



In Brief

Home networking Thursday Tech Time

Culver Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will take place June 18 at 6 p.m. and will focus on home networking. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Youth sailing lessons launch Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Yacht Club's youth sailing lessons are aimed at any and all area youngsters interested in learning the ins and outs sailing, and will take place in the Culver town park starting June 20. If any child's parents are MYC members, lessons are free for the summer. If not, the entire six-week course is \$20. Lessons will be Saturday mornings. To register, contact Bill Becker of the MYC, at bill@sail22.com.

Book club series on Tarkington

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Book Club Lecture Series features Dr. Joe Faulkner in June. On Sat., June 20 at 10:30 a.m., in the large meeting room of the Culver library, Faulkner will tie in Indiana author Booth Tarkington's three books, The Growth Trilogy, with the library's centennial celebration. Books for the Tarkington series are available on the book club table; you may call the library to reserve your copy. Call 574-842-2941 to make reservations for the lecture which is free and open to the public.

Culver history boat cruises debut Sunday

The Culver Marina is debuting special Lake Maxinkuckee history boat cruises this summer, with the premiere event this Father's Day, June 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cruises take attendees through the history of the lake and the area with host Jeff Kenney, local historian. A light meal with non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for all on the cruise, and a cooler is available for those wishing to bring their own alcoholic beverages. A sec-

Call it stormy Monday (and Tuesday and Wednesday and...)

ABOVE: This may look like a scene from one of those end-of-the-world, CGI-heavy sci-fi thrillers, but instead its a striking look at the sky over Lake Maxinkuckee last Monday (June 8), as captured by Anne Johnston of Culver. The seemingly constant flow of rainy, stormy weather produced a number of somber, unusual-looking skies, and a veritable torrent of rain, leaving plenty of standing water in fields and on streets around Culver, and producing seriously flood conditions in some nearby communities including Plymouth.

Culver council names Hart head of new municipal EMS

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After months of work towards filling the post, the town of Culver officially voted to hire longtime EMS member Kathy Hart as director of its EMS, with Kyle Basanez simultaneously hired as vice director.

The two became the first to helm the EMS as a town department, rather than the volunteer-based organization it started as in the late 1970s, a move precipitated by too few volunteer members acting upon the organization's board to sustain it, earlier this year.

The vote took place at the June 9 town council meeting, when council president Ginny Munroe said the council had been interviewing candidates for the position and extended an offer to Hart, who she said agreed to start June 29.

The council voted to pay the director position at \$20 per hour, and the vice director at \$19 per hour, though it was noted that salary ordinances must be prepared and voted upon (after advertising) at future meetings before everything is finalized.

Fluoridation debate

The council also heard more discussion concerning the ongoing question of whether the town's new water plant, slated for construction this year, should include fluoridation equipment for town water.

Addressing the council was Jim Powers, project manager for water fluoridation with Indiana's State Department of Health. Powers noted Culver is one of the earlier communities in the state to engage in fluoridation, starting as it did in 1953 (two years

after the practice launched in Indiana, and eight years after the first community in the US, Grand Rapids, Mich., did so).

Powers also said over 3,000 studies have proven fluoridation is "safe and effective and cuts (tooth) decay rates substantially. You (in Culver) have people who grew up in this community who have a lifetime worth of dental benefits (from the practice)."

He also said Culver's past equipment corrosion problems are not widespread and suggested the town use the sodium fluoride method of fluoridation, for which town attorney Jim Clevenger said the water plant plan calls for.

Council member Dave Beggs, however, said he had been researching the issue and noted the FDA doesn't recommend sodium fluoridation for infants under six months of age, with Powers responding that residents should dilute drinking water if giving it to infants.

"But we're relying on our people to dilute the water," said Beggs.

Powers said fluoride in infants had not caused a problem in the past, and questioned how much water would be given to most infants under normal circumstances, adding distilled water is sold in stores for use in baby formula.

Town manager Jonathan Leist said he received one phone call from a resident concerning fluoridation, and that caller was in favor of it. Six audience members expressed support for fluoridation immediately following Leist's comments as well.

Clevenger also noted a special



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Friday night live

ABOVE: Mark down the Culver Boys & Girls Club's annual auction last Friday as another success, raising more than \$50,000 for the club, which serves hundreds of youngsters in the Culver area. Pictured here are members of the Tumbleweed Jumpers band which performed during the event (MORE PHOTOS, page 2).



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A little taste...

ABOVE: Young Carter March, age 3, samples the fare of one vendor at Saturday's ever-popular Taste of Culver festival in downtown Culver, which managed to flourish during one the few slots of time in recent (and present) days devoid of rainfall. MORE TASTE OF CULVER PHOTOS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S CULVER CITIZEN.

Lake Max Challenge returns next weekend



An event which has become an annual summer weekend tradition in Culver, the Lake Max Challenge, will see its fourth iteration

June 26 through 28, though this year's event offers some changes, according to Ed Furry of sponsoring organization Sail22.

As in the past, Friday afternoon and evening will include paddleboard demonstrations (with opportunities for people to try out boards on the water for free) and short course races. Saturday will include longer course races as in the past, but this year's national qualifying Lake Max Challenge itself has been shifting to Sunday morning.

The new schedule, says Furry, allows the professional paddleboarders participating in the event to be seen during the busy hours of Saturday morning and afternoon, but also to take advantage of the calmer waters likely

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Historic tree slated for removal from town park



Pictured is the old mulberry tree in the town park, as it appears today (left) and circa 1900, right.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A longtime fixture in the Culver town park's visual landscape is slated for removal in the near future due to its deteriorating condition, though members of the Culver park board are aiming to be mindful of the attachment of many in the community to it, with the possibility of an opportunity for a community farewell being discussed.

Up for removal is a more than 100-year-old mulberry tree located in the western portion of the park, a matter of yards northwest of the lighthouse near the town beach.

The tree had been listed for removal a few years earlier by an arborist secured by the Culver tree commission, though pleas from some in the community -- including town council member Ed Pinder -- led to a "stay" in the decision. The deteriorated condition of the tree's trunk and some branches led to its inclusion on a list of trees to be removed from the park.

More recent events,

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Maxinkuckee's Marinas

What's new and what's tried and true

By Anna Campbell , Correspondent

Editor's note: due to a printing error in last week's edition of The Culver Citizen, this article was only partially printed. It is therefore being reprinted in full this week. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Summer is in full swing in Culver, which seems an opportune time to catch up with what's new (and what's long been the mainstay) at Culver/Lake Maxinkuckee's three marinas.

Culver's Portside Marina: From Lake to Land

Culver's Portside Marina, 514 W. Mill Street Culver, is a well-established

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PHOTO/ANNA CAMPBELL

BELOW: The longstanding Culver Marina and Boardwalk Bar and Grille, and the marina's dinner cruise pontoon.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

F u n for a cause

RIGHT: Friday night's annual Boys & Girls Club auction at the Lay Dining Center on the campus of Culver Academies was everything the community has come to expect from the event: entertaining, socially (and materially, given the array of items for bid in both the live and silent auctions) engaging, and above all successful at raising needed dollars for operating costs at the Culver Elementary School-based club, which boasts over 300 members and is open virtually year round. In the photo at LEFT, CBGC board chair Ginny Munroe, right, chats with Elizabeth Van Herk of Delicious Bakery (whose cupcakes are up for auction at the table) and husband Chad. CENTER: Carolyn Kline contemplates an auction item. RIGHT: CBGC site director Jessye Gilley takes care of some auction business.

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Family Dollar facelift

Culver's Family Dollar, located on State Road 10 on the north side of town, underwent something of a facelift last month, with a banner announcing its "Grand Reopening" adorning the facade.

"We're very excited about our recent renovation at our Family Dollar store in Culver," says Cliff Cermak, Family Dollar's Community Affairs Specialist. "The renovation was mostly cosmetic, and included an interior paint job, adding fixtures to include more merchandise and renovating our in-store signage throughout the store. These changes will make the store more convenient and easy to shop. We appreciate the patience of the local community throughout the renovation and we're looking forward to being part of the community for many years to come." The changes represent the first major aesthetic alterations since the store opened in Culver in late 2006.

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DRIVE AND DISCOVER

Culver police announce end of Click It or Ticket campaign

The Culver Police Department has announced the completion of the national and statewide 2015 Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization campaign. During the annual 17-day enforcement period, 88 Citations and warnings were written within the Culver area.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2014, 87 percent of drivers and passenger across the nation were wearing seat belts. NHTSA statistics show in 2012 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 12, 174 lives nationwide. In Indiana, in 2013, seat belt usage in passenger cars was 91.6 percent.

Click It or Ticket is an annual enforcement effort supported by federal highway safety funding. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute distributes funding to more than 250 participating Indiana law enforcement agencies.

For more information regarding the Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization campaign, please visit: www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/ciot/index.html.

'Hunger Games' at book-film club

A Novel Approach, CUTPL's book/film group will meet Wed., July 1 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book is "The Hunger Games." In a future world, The Hunger Games are held in the ruins of North America. A teenage Tribute must survive life-threatening challenges to win their District's home in the Victory Village. The film stars, Josh Hutchenson, Liam Hemsworth, and Woody Harrelson.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Opening Culver carillon recital slated for June 27

John Gouwens, carillonneur and organist of the Culver Academies, will present the first of a series of five summer recitals on the 51-bell carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel, on Saturday, June 27, at 4 p.m.

Each recital will also include some more readily-recognizable music, in particular Gouwens's own improvisations on hymn tunes, but also occasionally familiar classics or settings of melodies well known to the general public. The more familiar music is spaced evenly throughout each recital, which has the added benefit of making it clearer just where in the program we are.

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The June 27 recital will

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on Sunday morning. Organizers also hope the shift will encourage racers to stay longer in Culver and enjoy more of what the community -- including its businesses and restaurants -- has to offer. Local musician Chad Van Herk will also be on hand performing throughout the day Saturday.

Over 100 racers from across the US are expected to participate.

As has been the case in previous years, the Lake Max Challenge (www.lakemaxchallenge.com) is open to anyone, with boards provided for short course racing off the town beach. Paddleboard and kayak rentals will also be available for racers as needed.

Those with an interest, or with questions about the Lake Max Challenge, may contact Sail22 at info@lakemaxchallenge.com or 574-889-0022.

Those wishing to register may visit the event's website at lakemaxchallenge.com/registration.

Schedule

Friday, June 26

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.: SUP Paddle Stroke Clinic with YOLO Board Tea.m. Rider, Westy
5 to 7 p.m. : SUP board demos
7 p.m.: Bic SUP One Design Racing Short Course Racing off the Culver Beach. Boards are provided and no experience is necessary. Racing will be in heats with five to six racers per heat. Awards and gathering with drink specials to follow racing at The Lakehouse Grille.

Saturday, June 27

8:30 to 10 a.m.: Registration and packet pick up
10 a.m. : Welcome and racer instruction meeting
11 a.m. : First race start with subsequent races to follow and SUP demos start
Approximate time of races: Lake Max Challenge (11 a.m.), Rec Race (11:05 a.m.).



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50th anniversary - Ulery



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On June 19, 1965, Barbara Woolley and Russell Ulery were married at Trinity United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Over the last 50 years they have been blessed with three children, Elizabeth (Dan) Day, Christine Rodgers, and Jonathan Ulery. They have also been blessed with eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Plymouth Wesleyan

65th anniversary - Martin



and was a homemaker.

William (Bill) and Mary Ann (Burkett) Martin of Culver will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary June 25.

William is the son of the late Kenneth and Fern Martin of Mishawaka and Mary Ann, daughter of the late Cecil and Blanche Burkett of Ora.

They were married June 25, 1950, at the Ora Meeting House, Ora.

Their children are Tina Martin (deceased), Debra Martin of Chicago, Ill., Glenda (Larry) Pachniak of Warsaw, and Brenda (Steve) Harper of Plymouth.

They also have two grandchildren: Addison (Adi-Marie) Harper of Jasper, and Lindsey (Mikey) Pauley of Ewing, Va.; and two great-grandchildren: Jaylyn Pauley of Ewing, Va. and Adeline Harper of Jasper.

Bill graduated from Mishawaka High School and retired from Indiana Bell

Telephone Company in Culver in 1990. Mary graduated from Knox High School

Fun Race (11:10 a.m.), Kids Race (noon), Elite Race (1 p.m.), Fun Race (2 p.m.)

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food festival in Culver town park, including BBQ smoked prime rib sandwiches; pulled chicken sandwiches; smoked BBQ pulled pork sandwiches; slaw and beans; salad and fruit cups, smoothies.

Awards immediately following racing

* SUP Demos available all day. All activities are open to the public.

Live music from Chad Van Herk throughout the day.

Sunday, June 28

8 a.m.: "The Lake Max Challenge." Elite/pro: Race around the lake (WPA Points Race) : SUP, kayak, canoe, surfski and open divisions

11 a.m.: "The Lake Max Challenge." Tour: beginner/intermediate: For those up for a challenge, but not racing, there will be aid stations along the way. SUP, kayak, canoe, surfski and open divisions.



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Lewellen presented scholarship in honor of late father



Angela Lewellen

The Culver Community Council of Churches has provided a \$500 memorial gift to Culver's Angela Lewellen, a graduate this year of Culver Comm. High School, in memory of her father, the late Pastor Ron Lewellen (who died last year), a gift to be used for the support of her continuing education.

Don Freese, of the Council, said the group discussed providing a memorial gift in Lewellen's name. At its November meeting last year, the Council came to a consensus on the matter.

Use of the funds will be at the discretion of Angela Lewellen, whether it is college, trade, continuing education or anything in the pursuit of her vocation.

Freese presented Lewellen the check during the final week of school last month.

The Council of Churches and the Culver area were impacted by Pastor Lewellen's ministry, said Freese, including:

- Active participation in the CROP Walks. There were years wherein Emmanuel Church accounted for more than half of the volunteer walkers.

- The Vacation Bible School programs, both combined with other congregations and individual programs.

- Participation in the ecumenical Advent and Lenten services.

- The Christian representation in the Lake Fest parades with floats.

- The regular attendance and participation by Ron and his wife Cara, at the Council meetings.

"We thank God for the years of Ron's ministry, for those things that we are aware of and, for those things which he did in confidence," added Freese.

Moonlight Serenade returns July 3



Culver Summer Schools and Camp's annual Moonlight Serenade will take place Friday, July 3. Note that this year's event, as was the case during the past two years, will be limited

to one evening covering both the east and west shores of Lake Maxinkuckee (and including the town park).

A beloved tradition dating back over 70 years, the Moonlight Serenade features the Culver Summer Naval Band in performance on the deck of the RH Ledbetter, the Culver summer program's three-masted schooner and the largest vessel on Indiana's inland waters.

The band will serenade boats in its vicinity as well as listeners on the shores of the lake.

The Serenade will begin at the town park around 9 p.m., then head to the west shore of the lake, concluding with the east shore. A rain date of Sunday, July 5 has been set.

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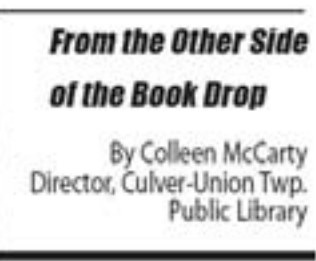
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Both education and fun at Culver library – 100 years ago and today

My, my! June has been a busy month for us! The weather cooperated and many people turned out for the festivities at CUTPL’s Official Centennial Birthday Party on Saturday the 6th. We thank everyone who helped out with this quite significant enterprise, and all who attended the events of the day, from the ribbon-cutting at the Park for Culver’s new StoryWalk® (it’s open through the end of September, do visit the Park and read the stories), to the old-fashioned parade, “Andrew Carnegie’s” talk and the opportunity to enjoy a slice of Sandy Wakefield’s homemade cakes! Thank you, people of Culver and Union Township!

Your Carnegie Library actually opened its doors in December 1915, and our festivities will acknowledge that: our celebration continues throughout 2015 and we will keep you informed!

One of our Centennial programs will begin this month. For the inaugural program in our Book Club Lecture Series, Dr. Joe Faulkner will discuss the Growth Trilogy by Hoosier author Booth Tarkington. Polly Thompson Wolf, moderator of Hooked on Books, says that Tarkington’s first novel of the series, The Turmoil, was in the top ten of the nation’s bestselling books in 1915, the year Culver’s Carnegie library opened. The second book in the series, The Magnificent Ambersons, received a Pulitzer Prize in 1919, with the third, The Midlanders, or as it was later retitled, National Avenue, concluding the series in 1924. Books for the Tarkington series are available on the book club table, and on Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 am, Dr. Faulkner will tie in Tarkington’s three books with the library’s Centennial celebration and what this time period in Indiana’s history looked like. For more information on Tarkington’s Culver link, please check out the Antiquar-



ian and Historical Society of Culver’s page: culverahs.com/historygallery/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/culver-citizen-2010-07-15.pdf

You may view Kurt Garner’s May 2nd talk about Culver’s Carnegie Library architectural style on our YouTube channel, which links from our main page. Andrew Baker and Mitch Anderson are currently editing video footage recorded at our birthday party to make it available online; please check our Centennial page frequently for updates. For more information about the history of the Carnegie Library through the decades, including the original articles from which the following news is taken, please see our online timeline.

In the December 2, 1915 issue of the Citizen newspaper we read, “At a meeting of the Board Tuesday night . . . arrangement [was] made for the entertainments course, the first number of which will be given Dec. 21. The building will be ready to move into by the end of next week. A dedicatory service will be held later.”

This is a rather curious term, “entertainments course.” Earlier in the year, the Citizen and the Board minutes record information about building contractors, library staffing, books and magazines donated to the library; apparently, it was also thought that the new library auditorium (the present Carnegie Room) would provide an ideal venue for educational entertainment.

In an article titled “Fine Talent is Offered” the December 9, 1915 Citizen has this to say about the programs of the entertainments course:

“The public library course will open Tuesday evening, Dec. 21 with the Ben Hur Singers and Players. On Jan. 21 we will have the International Entertainers, consisting of a magician and cartoonist. On Feb 4, the University Girls, vocalists and instrumentalists. On March 13, Lee Francis Lybarger, with one of his lectures. On April 6, Gilbert AtLee Eldridge,

in character sketches and impersonations. The forgoing numbers constitute an attractive course, well diversified, every-one first-class of its kind.”

Course tickets cost \$1.50 for all five “entertainments” and tickets were on sale at Mitchell & Stabenow’s. The “entertainment course” was apparently also a fundraiser for the Library, according to the Dec. 16 1915 Citizen:

“The library board is not canvassing to promote the sale of tickets. It is the opinion of the board that there are 150 persons in Culver and Union Township who will gladly take advantage of the opportunity to support a course of high-class entertainments as well as to lend the library a helping hand without being solicited personally.”

On December 16, 1915, the Citizen noted, “Nothing has been done for Culver and the surrounding country in recent years that is more credible and more helpful than the founding of a public library and the erection of the town’s first building. In a very decided sense it is the people’s property. It should awaken a live interest on the part of every family in the township and receive a cordial support.” Thank you, Citizen of 1915, for so clearly articulating our founders’ intentions and hopes for the Library.

As we enter our second century of service, CUTPL continues to rely on the support of the citizens of our community. Today’s Trustees have recently authorized a new Fundraising Committee. This is an advisory committee, with a mission to propose ideas to the Board to increase and maintain private funding for the Library to help insure that CUTPL will have that “Promising Future” our Centennial slogan mentions. We issue this call to interested citizens to serve on the Committee. There will not be a large time commitment. Please call or email me at cmccarty@culver.lib.in.us if you are interested in responding to the challenge before us.

I close with this thought: referring to the December 21, 1915 Ben Hur entertainment, the Citizen reporter observed: “It will be a performance that will meet the immediate approval of the most exacting mu-

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meeting was scheduled for June 15 to hold a public hearing on already-advertised water rates, related to the project.

During Leist’s town manager’s report, the council approved the five-year action plan finalized recently in relation to Culver’s comprehensive plan, at Leist’s request.

Affordable housing, annexation

Leist also updated council members on a June 4 meeting of the town’s entry level housing committee. He credited Marshall County Economic Development Corporation director Jerry Chavez with assisting in developing requests for proposals for entities interested in developing affordable housing in Culver. He said the final proposals would be released to the public to solicit responses, which would then be reviewed by the council. The council approved a July 9 deadline to put out the proposals.

Also discussed were the town’s ongoing efforts towards annexation of properties on the western edge of Culver, with Leist detailing some specifics of recently-passed state legislation concerning annexation.

He said the new bill lowers the threshold of those opposing annexation to 51 percent of the landowners or 61 percent of assessed value of the land, in order to prevent forced annexation. If either number opposes the move, Leist said, the matter could go to court and the town be forced to pay court fees for property owners if the court decides in their favor.

Leist also said a piece of property at the west end of Jefferson Street could come into town ownership in the near future, “so it might be best to wait a bit” to annex the area, in order to gain larger support numbers.

Park mulberry tree

Tom Kearns of the Culver tree commission and park board told the council that “a day of reckoning has come” for a 100-plus year old mulberry tree in the town park which has been the source of some discussion in recent years relating to its preservation, given that it had been previously marked for removal by a town-hired arborist due to its deterioration.

Kearns reported he’d seen children in the tree twice during the previous week, including one incident in which he warned parents whose young child was climbing the tree, after which the branch the child was on broke (the child landed in his father’s arms). He said the father suggested a picket fence or other enclosure to protect the tree, rather than removing it, which Kearns said, “will never happen in Culver.”

Two older boys were playing in the tree earlier the same week, Kearns said, and he requested they not climb it, to

which they complied.

“It’s a matter of public record that this is very dangerous situation,” he added, noting the park board voted a few days prior to have the tree removed.

“Part of being a boy is climbing trees,” he added, “but (children) need to have safe trees to climb.”

County building inspection fees

Discussed was the possibility of fees for online building permitting being handled via Marshall County, rather than in Culver as they currently are, a follow-up to a recent council meeting discussion with county building inspector Chuck DeWitt and county plan director Ralph Booker.

At the most recent council meeting, Culver building inspector Russ Mason reported the town of Culver would no longer receive the full \$400 for some inspections, but only \$200, with the remainder going to the county, under the new, proposed rubric.

Presently, county-handled inspections are billed to the town at \$50 flat fee. That flat fee would disappear under the proposed model, though the county would deduct its normal fee from Culver’s income on an inspection.

Munroe said the change would push Culver into raising its permitting fees considerably in order to make the same income, and all “for the convenience of online permitting, which we could easily do (ourselves)?”

Mason said the town could hire its own inspector to handle the county-required inspections, but that person would have to have significant knowledge of Indiana codes in order to qualify, something Mason said he doesn’t have.

Munroe questioned by the costs being described weren’t discussed in the council’s earlier discussion with DeWitt and Booker.

“Putting something online is not really a technological achievement these days,” added Munroe.

Street closings for triathlon

Lengthy discussion took place concerning safety in closing Culver’s main streets during the Aug. 8 Lake Max Triathlon, which town marshal Wayne Bean said presents some safety challenges due to traffic issues.

Bean said his specific concern was whether there were enough volunteers -- and whether those volunteers could exercise sufficient authority if disregarded by drivers -- to ensure the safety of bicyclists racing through town during the morning that day.

Susan Elizondo, part of the triathlon committee, said streets only needed to be closed for an hour, and even the most critical period is the first portion of that hour, when the most serious, speed-oriented cyclists are racing through. After that handful of riders, concurred her husband, fellow volunteer Frank Elizondo, many riders pass at a fairly leisurely pace.

While some question arose as to the wisdom of asking some town businesses to close temporarily due to the event, Susan Elizondo noted the period in question is only one hour, and around 500 participants are expected to spend the weekend in Culver, with local restaurants hosting special dinners and plenty of opportunity for participants and their guests to shop and patronize Culver entities.

Most past volunteers, such as audience member Cheryl Rhodes, agreed that there had been no problems with cooperation from drivers when streets were closed during the event in previous years.

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“We really need to work with them,” said volunteer and audience member Kathy Clark. “(The triathlon) is such a positive thing for a lot of nonprofits in town; it’s a major fundraising event for everybody...and its fun.”

Some discussion took place regarding rerouting participants.

Sue McInturff, owner of Diva on Main Street, which cyclists pass during the event, said a different route “would make sense on a weekend in August when there are lots of people. I think if you’re going to watch it, you’ll watch it anywhere.”

“You’re making more of this (than is needed),” said Russ Mason. “Many of us have worked this for years and never had a problem.”

Susan Elizondo commented that the Lake Max Triathlon is the second fastest-growing such event in the US.

“This is only going to get bigger,” she added.

Town beach update

Town park superintendent Marc Hayden updated the council on various mark matters, including the completed installation of the delayed “A” pier among the park’s rental pier slips. He noted renters on that pier will receive a per diem refund for time lost.

Beach hours, said Hayden, are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. A minimum of three people will staff the beach (with a maximum of six) and restrooms will be open during those hours.

The staff recently completed bloodborne pathogen, heat stroke, and poison ivy identification training, he explained, and Dan Cowell of Culver Academies’ Wellness department is assisting with staff safety training.

Free swim lessons will begin soon, with times to be set when weather is warmer. Classes will run for 10 days per class and last approximately 45 minutes each.

Kayak and paddleboard rentals are going into full swing in the park, he said.

Twelve people are employed part-time this season, and lifeguards now have a dedicated break room upstairs, and are taking 25-minute shifts to keep them moving, with 10-minute breaks from swimming each hour no matter how many swimmers are present.

Lifeguards will also begin kayaking the perimeter of the swimming area for the first time this year, Hayden said, for added safety.

Other decisions

During her report, town clerk Karen Heim explained that the bid the town had accepted earlier this year to re-roof the town hall and sewer plant, did not include a significant portion of the labor for the jobs, leading low bidder Terry Wakefield to pull his bid. Attorney Clevenger said the next lowest bid -- which in this case would transition the cost from the originally designated \$20,535, to \$36,000 -- is typically chosen in such a situation. Heim said the next lowest bidder will be contacted.

Approved by the council was a request by Mark Damore Jr., owner of the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, that a U-turn sign be removed from the area in front of the restaurant’s recently-completed outdoor dining patio.

Also approved was a request by Frank Elizondo of the Lake Fest committee to close the south side of Lake Shore Drive along the town park during the festival in July all the way to the beach lodge, in the interest of safety. It was noted that part of that area was closed last year, with a designated crosswalk as the only entryway from that park of the street into the festival, and paid officers directing traffic to help protect pedestrians.

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Culver area Athletes of the Year

The following are *Culver Citizen* and Pilot News Group Sports Editor James Costello's male and female Athletes of the Year for the Culver area.

Culver Community male Athlete of the Year Preston Hansel

CULVER — Preston Hansel is Culver Community's male Athlete of the Year.

The three-sport athlete was a three-year letterwinner in football, where he was a two-time All-NSC pick, a two-time team MVP, a Region 2 All-Star and was selected to play for the North in the North/ South All-Star game. A two-year letterwinner for Culver's basketball team, Hansel was the team's second-leading scorer last winter with 232 points. He also received the program's Best Defense and Hustle awards.



CMA Athlete of the Year Grant Ralston

CULVER — The Culver Military Academy male Athlete of the Year is Grant Ralston.

Ralston was a three-sport athlete during his time at CMA. As a defenseman for the Eagles' soccer team, he helped lead them to 12 wins this past season for the first time in eight years. As a rower, he rowed on both the boys varsity 4 and varsity 8 crews this past season and

all four years, was most improved in both soccer and track and was given the mental attitude award in soccer. She was named All-Northern State Conference once in soccer, twice in basketball and twice in track. A three-time sectional champion in track, she is a school record-holder in both the 4x100 and the shot put and was a state qualifier each of the past two seasons — in the 400 relay as a junior and the shot put as a senior.

was named to the US Rowing Scholastic Honor Roll. But his greatest accomplishment came in swimming, where he won championships in both the 50 and 100 freestyle swims, setting a new sectional record in the 50 with a time of 21.54.

CGA Athlete of the Year Anne Marie Wright

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy's female Athlete of the Year is Anne Marie Wright.

The junior three-sport athlete competes in soccer, swimming and lacrosse. She helped the team to an 11-6 record in soccer as well as a Northern Indiana Soccer Conference championship. She swam freestyle and backstroke for the Lady Eagles' sectional-championship squad this past winter. Wright's specialty is lacrosse, though, and she was given several accolades in the sport this past season, including nominations to the Indiana All-State First Team, All-Northern Regional team and Midwest Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association All-Midwest Team. She represented CGA as an Indiana-Kentucky All-Star in the US Lacrosse National Tournament for the past two years.



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Culver Comm. spring sports awards

Culver Comm. High and Middle Schools recently held their spring sports awards event.

LEFT: Spring All Conference Athletes: (Front row, from left) Angela Lewellen, Everett Krueger, Alecia Rearick. Back row: Mickella Diane Hardy, Josh Krsek, and Donna Zehner.



RIGHT: Special honoree athletes included, from left, Kayla Shaffer, Mickella Diane Hardy, Justine Dexter and Denisha Brown. These athletes made up the relay team which made it to the State Finals last school year (that season's awards event was held too late for them to receive recognition).

BELOW: Scholar Athletes. Front row, from left: L. Maddie Shedrow, Josh Havron, Hunter Ringer, Cody Russell, Cody Valquet, Jennah McCarthy, Lindsey Proskey, Hailey Jones, Maren Stormo, Elizabeth McElroy, Angela Lewellen, Tracey Lindvall, Lily Gregorash, Cerenna Eakright. Second row: Owen Valquet, Gabe Gomez, Aaron Becker, RT Roberts, Mickella Hardy, Kelsey Schafer, Donna Zehner, Josh Krsek, Lily Sayavongsing, Isabelle Ahlenius, Hailey Shipley, Kenzie Binkley. Third row: Brandon Havron, Cody Rieckhoff, Brianna Kinyanjui, Justine Dexter, Megan Brady, Erin Brendy, Brendon Pinder, Kate Heim, Alex Temme, Trista Fritter, Dana Rogers. Back row: Donavan Ziaja, Jacob Fisher, Carter Stevens.



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Bible Trivia

— BY WILSON CASEY —

1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who was instructed to eat bread while he lay for 390 days on his side? Moses, Ezekiel, Methuselah, Samson

3. From Matthew 5, what did Jesus tell His disciples they were the salt of? His glory, Mankind, The earth, Conversation

4. In a vision that convinced Peter to share the gospel, what where the creatures let down to earth in? Great sheet, Cloud, Well, Wind

5. Who survived the bite of a viper as described in Acts 28? Paul, Matthew, John the Baptist, Stephen

6. From Genesis 35, who died in giving birth to Benjamin? Anna, Leah, Martha, Rachel

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Ezekiel; 3) The earth; 4) Great sheet; 5) Paul; 6) Rachel



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CES bicycle winners

ABOVE: One lucky student from each grade at Culver Elementary School took home a brand-new bicycle as part of the final day of school, during which the names of students with less than two absences during each nine weeks were drawn from a box by assistant principal Julie Berndt. Winners pictured, from right, are (kindergarten) Scott Hurst; (1st grade) Geoff Standfast; (2nd grade) Tyler Siddall; (3rd grade) Dylan Williams; (4th grade) Rylan Voter; (5th grade) Kiera Parker; (6th grade) Colton Miller. LEFT: Several CES teachers rode the bikes into the gym just before the drawing, to much student fanfare.

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ond cruise, for those unable to attend the first, is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, starting at 7 p.m. Those wishing to reserve seats may call 574-842-3375, extension 203, or email angelina@culvermarina.com. The cost of the cruise is \$45 per person

Miss Max sign-ups June 23

Sign-ups for the 2015 Miss Maxinkuckee pageant will take place Tues., June 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Culver Lion’s Club train depot in the town park, in Culver. Girls ages 4 to 18 may participate, though participants must live in the Culver area and attend (or will attend) Culver Community Schools or Culver Academies. The pageant itself will take place the evening of Friday, July 18, as part of the opening day of the 2015 Lake Fest in the town park.

Mark’s Ark animal show June 24

Mr. Mark of Mark’s Ark will be appearing at the Culver Public Library on Wednesday, June 24 at 2 p.m. for a hands-on, friendly and educational presentation. For more information call or email Jill Gavlick at jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us. All programs are free and open to the public.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free computer classes in June. Classes take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and include Internet for Beginners (June 19), and Smartphone and Tablet Training (June 22 and 29). Laptops are available, or feel free to bring your own. 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.

Wesley Preschool open house June 25

Wesley Preschool will hold an open house on Thursday, June 25 from 5 to 6 p.m. EST at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, 511 School Street in Culver. This is a wonderful time to meet the teachers, register and tour the preschool. Daycare is also available. Wesley Preschool is accepting registration forms for the 2015-16 school year. The 3-year-old class, at \$95 per month, meets

Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 4-year-old class, at \$110 per month, meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Classes are held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the preschool. Registration forms can also be downloaded from www.culverumc.com/preschool.

LMEC watershed plan public input June 26

The citizens of Culver and the surrounding community are invited to provide input towards new goals for the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council’s new watershed plan on Friday, June 26 at the train station-depot in Culver, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The resultant goals and objectives, along with an action plan, will then be shared for final comments before being published in October.

Culver High School reunion June 27

A reunion for Culver High School (CHS) alumni is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Forward requests for tickets (and .jpg files of photographs on CDs which will not be returned) to Tom Curtis, 464 Lake St., Culver, IN 46511-1315. Email tomcurtis787@gmail.com or call 508-369-1506 (cell). Reunion ticket requests must be received before Sat., June 20, and include a check (payable to Tom Curtis) for \$25 for each reunion attendee. Requests must include name, address, and CHS class year of each requesting alumni or former CHS student, as well as a phone number and e-mail address for the requestor (if available).

CHS 1950s classes meet-and-greet June 27

In addition to the Culver High School reunion set for the evening of Sat., June 27, a “Meet and Greet” for all CHS alums from the classes of 1950 to 1959, hosted by the class of 1955, will take place the same day at the town park depot - train station on Lake Shore Drive, from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments (iced tea, water, lemonade and cookies) will be provided by Culver Coffee Company.

Blood drive July 15

The American Red Cross will offer an opportunity to give blood Wed., July 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main St. in Culver. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Kayak, paddleboard rentals in the park

Kayak, paddleboard, and related equipment rentals are now available during available hours at the east end of Culver’s town park. More information and rental prices are available online at lakemaxchallenge.com/lake-max-life.

Culver Comm. Schools summer food program under way

Culver Community

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John Gouwens

open boldly with a set of short pieces by Belgian-American carillonneur Geert D’hollander; Josef Lerinckx of Mechelen, Belgium; Henk Badings, a particularly well-renowned composer from The Netherlands; 18th-Century Flemish carillonneur Matthias van den Gheyn

Hymn improvisations will be included as well, and in addition Gouwens will play a piece originally written for classical guitar by Spanish composer Federico Mompou.

Printed programs will be available in stands near the south doors of the Chapel. It is best to listen to the carillon from a distance of 300 feet or more from the base of the tower, depending of course on weather conditions. In the event of rain or questionable weather conditions, the tower will be open for people to come up during the recital to see everything at close range. In good weather, the door is locked, but a tour will be offered afterwards, taking people up to see the instrument, and demonstrating its capabilities.

All carillon recitals are free of charge and open to the public. Additional recitals will be presented on July 4 (all-American/patriotic), July 11, 18, and 25, plus recitals on September 5 and 26, all at 4 p.m.

Schools summer food program is launching at six area sites including the Aubbeenaubee Community Building, Leiters Ford (through July 24, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.); Ora Church Basement (through July 10 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (EST); Former Monterey Elementary (through July 24 from noon to 12:30); Culver Public Library (through July 23 - Tues., Thurs., 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.); Culver Elementary (through July 31 - breakfast 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.); Culver Comm. High School (through July 24 - breakfast 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. lunch 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.). Area children 18 years of age and younger and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate in special education programs are eligible for a free meal through the program (all other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or a breakfast for \$1.50).

Gignilliats to speak at July 11 program

Paul and Ellen Gignilliat will be special guests at a historical program sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver on Saturday, July 11. “The Gignillats --Down Culver’s Memory Lane,” the personal and heartwarming history of this Culver family, will take place at the Bramfeld Cottage, 1322 East Shore Dr. in Culver at 10 a.m.

Lake Fest returns July 17-19

The Culver Lake Fest will return the weekend of July 17 through 19, with its traditional roster of events -- from the Miss Maxinkuckee pageant to Saturday night’s fireworks; from its annual bicycle ride to kids’ games and car show, though this year’s event will omit the burn-out contest of years past -- scheduled to return. Also returning is the annual Saturday morning parade, whose honored parade marshal (collectively) will be the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, in honor of its centennial. Information on the festival is available at culverlakefest.com, and details will appear in upcoming editions of The Culver Citizen.

Euchre, pinochle club

A weekly euchre and pinochle club, open to the public, takes place Fridays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Culver park beach lodge, 819 Lake Shore Drive, Culver. Have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee and our fine restaurants and city.

Culver Farmers Market

The Culver Farmers’ Market is now open at the northwest corner of Ohio and Jefferson Streets (across from CVS Pharmacy). The market will operate into October on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Interested vendors please call at 574-842-2648 (ask for Barb). The Culver Chamber of Commerce sponsors the market.

Friends book sale every Sat. this summer

The Friends of the Culver Union Township Public Library will hold book sales every Saturday 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Carnegie Room, in the lower level of the library, through August 29.

Rarities on exhibit at Academies gallery

A page from the first book printed on the printing press is among a wide array of pieces exhibited at the Crisp Visual Art Center on Culver Academies’ campus through June. Several diverse exhibits include works around the themes *Landscapes*, *ART/WORD*, and *Culver Connections*, respectively. The Galleries at the Crisp Visual Art Center are open Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment at 574-842-8278.

Life Support at Grace Tuesdays

The Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St. in Culver is offering a Life Support Group on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. People involved with anxiety, stress, depression, emotional issues & addictions are welcome. 842-2331 or 842-3592.

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Culver Elementary's READ program sees new levels of participation

While Culver Elementary School has had its R.E.A.D. program for several years, this year's level of participation and success was unprecedented, and students were rewarded accordingly.

The purpose of the program, as the name might imply, is to motivate students to read material of their choice, outside of the required reading in class. Students are allowed to attend a party each nine weeks for reaching their goal, with this year's events including a pizza party, doughnut party, ice cream party, and movie and popcorn party, which was held in the high school auditorium.

The latter saw 347 students in attendance, according to Culver Elementary Media Specialist (or librarian) Becky Risner, who led the program for the first time this, her second year in the library position.

"I had every student at CES in the library for class each week," she explains, "making it possible for me to drive the program from within. The R.E.A.D team consisted of one teacher from each grade level and myself. We brainstormed what changes we should make to the program this year. In hopes of reaching more reluctant readers, the points



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ABOVE: Receiving more than 700 points in this year's Culver Elementary READ program was Will Ericson (left), with runner-up Lily Joiner, with more than 450 points. The two are pictured during CES' awards ceremonies on the last day of school in May, flanked by this year's program head, Becky Risner (in back).



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ABOVE: Fifty-two CES students in all participated in the READ program; participants are gathered in the school gym during the last day of school's awards ceremonies.



LEFT: Among rewards for READ participants was a trip for ice cream at the Original Root Beer Stand in Culver.

Risner adds that two students decided to keep reading to see which one of them would end the year with the highest points. Will Ericson, a 5th grader, was the winner, receiving over 700 points. Lily Joiner, 6th grader, was the runner-up with over 450 points. Both were presented with a trophy on the last day of school in recognition of their remarkable success.

For her part, Risner will be back in the classroom when school starts again in August, rather than in the library, so she's not certain exactly what direction the program will take that school year.

But, she adds, "I hope we can find a way to continue the R.E.A.D. program, considering its importance and success."



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3rd grade readers

Pictured are (from left) Landon Stevens, Abigail Cameron, and Nora Johnston, the only Culver Elementary 3rd graders to meet the challenge of reading "30 in Third Grade," according to CES teacher Valerie Cultice. The students had to read and record information on 30 different books from 12 different genre categories. The three were lauded during the school's last-day-of-school awards ceremonies.

Yoga weekend offered in August

Space is available (though limited) for the weekend of Aug. 14 through 16 for a three-day yoga workshop weekend at the Culver Cove Resort on Jefferson Street.

Included is a Friday evening class and Saturday or Sunday full-day offerings including introduction and daily handouts, morning homemade herbal tea, morning meditation chanting and pranayama classes, twice daily yoga asana classes, daily lectures, closing medication and discussion.

Anna Wechsel, a yoga teacher with more than 500 hours of experience as well as an Ayurvedic Yoga massage therapist, will lead the event.

The cost is \$200 for the full weekend, \$45 for Friday evening's class, and Saturday or Sunday (full day), \$95.

For more information or to register contact annawechsel@gmail.com.

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sical critics as well as those people who come only to be entertained and to forget life's little problems for one evening at least." Do you think that it still holds true today that the best entertainment has "quality" AND provides a bit of escapism? May I expand on this idea and suggest that our forebears reveal their opinion here: both education and a bit of fun are to be found at your public library.



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however, have accelerated the call for removal, which became official at the most recent meeting of Culver's park board.

At last Tuesday's town council meeting, Tom Kearns of the Culver tree commission and park board told the council of the park board's decision, commenting that "a day of reckoning has come" for the tree.

Kearns reported he'd seen children in the tree twice during the previous week, including one incident in which he warned parents whose young child was climbing the tree, after which the branch the child was on broke (the child landed in his father's arms). He said the father suggested a picket fence or other enclosure to protect the tree, rather than removing it, which Kearns said, "will never happen in Culver."

Two older boys were playing in the tree earlier the same week, Kearns said, and he requested they not climb it, to which they complied.

"It's a matter of public record that this is very dangerous situation," he added, noting the park board voted a few days prior to have the tree removed.

"Part of being a boy is climbing trees," he added, "but (children) need to have safe trees to climb."

Turn of the century photographs (such as the one seen here) show the then-young tree adorning the area in front of the original depot in the town park, which was built in the 1880s and burned down in 1920 (it was located some distance east of the present depot structure, as these photos depict).

Park board member Patty Stallings says the board is

inviting community members to the park to take photos of the tree with their families as a memento within the next two weeks. Afterwards, branches of the tree will be stacked up where it had lived "for anyone who would like to take part of the tree back to make it a part of their home or garage, or something very interesting for them to remember the history of their family with the tree."

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lished boating operation, selling new and used boats and offering a complete parts and accessories shop. The marina also sells and installs piers and stores boats for the off season.

Portside Marina was established in 2002 by owners, Tom Heineman and Glenn Bailey.

This year, there's something new and unique to Portside Marina's show room: golf carts.



PHOTO/ANNA CAMPBELL
A look at part of the showroom floor at Portside Marina.

It's not news that Culver appears to be trending in the direction of a golf cart community. As of June 2 of this year, the town of Culver had issued 202 golf cart passes.

"There is a strong demand in this area -- in Culver, Bass Lake, Winamac, and Koontz Lake. All of Stark County (excluding state highways) allows for golf carts on main roads," explained Steve Marsh, Sales Associate.

Portside Marina's line-up includes new and used inventory as well as different brands and styles to fit the customers' needs. They also offer service and repair to golf carts.

Portside has also recently expanded their line-up of boats to include Sweetwater Pontoons, Aqua Patio pontoons, San Pan Pontoons and Hurricane FunDeck, and Hurricane SunDeck boats.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Culver's Portside Marina can be reached by calling 574-842-5000.

Culver Marina: Making a splash with dinner cruises, boat rentals and lakeside dining

The Culver Marina, 3000 East Shore Drive, Culver, is a full service marina and the only one in Culver which can be accessed directly from the lake. The Culver Marina offers a variety of amenities. Continuing for the second summer are lake history tours aboard the dinner cruise boat. The dinner cruise boat holds a maximum of 16 passengers and may be rented out for private parties. This summer, history tours are offered June 21 and July 11, with more dates likely this summer. Local historian Jeff Kenney leads the tours, which include food and drinks.

Available for rent are three different pontoons, one fishing boat, two kayaks and four stand-up paddle boards.

The Boardwalk Bar & Grille is connected to the marina and overlooks the boat harbor. The bar and grille has new hours for this summer: open Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The marina has a full-time events coordinator, Angelina Giuliani, who facilitates on-site rehearsal dinners, weddings, graduation parties, showers and any other celebration.

The Show Room and Board Shop are open Mondays and Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Board Shop has "all new merchandise and new brands including new Lake Maxinkuckee over-sized jerseys," described Jessica Tilbury, Board Shop manager. Tilbury explained that each weekend in the summer, they try to have a sale. Follow the 'Culver Marina' on Facebook for the latest updates and information.

"A sale can be anything to 10 percent off flip-flops, 20 percent off Lake Max stuff...some sales are bigger than others," she says.

A big change for 2015 is the end of house accounts. The marina "phased out house accounts because the system does not allow to securely the credit card information... we were afraid of fraud, we did not want to be the next one hacked. It was for our customer's financial security," explained Tilbury.

House accounts have been a part of the marina for several years. As an alternative, they recommended purchasing a gift card from the marina to keep on hand. However, customers should be aware there is not a way to insure the card so if, for example you drop a \$200 gift card in the lake, it is gone.

The service department hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Culver Marina may be reached by calling 574-842-3375.

Jeff's PWC and Marina: "Leisure Taken Seriously"

Jeff's PWC and Marina, 16980 State Road 17 Culver, is a full service marine. A unique service option available is dock-side boat detailing in which their boat-detailer goes directly to the customers' boat to have it looking its best for any occasion.

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Jeff's PWC and Marina sells the Avalon Luxury pontoon boats.

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Jeff's shown room is stocked with kayaks, SUPs, and paddle boats by Sundolphin.

Justis went on to describe a special paddleboat, "an electric five-person paddle boat that gives you the option of people power or with a turn of a switch, battery operated power takes over."

Most of their employees have grown up in Culver and are Culver Community High School alumni, notes Justis.

"We all love the area and appreciate working on beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee," she added.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jeff's PWC Repair and Marina may be reached by calling 574-842- 4339.

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Some of the many items for sale at Jeff's PWC.



Golf Guide

How do you become a better bunker player?

Chris Tilbury
*PGA
Plymouth Country Club*

How many times have we turned on the TV to watch golf and the announcer states that the player was aiming for the bunker? Why would tour professionals rather be in a bunker than in the rough next to the green? The answer is predictability. Typically almost every bunker on the entire golf course is keep in the same condition, so it is easy (once you learn) to hit great shots out of the bunker. The rough changes height, thickness, and grows in different direction all causing different types of shots. I am going to give you the basics on how to hit better bunker shots so that the next time you find yourself in one you can look like a

tour player.

The first term that we must know is bounce. Bounce is the angle on the bottom of the club that keeps the club from digging in the sand. The higher the bounce the less likely it is to dig into the ground. When we talk about using clubs out of the bunker the correct loft and bounce combination makes hitting those pesky shots a little simpler. There are two types of bunkers that require two different clubs/strategies.

The first type of bunkers is the firm sand that we find in some of the Midwest golf courses. The best clubs to use in this situation is to use a club with a low bounce (less than 10°) and a loft of 58-60. This will help get the ball up in the air and allow the club to work under

the ball. The method is the most important factor for these bunkers as I see many amateurs open their club and stance to get the ball in the air. You should do the exact opposite as when you open the club face you are increasing the bounce of the club.

The Second type of bunkers is the dry and soft bunkers. Typically these are found at your better golf courses as they are more difficult to maintain and cost more. These require a club with more bounce and a little less

loft. You would be looking for a club with over 10° of bounce and 54-56 degrees of loft. The easiest method for this bunker shot is to stand with a slightly open club face and swing through as if you were hitting a full swing and follow through. Golfers tend to enjoy playing out of these bunkers much more than the firm bunkers.

When I fit my students in wedges I typically recommend two wedges. I try to make their set with one low bounce and one high bounce to allow the player

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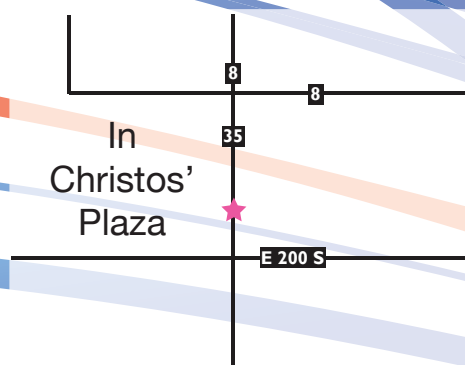
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Dinner Meeting

Thank you to all that attended the June dinner meeting which was held at The Lakehouse Grille's new banquet room in early June. Allen Chesser and Kathy Clark educated our members on the history of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and the watershed project. Culver chamber members had the opportunity to give feedback on future goals for the organization. We appreciate all the members that came out and the gracious speakers for their presentation.

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The lazy days of summer are upon us. That means finding ways to get people out of the parks and the pools and into your business for a little retail therapy. Here are some tips to help you drive more traffic to your business during these lazy summer months.

Create free events

Consumers love free events, especially if you offer free food or a free gift. If you own a clothing boutique, think about hosting a fashion show using actual customers as models. If you own a restaurant, host an open mic night or maybe a wine or beer tasting. Cooking demos, book signings, water safety seminars, visiting designers, etc. are all great ways to draw people to your business. Just make the event relevant to your products or services.

Partner with neighboring businesses

Do you have a business neighbor whose products or services complement yours? Participate in a joint promotion, like 10 percent off a pair of sandals when customers purchase the spa pedicure at the neighboring business, or vice versa.

Offer a customer referral program

Every business has regular loyal customers. Reward them for bringing new people through the door. It can be as easy as printing customer referral cards using cardstock and an office printer. Give referral cards to your best customers and ask them to refer their friends and family to your business. Be sure their name is on the cards. Whenever a new customer brings back a card with a name on it, enter it in a drawing for a free product or service or store credit. If the new customer buys something, give the referring member two entries.

Ask other businesses to advertise you and vice versa

Word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract new customers to your businesses. Bring a stack of cards, catalogs or flyers to other businesses in the area and ask them to put them on display. Offer to do the same for them.

Promote yourself on social media

If you are not using the web, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or Four-

square to promote your business, start doing that now. You don't have to use all of them, but a website is a must. Choose one of the others to get your feet wet and start offering promotions specific to that social media channel so you can track whether or not your promotions are attracting people. Then make sure the Chamber likes your page so we can share your posts!

Participate in our Farmers Market

Held every Saturday, 9am-1pm at Ohio and Jefferson Street.

Sponsor a community event

Richardson is home to lots of festivals and community events. Find one relevant to your business and inquire about sponsorships. If you can't find a community event to sponsor, create one.

Offer or promote a community service

Food drives, toy drives and the like are all popular during the holiday season, but fall by the wayside the rest of the year. People still go hungry in the summer – especially children who don't have access to the free and reduced lunches they eat during the school year. Be a community hero. Collect food to feed hungry children. Collect school supplies for kids whose parents can't afford to buy them. Collect school clothes for needy children. If you sell some of these products, offer discounts to people who buy them and put them in your collection bin. If they bring items in from outside, offer a discount on your own products for every item they donate. Promote your collection through churches, non-profit organizations, other local businesses and local media.

Network at Chamber events

Networking is still one of the most effective ways to promote your business and nobody offers more networking opportunities than your Chamber of Commerce. Take advantage of your membership to promote your business and meet others who also will promote your business. It's one of the perks of your Chamber membership.

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