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In Brief

Gignilliat to speak Saturday

Paul Gignilliat will be a special guest at a historical program sponsored by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver on Saturday, July 11. "The Gignilliat's --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.

Culver history boat cruise Saturday

The Culver Marina is debuting special Lake Maxinkuckee history boat cruises this summer, with the next event Saturday, July 11, starting at 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. 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.

Saturday carillon performance features compositional variety

John Gouwens, carillonneur and organist of Culver Academies, will present the third in the series of five summer recitals on the 51-bell carillon in the tower of the Memorial Chapel, on the campus of the Academies, on Saturday, July 11, at 4 p.m. EST. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Roy Hamlin Johnson, and, George Frideric Handel, among others. patriotic nature. 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.

Escape the Ordinary Dinner at CUTPL

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host a

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A very Culver 4th

ABOVE: It was another festive Independence Day in the Culver - Lake Maxinkuckee area last weekend, with many enjoying the sight of a hot air balloon descending above the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee Saturday evening, as evidenced in this beautiful photo (LEFT) by Mary Anna Swennumson. As usual, Culver Academies provided fireworks open to the public Saturday evening, which also meant -- with Culver Summer Schools and Camps in full swing -- the cherished tradition of the Saturday night Woodcraft Council Fire. In this case of a Saturday 4th, the Woodcrafters presented the story of the Lake Maxinkuckee Potawatomi Indian chiefs on the parade field outside the Riding Hall (as opposed to the event's usual location in the Bird Sanctuary council ring), as seen at LOWER RIGHT. Crowds of spectators stayed on for the fireworks (UPPER RIGHT), as presented by the Culver fire department over the parade field, with hundreds of boats poised on the waters of Maxinkuckee to enjoy the show as well.

Culver Summer School for Girls marks 50 years this month

Culver Summer Schools & Camps will be observing the golden anniversary of Culver Summer School for Girls during Homecoming Weekend on July 17-19. The following excerpts are from an article titled "The Girls of Summer," which was compiled and written by Kristen Trimmer and published in a 1990 issue of the Culver Alumnus magazine commemorating the 25th anniversary of the coeducational summer camp. Where appropriate, it has been updated by Kelly Norton (Culver class of '07, Summer Camps Communications Coordinator. It appeared, in its updated format, in the most recent edition of that magazine.



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES

ABOVE: Gen. John Carpenter, then-superintendent of Culver Academies, greets graduates of the Summer School for Girls in the early 1970s.

students the chance to sample all aspects of the stage: acting, dance, costume design, theatrical make-up, scene building, and lighting.

Here We Grow Again

A total of 104 girls attended the first session of the Summer Girls School in 1965, under the direction of Catherine

In the Beginning

Before the summer program for girls was officially established in 1965, young women still had the opportunity to be in the Culver lime-light. Between twenty-five and thirty girls were accepted each summer into the Theater and Fine Arts School, a co-ed program established in 1960 by William Martin, Culver Military Academy's director of the theater from 1959 to 1965, and his wife, Catherine. Housed in faculty homes near campus, the girls were generally confined to the Eppley Auditorium environ while on campus. The summer theater curriculum gave

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Evil Czech Brewery's Beer Club a popular option for sampling craft brews

By Anna Campbell Correspondent

When Evil Czech Brewery, located at 530 S. Ohio Street in Culver, opened its doors three years ago, the popular Evil Czech Beer Club was born.

"Beer clubs are a common trend for microbreweries," explained Andrew Melshen, General Manager, "The membership is a way to welcome people into town and encourages return customers."

The membership at the Culver location is life-long for a one-time \$50 fee.

"What a member receives when they sign up is 20-ounce mug to decorate, Evil Czech T-shirt, bumper sticker and growler," explained Melshen.

Once the customer is a life-long member, there are both short-term and long-term benefits. In the short term, the member has acquired Evil Czech swag at a discounted price. In the long term, their



PHOTO/ANNA CAMPBELL

LEFT: Colin Campbell decorates his new mug (using paint pens) which will hang up with the other beer club member mugs.

The growler is part of the membership package, along with an Evil Czech t-shirt, for beer club members.

newly decorated mug will save them money.

Melshen notes, "For every four beers a member has in their 20 ounce mug, they earn a free beer in that a standard mug is 16 ounce."

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The growler that came with the membership can be filled any day the brewery is open, including Sundays. A growler is 64 ounce bottle that the member can bring into the brewery to be filled, the cost is typically between \$10 and \$20, depending on which beer is selected. Beer in the growler stays fresh for about a week if left unopened. Once opened, Melshen recommends drinking it

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Culver Elementary receives President's Education Award

Culver Comm. Schools staffing changes, schedule discussed

Culver Elementary School was recently named by the U.S. Department of Education as a recipient of the 2015 President's Education Awards Program.

"We have been honored for our educational excellence and academic growth in the classroom," said CES principal Erin Proskey. "We would like to thank all of our teachers, staff, and parents for all of your never ending hard work and dedication to our students. You are all amazing at what you do and I, the students, and the corporation are so very grateful."

Culver Comm. School Corporation superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire echoed Proskey's congratulations to "faculty, staff, students, and parents for working so diligently to ensure students are securing their futures through progressive education. It really does take everyone working together to make such gains."

"The staff at Culver Com-

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Staffing changes noted ahead of earlier start date for CCSC

It may seem hard to believe, but the start of school at Culver Community Schools is already less than a month away, on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

That's due to the new balanced calendar adopted by the school earlier this year, though superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire notes the year is really only starting a week early (changes will offer more extended breaks throughout the year during this 2015-2016 school year; the complete calendar is available at www.culver.k12.in.us).

"Yes, we will be coming to school about a week earlier this year," McGuire commented, "but the breaks within the school year will most likely be welcomed when the time comes."

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Culver Elementary School will hold its open house Monday, Aug. 3 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Registration for Culver Comm. High School will take place Wed., July 22 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thurs., July 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the high school media center.

Staffing and administration positions

While not all decisions regarding staffing have been made by the school board as of this writing, some have been made official.

For example, Chuck Kitchell will continue to be the Director of Operations for the corporation, but will be stationed at the elementary school doing assistant principal duties (last year he held the Director of Operations post stationed in the administration building). Erin Proskey will remain the principal of Culver Elementary School.

Julie Berndt, who was CES assistant principal, will be the corporation's Curriculum Director, testing coordinator, Title 1 Director, and will be assisting Culver Comm. High School principal Brett Berndt with conduct issues at the middle and high school. She will also be responsible for English Language Learners assessments and procedures, according to McGuire.

Brett Berndt will remain the middle and high school principal and Luke Biernacki will continue to serve in his

ongoing roll as assistant principal and athletic director.

Among new faculty at the middle and high schools, Berndt reports Michelle Stiegart will be teaching English 9 and 10 and will be sophomore class sponsor. Kyle Klinge will teach Geography and 7th grade Social Studies.

Casey Howard is the corporation's new Business Manager, says McGuire, who adds, "She is doing a very nice job and we are happy to have her."

Suzanne Pugh is in charge of payroll (she had been the ECA treasurer for middle school and high school). Christy Havron, a familiar face in the elementary office for several years, is the ECA treasurer now, stationed at the high school.

"Most staff are in place and ready for the new school year to begin," says McGuire.

One position still to be filled is that of the teacher for the corporation's first foray into Project Lead the Way, part of a multi-county initiative towards conforming to national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) standards. The Culver corporation hopes to launch that program this fall in the engineering category, with some funding assistance provided by various local entities including the Culver Redevelopment Commission and Culver Young Farmers.

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munity Schools is amazing," added McGuire. "They are selfless and always put students first. The school board is also very supportive and all have expressed their appreciation of faculty, staff and students. I am proud to be a part of such a great group of people working together!

"Last school year," she noted, "the high school was named a Four Star School and we were an 'A' State-rated corporation. The gains we are making (are) amazing. When things get tough we will never let our guards down."

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Martin; this summer a record 315 are enrolled. Because the 1965 turnout was greater than anticipated, only eighty-four girls could be housed on campus in West Lodge (also called Linden Hall, which was razed to make way for the Dicke Hall of Mathematics and Roberts Hall of Science). Sixteen girls were housed in faculty homes and four were day students. As enrollment climbed, other campus housing units were utilized, including the motels and Chateau Thierry and Argonne. Today, girls occupy Argonne, Benson, CT, Ithaka, and Linden.

These plain gray metal lockers were arranged into a 'room' in the basement of Eppley Auditorium so that day students and girls living in faculty homes would have someplace to gather for camaraderie, deck meetings, and daily room inspections like their counterparts who lived in West Lodge. Archives photo.



signed the same rooms they had occupied as cadets. Time and renovations, though, have a way of changing things. "I'll never forget trying to tell one alum that we couldn't put his granddaughter in his old room because that room was now the kitchen," recalled Janet Burke, director of the Summer Girls School from 1973 to 1981. "He had the hardest time accepting that his room no longer existed."

Creation of the Summer



PHOTOS/CULVER ACADEMIES

TOP PHOTO: A more recent look at members of the summer girls' program. LOWER PHOTO: An early promotional photo for the program ahead of its 1965 opening utilized faculty daughters of the day in summer school uniforms. Mary Frances England can be seen at right, and present-day Fine Arts Department Chair of Culver Academies Cathy Duke (then Mitzell) is seen at left.

DNR seeks help with aquatic species research

The DNR seeks volunteers to help gather information on recreational use at large northern Indiana lakes to learn about the spread of aquatic species.

Lakes involved in the project are Bass, Manitou, Maxinkuckee, Wawasee, Webster and Winona.

Volunteers will monitor selected boat ramps during high-use times to record boats entering or leaving the lake and if any aquatic species, such as plants, mussels or invertebrates, are attached. Volunteers will also record the type of watercraft and its home state, according to license plate.

The information will help the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife and local lake associations know if aquatic species are entering the lake through recreational boating and fishing, according to DNR District 1 fisheries biologist Tom Bacula. The information could be used to help with public outreach and species management plans.

"This is a pay-it-forward type of volunteer service," Bacula said. "A little preventive information and data collection will hopefully minimize the spread of aquatic species that costs thousands of dollars annually to control."

Data will be collected weekends from July 4 to Sept. 6, at designated public access sites, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time.

People interested in volunteering can sign up through the event listing on the Division of Fish & Wildlife volunteer information page at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/8301.htm.



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School for Girls Logo

The Summer School for Girls emblem, worn on all Dress A uniforms since the first summer was designed by Admiral John W. Bays '23, director of Culver Summer Schools from 1955 to 1970. Bays' design has served since in various forms as the official logo for Culver Summer School for Girls.

Follow the Leader

Although the girls have had a student-leadership system since the start, the leadership staff really came into its own in 1974. Its own formation, that is. Instead of marching with their decks as they had done before, members of the staff marched that summer in a special formation at the head of the rest of the girls at meals, retreats, parades, and Chapel.

The staff at the time included seven leadership positions: girls school leader, assistant girls school leader, and supply, mess, hostess, TUXIS and athletic officers. Each girl held her post for one week, from reveille on Tuesday until taps on Monday.

Precious Medals

Talk about a tradition. The Tuxis program has been a part of Culver Summer Schools since 1904. Tuxis was initiated by Wiley A. Miller, who came to Culver in 1904 as YMCA secretary. The program is an individual achievement system culminating in the awarding of bronze, silver, or gold Tuxis medals.

In 1969, a new medal for girls was introduced. The girls-only medal features the same design created by then-Summer School Director Admiral Bays for the girls' Dress A patch.

The Proving Ground

Undoubtedly, the success of the summer program for girls opened the door for the creation of the Culver Girls Academy in 1971. According to CGA's founding director, Mary Frances England, who headed the Summer Girls School from 1966 to 1970: "I think the summer school has always been a bit of a trial run for things we were thinking about doing in winter school. For example, summer school became a non-smoking campus before winter school. The girls those first few summers definitely proved women could function on campus in a happy, responsible way."

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Max’s Playhouse shifts paradigm to fight childhood obesity



By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Max’s Playhouse of Culver, one of the only licensed daycare centers in Marshall County, is aiming for the experience it offers its youngsters to go beyond safety, fun, and learning, but to include their health as well.

Towards that end, Max’s founder and owner Brandy Pohl -- speaking recently to an audience of Culver Kiwanians -- has

launched a program called, “A, B, C’s of a Healthier Me” at the daycare, following Northern Indiana-wide training in Portage, Indiana.

It’s not exactly news that childhood obesity has been a growing problem across the US, and Pohl noted that one in three children in Marshall County are considered obese (particularly in lower-income environments). As of last year, she added, Indiana was ninth worst in the nation in its obesity rates.

Pohl said the daycare is “blessed with Culver Academies” providing its meals, with include plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.

“Out of 20 daycares at the conference, I’m confident we were best” (in amount of such food offerings),” she said, noting toddlers tend to do better with snacks and meals lower in processed and junk foods than preschool-aged children do, since the latter group has had less time to become conditioned towards less healthy fare in some cases.

“I used to work in a daycare ministry in a church where the children where allowed to bring packed lunches from home,” Pohl added. “It’s amazing what parents send for young children: donuts, Doritos, no vegetables or fruit (and similar items). I like that we can control the nutrition by providing hot lunches at Max’s Playhouse, knowing we’ve done our best everyday to make sure children have a well balanced meal.”

One step towards shifting the dietary paradigm at Max’s was making some new staff rules, including banning energy drinks of sugary soft drinks unless such beverages are in unmarked cups and not obviously what they are.

Max’s staff also changed the daycare schedule to add more gross motor sessions.

“We already had playground time,” explained Pohl, “but we added in an extra half-hour...of inside physical activity by way of parachute games, dancing, kids yoga, obstacle courses, and so forth.”

Beyond simply what children eat, the manner in which they eat it can also have an impact on obesity, something Pohl had in mind in changing the format at Max’s to “family-style dining.”

“This is a huge change for daycares,” she said. “State (daycare) licensing is big on portions...they’re very specific.”

Fruits and vegetables are placed in bowls which are passed around, and child-size tongs are available with small drink pitchers.

“They tend to eat it more when they choose it,” noted Pohl. “We encourage them to get at least some fruits and veggies.”

And, she said, daycare staff don’t teach children to “clean their plate.

“That kind of thinking is out the door now,” she added. “Instead it’s, ‘Eat when you’re hungry.’”

In addition, toddlers are discouraged from drinking out of “sippy cups,” which can cause speech problems but also can contain drinks sent from home high in sugar. Even orange juice, she said, contains seven teaspoons of sugar per 10-ounce container.

“They’re getting nutrients, but that’s way too much sugar. We can serve them oranges as snacks for the same nutrients.”

Pohl said that when Max’s opened three years ago, she believed she had to include juice on state-submitted menus, but staff saw “crazy spikes of energy, especially in

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Obituary

Teri Lee July 1, 2015

CULVER — On July 1, 2015, Teri Lee went with her Heavenly Father, with whom she was extremely close, to Heaven and is finally at peace. She was surrounded by her loved ones and family.

Family was the most important thing to Teri, and everyone that met her will testify that she made them feel like family, she never met a stranger. She opened up her home and her heart to anyone and everyone she met. She was selfless, and would give whatever she had to help someone

in their time of need. The amount of love that was in her heart to give was immeasurable.

Teri loved children and surrounded herself with children and babies all of her life. One of Teri’s favorite things to do was to sing to her youngest daughter, the “baby” of the family, Samantha “Just you and me Baby”.

Teri moved to Culver many years ago and loved the town; she raised her children here, and believed in giving back to the community. There was no better place in the world to Teri than Culver.

In her last years, it gave her great joy to volunteer at Culver Elementary and help the kids with reading, decorating the rooms with the “Elves”, or watching Field Day, she was happy to do her part to make a difference in all the lives she touched. We think she succeeded.

Teri is survived by her husband Gene Cole, her chil-

dren whom she loved with all her heart, Daniel (Zulema) Lee, South Bend, Melissa Craig-Lee, Culver, Karen Lee, Culver, Anna (Gabe) Kehoe, South Bend, Greg (Shea) Lee, Culver, Mary (Jef) Gates, South Bend, Lily Lee, Culver, Joseph Lee, Mishawaka, and Samantha Lee, Indianapolis. Her stepchildren Trela Good, Marion, John Cole, Culver, and Tonya (Phil) Combs, Indianapolis and grandchildren — David Carlos, Deni Garcia, Irasema Garcia, Jacob Lee, Zane Lee, Marshall Anderson, Marcellus Anderson, Marquez Anderson, Joshua Barnes, Noah Barnes, Savannah Barnes, Benjamin Lee, Leighton Lee, Ashton Kehoe, Harper Kehoe. A great-grandchild Noah Garcia, and many, many “Honorary Grandchildren”. She is also survived by her mother Dorothy Holderbaum, Allegan, Mich., and brothers Murrell Brown, Ohio, Robert Throneberry, Michigan, and Anthony Winchester, Rhode Island. She was preceded in death by her first husband and lifelong friend David Lee, whom she lost a year ago and missed terribly.

More than anything, Teri loved her grandchildren; they were precious to her, as each one of them will always have fond memories of their grandmother.

Visitation was held at Odom Funeral Home, Culver Sunday, July 5, 2015 4-8 p.m. EDT. Funeral Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Plymouth on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. EDT with visitation beginning one hour prior. Memorials may be made to Culver Elementary School — In Memory of Teri Lee.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

50th anniversary - Banks



Arthur Lamoin and Jean Elizabeth (Warner) Banks were married July 24, 1965 at Emmanuel United Brethren Church, 401 S. Main St. in Culver. Lamoin is the son of the late Fred and Edith Banks and Jean the daughter of the late George and Ruth Warner all of Culver.



The Rev. Malcolm ‘Mac’ Gillespie, director of

the Student Christian Foundation at Southern Illinois University, married them. The Rev. Dwight McClure, pastor of Emmanuel Church assisted.

Their anniversary is being celebrated in Culver, Saturday, July 11 with an afternoon reception at 625 College Ave. It will be a joint reception also honoring the recent June 6, 2015 marriage of their son Stephen Banks to Lauren Geetter in NYC.

Jean and Lamoin have two sons. Stephen and Lauren live in Washington, D.C., and Jonathan lives in Fairfax, Va.

Blessings in a Backpack ‘Prom’ fund-raiser Aug. 22

A Marshall County "Second Chance Prom" aims to "Unmask Hunger in Marshall County" on Aug. 22, from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Christo's Banquet Hall in Plymouth, with funds going to Blessings in a Backpack, a program aimed at providing food for Marshall County school children in need during weekends, when school lunches are not available. Blessings operates in Culver, among other Marshall County communities.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m., and there is a cash bar. There is a masquerade theme, and the event is for age 21 and over only. Formal wear is required; mask is optional.

Ticket Stops include Sun-

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Building inspection correction

In coverage of the June 23 meeting of Culver's town council in last week's edition of *The Culver Citizen* ("Debate over grass length turns heated at council meeting"), it was incorrectly reported that, "only a handful of building projects in the Culver area annually...require county inspection while most can be handled by (Culver building inspector Russ) Mason

Corn roast, firemen's fest return July 25

A beloved Culver tradition returns July 25 with the annual Culver Lions Club corn roast and Culver firemen's festival, both at or adjacent to the town park on Lake Shore Drive.

The corn roast -- centered around the Lions Club's train station - depot -- kicks off at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25 in the west end of the park, running to 7:30 p.m. Each meal includes hamburger, drink, and all the corn you can eat, for a donation of \$8 per adult and \$4 for children aged 12 and under. Carry outs are available.

The firemen's festival is located across Lake Shore Drive from the park, in the firemen's lot at the northeast corner of State Street and Lake Shore Drive. A variety of games and prizes -- as well as the children's bounce house -- will be offered throughout.

himself."

Mason reports to the Citizen that the opposite is actually true. Most inspections, he says, are handled by Marshall County and only a few -- such as fences, decks, and patios -- by Mason.

The *Citizen* regrets the error.

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Garden slugfest

Limax Maximus paid a visit to my garden yesterday. While the name conjures up a vision of Russell Crowe resplendent in his Roman gladiator’s costume, the reality is less attractive.

Limax Maximus is better known in these parts as the Great Gray Slug, or Leopard Slug. Growing to an impressive length of 8 inches, this striped and spotted member of the mollusk family arrived here from Europe in the 19th century, but is commonly found all over the United States, much to the chagrin of gardeners and farmers!

I found my specimen while cleaning out a shady area of the garden. Nothing like a handful of Limax Maximus to trigger a near-fainting spell. After I stopped hyperventilating, I scooped it up with my hoe and presented it to my 15-year-old, who was just as impressed as I was. (You know the teenager is impressed when she immediately whips out her phone and sends slug pics to her friends. Slug selfie, anyone?)

Claire and I spent about 20 minutes watching the slug work its methodical way across the patio bricks, stopping once in a while to lift its head and wiggle its four tentacles, as if testing the air. It glided on a silvery trail of slime, breathing through a hole that opened and closed on its right side, called a pneumostome. Slugs have been clocked at a blistering 30 feet per hour, and this one was surprisingly speedy, probably anxious to get away from the two humans determined to observe it.

Interesting slug fact: Leopard slugs are hermaphrodites famous for their elaborate mating ritual, in which two slugs embrace and then dangle by a thread of slime. After mating (a process which I will not describe here, but it is — um — interesting!), they both lay eggs.

I find slugs fascinating, but only to a point. Most gardeners detest slugs, especially when they are nearly as long as a person’s foot. Though slugs are decomposers, a necessary task in the compost pile, their rasping mouth parts leave lettuce ragged and hostas hanging in strips. When we have a wet summer, slugs come out in force.

While there are slug remedies just as toxic for people as slugs, there are much safer ways to rid gardens of the pests, such as the “get them drunk and kill them” method. Simply fill a yogurt or margarine container with beer, bury it to the rim near slug hangouts — damp areas of the garden — and the nocturnal creatures will be attracted by the beer’s fermented yeast, crawl in, and drown. According to researchers at Colorado State University (I’m not making this up), nonalcoholic Kingsbury Malt Beverage was the favorite of slugs, followed by Michelob and Budweiser, in that order.

Another effective method is placing barriers around the base of plants. One effective, non-toxic barrier is diatomaceous earth (DE). This powdery substance is actually the fossilized remains of diatoms, whose silicon skeletons have sharp edges that cut the undersides of slugs, causing them to dehydrate and die. Apply DE with care and be sure to buy the untreated kind made for gardens.

There’s always the tried-and-true hand-picking method — tossing them into a bucket of soapy water. Because I’m soft-hearted (and probably a little soft-headed), I put my slug in the compost bin where it could do the most good and the least damage. But if I find it in the lettuce patch, there might be one less Budweiser in the beer fridge and one less slug in my garden.

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

Gignilliat to speak at July 11 event



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Paul Gignilliat will speak about his family and memories of Culver at a special program this Saturday, July 11, starting at 10 a.m., at the Bramfeld cottage, 1322 East Shore Drive in Culver, as part of the July meeting of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

Gignilliat is the grandson of former Culver Military Academy superintendent Gen. Leigh Gignilliat (who launched the Black Horse Troop, orchestrated CMA’s participation in the Logansport Flood and the Presidential Inaugural Parade in 1913, as well as the development of the Woodcraft Camp in 1912. His great-grandfather was Col. Alexander F. Fleet, who brought 72 cadets from Missouri in 1896 to bolster the Culver Military Academy enrollment.

Gignilliat, a 1949 graduate of the

school, was named Culver’s “Graduate of the Year” in 2014 for his contributions not only to Culver, but culturally across the board.

Gignilliat attended Yale University and later served two years aboard a destroyer escort in the Great Lakes. He made his career in the stock market as a broker and investment adviser, primarily with Kidder Peabody and today is vice president of UBS Global.

A resident of Chicago, his accomplishments as a volunteer and community leader are far-reaching: school board president, trustee with the Chicago Symphony, director of the Chicago Humanities Festival, and a director for the Hubbard Street Dance Company. He has been a supporter of the arts in many settings nationally as well as at Culver, among other contributions.

Culver through the years

35 years ago: July 3 and 10, 1980

Over 300 attended the annual Culver High School alumni dinner-dance at the Holiday Inn at Plymouth, with the Horseshoe Award going to the class of 1955 for the highest percentage of class members attending.

Joan Clingler, formerly of the Clingler Grocery in Delong, is now serving only as Postmaster in Delong with the new Post Office building completed. She has been Postmaster since 1972 in addition to her role with the grocery. The Clinglers built the new building and lease it to the Post Office.

In the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club’s races over the weekend, Steve Schaub took first place in the Junior Fleet division, with Kathy Russell in second. Merritt Becker took first place in the Sunfish race, with John Becker in second. In the Hobie race, a big hand for first-come winner Duke Niswander, according to MYC reporter Rhea Miller, substituting for regular columnist Betsy Schaub.

The old, 130-foot Culver water tower is now completely removed, and has been purchased by Doyle White and Robert DeVault, according to Culver clerk-treasurer Marizetta Kenney. Tom Overmyer used a torch to remove the last sections at the top (editor: the tower in question was located in the lot of the former town hall, in what is today a parking lot for Grace United Church of Christ, at Plymouth and Cass Streets).

50 years ago: July 8, 1965

W. O., Osborn, President of The State Exchange Bank (today’s First Farmer’s Bank on Main Street -- editor), of Culver and Argos, and the Farmer’s State Bank of LaPaz, reported that the Culver, Argos, and Lapaz banks have had the greatest growth in the past 12 months that they have experienced in the history of the bank.

Mrs. Elgie Good, Route 2, Culver, who has been corresponding with the State Highway Commission since last October in an effort to have flashing lights installed at the intersection of New State Road 17 and State Road 110 (editor’s note: the “old” State Road 17 ran through the town of Culver, prior to that road being rerouted to its present location west of the town proper).

The Culver Military Academy Vedette newspaper of July 9 reports that the Culver Summer Schools this year has a record enrollment or 1,724 students, according to

Major Gen. Delmar T. Spivey, USAF Ret., superintendent. That’s an increase of 89 over last year’s enrollment. Bolstering enrollment are 101 co-eds who are attending the Summer School for Girls, an innovation in the Culver Summer Schools’ operation (see lead story on page 1 -- editor).

Two hundred acres of Culver’s Bird Sanctuary are now under water behind a dam completed this winter at a cost of \$2,200, reports the Vedette. This new lake was designed to make a home for the water fowl forced off Lake Maxinkuckee and will also be stocked with hundreds of fish. It will also be used to keep the stream on the western boundary of the Woodcraft Camp full of water during dry spells (the pond would give way to the damaged dam -- the remains of which can still be seen in the Bird Sanctuary -- following tremendous flooding in the early 1980s -- editor).

60 years ago: July 6, 1955

The Culver Lions Club is planning its 11th annual outboard racing regatta on Lake Maxinkuckee on July 17.

90 years ago: July 1, 1925

The Culver Summer Schools are opening today with an enrollment of 1,051, which establishes a new record for the school (note the significantly later opening date of Culver’s Summer Schools programs, which also formerly operated for eight weeks instead of today’s six -- editor).

100 years ago: July 8, 1915

The people rolled into Culver on Saturday in automobiles by the hundreds and every hotel was full to overflowing until today. This in spite of the lack of a fireworks display here (editor’s note: it’s interesting to note that the absence of fireworks, according to the Culver Woodcraft er newspaper of July 10, 1915, was due to the Independence Day holiday falling on a Sunday. It was apparently deemed inappropriate for fireworks to be displayed on the Sabbath, pushing the usual display offered on the grounds of Culver Military Academy/Summer Schools and preventing July 4 weekend visitors from taking part, as noted in the Citizen’s comment here).



Maxinkuckee motorcycles

ABOVE: Little is known about the context of this photo, including its date and location. What is evident are the “Lake Maxinkuckee” flags worn by many of the riders of these early motorcycles, whose appearance indicates sometime near the turn of the 20th century. Any suggestions from readers as to the whereabouts of this photo (or the people pictured), or the particular type of motorcycles seen here, would be welcomed by the editor at culvercitizen@gmail.com or 574-216-0075.

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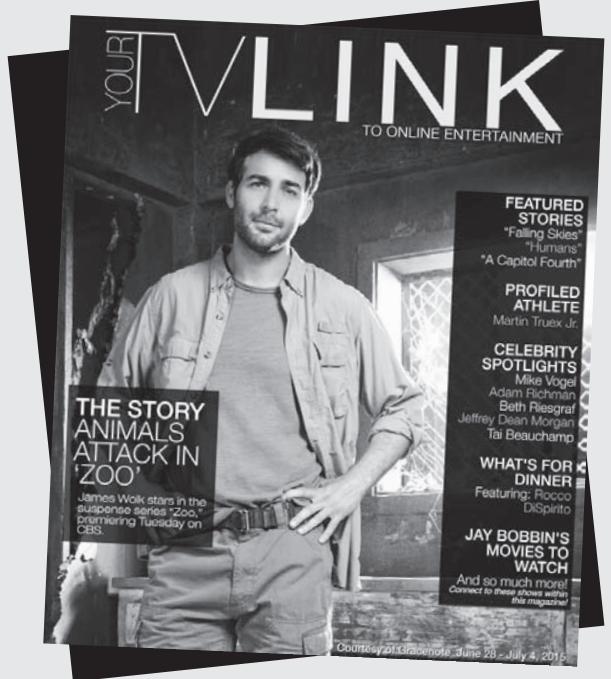
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toddlers,” when juice was served.

“We replaced it with water and saw better behavior,” including one child going from 30 to 90-minute naps after the change.

Another major component in Max’s healthier initiatives related to the amount of time youngsters spent in front of a screen, whether iPads, phones, or television.

Children under age 2 in an early childhood setting should have no screen time, she said, and preschool aged kids should get no more than 30 minutes per week.

“At home, a lot of parents give the kids the phone or let them watch TV, but (older) kids only need two hours per day, so probably adding home and daycare is over-time.”

For one thing, said Pohl, kids are seeing “a lot of bad branding when they’re in front of the TV,” and they’re obviously not as physically active.

Max’s used to offer 30 minutes a day of educational cartoons but has cut out that activity with the exception of its “Fun Fridays” for preschoolers down to just 30 minutes a week.

Staff are only allowed iPad access to search for lesson plans or enter in student info.

Max’s staff also offered more curriculum discussing traits of vegetables and healthy eating habits.

Children learn to identify vegetables and what they do

as part of this process.

“We find that when they eat their lunch they recognize them and talk about them. And we play with the kitchen set, and play marketplace (to help teach about healthy habits). It’s a really good experience.”

“We’re working on educating parents more,” she added.

“We’re sending home materials (towards that end).”

Max’s is also offering “Let’s Move Monday” postings on its Facebook page in hopes of increasing awareness among parents.

Physical activity, as might be imagined, is more of a challenge in the winter, but kits were available for indoor games involving parachutes, scarves, musical games, cones, and beanbags.

Outdoor play from the beginning at Max’s has aimed a more natural experience, as the play area was specifically designed to be a natural playscape utilizing the landscape and natural materials.

Training for the change started last September, Pohl explained, and staff attended 30 hours’ worth of training in five sessions.

Max’s has to pay for its own food, she said, since a reimbursement program from the state requires 25 percent low income children in the program. The daycare lacks that many because Marshall County is on a long waitlist

for childcare vouchers.

Max’s Daycare is licensed for 32 children but can have the 41 that it does since some are part-time. Five to six teachers are on staff.

Last year’s building renovation at the daycare allowed adding an infant room and five extra toddler spots, which had a waitlist (which is the case once again for that age range).

The days of people offering multi-child daycare out of their homes are over now, says Pohl, and that means increased costs.

“Childcare in center-based facilities is about 10 percent of your income,” she said. “That’s as much as college tuition now, so between \$6,000 and \$8,000 for full-time daycare of an infant. It’s getting out of hand, but licensing rules are getting stricter and stricter, and labor and insurance is rising higher. Early childhood education is the only non-federally-funded educational program for children so the costs bears down solely on parents and the providers.”

In the Culver area, she noted Max’s, the Wesley Methodist daycare, and “a few people out of their home” represent about all the early childhood care offered.

“A lot of people are choosing not to work because of cost (of childcare),” she added.

Pohl also told the Citizen she’s considering the possibility of moving her preschool-aged children (ages 3 to 5 years old) into another building and making the current building infants and toddlers only.

This move would open up additional spots for children under 36 months old, a demand in the Culver area.

“The move is not set in stone,” she says, “but is part of our long-term goals for Max’s Playhouse.”

The preschoolers will also begin experiencing more Montessori-prepared environment learning as Pohl just earned her AMI (American Montessori International) Montessori Assistant Certification after a 60 hour training course taken in early June.

“Our focus remains first and foremost on providing quality early childhood experiences for working parents and the trainings we’ve done this year will only enhance what we have to offer,” she explains. “Our team of teachers is excited to implement the changes going forward to make Max’s Playhouse more than the stereotypical daycare.”

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
TOWN OF CULVER, INDIANA
EAST LAKESHORE DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given, that the Town of Culver, Marshall County, Indiana by and through its Town Council, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bid packet: for the construction the **EAST LAKESHORE DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**. Sealed bids must be received by the Town of Culver no later than 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on **July 28, 2015**. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids received prior to this time shall be opened and publicly read at the public meeting scheduled to take place on **July 28, 2015** at 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) at the Culver Town Hall, 200 E. Washington Street, Culver, Indiana 46511.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1:30 P.M. (Local Time) on **July 17, 2015** at the Culver Town Hall, 200 E. Washington Street, Culver, Indiana 46511. All prime contractors subcontractors and other interested parties are invited to attend.

The Project will be constructed in one (1) single prime contract, which is outlined in the construction documents and specifications. This contract will consist of construction storm water system improvements along East Lakeshore Drive, State Street, Liberty Street and Forest Place, Culver, Indiana.

Plans and Specifications for the Project are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

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- Culver Town Hall, 200 E. Washington Street, Culver, Indiana 46511

Plans and Specifications are available at the office of Midwestern Engineers, Inc. The service charge for Contractors to view the plans for preparing their bid is as follows: 1 Viewing on CD - \$40.00 per set, 2) Viewing by download at midwesterneng.com/planroom - \$25.00 per set, and 3) Viewing paper-bound plans and specifications - \$200.00 per set. All service charges for viewing are non-refundable. Preliminary viewing of plans can be done on-line for no charge.

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Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identifier in the Contract Documents and Specifications.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.

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Ginny Munroe,
Town Council President, Town of Culver, Indiana
Attest: Karen Heim, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Culver, Indiana

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Culver are hereby notified that a public hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 28 at Culver Town Hall, 200 East Washington Street, Culver, on Ordinance 2015-012, an ordinance establishing an EMS Department. All interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of the ordinance is on file at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 200 E Washington St.

Karen Heim
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BDS, Academic Freedom and Anti-Semitism

Academic boycotts of Israel advocated by BDS supporters not only strangle free expression, they also deny Jewish self-determination.

Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions-sponsored boycotts of Israeli academic institutions tarnish the integrity of any school that stands for academic freedom—the open-minded, tolerant exchange of ideas. Worse, BDS couches its arguments against Israel in half-truths and lies meant to delegitimize the Jewish state.

What are the facts?

Academic freedom is a noble-spirited ideal at the heart of American higher education. Academic freedom thrives on the respectful exchange of ideas in search of truth—even among people who passionately disagree. As such, it depends on unfettered communications that span national, linguistic and ideological borders. Conversely, anyone who attempts to limit the access of the academic community to ideas, research or scholars, no matter their origin or beliefs, is guilty of trampling this precious privilege.

Indeed, the strategies and tactics of the BDS movement have just such a subversive effect on academic freedom. BDS supporters attempt to disrupt speakers with whom they disagree, support their arguments with outright falsehoods, and seek to blacklist innocent Israeli academics because of their nationality. Finally, most egregiously, BDS uses a double standard to single out Israel among all the nations for recrimination.

Does academic freedom support censoring opinions we don't like? BDS advocates have shouted down speeches by the Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Olmert, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Oren, Harvard Professor Alan Dershowitz and others, and they routinely disrupt fellow students at Holocaust Memorial and pro-Israel events on campus. Yet preventing speakers from delivering their messages not only violates the tolerant, respectful spirit of academic freedom, it also violates our core First Amendment guarantees of free speech.

Does academic freedom support telling lies or half-truths to argue our point? Under the guise of human rights rhetoric calling for “liberation” of the Palestinian people and an end to Israeli “occupation,” BDS proponents recite a litany of alleged Israeli crimes. Perhaps most outrageously, they accuse the Jewish state of apartheid—a bald lie that bears no relationship to the full democratic rights enjoyed by Israel's Arab citizens or even to Palestinians living in the West Bank or Gaza. Likewise, to accuse Israel of “occupation” without mentioning that Israel has been the Jewish homeland for some 3,000 years—or the Palestinian suicide bombers and nearly daily rocket attacks meant to destroy the Jewish state—is

intellectually dishonest. While free speech allows anyone to lie, such outright mendacity discredits the worthy tradition of academic freedom.

Does academic freedom support severing our schools from international research and scholarly thought? BDS advocates an academic boycott of Israeli universities and, effectively, of scholars who teach and conduct groundbreaking work there, especially in medicine, the arts and information technology. By boycotting Israeli students and teachers, we deprive our own institutions of the kind of open collaboration that is key to academic freedom. What's

more, to punish Israeli academics with pariah status simply because of their nationality, regardless of their political views, is unconscionable.

BDS's use of double-standards, demonization and delegitimization against Israel is anti-Semitic. BDS advocates are quick to assert that “I'm not anti-Semitic, I'm just anti-Zionist.” While academic freedom allows everyone to criticize Israel, one also is free to criticize Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia or the United States. But BDS does not simply criticize Israel—it criticizes *only* Israel, and moreover it demonizes the Jewish state, calling it a Nazi regime and a slaughterer of children. It attempts to delegitimize Israel, claiming it is occupying Arab territory, thus denying the right of the Jewish people to self-determination. As Martin Luther King, Jr. has noted, “When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking anti-Semitism.” Indeed to single out Israel among all nations for a boycott is a double-standard . . . and that is, according to the U.S. State Department, anti-Semitism.

What do the BDS leaders really want? While the U.S., Western European nations, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a “two-state solution” as the basis for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, BDS leaders, like Ali Abuminah, argue for a one-state solution in which Arabs outnumber Jews. When BDS talks about occupation, it refers not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all of Israel. BDS has consistently opposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, calling them “collaborationist.” No wonder BDS founder Omar Barghouti admits, “If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No, it wouldn't—no.”

If you support a robust atmosphere of academic freedom, in which all sides are heard and positions are vigorously debated, you must oppose BDS's call for an academic and cultural boycott of Israel. In fact, BDS actions flatly contradict academic freedom, and its insistence on denying the self-determination of the Jewish people in Israel is overtly anti-Semitic.

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Applications for the Community Fund grants are due by 4:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3. Applications will then be reviewed by the MCCF Grants Committee and final decisions will be determined by the Board of Directors during their September meeting. While applications that target educational needs in Marshall County continue to remain important to MCCF, all proposed projects will be reviewed on their merits and how they meet a variety of needs in the community.

Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; or one-time projects or needs.

To be considered for this funding opportunity, use of the grant application available online at marshallcountycf.org or by calling 574.935.5159 or emailing info@marshallcountycf.org is required.

Funding for the biannual Community Fund grants awarded by MCCF is made available through earnings on this endowment fund. Donations to the MCCF Community Fund from individuals and corporations are always welcome and provide a way to make a permanent investment in the community for ever-changing needs. Through a generous grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., donations to the MCCF Community Fund may receive a \$1 to \$1 match through March 2016. For more information, call MCCF at 574-935-5159 or email info@marshallcountycf.org.

Park offers activities this summer

Among the Culver Park Department's classes and activities this summer are:

- Tuesdays:**
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6 p.m. Running Club meets at west shelter.
- Wednesdays**
8 a.m. Pilates on the main level. \$8.
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- Fridays**
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- Saturdays**
8 a.m. Pilates on the main level. \$8. The Park Department provides mats and bands for up to 10 people for the Yoga class.
Fun group paddle (Stand-up Paddleboard/kayak), on the beach

Swim lessons are also being offered. Contact park@townofculver.org for details.
Lifeguarded beach hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.
Stand-up Paddleboard and kayak rentals are available at the town beach during select hours. Contact info@sail22.com for details.

August's Lake Max Triathlon adds new offerings

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Registration is still open for one of the highlights of a Culver summer. The Lake Max Triathlon will be Saturday, Aug. 8. Lake Maxinkuckee, the Culver Academies campus, and the Culver community provide the ideal setting for competition and a week-end of fun. Early registration runs through July 28.

Lake Max is a USAT-certified triathlon. It begins and ends at the Naval Building on the Culver campus. The course is a 400-meter swim around the Naval Pier, 12 miles of biking around the lake, and a five-kilometer run meandering through town. The distance is perfect for both experienced and novice racers. Teams are welcome.

New this year is the inclusion of a stand-up paddle board competition. The one-mile event will be held for individuals and teams.

A total of 426 people participated in the 2014 triathlon. The post-race party will include a live band, a chef-prepared full-course meal, free massages, dry-fit shirts,



Women triathletes begin their journey with a 400-meter swim around the Naval Pier.

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES

and energy drinks and beers.

This year will again include the Lake Max Kids Triathlon. Sixty-eight boys and girls participated in the first one last year. The 5-7 year-old age group will swim 50 meters, bike one mile, and run a half-mile. The 8-10 year-old age group will swim 75 meters, bike two miles, and run one mile. The 11-12 year-olds will cover a 75-meter swim, two-mile bike ride, and a one-mile run. All three

races will be contained on the Culver Academies campus and will not cross any roads. The kids triathlon is not a USAT-certified event.

All proceeds are donated to the local Lions, Kiwanis, and the Culver Club of Culver to help with their humanitarian causes. The costs until July 28 are \$20 for the youth triathlon. The full triathlon is \$65 for individuals and \$95 for teams. Register online at culver.org/lakemaxtriathlon.

This story appears courtesy of news.culver.org.

Culver's Easterday Construction to handle Wabash project launched by late Ford

WABASH, IN -- Easterday Construction of Culver will complete studies and handle construction of a project near and dear to the late Richard Ford, a longtime summer resident on Lake Maxinkuckee whose philanthropy contributed much to this community as well as his hometown of Wabash.

Easterday was secured prior to Ford's 2014 death in conjunction with a future building adjacent to Wabash's Charley Creek Inn, which celebrates its 5th year of being reopened after a multi-year renovation.

After consulting with a structural engineer and obtaining reports from two architects, it was determined that

an existing building, known as the Livery Building, is structurally compromised and has obsolete and/or non-functioning mechanical and electrical systems, therefore resulting in the need to be demolished. Prior to his death, Richard E. Ford began addressing the Livery Building issues by obtaining these professional studies and having temporary patches made to the structure such as reconstructing the cricket on the roof.

Due to Ford's keen interest in historic preservation, time was spent researching the building's history and the findings revealed that, based on engineering studies many of the structural components have been compromised by the

changes in use and years of deferred maintenance. Since the hotel reopened in May 2010 the building has only been used for storage and to support the hotel's maintenance function.

A new building is being designed that will be the same height as the existing building but have a smaller footprint. The new building will be used to expand the Inn's commercial kitchen, include a proper employee and delivery entrance, and continue to provide storage and maintenance support services for the hotel.

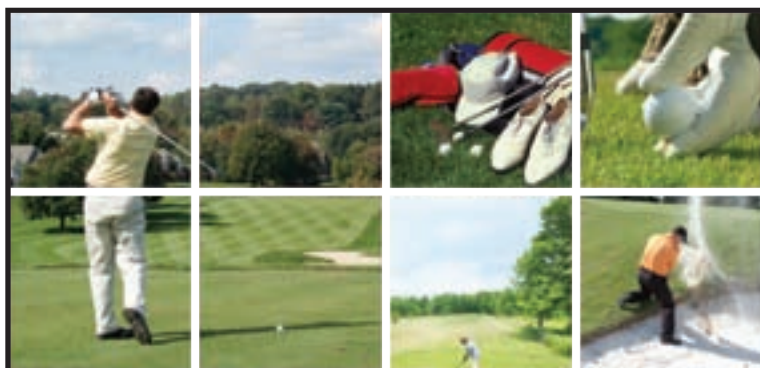
Said Kevin Berger, head of Easterday

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Golf Guide

Multiple sport athletes are better equipped to succeed

Brian Natzel
*PGA Director of Instruction
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There are many immense talents on the PGA Tour. Many people believe that these great players must have dedicated their entire life to eating and breathing the game of golf in order to become that talented. However, most Division I athletes and professional athletes on the tour played several sports during adolescence.

Other highly specialized sports also have many athletes that played multiple sports. In 2014, the USOC completed a comprehensive survey of their Olympians and found that, on average, Olympians played three sports per year from age 10 -14 and over two sports per year from age 15 -18. College recruiters for football rou-

tinely look for multi-sport athletes and they far outnumber the incoming athletes that specialized only in football. In Fact, nearly every one of the leaders in driving distance on the PGA Tour were multi-sport athletes.

Several recent studies are also showing signs where sports that require athletes to rotate in both directions are improving speed, mobility, stability, and reducing the risk of injury. Repetitive motions for one sport athletes can put too much stress on the body and burn a youngster out mentally! Playing other sports which require turning your body in opposite directions and training for speed in both directions will give each athlete a better balance of strength and flexibility.

Did you know that Phil Michelson (left handed golfer) is actually right handed and has one heck

of a right arm for throwing a football. Jack Nicklaus (right handed golfer) is actually left handed. Nicklaus was an honorable mention All-Ohio selection in basketball as a shooting guard and received some recruiting interest from college basketball programs including Ohio State. Rickie Fowler was an accomplished dirt bike racer with a closet full of trophies. Matt Kuchar is still good enough to pair up with his wife, Sybi, and win mixed doubles tennis tournaments. Sam Snead could run the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds flat. Hale Irwin was an All-Big 8 safety with Colorado University. I too played multiple sports and was the only child in my class to play 3 sports for 4 years (baseball, golf, basketball) and was honored a varsity letter for 10 of the 12 seasons. I won multiple All-Conference awards

in baseball and golf and missed an All-State selection by one vote as pitcher. I also raced BMX, played football, and participated in track in field in junior high.

The message to parents is to allow and encourage your children to PLAY! Jordan Spieth's parents didn't allow him to specialize in one sport. Jordan played baseball and basketball. "We did not raise our kids to be one-sport athletes. You have to let them explore options. You have to make sure they know that life is more than one sport, or one goal. There's a lot that can be learned from competing as a team. I think having that experience really grounds you and prepares you for other things in life beyond sports," said Jordan's mother, Chris Spieth in a terrific interview with Purpose2Play.com.

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