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Preserving ‘an Eden lost’

Inside and outside two of the historic Vonnegut homes on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, taken during a recent Indiana Landmarks home tour. AT LEFT, Lindsey Pick (left), property manager of 814 East Shore (whose exterior is seen at right) discusses the massive effort involved in restoring the 1880s cottage, which took place in 2013 and has been the subject of a new book and program on historic preservation in recent months. At UPPER RIGHT, the former Vonnegut cottage at 782 East Shore Drive, where famous novelist Kurt Vonnegut spent his childhood summers.

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In Brief

Telegraph Quartet to perform Friday

The 2014 Fischhoff grand prize-winning Telegraph Quartet will perform in the Heritage Room of Legion Memorial Building at Culver Academies on Friday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

VFW Friday meal

The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary will serve Italian Beef sandwiches, choice of potato, salad, and dessert on Friday, Oct. 10, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Fish, chicken or open menu is also available. The public is welcome.

Senator, State Rep. to discuss ed issues Oct. 15

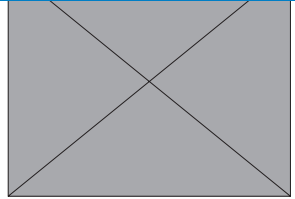
Indiana Senator Randy Head and State Representative Tim Harman will attend a brief session to speak with those who are either employed with Culver Community Schools or simply wish to attend, on Wed., Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Comm. Schools administration building on School Street. The goal, according to superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire, is to inform them of the urgent needs and issues of small schools. Most school board members and administrators in the corporation will also attend, and the public is invited.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes in October on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes include Digital Photography Basics (Oct. 10), which covers using digital cameras usage; and Video Editing (Oct. 13 and 17), which demonstrates capturing and editing video. Technology Training classes (Oct. 20, 24, 27, and 31) offer training in all things technology related. Bring in your laptop, smartphone, tablet or other device to learn and ask questions. Classes are held in cooperation with People’s University through

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Vonnegut cottage restoration exemplifies historic preservation possibilities

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Editor’s note: A follow-up article focusing on specific programs such as tax credits and easements available to area property owners interested in similar preservation projects to the one described here, will follow in The Culver Citizen in the near future.

Much has changed on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee since the heady days of the 19th century when the first cottages began appearing, especially on the east shore, which boasts many of the oldest such structures on the lake. One change is the demise of many of the most historic homes in the area (not to mention their replacement with often-massive, luxurious structures departing markedly from much of the historic architectural culture of the lake’s storied past).

The people behind the renovation of one of the most historic houses on Maxinkuckee, at 814 East Shore Drive -- one of a row of three Vonnegut family cottages in the northern portion of the east shore -- made the decision to resist that trend with that property. It was an endeavor costly in time, labor, energy, and of course money, but one they felt well worth it.

Along the way, one worker on the project documented it in a photo-filled blog (www.pursuingnothing.com) and recently-published book ("Renovating Vonnegut" -- see accompanying article this issue). The book, and conversation with many behind the scenes of the project, reveals that, while famous novelist Kurt Vonnegut was the initial draw to the house (his ancestors built it here some 130 years ago, and he wrote lovingly -- almost adoringly -- about his childhood summers on Lake Maxinkuckee on many occasions), the stories of many who settled here, and of course the lake itself, endeared in their own right.

According to the mission statement of the house and its investors, "The Purpose of the Clemens Vonnegut Junior House is to provide a relaxing and enjoyable vacation retreat for our clients while preserving history, the environment, and the Lake Maxinkuckee lifestyle of old."

(For a more detailed look into the Vonnegut family's legacy on Lake Maxinkuckee, see the accompanying article

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Local Vonnegut legacy much deeper than famous author

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

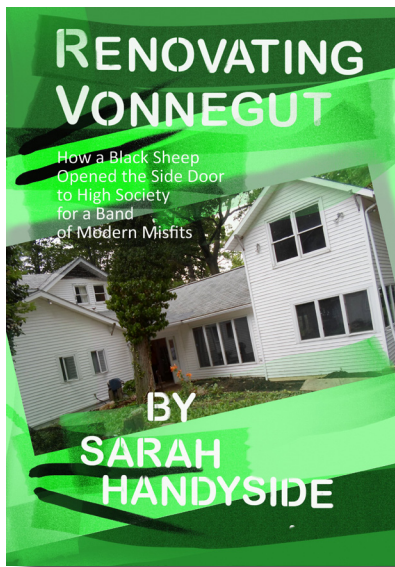
Late author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is commonly listed alongside the best-known literary and cultural figures influenced by the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee and its surrounding shores and culture, and he's likely the best-known to contemporary audiences (as opposed to other luminaries such as Booth Tarkington, James Whitcomb Riley, Lew Wallace, Meredith Nicholson, and Cole Porter).

But one could, ultimately, set aside the Vonnegut family's most famous son and still be left with a remarkable Indiana -- and Lake Maxinkuckee -- legacy. As Sarah Handyside remarks in her journal of the work she assisted with at one of the Vonneguts' many east shore cottages (2014's "Renovating Vonnegut" -- see accompanying article in this edition), "The Vonneguts started buying up plots on the northeast shore beginning in 1887, when Franklin Vonnegut bought number 762 East Shore Drive. By 1916, the family owned an

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New book on Vonnegut house restoration offers “vagabond’s”perspective

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Local readers can add a new book to the pantheon dedicated to some aspect of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee, and/or its history, though this one differs noticeably from most.

"Renovating Vonnegut" intertwines the story of the renovation of one of the lake's east shore's most historic properties, the Vonnegut cottage at 814 East Shore Drive (see accompanying article this issue), with the history of the Vonnegut family and its connection to the area, as well as the history of Culver, Culver Academies, and Lake Maxinkuckee overall.

The author, Sarah Handyside, is described at smashwords.com as "a vagabond and writer who has no specific goals and subscribes to no religions or political parties. She endeavors to own as few material possessions as possible and to have as few obligations as possible. Thus she will always be available to experience life spontaneously and record it thru written words."

In case the above hasn't made it clear, the perspective of Handyside -- who with her boyfriend made up part of the

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Town manager Schoeff announces resignation

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



The town of Culver will once again be on the hunt for a new town manager, following the announcement from present manager Dave Schoeff that he will resign effective Oct. 17.

Schoeff, who was hired in the spring of 2012, informed town council members via a letter last week explaining he has "an opportunity in another community."

"I have made a lot of friends here in Culver in the last 2+ years and have enjoyed working with you all," Schoeff wrote in the letter. "I have a lot of respect and deep feelings for you and our staff here."

He also offered to be available to help following his departure.

Schoeff came to Culver from his native Huntington, hired after several months' search on the part of the council. He is Culver's fifth town manager in the past decade, since the position was created.

A special town council session regarding the position was scheduled for Monday afternoon.

Wesley Preschool begins year with new classes, staff, and location

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The start of the school year this year at Wesley Preschool (located at the Wesley United Methodist Church) in Culver saw a great many changes -- most of them additions to its offerings to parents of young children in the area.

Besides the much-discussed addition of its daycare ministry (picked up where the same ministry left off at St. Mary of the Lake, just down the street), Wesley has not only continued its longtime preschool program (which is nearing its 50th year of existence), but expanded it to include three-year-old youngsters.

The pre-kindergarten program is led by Gretchen Johnson, who has several years' experience as owner of her own preschool as well as several years as a teacher with the Headstart program. She's assisted by Connie Zehner, who brings three years' early childcare experience to the classroom herself.

Robin Dorey, who brought to Culver (when she moved last year from Greenville, Mich.) six years' early childhood experience, heads up the three-year-old program, and is assisted by Kylie Dickey (that program still has openings, Dorey noted; interested persons may call Wesley Church at 574-842-2900 and leave a message).

While Wesley has traditionally offered two age levels of preschool (though they were, in the past, different specific ages), another major change is the addition of days to each. The pre-k class meets five days per week (where previously it met three per week) and the three-year-old class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (in the past it met just two days per week). All classes meet from 8:30 to 11 a.m., as in the past.

That's largely due to an increased effort to prepare children for kindergarten, in light of increasing academic expectations of children at increasingly younger ages in

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Culverites ‘splatter’ for Heminger

ABOVE: All last week, Culver area residents had a chance to “splatter” the walls of the former Culver hardware at 120 South Main, and all for a good cause: a donation to the Heminger House women's shelter in Plymouth gave attendees a paint-filled balloon to toss against the north wall of the interior of the building, which owner Whitney Alvis plans to develop as retail space by next year. In the meantime, it will be used Oct. 17 and 18 as space to display local artwork during Culver Fall Fest. The splatter event, which also aimed to ‘decorate’ the space for the show, was organized by Shelly Schrimsher of Unlocked Creativity (which is also offering children's art classes during the festival), who is seen AT LEFT with son Charlie (and Heminger donations). Youngsters from the Culver Boys & Girls Club (such as the one pictured at RIGHT)* and other local students also visited during the week.

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in this issue of The Culver Citizen).

One of the lead investors and visionaries behind the project, who wishes to remain anonymous, told the Citizen: "I think there is something about what Kurt Vonnegut represented that made this house, even if it wasn't his primary house on the lake, too valuable to lose. There are plenty of historic houses in danger of being torn down around the lake, and it's a fight of taste and economics, but there was something about the idea that if we couldn't save this house -- and we didn't fully understand how close the connection was to the famous author when we decided to do this; we just knew there was one -- but if we couldn't save a house with at least some significance, what chance did any other house have with just nostalgia for one or a few families?"

"It's a short list of famous people with lake connections outside the Academy," he adds, listing Cole Porter, Lew Wallace, and Meredith Nicholson. "But many of these names are fading into history."

When the house's current owners, Old East Shore LLC, purchased it in 2012, it was near demolition. According to property manager Lindsey Pick, of Culver, and a handout distributed at a recent Indiana Landmarks tour of the property -- and Antiquarian and Historical Society gathering there last month -- "all plumbing, doorknobs, utilities, many of the major appliances, and even some of the decorative woodwork had been stripped by salvagers in anticipation of the house being demolished by a major local developer."

Once the house was purchased with renovation in mind, the initial assumption that only cosmetic upgrades would be needed fell victim to the painful reality that "a serious overhaul of the section of the house that had previously been winterized and expanded in the 1980's (the west facing end of house) needed to be undertaken."

A crew was assembled and work began in the early summer of 2013, including:

- Stabilizing the house from rot and five years of neglect.
- Shoring up, leveling and deepening of the foundation below the frost line.
- Hand digging of a two for crawl space through about 2/3 of the footprint where it did not exist.
- Replacement of rotten flooring for entire east side of home.
- Removal of pests and animal soiled insulation and wall materials. The house was inherited with some resident raccoons sine the Vonneguts had been unable to sell the house for many years and left it to its own devices.
- The "freethinking" Vonnegut family of the late 19th and early 20th century -- and not least of all Kurt Jr. himself -- might appreciate the number of "environmentally friendly" upgrades to the house, including:
 - Insulation of geothermal heating and cooling system attached to a unico small vent blower system
 - Icynene water based spray foam insulation throughout insulated part of the home.
 - Insulated PEX plumbing system with no pipes running through exterior walls.
 - Upgrade of windows to double pane where possible and not in conflict with the historic material.
 - LED light bulbs in sockets where possible, but with light temperatures chosen to be appropriate for the space.
 - Removal of a number of toxic creosoted railroad ties that were used for most of the landscaping of the home.
 - Planting of native plants and shrubs from JF New in Walkerton, Indiana
- Special care was taken, during the renovation process, to conform the work to historic standards and restore -- as much as renovate -- the space. Among specific endeavors within that context were:
 - Revealed roof rafters in lake side of house.
 - Milled and installed custom breadboard and flooring to match historic standards of construction.
 - Removal of modem flooring and carpet and finishing of historic flooring.
 - Installation of water closet high tank toilets.
 - Installation of antique electrical interfaces.
 - Purchase of period furniture (all handmade, mostly in Mennonite and Amish shops)

"Since all door handles, knobs and plumbing had been taken by salvagers, we have attempted to return as many as possible to the 1890 to 1920s feel/look with East lake style originals," notes the handout.

Renovators also purchased the salvage rights to an old home in nearby Monterey in order to utilize as many of the doors, windows, trim, and flooring as possible in 814 East Shore.

The project has come at a propitious time and has helped spark increasing dialog and discussion around issues of historic preservation -- as well as broader issues of the present and future culture of not only Lake Maxinkuckee, but the Culver as a whole.

In August, historic preservation organization Indiana Landmarks brought some 70 people to the area for a tour primarily focused on historic architecture, and the Vonnegut house was certainly a centerpiece, and arguably a visible example of the very real possibility of preserving historically significant structures, rather than razing them to make way for more modern ones which break from the aesthetic continuity of the area.

In September, the aforementioned Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver hosted Marshall County-based architectural historian Kurt Garner for a program on various means of making such preservation projects economically viable. In fact, that program took place in the Vonnegut house itself (detailed coverage of that talk and related matters will appear in the Culver Citizen in the near future).

Attention will surely be placed on the issue again next year, when a long-planned "historic walking tour" publication guiding locals and visitors around the Culver, Lake Maxinkuckee, and Culver Academies areas, is published.

In the meantime, the house at 814 East Shore isn't merely a private monument to the endeavor to restore it; it's also available for rental by the week or week-end (and it sleeps up to 16 comfortably).

Our anonymous Old East Shore LLC leader notes that, "(Kurt Vonnegut Jr's) impact can be felt within a generation or two of any kid who sails the lake or attends the Academies. It went beyond that too, to what he represented. He was a complex guy...and controversy aside, if he represented anything, he represented a skepticism that was embraced by four generations of Americans from his fellow Greatest Generation veteran peers, the lost generation behind him that tried to find a voice for its frustrations and dark perspectives overshadowed by their veteran older brothers, to Boomers for whom he symbolized a rejection of Societal authority and war, to Generation X who embraced his mental questioning of the roles of family and human behavior.

"...If you know the history, it can be there in the back of your mind even if you are blasting around on an inner tube, or having a drink on a dock, that there is a history of perspective here on this lake, of skepticism, and of a reticence to judge, a desire to understand experience no matter how dark, which is part of the Hoosier experience, and the national experience.

"In a funny way, it's more than just a house...it's a history of ideas that is being preserved, but don't get me wrong, it's a nice (damn) house too."



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School safety concerns discussed by safety committee

By Diona Eskew

PLYMOUTH — The old saying, ‘It takes a village to raise a child,’ came to life as committee members from Marshall County gathered together to talk about school safety Sept. 23.

“What we would like to do now is what I like to call sharing,” began Plymouth Schools superintendent Dan Tyree after introductions at the Marshall County Safety Committee meeting. Tyree began with sharing Plymouth Community School Corporation’s new procedure they will begin utilizing this winter, which involves a state-approved three-hour delay used in situations such as a fog delay when the fog is supposed to lift within that window of time.

Troy Heckman, Campus safety and security director at Culver Academies suggested having working sessions in between the two regular meetings each year. The smaller groups could work together on developing plans and strategies as well as sharing ideas. He also offered to host a work session at the academy.

“I know (something was said) about working on a reunification plan,” said Heckman. “We just finished ours and would be more than to happy to help with yours.”

The group thought a work session sounded like a good idea, starting with a reunification session. Vicki Mcguire, Culver Community School Corporation, suggested adding bomb threats as a work session topic. Later during the meeting the group also decided alternative communications and video camera policies added to the topics to revisit.

Keith Bikowski, Indiana State Police (ISP), talked about the problems that have been recently encountered involving illegal drugs. Bikowski encouraged the education staff to reach out to ISP if there was any question of drug activity.

The ISP is actively driving through school zones in both marked and unmarked vehicle to increase security in the area according to Jason Faulstich of the ISP. He told those in attendance to contact the department if they had any concerns about not seeing an ISP officer driving through. The ISP also suggested that school give careful consideration to bus safety, not just on the bus but also off, and not just for the student but also for the parents.

In the event of an emergency it is important to follow safety procedures that are already planned out. In the event of a bus accident parents wanting to take their kids home can cause too much confusion during an emergency situation.

Clyde Avery, Marshall County Emergency Management Agency director, shared concerns about severe weather and sporting events.

“There have been 26 lightening deaths this year so far,” said Avery. “Just remind them if they can hear that thunder, see the lightening then it iprobably a good idea to get those fields cleared and get the bleachers cleared. The metal bleachers and light poles are just an accident waiting to happen.”

Tyree mentioned the IHSAA has strict requirements regarding light - ening and severe weather calls. He suggested the various school officials, including athletic staff become familiar with the IHSAA guidelines so they can be prepared to challenge officials if necessary.

Avery reminded the group about the three levels of travel advisory. Advisory level warns drivers should use caution if traveling. The Watch Level, means conditions are threatening. Only essen - tial travel is recommended. During a Warning level, is the highest level of advisory. It restricts travel on the roads except for emergency personnel and road crews.

The EMA uses Facebook, Twitter and NIXLE.com to transmit emergency information to the public. Getting a collection of updated school floor plans was something Matt Pittney, Marshall County Sheriff Department 911 supervisor, requested from the group. The floor plans help the officers be prepared should they get called to any school in the county for an emergency.

Amber Cowell of Culver enrolls at Centre College

DANVILLE, KY -- Amber Cowell of Culver has enrolled this year at Centre College. The Class of 2018 is the largest incoming class in Centre's history, setting records for size, academic strength, geographic reach and diversity.

Cowell is the daughter of Julia and Daniel Cowell of Culver and is a graduate of The Culver Academies.

Founded in 1819, Centre College has been a Forbes top-15 college/university in the South four years in a row, and a U.S. News top-ranked national liberal arts college. Centre is also included in Colleges That Change Lives.

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Robin Dorey, left, leads youngsters in the 3-year-old class in a craft with the aid of assistant Kylie Dickey (right), at Wesley Preschool in its new location in the lower level of the church.

American public schools.

"We learned through our research that (what was once taught in) first grade has moved to kindergarten," says Dorey, "and now what had been second grade (academics) has moved to first grade, but the preschool program had not (followed suit). In the pre-k she is doing is what was kindergarten when we were younger. Our

program is really the old 4-year-old program.

"We're trying to simulate kindergarten as much as possible so they're prepared."

She adds that the new curriculum used in the program is also part of that effort, and is "packed full of fine motor skills, dancing, music, and crafts."

Plus, she notes, each week sees students learning four new letters, two colors, and two numbers.

"There's a lot of learning through play and manipulatives...I love seeing the progress from one week to the next."

Another obvious and major change is the preschool's move to the basement level of Wesley Church (the daycare program, headed by Sheryl Tompos, is housed in the former Wesley Preschool space on the church's ground level).

"It's working out great," explains Dorey, noting several youngsters enrolled in the preschool program simply head up the stairs to finish their day at daycare. Transportation, obviously, is no problem. She adds that Max's Playhouse preschool, on State Road 10, also transports children to Wesley Daycare, which she notes still has some openings this semester.

"The move to downstairs from upstairs provided more opportunities than we anticipated," says Wesley Pastor Tom Harzula. "We were trying to work out how to move to two separate preschool classes, so this (basement layout, which separates the two classes by a hallway) was quite fortuitous. At the end of the day, it makes for an environment better for the kids to stay focused on their class, when they have their own space."

A new feature that the daycare contributes to the preschool is access to the recently-added outdoor playground, just outside the church building, which Dorey points out facilitates outdoor time the children didn't have before while at Wesley Preschool.

Longtime, cherished Wesley Preschool traditions carry on. There's the regular roster of field trips and guest presenters, monthly reading visits from "Miss Jill" (Culver Public Library children's librarian Jill Gavlick), a guessing game leading up to the arrival of mystery readers, Donuts with Dad (for Father's Day) and Muffins with Mom (for Mother's Day), home visits from plush friends Clifford and Franklin (with journals to describe what they did), and more.

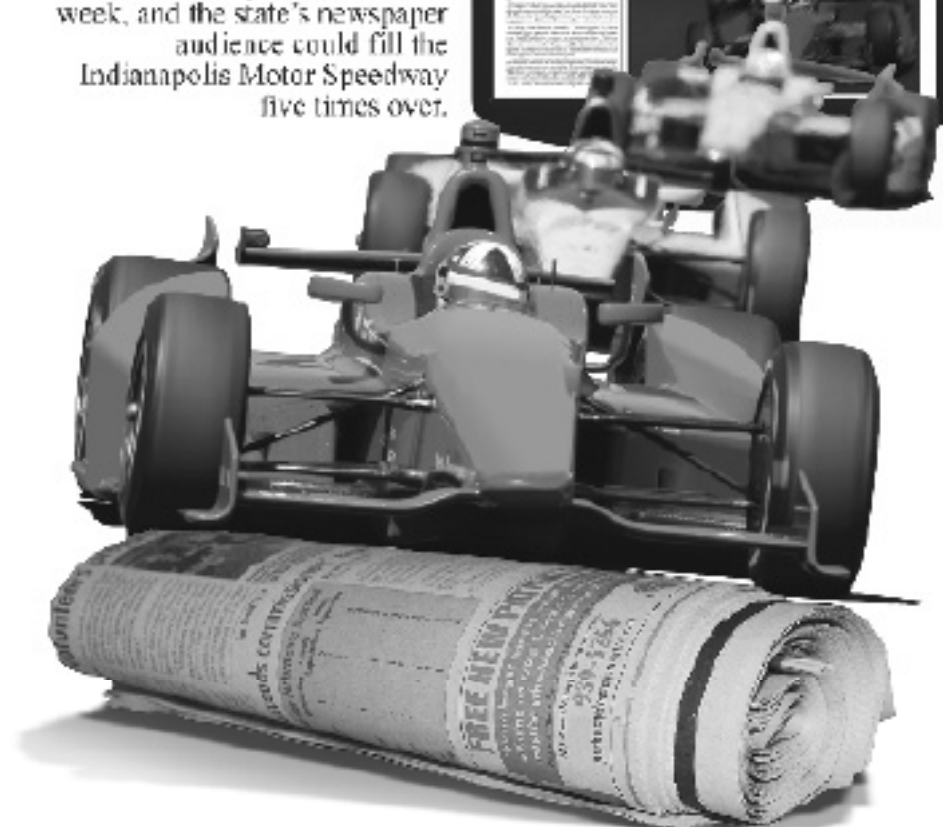
"Certainly the congregation (of Wesley) is very excited to have the preschool here," says Harzula. "It's been a vital part of the community for many years, and we're excited to continue to offer this and to see its growth. The folks in the church have seen it grow and they've continued to grow in their love of it."

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entire village."

The regional and local Vonnegut story begins with Clemens Vonnegut, Sr., born 1824 and the first of the family to journey from Germany to US shores, in 1850. He married Katarina Blank in 1852, and co-founded what would become the enormously successfully Vonnegut Hardware in Indianapolis.

The couple's children form the first branches of the sometimes-overwhelming genealogical blueprint of Vonneguts and Vonnegut-related families which would not only occupy a number of east shore properties, but would also carry the same values of industry, robust outdoor fitness, and the value of culture and education -- at least in some manner -- to the lake.

Those four Vonnegut sons, Clemens, Jr, Bernard, Franklin and George, would all work at the Vonnegut hardware, at least for a time, with Franklin eventually its president, Clemens Jr. its vice president, and George its secretary and treasurer, expanding it into a chain of successful retail stores.

Bernard would strike out on a different path, launching in 1883 with German-born Arthur Bohn the architectural firm of Vonnegut & Bohn. He would go on to design such famed Indianapolis structures as the L.S. Ayres building, the Athenaeum, Shortridge High School, and others.

Bernard married into another family with many Maxinkuckee connections when he wed Nanette Schnull, from which came children Kurt (Sr.), Alex, and Irma. In 1895, Bernard and another German-American Indianapolis resident, J. George Mueller, purchased from George Peoples the property at today's 782 East Shore Drive (Bernard died in 1908).

Bernard and Nanette didn't start the Vonnegut-Maxinkuckee connection, however.

Franklin Vonnegut and wife Pauline Olga Von Hake hold that distinction. They would occupy the northern portion of the land they purchased, at part of today's 762 East Shore Drive for \$1,000 in Sept., 1887 (Pauline and her sister, Sarah, divided the property there, with Sarah taking the south portion, though she sold that in 1889 to Pauline). That house would go on to some notoriety as "The House of a Thousand Candles," for inspiring the best-selling novel of that same name.

Clemens Vonnegut Jr. had -- in 1878 -- married Emma Schnull, who had been part of another very successful, German-American Indianapolis family (Henry Schnull



PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
ABOVE: Novelist Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. with first wife Jane during their honeymoon at 782 East Shore Drive.

mer cottage on the east shore.

Emma's name would carry on longer than many of the Vonneguts of her generation by way of the launch of the Vonnegut Orchards, planted on land purchased from the Peoples heirs, in this case some 30 acres of land on the side of East Shore Drive opposite the lake, in 1919.

Clemens and Emma Vonnegut's son Walter aided in the beginnings of the orchard, which would garner fame throughout the Midwest. Dubbed "the most successful woman orchardist" in this part of the country in an article in The Indianapolis Star, Emma held court in the Hollyhock cottage on the property, which in most recent years has been that of Dr. Warren Reiss (the house burned in 1936, Emma passing away at age 89 in 1939).

George Vonnegut (born 1860) was also the last of Clemens Sr's four sons to purchase land on the lake, in 1916, at today's 742 East Shore Drive (again from George Peoples) for around \$500.

As Handyside also points out in her book, by that year "every lot along East Shore Drive, from number 840 in the south to number 742 in the north, as well as most of the property east of the road from number 865 to number 763, and a significant portion of land east of those, was owned by a Vonnegut. Most of these plots were owned by Emma and Clemens, Jr."

Jacob Schramm, another German immigrant and "self-made man," also contributed to the Vonnegut presence on Lake Maxinkuckee when daughter Matilde married the aforementioned Henry Schnull in 1857. Two of the couple's daughters, Emma and Nanette Schnull, would marry Vonnegut men (Clemens, Jr. and Bernard, respectively). He had sold the 814 East Shore Drive property in 1889 to George Peoples, prior to its purchase by Schnull's own daughter Emma.



PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
ABOVE: Emma (Schnull) Vonnegut, right, with son Walter on the porch of the Hollyhocks, on the Vonnegut Orchard property across East Shore Drive from 814 East Shore. The orchard lands extended east onto land owned today by Culver Academies.

launched a wholesale grocery operation in that city).

The couple purchased the property at the center of our stories this week, at today's 814 East Shore Drive, also from George Peoples for \$1,200 in June, 1889, making them among the earliest to build a sum-

BELOW: The 11 grandchildren of Henry Schnull in 1896 on Lake Maxinkuckee, including Ella, Irene, Kurt, Norma, Walter, Edna, Clemens, Gertrude, Alex, Bertha, and Anton. Emma and Nanette Schnull both married Vonnegut men and summered here.



family the first after the Potawatomi Indians.

He would write about the lake, and Culver, in a few of his novels (most overtly in "Slapstick, or, Lonesome No More!" which mentions the lake and Culver Military Academy specifically; in "Timequake," he mentions trying to get a job writing for The Culver Citizen and being rejected -- which may well have been a fictional bit of humor).

In addition to his childhood summers on the lake, Kurt Jr. would return many times as a teenager with friend Maije Failey, and then once more:

He'd taken part in World War II (his experiences of the bombing of Dresden, Germany, during the war, formed the basis of his most famous novel, "Slaughterhouse Five"), and by the time he returned stateside -- hoping to take his new wife, Jane, to Maxinkuckee for the couple's honeymoon, the Vonneguts no longer owned most of their east shore properties (he did, in fact, honeymoon at one of the family's cottages, with the permission of its owner at the time).

Among the most poetic of Vonnegut's words on Lake Maxinkuckee appeared in an interview in Architectural Digest Magazine, in which he described it as, "an enchanted body of water to me, my Aegean Sea, perfect in every dimension," where he "made my first mental maps of the world."

"The feelings of an Eden lost evident in my writings," he said, "and the longings for a folk society, are all about Maxinkuckee."

And while that most famous of the Maxinkuckee Vonneguts continues to draw outside interest -- at least occasionally -- to the area, the culture and landscape of Lake Maxinkuckee was more the product of the community which included generations of multiple families, than it was any single individual.

Letters to the editor

Should tree ordinance be expanded?

Dear Sir,

One of the many pleasures of living in Culver is abundance of trees. Thanks to the attention of The Tree Commission, and volunteers, old trees are replaced by a variety of young plantings, annually, ensuring that Culver will remain beautifully green, the air clean and fresh from the oxygen they produce, and enhancement of the Culver we love.

The tree ordinance in Culver protects trees in the public area, along the edge of streets, but cannot control decisions for those growing on private property. I think it is interesting to note that a similar ordinance in our Nations' Capital includes jurisdiction over trees growing on private property, with a trunk circumference over 55". This, to me, shows some wisdom.

If this had been in place in Culver, a huge , healthy, black walnut, with a trunk 11 feet (yes, feet) privately owned on Lakeview Street, could not have been felled, in short order. After sawing, the rings were hard to see, but could have read 150 years or more. The shade reached neighbors and housed numerous birds - surely an asset to Culver.

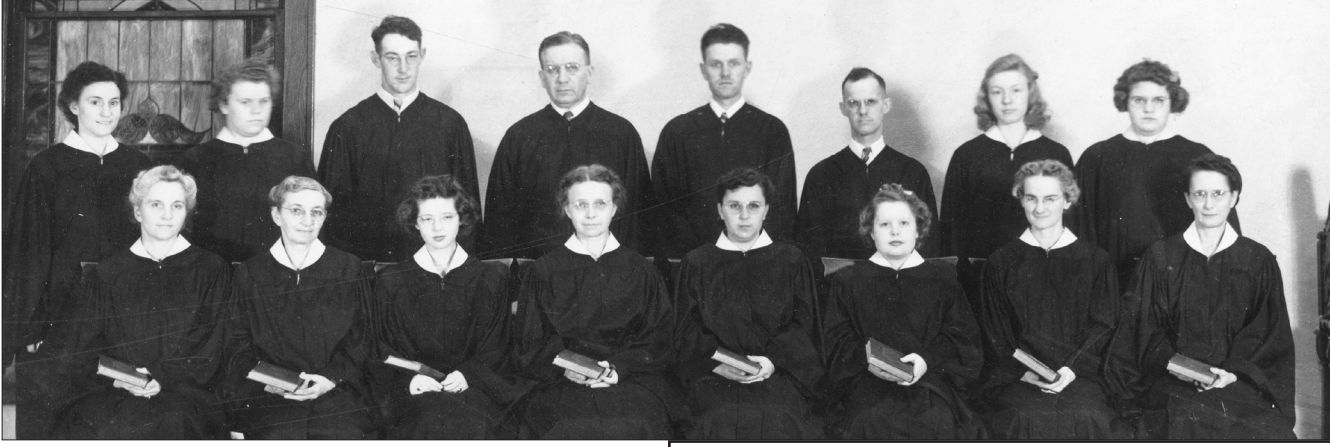
As we all know, to fully benefit, the best time to plant trees is "yesterday." They take many years to reach maturity. Should we have another clause in our tree ordinance? Might it behoove us to think before we take out the chainsaw?

I would be interested to know the opinions of other readers of this paper on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Anne O. Duff
Culver

Culver through the years



ABOVE: Pat Birk of Culver shared this circa 1940s era photo of the choir of Emmanuel (then Emmanuel United Brethren, today United Methodist) Church on South Main Street. She was able to identify a few members, but many remain a mystery. Readers who recognize any are encouraged to contact the Citizen at culvercitizen@gmail.com or 574-216-0075.

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Culver Comm. falls to Jimtown, 61-0



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CCHS junior Westin Bush's run downfield is halted by a Jimtown player during last Friday's home game, which saw the Cavs take a brutal loss.

Culver Community managed just 109 yards of total offense, lost two fumbles and turned over twice more on interceptions en route to a 61-0 loss to visiting Jimtown Friday night.

Culver was led in rushing by Preston Hansel, who finished with 33 yards on 11 carries. Ben Myers recorded 24 rushing yards on four carries, meanwhile, and Hansel went 2-for-5 with two

interceptions for 29 passing yards.

The loss was the fourth straight for Culver, which drops to 2-5 on the season and 1-4 in the Northern State Conference.

The Cavaliers travel to John Glenn next Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

• JIMTOWN 61, CULVER COMMUNITY 0

At Culver

Jimtown: 21 19 14 7 — 61

Culver: 0 0 0 0 — 0

Scoring summary not available.

Plymouth soccer tops CGA

Plymouth's girls soccer team earned a 2-0 victory over sectional rival Culver Girls Academy in a match called early due to lightning Thursday at Kindt Soccerplex in Plymouth.

Katie Berg had two saves in the win.

Kaydon Fosler scored in the 19th minute, and Ali Andrews scored in the 38th minute.

The game was postponed at halftime due to lightening and was eventually called.

In the JV game, meanwhile, Plymouth won 4-1.

Summer Smith had four saves. Cornit Cook scored two goals — one assisted by Hannah Puckett. Grace Morris had a goal assisted by Elizabeth Polstra. Puckett had a goal as well.

CMA tennnis wins 10th straight sectional title

Culver Academies beat North Judson 5-0, while Rochester topped Knox 3-2 to set up the championship match at the Culver Academies Sectional Oct. 1.

All total, the Eagles surrendered just three games to their North Judson counterparts.

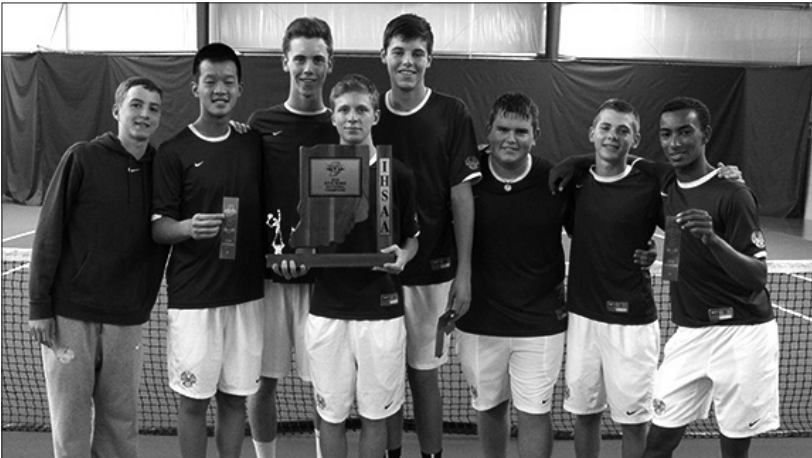
In the championship match, Culver Military swept Rochester 5-0 Thursday to win the Eagles their 11th straight sectional title.

• CULVER ACADEMIES SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

CULVER MILITARY 5, ROCHESTER 0

SINGLES: 1. Sam Concannon (CMA) beat Jackson Sawyer, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Chris Bilicic (CMA) beat Markis Smiley, 6-0, 6-0; 3. Joshua Thompson (CMA) beat Justin Phoun, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES: 1. William Bilicic/Brian Tao (CMA) beat Wes Gohn/Justin



CMA tennis won its 10th straight sectional title Thursday evening.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

SINGLES: 1. Hunter Gilbert (K) beat Jackson Sawyer, 6-1, 6-1; 2. Markis Smiley (R) beat Daulton Materna, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; 2. Justin Phoun (R) beat Sequoya Elder, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

DOUBLES: 1. Tyler Simola-Wallingford/Jacob Albon (K) beat Wes Gohn/Justin Schoder, 6-0, 4-6, 7-6 (4); 2. Zachary Dishon/Carlton Mullet (R) beat Jacob Heineman/Kooper Broeker, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2).

Records: Rochester 6-10, Knox 7-7.

CMA football falls to Howe

Dontae Henderson had 93 yards on 11 carries and 66 yards on six receptions as Indianapolis Howe beat Culver Military 46-22 in a special Saturday afternoon football game at CMA.

Rune Kirby had 56 yards on nine carries for CMA.

Ryan Hallenbeck had 59 yards on two receptions the Eagles, who slide to 3-4.

• INDIANAPOLIS HOWE 46, CULVER MILITARY 22

at Culver

Howe 14 6 20 6 - 46

CMA 0 9 7 6 - 22

First Quarter

H – Christopher Mundy fumble recovery in end zone. Dontae Henderson run, 10:02.

H – Jerron McGraw 39 pass from Mundy. Run failed, 1:31.

Second Quarter

CMA – David Pumarejo 22 FG, 8:15.

H – Mundy 1 run. Run failed, 5:51.

CMA – Ryan Hallenbeck 21 pass from Jesse Brownfield. Kick failed, 0:28.

Third Quarter

H – Mundy 2 run. Pass failed, 7:36.

H – Dontae Henderson 53 interception. Run failed, 7:23.

H – Tyrell Phelps 1 run. Darrell Brown run, 0:04.

CMA – David Pumajero 86 kickoff return. Cole Winchester kick, 0:00.

Fourth Quarter

H – Phelps 18 run. Run failed.

CMA – Wheaton Jacoboicoe 33 pass from Alex Johnson. Pass failed.

Howe CMA

First downs	16	22
Yards rushing	216	149
Yards passing	170	152
Passing	10-18-0	12-36-1
Punting	2-46	3-6
Fumbles/lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties/Yds	15/132	6/48

Records: CMA 3-4, Indianapolis Howe 3-41

CMA tennis hands Plymouth 1st loss

Culver Military Academy handed Plymouth its first loss of the season, 3-2, on Tuesday night.

Sam Concannon beat Garrett Fox at 1 singles, Chris Bilic was a winner at 2 singles, and Evan Dillon and Ian Smith were winners at 2 doubles.

Winning for Plymouth were Nate Knapp at 3 singles and Ryan Johnson and Max Holloway at 1 dou-

bles.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 3, PLYMOUTH 2

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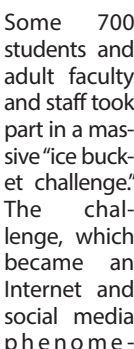
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Culver resident and Culver Girls Academy freshman Riley Reinhold, by way of a video shared with students, faculty, and staff, especially encouraged participation. Reinhold's father, Rob, died from the disease recently, and Riley was involved in school projects and campaigns to raise awareness and funds to fight the disease, while a student in the Culver Community School Corporation.



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tered an array of the joys, sorrows, and absurdities of virtually gutting a very old house and restoring it ac-

people will get defensive. That's inevitable. I'm not anything, I'm just laying out what I got during my short stay." Readers are Handyside's obnoxious thread between various parts of "the people who built the Culver Military Academy (later) thought outside the box about things like education and societies."

But the Vonnegut family of Indianapolis naturally play a central role in the book. Not surprisingly, Vonnegut Jr., whose non-conformings of his prolific writings, Handyside's -- and her boyfriend's -- innovation project, though they got it by a fellow "traveler" -- the brainchild of the project. He came from May into August, lived at 814 East Shore, and wrote a blog document -- encountered an array of the joys, sorrows, and absurdities of life -- virtually gutting a very old house and restoring it again.

autobiographical works of Handyside's may be found



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Culver restaurants participate in Dine Out for United Way

MARSHALL COUNTY, IN – Starting Oct. 6, you can dine out and help a good cause in Marshall County, as 13 area restaurants are donating a percentage of their sales towards the 2014 United Way of Marshall County campaign. Two Culver eateries are participating: The Culver Coffee Co. (Monday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 9) and The Lakehouse Grille (Monday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 9; the Lakehouse requires a coupon, which can be obtained at www.marshallcountyuw.org or stop by the UW office at 2701 N. Michigan St. in Plymouth). Several non-Culver restaurants are also participating; visit the above website -- of “like” the United Way Facebook page United Way of Marshall County – Plymouth, IN -- for a complete list.

Volunteers across the county are raising funds this fall to support 24 United Way agencies and programs; the goal this year is \$550,000.

“The support of so many business owners across Marshall County is tremendous and the number of restaurants that are participating this year is a great example of the caring and generous spirit of this community,” said Linda Yoder, United Way Executive Director.

For more information, contact the United Way at 574-936-3366.

Library news

Computer troubleshooting at Thurs. Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time for October will take place Oct. 16 and will focus on computer troubleshooting. Find out what causes problems with your computer. Learn how to diagnose and repair common issues.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Fall Fest and cross stitch on display

Currently on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is a celebration of Culver Fall Fest courtesy of Museum of Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee History and the Culver Fall Fest Committee. Stop by before Fall Fest, October 17 through 19, and check out memories from last year's fun. Also on display upstairs is fall and Halloween themed festive cross stitch courtesy of Charlotte Hahn. Both displays will be up until mid-November.

If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the library please contact Reference/Adult Services Manager Dana Thomas at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us

Culver schools weigh in on student count day

By Carol Anders, Correspondent

MARSHALL COUNTY — The first of two official school count days for the 2014-2015 school year was held on Friday, Sept. 12. The official count day is on the second Friday after Labor Day each year, when schools submit their documented enrollments to the state. Enrollments are one of the factors used to determine the amount of state funding that they will receive. A second count day will be in February.

Chuck Kitchell, director of operations of the Culver Community Schools, said hey have some 853 students, but the ADM count is 822.61 when the number of kindergarten students is factored into the total. Last school year, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) listed the district's enrollment at 881.

The figures forwarded to the state from the September count days will be crosschecked to help assure that students are not enrolled in more than one school or educational program. Once verified, the state will use the enrollment figures in a formula to determine the amount of funding per student. Kindergarten students are only counted at a half rate; however those schools with full time kindergarten programs can receive a stipend for offering full day programs

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Marshall County Council on Aging. See their website for more information: www.marshallcountycouncilonaging.org/Peoples_University.htm

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Texas Hold-Em at VFW

Culver VFW Post 6919, 108 E. Washington Street, will resume its Texas Hold-Em tournaments on the second Sunday of each month (Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 this year). Doors open at 11 a.m. Tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$50 buy-in (no re-buys); \$12,000 chips (25 percent to house; 75 percent in pot). License #129586. Contact 574-842-3886 with questions.

Culver Fall Fest Oct. 17-19

The Culver Fall Fest (culverfallfest.com) will return the weekend of Oct. 17 through 19. Festivities include a wine and cheese art social; Friday's Moonlight Paddle from the beach (email dana.neer@culver.org to reserve canoe); local craft and food vendors; scarecrow contest; Culver Coffee Company's beer garden; haunted house at the Culver beach lodge; pet costume parade; Culver History Hayride Saturday evening; Culver Kiwanis cyclo-cross event; children's art class; marionette puppet performance; live music, and more. Visit www.culverfallfest.com for details and schedule.

\$2 per bag book sale Oct. 17-18

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold their fall book sale Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books will be \$2 per bag for as many books as can be fit into the bag (which will be provided). Book donations can be dropped off at the cir-

ulation desk of the library during regular library hours.

Unity Day against bullying is Oct. 22

Culver area businesses are encouraged to join Culver Community Schools in observing October 22 as national Unity Day (as launched by the National Bullying Prevention Center), part of a national campaign to fight bullying. Students, faculty, and staff within the school corporation are encouraged to wear orange that day, and local entities are asked to encourage their staff to do the same. For more information, contact the Culver Community Middle School at 574-842-5690.

VFW Halloween party Oct. 31

Culver VFW Post 6919, at 108 E. Washington St., will host a Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 31, with dinner served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. (consisting of prime rib, potato, salad, and rolls). Dinner is \$15, and the party begins afterwards. Included will be a DJ, karaoke, and a “Best Costume” contest with prizes. The public is welcome.

Euchre, pinochle club now on Fridays

The public is welcome to take part in a new euchre and pinochle club meeting Fridays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Culver Park Beach Lodge, 819 Lake Shore Drive. Have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee and our fine restaurants and city.

Fire dept. seeking new firemen

The Culver fire department is seeking individuals interested in serving their community as volunteer firemen. Those interested should contact Culver town hall at 574-842-3140.

Scarecrow submissions sought for Fall Fest

Community members are being encouraged to get start-

ed on their scarecrow contributions to the second annual Culver Fall Fest, scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 18 by contacting Susie Mahler at 574-250-4485 or picking up a form at Cafe Max or other participating locations. The contest, sponsored by the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Fall fest commission, features \$200 in cash prizes. Scarecrows may be dropped off at Cafe Max. The entry fee is \$10. For more information call 574-842-LAKE or visit www.culverchamber.com.

Registration open for cyclo-cross event

The first annual Culver Kiwanis Club-sponsored CycloCross for Scholarships will take place Sunday, Oct. 19 (the Sunday of this year's second annual Culver Fall Fest), and registration is now available via www.BikeReg.com. Free t-Shirts are available for BikeReg registrations made before October 10. Registration is \$30 for all adult categories. The kids race (12 and Under) is \$10. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. (there will also be a chance to check out the course). The event is slated to take place on Queen Road in Culver.

Exercise for seniors at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class 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 dthomas@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.