May 2015. She is nursing supervisor at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The future groom is the son of David Cooper and Rene Watson. He is a 2006 graduate of Culver Community High School, and also attended Ball State University. He is employed as a Marshall County Sheriff's Department patrolman. He is also director of Culver Township EMS, a volunteer with Culver Fire, and served six years in the United States Army.

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a Fancy Nancy Tea Soiree'.Participants will decorate tiaras, design their own pearl bracelets, and have a healthy and fancy snack. Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P. to Jill Gavlick at 574-842-2941 or jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us by Friday, March 28.

St. Mary's Child Care accepting registrations

St. Mary Child Care Ministry (SMCCM) in Culver is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.

For more information please call 574-842-3488 or visit our website: www.culvercatholic.com.

Free community meal at CBC Sunday

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, April 6, starting at 6 p.m. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

Free rides to income tax return filing assistance

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, who will offer free tax return filing appointments Wednesdays through April 9. Appointments will be one hour long. Please stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 574-842-2941. On each Wednesday that taxes will be prepared, the Marshall County Community Cab will be providing free transportation to the library for the tax preparation. To schedule a (free) ride, patrons should call 574-936-9904.

SAT, ACT prep at CCHS

SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, when Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion at 7:20 a.m. On Wednesdays, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. The SAT will be offered on May 3 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 4; late registration is April 18. The ACT will be offered on June 14, at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 9. Registration packets are available in the Culver Community High School guidance office

Winters scholarship accepting apps

Applicants for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship must be: Culver Community High School graduates who are at least second semester freshmen and plan to enroll full time in their sophomore year or above in a technical program such as engineering, pharmacy, mathematics, science, nursing, agriculture or a technical certificate program. Students must be enrolled in an accredited Indiana institution of higher education. For more information, call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, scholarship coordinator at kskrause@embarqmail.com.

Baked potato supper April 11

A baked potato supper will be served at the Culver depot-train station Friday, April 11, with all proceeds going to support the "Gift of Warmth" (to provide winter wear and heating funds to needy area families). The event will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and will start at 4:30 p.m. and go to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Carry-outs are available.

Easter egg hunt April 12

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 12, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, and is intended for children ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

Community meal at Grace April 15

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

Kindergarten round-up April 17

Culver Community Schools' kindergarten round-up will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2014. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, however the kindergarten classrooms will be open to visit following this meeting. If a parent cannot come on April 17, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017 to make other arrangements.

Student art show April 26, 27

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 12th annual Student Art Show on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print and three-dimensional. Stop by and vote for best of show and people's choice categories.

CUTPL Celebrates One Book, One County

During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One County," a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County's 2014 selection for "One Book, One County" is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

Exercise for seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class for seniors will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail ljones@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main Street.

Obituary

Tania A. Robeson

Jan. 8, 1949 - March 25, 2014



CARMEL — Tania A. Robeson, 65, of Carmel, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Tania was born Jan. 8, 1949 in Kokomo. She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1967, Indiana State University in 1970 and received her master's degree in 1971 from Indiana State University.

Tania dedicated her life to education, inspiring students for four decades with her passion for learning and love for each of them. Most recently, Tania was a special education teacher in the Kokomo School system from 1985 to 2013 where she encouraged students to achieve their greatest potential and made a lasting impact on many lives.

Tania's love of life and her warm and welcoming soul is her legacy. She is survived by her children, Matthew J. (wife, Kristi M.) Slane and Amy A. (husband, Jeffrey L.) Miller; grandchildren, Mia E., Parker B. and Katelyn M. Slane, Margaret A. and Charles R. Miller; father, Charles E. Robeson; and countless life-long friends who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her mother, Alyce E. Robeson and brother, Lance E. Middlekauff.

A memorial service was held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, of which she was a member. Friends and family were invited to gather from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan-Carmel.

CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds. For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net.

Friends seeking youth books

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold a book sale in April and are in need of children's and young adult books to help with the sale's success. Please check your bookcase and drop off at the lower level of Culver-Union Twp Public Library.

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christian ity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Current events open forum (April 6), The Church and science - from evolution to the big bang, are faith and science compatible? (April 13), Immigration issues - what's the 'Christian perspective'? (April 20), The abuse scandal, the Inquisition, and more... when the Church seems like the 'bad guy' (April 27), Current events open forum/Q&A (and goodbye) (May 4).

Shaffer receives youth volunteer award



ABOVE: Kayla Shaffer, left, receives an award for youth volunteer for 2014 from Sandra Amor, Gleaner's Ober Arbor member.

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Through the years...

40 years ago: April 4, 1974

Opening Easter Sunday will be The Home Restaurant at 113 N. Main Street in downtown Culver (*the site of today's Cafe Max -- editor*), named by owners Marje and Bill Rinehart due to the history of the space as a movie theatre called The Home Theatre. Marje has been in the restaurant business in one form or another since age 13, and most recently was employed at Pinder's Restaurant in Culver.

Sponsor Dan Adams and Marje and Bill Rinehart of the then-ready-to-open Home four Culver Jr. High studentsRestaurant (at the site of today's Cafe Max) in 1974. will represent their school at an Indiana State Chess Competition in Indianapolis over spring break. They are Mike Willhite, Dan Newman, Mike Boyne, and Roy Ruiz.

Clara Hart sold 108 boxes, Vickie Kersey 105, and Nettie Salary 96 boxes in the recent Girl Scout cookie drive, making them the top three in the drive, which sold 2,950 boxes in this area.

50 years ago: April 1, 1964.

The following article is reprinted from the March 31, 1964, issue of the Indianapolis Star: "Can a visitor to New York leave an impression on this vast city of concrete, when he's here for only a few days? Indeed, he can! As proved by a phone call this week from Alex and Betty Antonoff, proprietors of the "Two Guitars" night club. "... the boys and girls of the Culver (Ind.) senior class, accompanied by their sponsors, Miss Ruth Shanks and Mr. Larry Crabb. After they had left, we — I mean all of us — the waiters, the performers, everyone, decided this was the most responsive and yet most polite audience we have ever had...to hear our European-born performers all say that this young Indiana group was the best audience they ever performed before, made me feel like bursting with pride!" Apparently, Culver's senior class spoke volumes for Hoosiers everywhere on their two-day visit to New York last week."

Residents living around Lake Maxinkuckee, outside the corporate limits of Culver, will soon have the privilege of installing natural gas in their residences. The Northern Indiana Public Service Company started Monday to lay gas lines on Maxinkuckee Road east from Maxinkuckee landing, past the Academy airport road. On the west side of the Lake, the lines will connect with the city line in the south end of Culver and follow the West and South Shore Drives into the Venetian Village. Thus, every resident on the lake will have access to this gas utility for their personal use.

60 years ago: March 31, 1954.

Eugene C. Eppley, internationally known hotel executive and distinguished 1901 Academy alumnus, through the Eppley Foundation of Omaha, Nebr., has agreed to



give to the Academy the classroom building, Hall of Science, as a companion structure to Gignilliat Memorial Hall, both to be dedicated to the memory of the late Brig. Gen. L . R. Gignilliat.

90 years ago: March 26, 1924.

Directors of The State Exchange Bank have purchased the lot next to their building and plan to enlarge and remodel their present banking quarters. A new vault will also be installed.

Jack Speyer was high point man on the high school basketball team this season, scoring 233 points. Whitted was next with 197 (Editor's note: the 'Whitted' in question was one of the first African-American students on an Indiana high school basketball team. The 1922 team at Culver High School currently holds the record as first integrated high school team in the state).

100 years ago: April 2, 1914.

The first steps have been taken for the organization of a free public library for Culver and Union Township. It is hoped that every person in the town and township will give at least one book to this proposed \$10,000 or \$12,000 Carnegie library. Donations should be delivered to the Exchange Bank where they will be transferred to shelves in the library rooms over Dr. Tollman's office.

A new town pier will be constructed at a length of between 100 and 120 feet and a width of 8 feet. It will be built in 10-foot sections and floored with 2-inch plank.

On and after next Sunday all Sunday trains on the Vandalia will be withdrawn indefinitely, and two week-day trains will be annulled.

The Blanchard boys and their families have returned from Lomax, Illinois. They made the 400-mile trip in four days in a Ford car over, or rather, through roads hub deep with mud where heavier cars mired down. They came through the quicksand near Delong after dark without lights by walking ahead with a lantern and picking their way.

110 years ago: March 31, 1904.

Clyde Combs, who moved to Culver from Leiters Ford last February and took possession the grist-mill in partnership with his brother-in-law, Clyde Lough, was fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a shot gun while hunting ducks Saturday afternoon, his death resulting five hours later. He was in a blind in front of the Johnson cottage on Long Point. A wife and one small child survive him and the have the sympathy of this entire community.

Culver Pipes & Drums invited to perform at West Point

Members of Culver Pipes and Drums will travel to New York April 13 after a prestigious invitation to join 21 other bands for a performance at The United States Military Academy at West Point.

The group, made up of students and faculty at Culver Academies as well as local and regional community members from areas including Lake, Porter, Marshall, St Joseph, Starke and Pulaski Counties, will play as part of West Point's 32nd Annual Military Tattoo.

"This is a very prestigious opportunity for the students and other band members to shine, we are playing in a most honored space on the schedule, right before the host band West Point Pipes & Drums at the end of the day" said Pipe Major and founder Brent Van Norman.

The band has been intensifying their practice in preparation for this performance. Nine Students and eight adults will travel in three vans to the event and are looking forward to this life experience.

According to Culver's Mike Maddox, who plays bass drum with the group, the genesis of the invitation related to Culver Academies graduate Alex Canacci, a student at West Point who took the idea of Culver Pipes and Drums playing there -- casually discussed in conversation during a visit of Canacci's back to Culver last spring break --



and running with it. Canacci had played with the group, which was formed 12 years ago on the Academies campus and plays all over Indiana and the Midwest, during his tenure as a Culver cadet.

Culver Pipes and Drums were invited to play last year, says Maddox, but didn't have time to organize the trip before the Tattoo took place.

Maddox says Jim Henderson -- whose tartan kilts the group wears -- is among those making the trip possible, as is Dan Gilbert, who also helps facilitate the annual Living History event hosted at the Academy each spring.

"It's really exciting. I'm thrilled to be able to go and honored. I'm thrilled to be able to work with such a wonderful band," said Alexandra Jeffirs, a Culver Pipes and Drums member. Pipe Sergeant Craig Brooks stated "We are privileged to play in the Trophy Point Amphitheater with such esteemed bands as the Virginia Military Institute Pipes & Drums, USMA Hellcats, West Point Pipe and Drum Corps, and in massed bands with all 22 bands that will be performing on that day."



The group -- a not-for-profit entity and technically a club at the Academies -- is open to all ages and backgrounds, and meets each Sunday at the Academies' Naval Building at 2 p.m. for practice (beginners are asked to arrive at 1:30 with prior arrangements). Lessons are free.

Culver Pipes and Drums also made Academies history after it began marching in the school's Garrison parades a handful of years ago, representing the first time in Academies history that female students marched in a Garrison parade while playing.

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tured as the inverse of the Shakespeare classic. The two characters spend the entire play totally confused, lacking such basic information as their own identities.

As Rosencrantz and Guildenstern passively follow their predetermined route, the play focuses on the themes of free will vs. determinism, the search for value, and the impossibility of certainty. The play includes many of Hamlet's most notable scenes but from a new, comedic viewpoint.

Tickets for the Sunday, April 6 performance are available through the Culver Academies Theatre Department. People interested in purchasing tickets may do so by calling (574) 842-7058 or emailing Marsha Coven (Marsha.Coven@culver.org). Tickets are also available at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance.

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ing had been delayed by installation of a new heating system at the bank, noted the visitor's center has already received \$5,000 from Union Township and \$5,000 from Marshall County Tourism, the latter for brochures.

He also explained most operational costs will be shared by the visitor's center and museum. The latter has a budget of \$15,940 for 2014, with around \$11,000 coming from the AHS. The visitor's center has been budgeted to operate at \$11,790 for the year, leaving a request of \$7,500 from the town by Duncan.

Council member Lynn Overmyer and president Ginny Munroe questioned why one-third of the money was listed as directed towards the museum, and the other two-thirds to the visitor's center, with Overmyer suggesting she understood the entire request had been for the visitor's center. Duncan said that request was limited to one-time start-up costs for the museum.

Asked by council member Bill Githens if the money being requested was a one-time or recurring expense, Duncan replied it was one-time for the moment but it was hoped to become an annual line item in the council's budget. Duncan also said advertising from businesses -- such as on the scrolling calendar of events planned for placement in the center's window -- could help offset the costs of running the center as well.

Some council members expressed concerns that, if the visitor's center doesn't become its own separate non-profit entity, there was a risk of funds being mixed in with those of the museum and other AHS monies. Githens suggested the center might align itself with Culver's Second Century Committee, which is in the process of becoming a formal not-for-profit organization.

Duncan acknowledged the need for the visitor's center to become autonomous and said that was being planned as well.

Kathy Clark, a member of the visitor's center committee, said the committee is "concerned that visitor's center money only be spent on what it was awarded for. We're not arguing to step away from the AHS at this time, but the money should only be spent on what it is earmarked for."

Duncan said he had met with Mike Overmyer of the Union Township board and Overmyer assured him the money was being spent correctly. Some debate between Clark and Duncan took place regarding the center's budget, and Clark expressed concern regarding communication to the visitor's center committee.

Audience member Joan Bess, a member of the committee governing the museum, noted the museum committee regularly discusses what funds can and cannot be spent on, with regards to the two respective projects.

Clark also said the Culver Redevelopment Commission has sold the visitor's center its cometoculver.org website (promoted in a series of commercials airing on South Bend television in recent months) for one dollar, and while the CRC is unable to fund operating costs of the center, she intended to bring before the CRC board the funding of three kiosks to be placed in Culver promoting local amenities.

"I think it's a pretty small investment," said Munroe, adding that the Marshall County Community Foundation, on whose board she sits, "was beyond excited about this (visitor's center idea). I only spoke five minutes before the thumbs went up. It's innovative and it will reach a lot of people, and it will bring traffic to lots of people; plus, you can promote county events."

She added that the MCCF's \$15,000 was "seed money" towards renovation of the building space.

Also in the audience was Anna Campbell, who Bess noted has a degree in tourism and hospitality and will

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bring expertise and experience to the visitor's center project, on whose committee she sits (she was formally hired by the AHS to direct its museum, it was noted).

Town manager Dave Schoeff, the town council's representative to the visitor's center committee, emphasized the center was able to be started because of the non-profit status of the AHS.

"To some degree they (the AHS) are being the parent and now the child grows up and wants to run the business. It sounds like that's where we're at."

He added he felt the Second Century Committee is "a perfect fit" for the visitor's center to transfer to, though SCC president Sue McInturff, in the audience, expressed concern the organization still has much work to do in order to be ready to take on such a project. There was discussion, however, that management of the center by the SCC would give local businesses more oversight of it than having a local history-oriented organization manage it.

"As a business owner, the concept of a visitor's center is great," said McInturff. "The (Culver Chamber of Commerce) is not a paid chamber; so unless we pay somebody and have a new department, that's (the Chamber managing the visitor's center) not going to happen. I appreciate the concept and I'm very open and willing."

Council members agreed the \$7,500 in town money should be directed exclusively to the visitor's center, rather than split with the museum, and that funds should be paid as claims were submitted on a regular basis, rather than in one lump sum, and that a contract would need to be signed between the two entities.

"Last summer this was just a conversation at the Lakehouse (Grille)," said Munroe. "Now it's a space. You went out and had grants rolling in. I've been through three grant rounds with the MCCF, and they've never been so excited."

CCHS first semester honor roll

Culver Community High School has announced its honor roll for the first semester.
A honor roll
Grade 9: Brennin Aaron Betts, Brandon P Havron, Hailey A Jones, Joshua P Krsek.
Grade 10: Madeline J Justis, Jennah D McCarthy.
Grade 11: Haley L Klimaszewski.
Grade 12: Kevin Caleb Dehning.
A/B honor roll
Grade 9: Erin E Bendy, Anna Kathryn Cybulski, Alexandria M Harris, Dillon L Jewell, Olivia Brianne Johnson, Morgan Tiara Keen, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Courtney A Salyer, Roman G Vantwoud.
Grade 10: Aaron M Becker, Daniel B Bettinelli, Megan L Brady, Justine K Dexter, Lindsay R Emery, Marisa L Howard, Tevin Ray Jones, Cecilia A Kenney, Maria C Lindvall, Rebecca E Rainey, Justin C Schaub, Kelsey A Shaffer, Cody A Valiquet.
Grade 11: Jerrod Isaac Betts, Mickella D Hardy, Elizabeth L McElroy, Summer L Moore, Dustie R Pier, Brendon Pinder, Tatum Elizabeth Schultz.
Grade 12: Dylan T Bennett, Henrik Bill, Donald R Clark, Shakkira N Harris, Grace L Lorenz.

Heminger House encourages all to increase awareness of sexual assault prevention

Marshall County – Governor Mike Pence has designated April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in Indiana. Heminger House of Marshall County joins rape crisis centers and child advocacy centers across the state in promoting awareness and encouraging support of these issues.
According to a CDC report released in 2010 Indiana ranks second in the nation for high school females in grades 9-12 indicating that they have been victims of sexual assault. In Indiana, one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted before age eighteen. If this type of violence were classified as a disease, it would be at epidemic levels.
Heminger House is committed to empowering victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It is our long-term mission to break the cycle of violence and poverty by providing a caring, healing, and educational service for victims of abuse, including safe, emergency housing and related programs. Additional information about Heminger House can be found at www.hemingerhouse.com. To make a donation, volunteer or schedule a tour of our facility, please call 574-936-7233.

Five former CMA hockey players in NCAA tournament

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies
Five former Culver Military hockey players are vying for a chance to play in the NCAA Frozen Four in Philadelphia on April 10 and 12, and three of them will meet in the first round Friday. All the games will be broadcast on the ESPN family of networks.
Nic Dowd '08 (jersey number 26), a forward for the St. Cloud State Huskies and a Hobey Baker Award nominee, will face David Gerths '09 (10) and Jared Beers '09 (29), who play for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The game is scheduled for 9 p.m. (EST) on Saturday, March 29, and will be seen on ESPNU or WatchESPN (online).
Cory Hibbeler '08 (6), the captain of the Quinnipiac Bobcats, and his teammates will play Providence in the second game of the East Regional. The game is scheduled for Friday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m.
Tom Panetta '09 (24) and his Ferris State Bulldog teammates will face Colgate in the first game of the Midwest Regional. The game is scheduled for Friday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m. It will be broadcast live on ESPN 3/WatchESPN (online) and then rebroadcast on ESPNU at 10:30 p.m.
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CCHS grad turns artistic skill into successful Marshall County business



An example of Concrete Creations’ work is shown here in this photo from the business’ Facebook page.

By Goretti Gonzalez
Staff Writer
PLYMOUTH — Dressing up driveways and walkways, Concrete Creations based out of Plymouth transforms plain concrete into art. Concrete Creations provides quality concrete for residential and industrial clients, specializing in decorative concrete. The process creates the

appearance of exotic stone, marble, brick and worn cobble-paving.
The company was started in 2001 by Culver Community High School grad (and today Plymouth resident) Antonio Alexander. He had previously worked with a construction outfit and decided to go out on his own venture. Wife Tasha Alexander has assisted with the business since its creation.
“He just had that passion and he wanted something he could do himself,” said Tasha. “If you’re an entrepreneur you have to think, ‘what can I have that stands out from other people but I can actually make a profit and turn over?’”
The pair began by doing house projects including their own patio, having a set up in their basement. Learning through reading and practicing the process.
“It was like a science lab down there (in basement),” said Mrs. Alexander. “The thing I love about this is that we did our house. I spend a lot of time out there in the summer. I think that’s why people go with the outside concrete patios because its inviting.”
The business provides a number of services including new concrete construction, such as driveways, patios, walkways, pool decks, stamping and coloring. Services for existing concrete include resurfacing, cleaning, acid etch staining, garage floor coatings and sealings.
“It’s a really nice product, it has a lot of diversity and we are very diverse,” added Tasha.
Some of the processes that include seamless industrial epoxy floors, dyed/stained basement floors, stamped concrete and the epoxy flake system.
“It’s like tattoo, it’s artistry but on a different level.”
Tasha explained how the metallics and staining can provide a cost effective alternative to carpet or tile in the basement or garage.
Concrete Creations also does exterior hardscapes, outdoor seated walls, fire pits and even countertops made from a lightweight aggregate material. The business recognizes concrete is an investment and provides a product that ranges from affordable to the more expensive depending on design.
According to Tasha, Concrete Creations goes the extra mile to provide a product that will have the best opportunity for the concrete not to crack through their process. She clarifies all concrete will crack but the business attempts to add longevity to their product. Aside from their residential work, the business also caters to industrial flooring.
“We’ve been offering this for awhile. Not everybody knows about the industrial pieces that we do; it’s kind of discouraging because people don’t know how to get service when we’re right here in Indiana.”
More information and images of projects can be found at www.concretcreations-in.com or by calling 574936-6203. Concrete Creations is also on Facebook.

Culver Middle School student shares ‘story quilt’ with artist who inspired it

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The impact of Culver Elementary teachers on one local student led to an unforgettable meeting recently with an internationally known artist and writer.

Nora Kline, now a student at Culver Community Middle School, credits Missy Trent, CES 6th grade teacher, and CES art teacher Joyce Lyman, with introducing her to the work of painter, writer, speaker, mixed media sculptor and performance artist Faith Ringgold.

Ringgold, of Englewood, New Jersey, is professor emeritus at the University of California, San Diego where she taught art from 1987 until 2002. She has received more than 75 awards including 22 Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degrees. More important to Nora Kline, she's written several children's books, including "Tar Beach," which incorporated a "story quilt" created by the author.

"We were doing an artist study and I thought Faith Ringgold would be a good fit for Nora," says Lyman. "Ms. Ringgold's unique style of art is paintings made into quilts. Also, she is a storyteller, a feminist, a historical revisionist, a painter. She shows that creative expression is often accompanied by a journey into the self."

"Tar Beach," Lyman adds, is the book Nora worked from about a little girl in a New York whose family had picnics at night on the top of their apartment building.

"Nora, a vegetarian, and avid dog lover, wrote a story about a dog who was mistreated and a little girl who

helped him," explains Lyman. "Nora used fabric paint, and markers to create her story in blocks of fabric. I sewed these together with some other squares of cloth, and her grandmother (Carolyn Kline) quilted the entire piece."

Kline completed her story quilt in 5th and 6th grade. Her story and quilt, significant on their own, might have been the end of the story had Ringgold not been scheduled to speak at the University of Notre Dame for an illustrated talk on her career entitled "Faith Ringgold: More than 60 Years."

"As soon as I saw the article in the (newspaper) about Faith," says Trent, "I knew I had to contact Nora's parents. I'm so happy they were able to make the trip...even through that horrible dense fog (that day)."

Ringgold was at Notre Dame to create a new print in the Segura Arts Studio of the Notre Dame Center for Arts & Culture.

After the discussion, says Nora's mother, Kathleen Kline, Nora had an opportunity to share her quilt and story with the artist.

"Mrs. Ringgold read through the entire story and asked Nora questions about her story," says Kathleen, who is especially grateful to Trent and Lyman. "Their passion to engage the students in the world around them is what gave Nora this opportunity to expand her world."

Its clear Trent and Lyman see that that passion goes both ways.

"I knew when I met Nora in 6th grade that she was a special person," Trent says. "She never faltered from her beliefs and always tried to get everybody else on board with her. I know I will see Nora doing extraordinary things as she reaches adulthood.

She adds with a smile, "I hope she remembers her 6th grade teacher!"