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**Sports Spectacular scheduled for April 4**

Culver Community Middle and High School announces Sports Spectacular, which will take place on April 4 from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the high school gym. Cost is \$3 for everyone. Volleyball starts at 6 p.m. and relays will start at 6:30. Dance contest at 8:30 and all school dance 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Blood pressure checks, EMT classes**

The Culver-Union Township EMS will hold its next monthly blood pressure clinic on Saturday, April 4, inside the Culver Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free service to the community, and everyone is encouraged to take part. Culver-Union Township offers free blood pressure screening at different sites around the community on the first Saturday of each month.

Culver-Union Township EMS will be hosting a Basic EMT class beginning Aug. 11 and running through Nov. 24. The course cost is \$525, which includes the textbook and clinical shirt. Anyone interested in taking the class is encouraged to contact the EMS at 574-842-2773. Application packets will be available beginning April 1. Deadline to sign up for the course is June 20.

**Grace pancakes and sausages April 5**

Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage supper Saturday, April 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids 6-12. Carry-outs are available.

**Bible study upcoming at Trinity**

The Community Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church (330 Academy Rd.) on the topic of Marriage and Family continues every Wednesday in April. Upcoming sessions include: April 2 - The Blueprint (God's design for the family); April 9 - The Building Blocks (Building a lasting relationship); April 16 - The Finances (Family stewardship of money); April 23 - The New Addition (The blessings of children); April 30 - The Maintenance (Family spiritual life). The Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Make-up days**

The Culver Community School corporation has announced that its snow make-up days will take place on

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**A night to celebrate**

Above: Culver High School on March 19 held its annual basketball awards banquet, during which top players were cited for their performance. Above: top row, from left, Matt Marrs, Lucas Hanselman, and Jon Davis. Bottom row, from left, Zoe Bauer, Adam Neace, and Justin Master. Basketball coach Brett Berndt also announced that he will step down from coaching after this season.

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**Frozen eggs?**

Above: Emily McVicker, age three, and her mother Jeanie and other parents and children, braved the snow and cold last Saturday for Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt in the park.

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**Shopping in style**

Left, Carly Glenn, left, a junior at Culver High School, and Monica Hipscher, right, a senior at CCHS, model prom dresses at the Culver Cove on March 15, part of the annual Culver Tri Kappa Prom Dress Shop, which featured dresses collected by Tri Kappa and area students, including students at the Culver Academies. Right: Two Culver Girls Academy volunteers who helped collect the dresses, Jocelyn Kinsey, left, a senior, and Carie Birkmeier, a sophomore, also helped work the Prom Dress Shop.

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**Guenin visits, shares energy concerns**

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A familiar face to Culver residents returned on March 13 and paid a visit to the town's Kiwanis Club, not only to update the club — of which he is a member — on the latest goings-on in his life, but to share the deeper implications of his work with the audience.

Former town manager Jon Guenin — who still owns property in the town — says he misses Culver but loves his work as one of the 14,000 members of the staff of Purdue University in Lafayette, in his case in TAP, or Technical Assistance Program. TAP is engaged in outreach linking professors and others doing research, with busi-

nesses — especially manufacturing — who have real needs. Guenin, who notes that this sort of employment is leaving the country in all too many cases, works with companies throughout Indiana in the area of energy efficiency training, "something I'm passionate about."

Guenin painted a picture of energy management as not only an environmental concern, but a very real economic matter as well — and not just for manufacturers, but all Hoosiers, who he says enjoy an electrical rate some five to 10 kilowatt hours lower than the east and west coasts. Guenin says that new EPA standards will almost certainly raise those

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Jon Guenin shared thoughts and facts about his work in energy management with Culver's Kiwanis Club on March 13.

**Library bids, spending concerns discussed**

By Jeff Kenney  
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The Culver-Union Twp. Library board last week opened bids received for the library's recently-advertised children's room renovation project, though the board announced that a final decision on the contractor choice will be made at a later time. Instead, the March 18 meeting saw an animated discussion that followed the bid announcements, which came from four contractors.

Library Board President Ron Cole read the bids, which came from D & T Construction Service, Inc., of Silver Lake, with a base bid of \$44,910; Kaser Spraker Construction of South Bend, bidding \$48,580; W.J. Carey Construction of South Whitley, with a base bid of \$74,000; and Milestone Construction of Syracuse, submitting \$40,200 as a base bid. The bids were read, with additional alternates, in order of receipt.

The project in question, approved by the board for up to \$110,000 plus alternates at its Feb. 18 meeting, aims at renovating and improving the children's and young adult area of the library in downtown Culver, with the aim of

creating a more welcoming and attractive environment for youthful patrons.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, audience member Helen Fishburn asked why there were no local contractors submitting bids for the project. Cole replied that the advertisement had been put into area newspapers and that the renovation design firm, the Troyer Group, put out the word that bids were being taken. Representatives of the Troyer Group, also present for the meeting, added that they had received "a lot of calls" about the project and had several copies of the plans picked up.

Audience member Alfred Nyby of Culver asked if the \$17,000 cost of the planning portion of the project only included the plans themselves, to which Cole replied that the price included site visits and progress checks from Troyer Group as the project proceeds.

Nyby continued by expressing concerns about spending at the library. "I would like the library not to do this remodeling," he said. "I think the library is spending too much money."

Cole noted that a chil-

dren's committee had been formed by the library, including members of the public, in hopes of generating ideas for better visitation by youth to the library.

Board member Phil Malory added, "There have already been three meetings open to the public, and we asked for input at the time. Before this started, there was an open, public meeting and we explained the proposal. Later in the evening, we had a meeting that included a parents' group. The last meeting was when these folks (Troyer Group) came in and presented plans for the first time. So at this time to say that we don't want expenditures, is a little late."

"What have you got to lose to hear us out?" Nyby asked. "We're here to represent the public...can I have five minutes?"

Nyby distributed a page of statistics to board and audience members and addressed the board, "There are 239 libraries in Indiana according to the Indiana State Library. Culver-Union Twp. Public Library spends the third highest amount per capita of all 239 libraries. We have 3,200 people in this township, and

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**Culver Relay fundraising in top six in the nation**

Relay For Life of Culver has raised more than \$50,000 and is now ranked sixth nationwide in online fundraising, according to the Culver Academies, which will host the April 18 event at its outdoor track at the corner of S.R 10 and 117.

The American Cancer Society sponsors Relays across the nation, and Culver's is one

of the only Relays organized and held on a high school campus. The minimum goal of Relay for Life is to raise \$35,000, a number obviously well surpassed in the case of Culver, which also has 60 teams and over 500 participants signed up so far, according to the Relay Web site at www.relayforlife.org.

