



In Brief

School make-up days

The Culver Community School corporation has announced that its snow make-up days will take place on May 27 and 28. Graduation will still take place on May 23.

Blood drive March 11

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Culver Academies in Fleet Gymnasium, 1300 Academy Rd., Culver. All presenting donors will receive a T-shirt. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

EMS offers free blood pressure screening

The Culver-Union Township EMS will begin offering free blood pressure checks on the first Saturday of each month at various locations throughout the community. The first event will be on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Park N' Shop parking lot on Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Additional locations planned for this opportunity for the remainder of the year include the CVS parking lot, library parking lot, and the town park. Information will be published ahead of time, or those interested can contact the EMS Base at 842-2773 for more information.

Lenten observance at area churches

Culver's Council of Churches will hold ecumenical Lenten observances at several area churches on Sundays in Lent at 4 p.m.. Wesley United Methodist Church will host the event on March 9. All are invited.

Opportunity for Culver middle school girls

The University of Notre Dame is offering a science, math, engineering, and technology career conference for middle school girls on Sat., April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration forms have been handed out to girls in all three grades but may be obtained from Marilyn Day at the elementary school. There is a \$10 registration fee. For more information, e-mail Karen Morris, the EYH Conference Organizer at morris.3@ind.edu or call her at 574-631-6945.

Registration deadline is March 21 unless the conference reaches its capacity before. Mail all forms and your \$10 check to the following address:

Expanding Your Horizons
c/o Erica Price, 1209 Mossy Lane, Mishawaka, IN 46544

Open gym

CULVER—There will be an open gym at the Culver Middle School on Sundays until March 9. Times will be from 1PM to 3PM. Beginning this year, the school requires insurance. There will be a \$2 fee at the door, or pay \$15 for the full season. If any questions, please call Bruce Snyder, 842-2576, or e-mail bksnyder@wildblue.net.

FEMA encourages report of local damage

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is encouraging any Culver and See "brief" page 2

Culver wins sectional



PHOTOS/PAUL PARE

The thrill of victory

For the first time since 1985, the Culver Cavaliers celebrated a sectional victory last Saturday night. Above, an exuberant crowd rushes the court following the intense game, which the Cavs won in the last few minutes. At left, CHS principal Albert Hanselman embraces son, Lucas, whose efforts were critical to the team's win and yielded 14 of Culver's points. Looking on, at left, are CHS players Matt Marrs and, at right, Jon Davis.

For complete coverage of the game, see page 7.

Culver's Relay for Life: getting started

Part 1 of a series

By Ashley Eberhart and Lauren Allinson

Editor's note: Culver's first-ever Relay for Life -- and the only Relay in America held at a high school -- will take place April 18, 2008. In an effort to inform the public and potential participants, event co-chairs Ashley Eberhart and Lauren Allinson are contributing a series of articles to the Citizen.

On April 18th, hundreds of people will gather at the Culver Academies football field for a night like no other. What follows are some answers to frequently asked questions about Relay basics.

Relay For Life of Culver will be 13 hours of festivities, friendship and fundraising for a cancer-free future. Teams set up campsites and participate in all sorts of events during this time. The celebration kicks off with opening ceremonies and a survivor lap and continues with the Fight Back ceremony, an advocacy event that gives ideas on how to save lives by preventing cancer.

The luminaria ceremony, which occurs after sundown, is when those who have been lost to cancer will be remembered. While teams walk laps on the track to represent the ongoing battle against cancer, others partake in various entertainment options including face painting, carnival games, band performances, a "Mr. Relay" pageant and more.

The event concludes with a closing ceremony, where awards are presented and the total money raised is unveiled. Right now, about \$25,000 has been raised.

If there is a band or other form of entertainment readers would like to see at Relay, call Ashley Eberhart, event chair, at (630)-947-3348, or email: eberhaa@culver.org

Relay at Culver began when students of Culver Academies (Ashley Eberhart,

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Heineman's Portside talk sparks discussion

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

Tom Heineman visited Culver's Kiwanis Club on Feb. 28 to tell the story of the Portside Marina which he co-founded along with Glenn Bailey, but an audience discussion ensued about the line between responsible zoning laws and much-needed economic growth in Culver.

Heineman said he and Bailey worked together on Bass Lake in the 1970s, going their separate ways after high school with Heineman staying in the area and Bailey headed to Indianapolis, though both men continued to work in the marine industry.

In 1985, Heineman came to Culver to work at the Culver Marina, where he stayed for 17 years, 8 of them as a service manager. When he learned in 1994 that Bailey had moved back to the area, he recruited his old friend to work at the marina. In May of 2002, the two partnered to create Portside Marina, renting out 8,000 square feet in a building at Culver's west gateway that was owned by David Weinberg and had houses his wallpaper plant in its last incarnation. "We thought that would be more than enough room," said Heineman prophetically.

"We didn't really have plan. We thought if we had 50 people (working there) we could have holidays and weekends off, which we never get! One I did get was the birth of my daughter."

Heineman described a workday that began around 4 a.m. with crews putting piers in around 8. "About 11 to midnight, we would finish our day, test the boats and pull the next day's work in for the next morning."

In 2002, Portside hired its first employee; by that fall, with 75 boats in its care, the company had well exceeded its goal of maintaining 50 boats, and the crew winterized over 250 boats that year.

By 2003, Portside had begun selling pontoon and ski boats, and manufacturing piers, the latter endeavor involving only parts from area companies, mostly in Marshall County, according to Heineman.

In the autumn of 2003, Heineman and Bailey began to wonder where they would store all of those boats if Weinberg sold the building, so they began the process of purchasing the property, with 150 boats stored there when they closed on the building that fall. "We didn't have a business plan, we just work on fear," Heineman chuckled. "We just mortgaged our houses; we have to work hard!"

The business continued to grow. Heineman says they

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Friends in high places

Sidd Smith, age 3, perches atop the extra-tall snowman his parents -- Matt and Jennifer Smith -- helped him build outside their house on School Street. The Smiths took advantage of last week's snowfall of over six inches in the area, closing schools and leaving many digging out.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Tom Heineman, above, discussed the business he co-founded, Culver's Portside Marina, in a Feb. 28 program that sparked lively audience discussion about the limits of economic development and ordinance enforcement in Culver.

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Council discusses address changes, water controversy

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor
Some Culver residents may want to consider a change of address soon, and Culver’s town council wants the community to know why.

That was one of the topics on tap at the council’s last meeting on Feb. 26, when the council agreed to allow town clerk Casey Howard to move forward in spreading the word to residents most likely affected as well as the town in general. Action was sparked primarily due to the efforts of the Marshall County GIS commission, which has been assessing street and road addresses all over the county in order to improve and expand the county’s GIS – or Government Information System – an address database and mapping system partially available to the public through the county’s website at www.co.marshall.in.us.

The GIS system also ties into the county’s new 911 system, as explained at the meeting by Howard and guests, Marshall County planner Ralph Booker and county commissioner Kevin Overmyer. “We have some addresses in Culver that are just plain funky,” began council president Ralph Winters, in introducing Booker. “You’ve had that address for years and you don’t want to change that to get (county addresses) in sequence. But 911 dispatches will be based on that address, and it could cause a delay in ambulance service.”

“We have a window of opportunity,” agreed Booker, “to correct as much of this as we can. The census is the other thing. By March 26, Culver has to submit an address list to them (the Census Bureau). They sent us an address list that’s...not a very good list. We want as many people to send in census as possible. Every

person (listed) means how many Congressional representatives they have, and how much money they get. Nobody likes a letter that you have to get your address changed, but we know it has to be done...we’ve met with every city and town in the county on the same situation.”

Town clerk Howard said there are about 20 addresses in the Culver area that should be changed, mostly because house numbers are not in the correct block. Residents will not be required to change their addresses, said Howard, but “if they refuse, they need to sign something saying they know this may affect their EMT service. We’re a small community; (police chief) Wayne (Bean) usually knows everybody’s name, but the paramedic assist, those people, won’t know your house area.”

Howard also pointed out that every area building needs its own unique address number for health safety reasons, adding that many houses and mailboxes are currently not marked with their address.

Lively discussion resulted from Winters’ mention of a letter received by him from a Mr. Anderson on Liberty Street. According to Winters, Anderson expressed concern about the quality of the water main on that street. “When he built the new house and hooked up, it was to a small line in the back yard with no flush valve,” said Winters, “We owe him looking at this issue and getting a cost estimate.”

Winters noted that Anderson specifically expressed concern that an area out of the current town limits has been given a water extension while Anderson has paid water fees and not been given

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Antiquarians seek Culver history items for museum

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is seeking donations of historical items that tell the story of the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee area, for use in the ongoing development of its Center for Culver History museum. As the Society develops displays for the museum itself -- which will adjoin the Center’s research center on the main floor of the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver -- there is a need for photos, three dimensional items, and print materials that are specific to the area and help portray its unique history.

The Society’s accessions committee reviews any donated items according to the criteria in its accessions policy and donated items become the property of the Society unless the donor specifies their return at the time of donation, or arranges a loan.

The Center’s museum portion is being developed with the assistance of Chicago museum designer Ted Swigon.

Those with items to donate are encouraged to bring them to the library’s Carnegie area during daytime hours. Questions may be directed to Jeff Kenney at (574) 842-5079 or by email to culverhistory@yahoo.com

March programs at the Culver-UT Public Library

- Adults**
- March 1-7 is Return the Borrowed Book Week
 - March 2-8 is Read an e-Book Week – Downloading an e-book is easy!
 - Computer Classes meet Mondays at 6pm:
 - March 3: Power point
 - March 10: Excel
 - March 17: MS Publisher
 - March 8th: Quilting Group meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - March 12 the book club Hooked on Books meets. This month's selections are *The Man Who Read Love Stories: A Novel* by Luis Sepulveda, translated by Peter Bush and *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard.
 - Opinion Sandwich meets March 15 at 12 p.m.—brown bag discussion group
- Young Adults**
- March 1st: knitting at 10 a.m.
 - Young Adult Book Club meets at 12 p.m. (*Looking for Alaska* by John Green) and Teen Advisory Group: 3pm
 - March 2-8 is Teen Tech Week. Two activities are planned:

- March 4th will be Computer building class at 3:30 p.m.and March 6th there will be a My Space Contest at 3:30 p.m.
- March 21st is National Teenager Day: Tie Dye Mania at 1 p.m.
- Children’s Room**
- March is Read Across America Month. There will be a read-a-thon going on all month with signup in the Children’s Room (all ages).
- March 1st: An Afternoon with Dr. Seuss 2pm (all ages)

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Anniversary

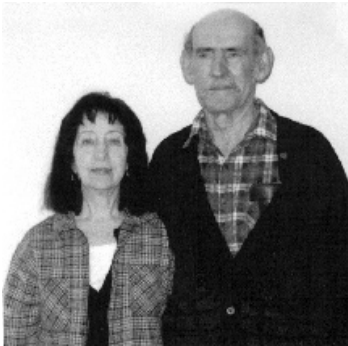
Jerry and Janet Andrews of Rochester will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, March 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Church of God, located on the corner of 3rd and Main Streets in Rochester.

They were married March 18, 1958 by Rev. Henry M. Terry.

Their children are Robert (Stacy) Andrews of Mentone, William (Linda) Andrews of Rochester, David

(Gloria) Andrews of Rochester and Cindy (Bret) Coffing of Rochester. They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jerry is retired from Bricklayers Local 4 of South Bend as a mason. Janet is a homemaker.

Jerry is an avid fisherman and Janet enjoys doing gardening. Both are members of First Church of God in Rochester. No gifts please.



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Marshall County residents who sustained damages in recent floods and weather-related circumstances to contact the organization concerning any needs for assistance with property damage and other costs. The deadline to contact and report damage or other problems sustained by recent weather-related problems in March 31, 2008. Any such damage or other questions may be directed to FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA or www.fema.gov.

Grace church prayer garden open

A “Meditation Garden” has been erected in the back of the sanctuary at Grave United Church of Christ on Plymouth St. for private and personal prayers and reflections. Guided meditations and reflections will be made available to those who desire a more structured experience with the symbols of the season. One must see for oneself the beauty of the garden in the enclosed area of the church. Prayer Garden Hours: Sun: 9-10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. Mon:1:30-3:30 p.m.. Tues: 9-11 a.m..Wed: 7:30-9 p.m.. Thurs: 9-11 a.m.. Fri: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.. Additional times will be posted on the door.

Citizen has cell phone number

CULVER —Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at (574) 261-7887. Those with stories or wishing to contact the editor with greater ease and frequency are encouraged to use this number.

Tri Kappa seeks prom dresses

CULVER —Culver’s Tri Kappa will be hosting a Prom Dress Shop on March 15 at the Culver Cove. The group is accepting gently used prom dresses that will be resold for a nominal fee to cover dry cleaning expenses. The effort involves both Culver Academies and Culver High School student volunteers. Contact Karen Heim at (574) 842-8914.

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Alyssa Spratte, and Katie Barnes) started with a dream that one day no person would ever again have to hear the words, “You have cancer.”

They also felt that it was time for Culver Academies and Culver Community Schools to team up and work together to do something good. After “selling” the idea of starting a high school-run Relay (something never done before) to both the Culver Academies and the American Cancer Society, these girls set out to make their dreams a reality. They recruited a committee and teamed up with Culver Community High School.

- Forming a team: everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer. Ask family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to take part. Invite cancer survivors to join the team. Please note that all cancer survivors are welcome to register for the survivor dinner and victory lap, even if they do not want to join a team or stay for the entire event. Temas will also need to assign a team captain.

After choosing a team name, participants can be registered in less than five minutes and ready to start

Meeting notes: Tri Kappa

The Epsilon Nu chapter of Tri Kappa held its February meeting at the Culver Public Library. The “sweets” filled meeting was hosted by Karen Heim, Susan Kinkade, and Janet Kline.

It’s that time of year again, with the Butter Braid order forms being handed out. The Epsilon Nu members will be selling the treats until March 10. Members were also reminded of both the prom dress drive on March 15 at the Culver Cove as well as the annual art show in April and Tour de Max in May.

The friendship basket was made by Samantha Johnson and won by Jo Surrisi.

The group’s next meeting will be Monday, March 17.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization with the objective of supporting programs in charity, culture, and education.

collecting donations. Team websites and personal donation pages have many capabilities such as sending group donation emails, checking to see if emails have been read, who has visited the web page and who has made donations. Contact Katie Barnes (barnesk@culver.org) with questions about registering a team or signing up on paper.

Teams usually consist of 8-15 members. Teams with fewer than 8 people are still encouraged to sign up but teams with more than 15 people are asked to divide up and form two teams.

- The team captain’s job is to motivate and encourage team members to raise money. This can be done through quick emails, phone calls or fun notes. The biggest way to ensure that one’s team is successful is to inspire by example: helping one’s team members to use the website and raise dollars to make the team goal; sending emails reminders and tracking team progress from the website.

Team captains should attend all team meetings, which are fun and informative for everyone, so encourage team members to attend as well. Team captains also collect

registrations for those people who don’t register online, all forms, and any offline money (checks and cash) raised from their team members.

- The quickest and easiest way to raise money is to simply ask, and ask everyone! The number one reason that people do not donate or participate in the event is that they weren’t asked. Many people use their Christmas card list and send each of those people a personal letter or email with an explanation of why Relay is important.

- There is no minimum amount needed to participate but teams are highly encouraged to raise the goal amount of \$1,500 per team and at least \$100 per participant. Prizes are awarded for the amount of money that each individual team member raises. Special incentives will be announced throughout the season to help achieve team goals. The event goal is \$35,000 so if each person pitches in, a cure is one step closer. The first \$100 needs to be turned in by March 17th to receive a free Relay For Life t-shirt to wear at the event, but fundraising can continue after the 17th.

Letters to the editor

Pride in Culver's diversity

I wish to thank you and the *Citizen* for the wonderful yet little known facts on African Americans in Culver and its surrounding communities.

Most of Culver's present residents know nothing of its past history. Culver is a town that was built on immigrants, be they Appalachians, blacks, or whatever. The original owners of this land were the Native Americans, yet there are none here now.

Because of the Culver Academies, this is a far more diverse community than most larger cities of the United States.

Does this mean that prejudice is dead and buried? I don't think so. Until we, *as individuals*, accept each other as brothers, it (prejudice) will always be alive.

I have lived most of my adult life in this area and in Culver. I personally have never felt the sting of hatred. I was born in Chicago 75 years ago of parents who taught me and my siblings that there is *no one* better than yourself.

I've lived my life with those teachings and I truly feel that I have been blessed and embraced by all the people God has placed in my life. There's

an old saying that "color is only skin deep." I believe that to be true. If we follow the example of our children, prejudice can be wiped out. It is a *taught* part of a child's life, be it at home, through peers, or through hate groups.

Culver has a past that it should take pride in. I know I do.

Chalres Mick Henley, Culver

Death notice

Blanche H. Marton

Feb. 26, 2008

CULVER—Blanche H. Marton, 93, of Mount Dora, Fla., formerly of Culver, died Tuesday, Feb. 26. She is survived by her husband, Antal Marton of Mount Dora, Fla.; sons: Brian (Barbara) Linhart of Culver, Larry (Sherry) Linhart of Longboat Key, Fla. and Robert (Cindy) Marton of Mount Dora, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Visitation was Saturday, March 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver. Funeral services were Saturday at 2 p.m. at the church. Burial was at the Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grace United Church of Christ. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, was in charge of the arrangements.

REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at (574) 842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thurs., March 6: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, milk.

Fri., March 7: Tuna noodle casserole, peas & carrots, brussels sprouts, bread & margarine, jello w/fruit, milk.

Mon., March 10: Chicken patty, bun, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, milk.

Tues., March 11: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries, wheat roll, milk.

Weds., March 12: Pork

loin, lima beans, cottage cheese, pineapple, apple spice cake, bread & margarine, milk.

Thurs., March 13: Ham & beans, cole slaw, corn bread and margarine, greens, diced onion, apricots, milk.

Fri., March 14: Pasta primavera, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, Italian beans, pineapple, milk.

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Top Row (left to right): Myles Pinder, Marshall Master, Ashley Jones, Shelby Watts, Clarissa Baker. Middle Row: Linley Master, Kylie Gunder, Kaitlyn Comiskey, Shae Harris, Cy Page, Tiffany Reynolds, Colton Measels. Bottom Row: Kasi Browning, Kelsey Johnson, Jade Hutchinson, Lyndsey Fisher, Alex Hnatusko, Shannon Dunfee, Ashley Zehner, Mike Schwartz (sponsor).

Culver BPA makes mark on state and national level

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

In the 18 years of his involvement in Culver High School's Business Professionals of America, the veteran teacher has seen the program grow into a BPA of distinction even on a state level, annually offering student competitors on the state and even a national level. "Even though) there are several small schools in BPA at the state level that have been successful, we're unusual in that," says Schwartz. "I'm really proud of the fact that I think we are recognized around the state. The more your face is around, the more you're recognized."

He recalls the point, around 1995 or 1996 when Culver's BPA had a student place in the top 10 at a state level, followed in 1997 by the school producing some national qualifiers. "Starting five years ago, we starting qualifying people every year to go to nationals," Schwartz recalls. "Primarily this year's seniors and next year's juniors have a lot to do with this success."

"What I like about the state competition, it gives kids an opportunity to go to Indianapolis, which sometimes is a first time experience for them. I've had kids that have never been on an escalator before! With the nationals, they do have an opportunity to go to every corner of the US. It's always out of state; the closest (in the national competition) we've been to Indiana is Chicago and Cincinnati. A couple of them went to Los Angeles, to Orlando, Reno, New York City. Last year we took five to the nationals...the numbers are going up on a national level."

One CHS student to become heavily involved at a state level is Lyndsey Fisher, who joined BPA as a freshman and became president of Culver's school district (one of around 10 districts in Indiana) and this year is serving as one of five BPA vice presidents in the entire state of Indiana, a position for which she campaigned with the slogan, "cast

your vote for Fisher." "On the state level, you get a different perspective and you get more out of it," says Fisher. "It helped me learn to speak in front of people and be more comfortable with myself in front of people; you have to speak in front of 2,500 people."

The CHS senior plans to attend Purdue University next year and major in a medical-related course of study besides joining BPA's college-level Purdue chapter.

Ashley Jones, also a senior, joined BPA as a sophomore and began in the group working with banking and finance and math testing as opposed to working with presentations and interviews, though she says that "being around other people who have done presentations has helped me out a lot in terms of my public speaking. I was 11th at state my first year; I did pretty well. Then my second year...I placed fifth at state, and that took me to the nationals in New York City."

Jones is planning to attend Purdue also, and says the various skills she gained in BPA will help her in college regardless of the academic path she pursues. "You have to learn a lot about being independent and self motivated. You can't rely on someone else to tell you what to do. It's about being professional in general."

CHS senior Jade Hutchinson joined BPA her freshman year "because I had Mr. Schwartz as my homeroom teacher and everybody joined BPA. It's the coolest."

Hutchinson plans to become a teacher and attend Indiana University in Bloomington with a double major in math and business and a minor in education, all towards her goal of becoming a teacher.

Senior Kelsey Johnson, who has spent two years in BPA, plans to be a neonatal nurse but still believes the skills she learned working in BPA with

word processing and desktop publishing will help her in any career she pursues. "These things are good to know," she adds.

Junior Alex Hnatusko was initially hesitant to join the organization, but has enjoyed the creativity afforded her in her work with Power Point in the presentations area of BPA as well as the desktop publishing skills she has gleaned in her efforts. "Once we started the contests, it started to be fun," she says. "I do presentation management, and you can be really creative. I don't know if I want to go into business or a different route, but this made business seem really interesting."

Between of the level of CHS student involvement and student success rates, Schwartz himself ran for BPA's state executive board, and is serving his second three-year term on that board.

Schwartz is proud of the fact that a trend towards waiting until many students' senior year to join BPA has shifted in recent years. "Mallory Master was our first four-year member. This year there are five four-year students."

He credits the students' self-motivation for much of the organization's success, citing the medical office procedures area of competition as an example. "I thought we wouldn't have a chance in medical office procedures, and lo and behold, we've had...seniors go to nationals in medical office procedures three years in row. I've found resources for them to study and take, but of all the contests I'd take credit for on helping a kid, that would be the least. They've been self-motivated."

On Jan. 19, CHS' BPA brought home 12 first place winners and a host of other victories at the district contest held at Ivy Tech in Warsaw. The group will move on to the state competition, held in downtown Indianapolis on March 16-18. The national BPA competition will take place May 6-11.

Cavalier Corner



Humanities students 'experience' WWI

By Steven Montgomery, CCHS

On Jan. 11, Vickie Benner's second period humanities class participated in an activity relating to World War I.

The project involved experiencing the confusion and horror of running through the trenches while "bombs" flared and "gunshots" blasted.

The students wore dust masks to simulate gas masks and put all of their books and supplies in a tote bag to resemble carrying heavy equipment. Then they turned their desks over to imitate trenches on either side of the room. As Mrs. Benner played sound effects of war in the background and flashed the lights, students ran from trench to trench trying to avoid "poisonous gas."

"I thought it was really fun," said Junior Sarah Kirkland. "I know it wasn't anything like the real thing, but it was really weird with the lights flickering on and off, and the sounds of gunfire, having to run with all our stuff in a bag, and trying not to run over people."

As a follow-up of the activity, students were given an assignment to write a letter from the trenches of the battle, explaining their position in the trenches and why the war started from an American's point of view. Students were to make the stationary appear as if it came from the battlefield, torn and yellowed. Only black ink was to be used with no lined paper as other colored ink was not invented then. Some students included maps and artwork recounting the experiences of a WWI soldier.

Thomas joins staff at CCHS

By Steven Montgomery, CCHS

Another new teacher has begun her first year at Culver. That new teacher is Dana Thomas.

Before working at Culver, Thomas was a law clerk for the district attorney in San Diego. She attended Culver High School before moving on to California to graduate at the University of San Diego.

"At first I wanted to be a career counselor, but this is good experience," Thomas said. She teaches the Explorations class at Culver Middle School as well as spending part of her time as a career specialist at Culver High School.

In her free time, Thomas goes to the zoo (she is a member of the Zoological Society), hangs at the Fitness Forum, and takes walks along the beach.

"I've enjoyed working with the kids," said Thomas, "and I hope to be a good resource to the students."

CES announces January students of the month

CULVER — Culver Elementary School announces its students of the month for January.

- Kindergarten: Anna Blocker, Mrs. Bonine; Jadyn Evans, Mrs. Robertson; Gabe Hissong, Mrs. Urbin; Kolton Hartle, Mrs. VanDePutte
- Grade 1: Madison Brewer, Mrs. Bailey; Sara Ringer, Mrs. Berndt; Sam Schaller, Mrs. Dickerhoff; Taylor Noah, Mrs. Jefferies
- Grade 2: Pierce Ellert, Mrs. Ahlenius; Marcellus Anderson, Mrs. Moise; Lindsey Proskey, Mrs. Sharp; Roland Reichard, Mrs. Zechiel
- Grade 3: Keeley Stacy, Mrs. Cultice; Mandy Morrison, Mrs. DeSalle; Garit Barnett, Mrs. Gonsoroski; Jennifer Dady, Mrs. Arvelo; Tanner Hoffman, Mr. Elliott
- Grade 4: Charles Good, Ms. Rife; Shannon Deery, Mrs. Shepard; Karlee Smith, Mrs. Toll; Derek Keller, Mrs. Schmidt
- Grade 5: Dustie Pier, Mrs. Kinzie; Maddie Coby, Mrs. Stevens; Tia Romig, Mr. Young; Paula Guzzo, Ms. Young; Dennis Klaus-ing, Ms. Kinney
- Grade 6: Jaclyn Rocco, Mr. Albright; Paul Tulungen, Ms. Day; Austin Oelschlager, Mrs. Trent; Nathan Lynch, Mrs. Morrison; Sarah Boland, Ms. Lyman; Paul Tulungen, Mr. Crittendon.

CES 'Culver's Best' for January

CULVER — Culver Elementary named its "Culver's Best" for January. The following students were named to the list: Angel Moore, Matthew Markovitz, Chase Burleson, Alexis Berdine, Dana Rodgers, Cody Nystrom, Zachary Ditmire, Donovan Ziaja, Jason Wolff, Brooklyn Sellers, Ethan Vlach, Zane Kisela, Naomi Mires, Jose Hinojosa, Jazmyn Beitler, Hunter Shaffer, Brandon Jones, Kate Renneker, Lucas Vela, Dylan Lewandowski, Sean Gromaly, Terry Conley, Aaron James, Jeffrey Littleton, Ashton Keller, Clarissa

Porter, Mickayla Allen, Jordan Green, Codie Thomas, Megan Deon, Cherakie Thomas, Shelby Swafford, Taiwan Jackson, Ethan Hill, Cody Valiquet, Shelby Blair, Maris Howad, Gavon Compton, Justine Dexter, Mackenna Evans, Debbie Combs, Kenneday Rainey, John White, Katie Blocker, Shelby Gross, Janelle VanDePutte, Maddie Coby, Brandon Pinder, Preston Hansel, Kaylee Bailey and Angela Lewellen.

The T-shirt winners were Cherakie Thomas and Preston Hansel.

Academies students earn gold

Culver Academies piano students who earned gold ratings at the state level of piano and vocal ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) contests are Jiayin Dai, Tayler Ferguson, Jijie Lu and Hanna Klondaris. Klondaris studies with Mary Weirich. Dai, Ferguson



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Culver Community Middle School held its Student of the Month Breakfast on Weds, Feb. 13 in the cafeteria. Those students honored were chosen by their teachers during the months of November, December and January. Students attending are pictured left to right. Front row: Kacie Hermanson, Aspen Kitchell, Cody Salyer, Zach Duplay, Ali Overmyer, Clare Hartman, MaKennon Hicks, Abby VanHorn, Michelle Elam. Back row: Matt Siebenhaar, Malici Shaffer, Alan Kestle, Kyle Kersey, Andrew Jackson, Lucas Borg, Rob Norton, Kyle Garland, Chloe Broeker, Chelsey Jones, Alex Baker, Abby Lewis.

Culver middle school students of the month

November

- Grade 7: Michelle T. Elam, Shane Case, Leannza E. Shipley, Cody Salyer, Stevie E. Clingler, Melody M. Trostel, Hannah J. Kline, Mackenzie E. MacDonald, Tylor L. Minix, Morgan M. Osborn, Stephanie N. Brown, Morgan M. Osborn,
- Grade 8: Chelsey Jones, Matt Bursart, Austin Vela, Luke Dunfee, Miranda Widman, Amanda Steele, Christina Jimenez, Cassie VanSky, Aspen Kitchell, Matt Siebenhaar, Cally Klaus-ing, Nick Zehner, Robert Riley

December

- Grade 7: Felicia A. Slusher, Dana L. Wireman, MaKennon V. Hicks, Holley J. Caddy, Stephanie N. Brown, Clare M. Hartman, Morgan M. Osborn, Ashley R. Martinez, Alexandria O. Baker, Lucas J. Borg
- Grade 8: Savanna Greene, Austin Stewart, Rob Norton, Dustin Cowell, Serena Hughes, Alan Kestle, Chloe Broeker, Caroline Baker, Stephanie McKenna, Brandi Cline, Keagen Minix, Abby Lewis, Ashley Ellis, Kimberly Grover, Kyle Kersey, Alex Kitts

January

- Grade 7: Abigail N. Van Horn, Leannza E. Shipley, Alissa A. Overmyer, Crystal M. Looney, Mikayla A. Cooper, Hannah J. Kline, Malici W. Shaffer, Denver A. Foote, Clare M. Hartman, Virgil A. Bright, Mary K. McKinnis, Clare M. Hartman
- Grade 8: Amanda Steele, Keagen Minix, Sarah Rakich, Bridget Davidge, Aspen Kitchell, Kacie Hermanson, Kalee Miller, Zach Duplay, Kyleigh Sage, Frankie Jefferies, Kyle Neeley, Kyle Garland, Andrew Jackson



Sports



Cavs unstoppable in sectional victory

By Andy McCaslin
Correspondent
CULVER — The pace was frenetic, John R. Nelson Gymnasium at Culver Community was jumping, and the basketball was hot. Culver's 54-46 Class 2A Sectional 34 final-round win

to be a battle of runs," Culver Community head coach Brett Berndt said. "We got a great start to the game. But Boone came back. Scoring all seven of his team's first-quarter points, sophomore guard Mike Eleftheri's never-quit attitude

whatsoever." The lead was cut to two by the half after a drive and step back 3 by Eleftheri. Eleftheri's dominance for Boone came with center Jon Davis on the floor for Culver. Getting into foul trouble mid-way through the third, Davis then had to sit and watch.

For about a quarter in whole, the Culver big man was out for most of the third and fourth quarters, coming back in with just more than four minutes to play in the game.

But Boone could not capitalize on its clear size advantage with Davis out of the game and the teams traded baskets and the lead and big shots for much of the third and fourth quarters. Both teams were stubborn enough not to let the other too far out of their grasp. In fact, Boone gave up the small lead that they had.

"Who would have thought that's when we were going to take the lead back, when Jon was on the bench?" Berndt said.

Enter Zoe Bauer. The Culver freshman hit a huge 3 with 2:24 remaining to give the Cavaliers a 47-44 lead. After a pair of timeouts, Boone got organized to find a great open look to slice the Cavs' lead to one. Having to foul to get the ball back Boone sent Culver to the line where they hit 5 of 7 to ice the game.

"The kids absolutely didn't quit," Boone Coach head coach Matt McKay said. "The 3s that they hit were daggers to us where as our 3s, the few that we hit, just brought us even."

Boone's Eleftheri was the high-point man with 22 in the loss. Boone finished at 12-10 for the season.

Lucas Hanselman scored 14 in the win as the Cavaliers improve to 12-11 and secure at least a .500 season. Matt Marrs added 13, Bauer 11 and Davis 10. The Cavs will travel to the North Judson Regional Saturday, playing the winner of Monday's Garrett-Prairie Heights sectional final tilt at Garrett.

• CULVER 54, BOONE GROVE 46
At Culver
CULVER COMMUNITY (54): Adam Neace 0 0-0 0, Lucas Hanselman 3 6-10 14, Justin Master 2 2-4 6, Zoe Bauer 4 1-3 11, Matt Marrs 5 0-0 13, Jon Davis 3 4-8 10. TOTALS: 17 13-25 54.
BOONE GROVE (46): Mike Eleftheri 9 0-0 22, Zak Ursitti 0 0-0 0, Wayland Roach 3 2-2 8, Dan Block 2 0-0 4, Jacob Wright 0 0-0 0, Ryan Reynolds 1 2-2 4, Greg Wilkins 0 0-0 0, Alex Radivan 4 0-4 8. TOTALS: 18 4-8 46.
Score by quarters
Culver: 14 23 38 54
Boone Grove: 7 21 37 46
3-point goals: Culver 7 (Marrs 3, Bauer 2, Hanselman 2), Boone Grove 4 (Eleftheri 4). Fouls (fouled out): Culver 12 (none), Boone Grove 22 (Reynolds, Wilkins).
Records: Culver 12-11, Boone Grove 12-10.

Eagles swimmers head to state finals

MISHAWAKA — Bremen swimmer Jonathan Hueni is headed back to the state finals.

The Indiana University recruit, who made the state final races last season in the 100 fly and 200 free, won both events Saturday at the Mishawaka Sectional to earn a trip to Friday's prelims at IUPUI.

Bremen diver Jerry Schaffer continues his successful senior campaign at Tuesday's Penn Regional after placing first Saturday.

The Lions finished third behind Penn and Riley.

At Warsaw, Culver Military Academy and Plymouth finished third and fourth respectively.

The Eagles advanced a pair of swimmers to the state finals — Wyatt McCloskey in the 100 fly and David DeVries in the 500 free.

Alex Eads turned in Plymouth's best individual performance with a second-place

time behind McCloskey in the fly.

The host Tigers won the team title.
• MISHAWAKA BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL
At Mishawaka
Team scores: Penn 283, Riley 246, Bremen 164, Marian 147, St. Joe 132, New Prairie 121, Mishawaka 101, Clay 98, Adams 64, Washington 15.
200 medley relay: 1. Penn 1:43.23 (Andrew Elliot, Connor Shearer, William McDonough, Jacob Lovett); 200 free: 1. Jonathan Hueni (B) 1:43.67, 4. Ben Fanning (B) 1:49.16; 200 IM: 1. Karl Weisser (R) 2:01.81; 50 free: 1. Ben Ziolkowski (NP) 22.04; Diving: 1. Jerry Schaffer (B) 362.15; 100 fly: 1. Hueni (B) 51.24; 100 free: 1. Elliot (P) 47.30, 5. Fanning (B) 50.14; 500 free: 1. Eric Blue (R) 4:51.32; 200 free relay: 1. Riley 1:29.63 (David Lewandowski, Weisser, Tyler Gordon, Blue), 3. Bremen 1:31.12 (Dan Schramm, Tom Zeltwanger, Fanning, Hueni); 100 backstroke: 1. Elliot (P) 52.05; 100 breaststroke: 1. Evan Ivaldi (Mish) 1:02.99, 4. Zeltwanger (B) 1:05.89; 400 relay: 1. Penn 3:17.84 (Gregory Trybula, Joshua Coquillard, Kirill Prokrym, Elliot), 3. Bremen 3:20.52 (Schramm, Zeltwanger, Fanning, Hueni).
• WARSAW BOYS SWIMMING AND



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CHS' Zoe Bauer drives down court Saturday night; Bauer was one of the team's top scorers, earning 11 of the 54 points that led Culver to victory.

— the Cavs' first since 1985 — over Boone Grove Saturday was in doubt until the final few ticks of the clock.

Culver started the final on fire coming out running and gunning and lighting the scoreboard for eight before Boone got started. The margin was widened to 12 early in the first.

"We told the kids in the locker room that it was going

kept the Wolves in it. In the second quarter when Boone started to drop into a rhythm and force the situation, Eleftheri added eight more as the Wolves inched and clawed and scratched their way back into the game.

"They seemed to take control with their point guard; he did a fantastic job hitting shots and driving," Berndt said. "We couldn't stop him

Sports briefs Hockey

CMA A wins

Chris Darnell scored the first and last goals in CMA A's 7-2 win over St. Louis Jr. Blues Saturday.
• CULVER MILITARY A 7, St. LOUIS JR. BLUES 2
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
CMA — Chris Darnell (unassisted), 14:50.
CMA — Trevor Grywatch (Alex McNeely, Anthony Olson) 4:37.
SECOND PERIOD
St.L — Dominic Zombo (Tucker Long, Brent Gensler), 17:19.
CMA — Alex Niestrom (Cory Hibbeler) 10:52.
CMA — Bradley McBride (Sebastian Georffrion, Tyler Quartuccio) 4:54
CMA — David Gerths (Jonathan Watanabe) 1:49.
THIRD PERIOD
CMA — Ryan Griffiths (Hibbeler) 17:07.
CMA — Darnell (Nic Dowd, Gerths) 16:41.
St.L — Alex Roth (unassisted) 14:39.
Saves: Jason Torf (CMA) 12; Jeff Larson 25, Jeff Simpson 15 (St. Louis). Shots: CMA 47, St. Louis 14. Records: CMA 25-11-4.

CMA B blanks CMA JV

CMA B shut out CMA JV 8-0 in the first round of the Class 5A hockey state playoffs Friday.
Dominic Panetta scored twice for CMA B.
• CULVER MILITARY B 8, CULVER MILITARY JV 0
At Culver, 1st round of Class 5A state playoffs
FIRST PERIOD
CMA B — Dominic Panetta (Andrew Schmit), 1:39.
SECOND PERIOD
CMA B — Max Terhar (Panetta), 10:46.
CMA B — Panetta (Frank DeAugustine), 8:06.
CMA B — Blake Saylor (Steve Keisler), 6:18.
CMA B — Will Preston (Schmit, Tommy Ott), 1:27.
CMA B — DeAugustine (Saylor), 0:26.
THIRD PERIOD
CMA B — Alex Feighan (Conner Kucera, Blake Roubos), 11:16.
CMA B — Luke Sandler (Roubos, Kucera), 9:46.
Shots on goal: CMA B 37, CMA JV 17. Saves: Matt Mahalak (CMA B) 17; Jacob Lubben (CMA JV) 29. Records: CMA B 25-11-4, CMA JV 21-14-1.

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By James Costello
Sports Writer

PLYMOUTH — The scenario was all too familiar to Culver Military Academy head coach Alan Huss in Wednesday's Sectional 19 opener at Plymouth.

The Eagles had already lost a lopsided contest to John Glenn during the Bi-County tournament, and they underwent similar treatment a second time at The Rock, giving over 28 turnovers in the face of full-court pressure and watching while an early 9-6 deficit spiraled out of control via 10 Falcon 3-pointers on the other end. When the smoke cleared, Glenn had taken a 63-26 victory over CMA to earn a sectional semifinal berth Friday.

"It was similar," said Huss. "They hit some shots, and we didn't compete quite as well as we should have... They turned the pressure up a little bit, and turned us over a few times. I thought we handled it well for the most part in the first quarter. Second quarter they ratcheted the pressure level up, the intensity level up, and we failed to match it."

All total, Glenn shot 49 percent from the field against the Eagles. The Falcons made almost as many shots as CMA took for the night — with 25 buckets compared to 28 attempts by the Academies — and just one less from behind the arch than Culver hit from the entire field with 10 treys versus 11 total buckets by the Eagles. In fact, the Falcons shot better from deep than two-point range, drilling an incredible 67 percent from the perimeter and 33 percent from everywhere else.

• JOHN GLENN 63, CULVER ACADEMIES 26
At Plymouth
GLENN (63): Jared Rhodes 0 2-2 2, Lonnie Shetler 4 0-0 11, Brody Solmos 8 1-1 23, Conrad Schubert 1 0-0 2, Mark Knappe 1 1-2 4, Austin O'Connor 2 0-0 5, Nathan Ridgway 3 0-0 6, Phil Van Wanzeele 1 0-1 2, Michael Fansler 4 0-0 8, Austin Davis 1 0-0 2, Jake Singleton 0 0-0 0, Daniel Stegemiller 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25 4-6 63.
CMA (26): Trent Sanders 0 0-0 0, Blayne Baker 4 0-0 9, Michael Grover 1 0-0 3, Chris Hamm 0 1-2 1, Conrad Chura 0 0-0 0, Carl Rivera 2 0-3 4, Pete O'Daniel 2 0-0 5, Alex Cuk 0 0-0 0, Trace Thews 1 0-3 2, Trevor Weaser 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 11 1-8 26.
Score by quarters
JG: 9 29 51 63
CMA: 6 11 15 26
3-pointers: Glenn 10 (Solmos 5, Shetler 3, Knappe, O'Connor), CMA 2 (Baker, Grover); Rebounds: Glenn 27 (Davis 5), CMA 15 (Baker, Chura 4); Assists: Glenn 10 (O'Connor 3), CMA 3 (Grover 2); Steals: Glenn 9 (Fansler), CMA 6 (Sanders, Thews 2); Turnovers: Glenn 13, CMA 28; Fouls (Fouled out): Glenn 12 (None); CMA 14 (None).
Records: Glenn 8-13, CMA 2-19.



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sell 40 to 50 pontoon boats a year and around 20 come back for storage. “This past fall, we stored 420 boats, 365 boat lifts, and maintained 96 piers. We employ 13 people full time, with the number growing to 16 to 18 in the summer. We cover lakes in Bremen, Warsaw, Valparaiso, and Plymouth.”

When asked about the company’s plans for growth, Heineman mentioned that Portside had been turned down by Culver’s Board of Zoning Appeals last year on the company’s request for a zoning variance in order to expand its facilities to the north.

“We rent a building, and rent doubled from last year to this,” he said, citing supply and demand as the reason (“They know we need it.”). “We need to have them (boats) more on site. We work on these boats all winter...our last plan is to move to a different site with more room.”

Culver building inspector Russ Mason, who took part in the BZA meetings on Portside’s variance, explained that the problem was the expansion’s proximity to a residential area, in this case the trailer court on West Jefferson Street in Culver.

Besides Portside’s request that their structure be 45 feet high, as opposed to the ordinance standard height of 35 feet, the owners of the trailer court objected to the expansion.

to hear arguments from those who feel the plan commission’s rules are causing a problem. “One of the things I’m running into,” he said, “is that it’s been seven years

so many feet from a house, think of what you’d have.”

Mason asked Heineman if he could work out a way to expand the marina to the west, rather than the north,



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Portside Marina may move from its current location on West Mill Street.

sion, said Mason. “The BZA doesn’t have to agree with property owners in its vote,” he said. “But they have criteria they have to follow.”

Asked about the relationship of Culver’s Plan Commission to the BZA and its decisions, Mason elaborated, “The planning commission’s responsibility is to follow the comprehensive plan and set ordinances with regards to planning and zoning.”

The BZA, said Mason, is

since we’ve had a major change to the zoning ordinances. The height thing of 35 feet is all the time. You can’t build a house with 10 foot ceilings and keep it at 35 feet.”

Mason, however, also offered some perspective on the importance of zoning ordinances. “The intent of the comprehensive plan was to have organized growth. If you didn’t have regulations that say industry has to be

which he said would eliminate any residential conflicts. “People would work with you if you had anything you could do on that side,” Mason said. “You would only be facing a height variance.”

Heineman said the company has considered such an expansion, but faces a six-foot grade downward to the west of the existing building. “The building we had plans for, the plans cost \$15,000,” Heineman explained, adding

that new plans would have to be made to build to the west, since the original plan allowed workers to travel from the old building into the new without having to go outside.

He also noted that he has met with Fulton County’s Economic Development Foundation, which is offering Portside incentives to move its operation to that county, a site he says would actually be slightly closer – and with fewer stop signs -- to Lake Maxinkuckee’s west shore boat launch than the marina’s present location.

“Fulton County would love to woo you away,” said Ginny Munroe, in the audience.

Audience member Grant Munroe asked about Port-

side’s economic relationship to the Culver community, to which Heineman replied that the company’s payroll is just over \$300,000, with fuel purchases made locally from Culver’s BP station at around \$30,000 last year.

Answering another question from Munroe, Heineman affirmed that his tax money goes to Marshall County and Culver. He also said leaving would be problematic, but might be necessary. “(When we moved in), they tore everything out doing it (the marina building) as it is now. It would be a hassle to move, but if we don’t have a place for the boats, we risk losing revenue.”

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an extension. Audience member Doris Breyfogle agreed. “His is not the only house on that substandard water. It’s a shame that...we’re extending service outside of town and not to the ones that have been in town for 30 years.”

Winters cited the short-sightedness of previous town councils. “If that line had been put in with means of flushing it, it would have been adequate,” he said. “Doris’ point and Mr. Anderson’s will be taken into account. We’ll try to follow through with it.”

When town manager McDermott noted that there has not been a water rate increase of late to compensate for improvements, Breyfogle replied that “water rate increases over the past 30 years were meant to improve my infrastructure, not that out of town. I don’t think the rate increase issue is it. I’ll refute you on that.”

“There are many water projects needed,” said McDermott. “Remember, the water system is from the 1940s in the town.”

“Unfortunately, we’re going to be looking for water rate increases,” added Winters.

- In other council action, it was resolved that the town put forth \$4,400 as a 10 percent local match of funds as required by the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs in order to receive monies from a federal planning grant applied for by the town. President Winters thanked the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council for its \$2,000 contribution to the town “as a part of their conscience to help us keep the lake clean. We really appreciate them doing that.”

- On a related note, town manager Sean McDermott said that the town interviewed two engineering firms who had submitted requests to create proposals for the planning project, which involves an in-depth study of needs related to Culver’s sewer and water infrastructure. Commonwealth Engineers, McDermott said, had the highest scores on board member sheets, and the town will continue to negotiate specifics with them. He added that a consultant would look over the grant on Feb. 27 and take it to Indianapolis.

- The council also approved a total of \$4,995 to Bob’s Electric and Culver Communications for the installation of a pole and necessary electrical outfitting to create a new emergency siren in Culver, hopefully at the corner of State Road 10 and Lake Shore Drive on the town’s north end. McDermott said he hoped to have the siren – the third in Culver – installed by the start of tornado season this April.

- Also approved was \$1,152 for portable radio devices that would allow Culver’s fire chief and deputy chief to set off the emergency siren, which currently can only be initiated at the fire station or by contacting the county dispatcher.

McDermott added that he is working closely with township trustee Marlene Mahler to create five or six more siren locations “on or around Lake Maxinkuckee,” as well

as with Culver Academies to tie their three sirens into the town’s sirens, which would allow the Academy’s to be activated at the county level instead of only via Academy personnel. The council approved the joint effort to tie the siren systems together, with a letter of understanding expected between the town and the school.

- The council approved clerk Howard’s request to pay the added costs of shipping and freight incurred from several town purchases approved last meeting, and agreed to write of \$64 of \$239 owed Culver’s EMS over a disputed bill settled in court.

- McDermott informed the council that he has sent a letter to the Riggings in Culver notifying the owners of a last chance to comply with the town’s nuisance law, with regards to a semi truck, pallets, and bricks that have caused several complaints of area residents who feel the materials – near the senior apartments at the north end of Forest Place – constitute an eyesore and potential hazard. McDermott explained that, if the materials are confiscated by the town, the Riggings would be charged a storage fee until the material would eventually become town property.

Responding to Winters’ request for a timeline on the items, McDermott said the town began receiving complaints over 90 days ago and has made “multiple efforts” to contact the Riggings to no avail. “So we feel that we have made more than a reasonable effort,” said McDermott.

Town attorney Ron Gifford confirmed that any fines or fees would be assessed to the group’s taxes. “This is a potential can of worms,” said Winters. “But we owe it to our citizens to keep it neat.”

- The council also approved an after-the-fact, emergency expenditure of up to \$3,085 to update five firefighters’ air packs to include a pass which emits a piercing noise if a firefighter doesn’t move for 30 seconds or more, according to deputy chief Ken VanDeputte.

- \$650 was allotted by the town to pay for a total of 10 hours of service from an urban forestry consultant who will supervise tree planting and the tree ordering process in addition to identifying other sites for fall planting, part of the efforts of Culver’s tree commission, said McDermott.

- Attorney Ron Gifford noted that police chief Wayne Bean has notified him of an antiquated ordinance pertaining to alarms which formerly ran into the police department, but which today are generally maintained by individuals and businesses via private security companies. It was suggested that the town not charge an annual fee for this service, which is no longer performed by the department, a matter upon which the council will vote at a future meeting.





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