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In Brief

Holiday bazaar Saturday

The 11th annual “By the Lake” holiday bazaar will take place at the Culver depot-train station on Lake Shore Drive Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to Lois Curtis (574-842-2308) or Connie Overmyer (574-842-2446).

Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows breakfast Nov. 13

Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will hold a pancakes and sausage - biscuits and gravy breakfast on Saturday, November 13, from 6 a.m. to noon at Pine and 18B Roads. The all you can eat meal cost is (adults) \$6 and (children) \$4.

Culver in world wars program Nov. 11

Culver Academies historian Robert Hartman will presents “Lest We Forget,” an audio-visual look at the contributions of graduates of Culver Military Academy to the two great wars — World Wars I and II — of the 20th Century, as well as the development of the school in the years between those conflicts.

The program will take place on Veterans Day: Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main St. in downtown Culver.

The event is free and open to the public. Information is available at www.culver.org/museum, or call 574-842-8842.

Auxiliary needs new members

CULVER — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is in need of new members. Men and women can join to be volunteers to provide front desk and gift shop help. There are also opportunities to volunteer in the surgery office, in spiritual care, the emergency room, the free clinic, and other areas of the hospital. The Culver unit makes animal pillows to be given to children at the clinic and the hospital. Dues are \$5 per person and are being collected now. For more information call Ann at 574-842-2146.

Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Monday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. All

Tricks, treats, and fun in Culver

ABOVE: What seemed like an unusually voluminous throng of candy-seeking ghosts and goblins invaded the streets of Culver Sunday night, as area homes and businesses distributed goodies to costumed youngsters of all ages. AT LEFT, Chad Becker of Culver's police department gave out 'glow sticks' and candy, as in years past, to crowds of trick-or-treaters. TOP RIGHT: Tim Wagner of Wagner's Towing in Culver hands out an unusual Halloween offering — Play-Dough — to children. BELOW RIGHT: Dawn Brockey of Culver Coffee Company (still fitting into her Culver Girls Academy uniform) gives a treat to Jamie Thomas, in gingerbread.

Library votes to terminate museum

Space and other reasons cited for ticking clock for *Center for Culver History*

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The clock is ticking toward the termination of the Antiquarian and Historical Society's tenure in the Culver Union Township Public library. In a vote of 4 to 1 with Jim Hahn, president, abstaining, the board adopted a resolution to revoke an existing agreement with the Society, to use a 2,000 sq. ft area in the basement of the library for a Culver history museum. The agreement, signed in July of 2006 by Robert Kreuzberger, president of the Antiquarian Society, Jeff Kenney, secretary, Ron Cole, president of CUTPL, and Kathleen Kline, secretary, included a clause for potential cancellation and revision of the agreement, stating that, “the agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice three years in advance.”

In September of 2007, an additional memorandum of understanding was signed clarifying certain sections of the original agreement. This memorandum was accepted on the signatures of Jim Peterson, Fred Karst, and Jeff Kenney for the Antiquarians and Peg Schuldt, Rita Lawson, Marcia Adams, Joan Dugger and Ron Cole for CUTPL.

Library committee formed

Recently, an ad hoc committee of library board members was formed to review and advise on the needs of the library for the coming three years. The committee, composed of

Carol Saft, Melanie Robertson and Al Nyby, reviewed the needs of the staff and public and concurred that the area now used as a museum should be converted into usable space for library purposes. This was discussed with the library board members and presented prior to the public meeting with representatives of the Antiquarian Society. This meeting was to inform the Society of the recommendations that would be presented for voting at the regularly scheduled CUTPL meeting.

AHS President speaks

Prior to voting on the resolution, Hahn opened the meeting to Jim Peterson, Antiquarian & Historical Society, and Jim Faulkner, representing the staff of CUTPL, for their remarks.

Peterson noted the Society had no input into the ad hoc committee's conclusions. He told the board and standing audience members that the Society's involvement with the library had begun in the 1990's. During that period, area for a library had been offered at the vacant lot adjacent to the Culver Dental Clinic at a token price, but Society members felt that with the history of the old Carnegie library and the importance of maintaining a presence in the downtown area, it was crucial that the Carnegie library and renovation be kept on Main Street.

The Antiquarians active-



ly lobbied for keeping the library downtown and donated \$10,000 toward the Carnegie renovation and new addition. The original space to be dedicated to a museum area, Peterson said, today is used as the library's computer room.

“There were no hard feelings” Peterson continued, noting the original museum agreement with the library ended with the early 2000s renovation and addition to the Carnegie library.

He detailed the library's later efforts to form a local history and genealogy area in the unfinished space in the old Carnegie basement of the library, explaining the Society gradually stepped in to assist in providing assistance and research materials for the library's endeavors. Eventually, the library and Antiquarian and Historical Society reached an agreement for the Society to create a museum space in the room, which is today the Center for Culver History.

The Society then spent \$100,000, receiving a grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation for \$40,000, to convert the unfinished space into a us-

able area for the museum. Peterson said that the museum was always in the plans of the previous library boards and was always considered to be used as a history department. The board ultimately removed staffing and the Antiquarians hired the staff required to maintain the museum.

“This saved the taxpayers of Culver and Union Township,” Peterson continued. He also pointed out that the Society contributed material to the web site and provided genealogy research space.

“Let's work together on this and negotiate,” Peterson said “We are committed to the library.”

Library staff letter read

Faulkner read a letter he said represented the views of the staff of the library, and was signed by all staff members, noting the library director was not a part of the discussion or had input into the conclusions of the letter.

“The staff works every day to serve the public and listen to all public input.” Faulkner said, noting he had been “deputized” by the staff to read the letter, which he said was in part a response to a letter to the editor by Peterson pub-

lished recently in the Citizen. “We all have a genuine sense of community and are privileged to serve. We regret any unfair cruising comments in the media.”

Faulkner continued by noting that a common goal is to secure more space for technical purposes, quiet rooms for student studying, and more space for increased collection of books and audio/visual material. He noted that space for staff was extremely limited. Behind the main circulation desk is a 360 sq. ft. area housing five desks, three tables, book shelves, sinks, and a large copier. New collections are sometimes placed on the floor behind the screen that shields the circulation desk from this area until they can be catalogued and placed on shelves. All citizens of the township and town pay taxes for library services, he noted, and the staff stands behind the library board's decision to use the museum room for library use.

“Other buildings, storefronts, historic homes, are available for use for a museum,” Faulkner said. “We should provide services for the community as a library.”

Public gives input

Hahn asked for public input from the standing-room-only crowd of over 60 attendees. Audience member Dennis Lewanowski asked if the library is currently using space available

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Noise ordinance impact on families brought forth

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council planned a work session last week to discuss best measures to handle increasingly heated sentiments regarding a noise ordinance for the town of Culver.

Discussing at length her family's personal experience with noise problems in Culver (during the public input portion of the meeting) at the October 26 Council meeting was Janet Halling of South Main Street. Halling voiced her support of the proposed ordinance, which was presented in draft form at the Council's previous meeting, during which various methods of giving law enforcement more

ability to reduce the noise problem were discussed.

Halling -- who also read a letter from her husband, Don Baker, who couldn't attend the meeting -- said her family has been dealing with weekend noise problems originating from a restaurant and bar across the street from her home, since summer of 2007. She said loud music until 3 a.m. on weekend nights, and loud, “obnoxious” patrons of the business after 3 a.m. have been an ongoing problem.

“We have made numerous calls (and have) been ignored or met with rudeness or lies,” Halling explained. “Many times our calls are just not answered. I have spoken to the owners several times. They sometimes seem genuinely concerned,

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Culver receives \$250k grant

Word has been received that the town of Culver has received an INDOT grant for Safe Routes to School totaling \$250,000, with funds 100 percent reimbursable. The project, says Town Manager Michael Doss, will include sidewalks for Ohio, Main, and School Streets. More information will appear in next week's Citizen.

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in the best manner. He said that 2,000 sq. ft. was really nothing in comparison to space available in the rest of the library. He suggested hiring a professional organizer to assess the situation.

Audience member Russ Mason noted that the museum was always part of the library’s long term plan. Hard copy book reading is becoming a thing of the past with online reading devices available. He continued, “You haven’t told us how you plan to use the space occupied by the museum. How will you utilize this?”

Ginny Bess Munroe asked if the ad hoc committee had asked the taxpayers of Culver and Union Township if they wanted the museum to be discontinued in that space. She questioned if materials could be archived offsite to save space.

Jim Bonine, who served one term as a member of the MCCF board, said that the Marshall County Community Foundation had not been given enough credit for their grant to the library of \$100,000 (editor’s note: the 2008 grant given by the MCCF was actually for \$40,000, rather than \$100,000).

Bill Clevenger said that Antiquarian Society members were also taxpayers and could be considered as “paying their share” toward the maintenance and upkeep of the library. Mike Fitterling told the board that “we are all taxpayers and you are here to serve us.” He said that the Society has paid its share of rent in the \$100,000 already spent on the museum room. Joan Bess, retired librarian of the Culver Academies, said that a library’s main function is to provide information rather than just to amass books, and the museum certainly qualified in that duty.

Agnes Bramfeld asked how a dancing class (one of the reasons noted as a need for additional space) trumped the use of the space for assisting people with historical re-

search and the museum. Linda Hippenhammer said that libraries have to transcend into the future. Cataloging books may not be the best use of library facilities given the wave of the future, which seems to be leaning toward wireless books and other media for all categories becoming more available.

Ali Gaskill, a library staff member for five years, noted that the children’s area was a constant madhouse from 3 p.m. onwards during the winter and even more so in summer months. She said that 50 percent of children who visited the library did not have access to a computer or wireless reading devices. Patty Stallings told the board that, “you’re listening to the staff and you aren’t listening to the taxpayers - there is a lot of space that can be used if properly reviewed.”

Ed Pinder said he uses the library on a weekly basis. He complimented the Antiquarians for cleaning up and renovating the unused space in the basement, and asked the library board to reconsider their position. David Bigley said he thought a 2,000 sq. ft. addition could be added to the front of the library, as there is plenty of space available to do so.

Nyby presents numbers

Board member Nyby proceeded with a Power Point presentation for clarification of the decision to annul the agreement. He preceded the presentation commenting that he was the last member of the library board to agree to removing the museum from the library. The Power Point highlighted the increased amount of books and audio/visual materials being stored in the library and the need for more book shelves, citing the acquisition of 60,000 books between 2000 to 2009. Also cited was the need for more room for student studying and technical areas. Acknowledging his figures on visitors to the library in the past three years were guesses, Nyby said he supports a “people counter” to determine the number of citizens visiting the library, but noted that a record was kept of all visitors to the children’s area and that more activity in visits was shown for one month to the children’s room than to the museum all year.

Nyby then proceeded with introducing the resolution to put the Antiquarian Society on notice of termination of agreement.

Board votes

Saft, a member of the ad hoc committee, said she was unaware of the material being presented in the Power Point and was unhappy that she wasn’t given opportunity to study it before the meeting. Despite statements given the board that museums within other Indiana libraries are virtually nonexistent, Saft said her investigation found that many other libraries around the state host museums. She said that in fact Culver’s library had sent a staff member, during the development of the current museum, to meetings of a statewide consortium of libraries with museums, towards development of

Culver’s museum.

Saft then made a motion to delay considering the resolution pending more negotiations with the Antiquarians. The motion died for lack of a second. Hahn then told board members he would not cast a vote at this time. Robertson introduced the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Nyby. The vote was Joyce Greeson, Melanie Robertson, Rita Lawson and Nyby voting in favor, Saft cast the opposing vote, and Hahn abstaining. The clock for the museum started ticking at that point, according to Ken Lukenbill, library board attorney.

Hahn then told the audience that the museum issue would be on the agenda each month and urged a representative of the Antiquarians to be present.

Library budget and other business

The library board approved their budget estimates for 2011 after receiving non-binding approval from the Marshall County Council. Al Nyby, chairman of the budget committee, announced that the \$224,000 budget amount for 2011 would result in taxes of .0519 for the General Fund and .0603 for the Debt Service Fund. He also noted that salaries for 2010 were \$2,000 higher than expected and there was a \$600 amount due now that was earlier than expected for unprinted data.

Carol Saft, member, asked why the working budget submitted was less than the budget amount approved. Nyby said that in order to get the taxes needed, it was necessary to ask for this amount to support the operating fund. He noted that if you asked for less, the money to fund debt service and general fund might necessitate using the savings. “This is what happened previously that decimated our savings” Nyby responded.

Under the directors report, Colleen McCarty, director, said there would be a celebration for Friends of the Library who have contributed so much time and effort toward support of the library. There are approximately 35 members. She also reported that Ali Gaskill had completed Level 6 of library sciences and now qualifies to be a head librarian.

McCarty said that the long range plans encompassed three years and is action oriented. The library conducted a survey of patrons to see what programs and services could be provided. The survey which was sent to patrons and published in the Culver Citizen had a response of 173 patrons with only two mentioning the history museum. The plan includes connecting on line with patrons, creating quiet time space for student studying, create young leaders by offering programs for pre-school age children.

She emphasized the need for more staffing as endorsed by Saft. McCarty also said that the computer technician, Andrew, indicated that the present computers that are three years old, can last up to five years with good maintenance. The issue is that Andrew must also be on call for the history museum’s computer system and must leave the computer lab unattended.

Other needs outlined was the previously mentioned space for student studying, request for extended hours of library use and more staff working space. There is also the need for a space to offer tutoring. Activities that use the main meeting room are extensive and include dance class, Girl Scout meetings, Knitting group, and other civic group meetings. McCarty also said that the “Friends of the Library” have little or no space to work at the present time.

Jim Faulkner, accounting manager, said that CUTPL had been chosen as a test area for a new on line information system. The system, if approved, would allow budgets and annual reports to be submitted on line. CUTPL is one of 17 in Indiana chosen to participate.

McCarty told the audience that all information in her report and recommendations would be posted on the CUTPL’s web site.

During a report from the library’s ad hoc finance committee, Nyby outlined changes in funding for the library next year, noting about \$31,000 will be lost in CAGIT monies due to changes in property taxes across Indiana. He also described major increases in the cost of group health insurance for employees, noting after receipts and expenditures are tallied, the library’s budget is left with only \$10,000. Giving employees a one percent raise would cost

\$2,400, and hiring the full-time employee discussed elsewhere in the meeting would cost an additional \$28,000, said Nyby. He also said extending the library’s weekend hours to include Sundays would cost around \$2,000 per hour open.

Nyby suggested “people counter” machinery to keep more accurate statistics on patron usage to help decide what hours the building should be open, at a cost of \$1,800 to \$2,000. The board also moved forward with plans to erect three public signs directing traffic to the library, around the town of Culver.

In answer to Faulkner’s question, the board agreed the letter Faulkner read, signed by all library employees, concerning the museum issue, should not be posted to the library website, with Greeson noting that Society members had been directed by the board not to bring issues or concerns to the library staff, so it wouldn’t seem appropriate to publicly post staff opinions about the matter.

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Kiwanians see new president, members

PHOTOS AT LEFT: Culver's Kiwanis Club recently added several new members and saw a shift from its President over the past year, David Baker, to new President Julie Bess. Bess presented Baker an award honoring him for his "tireless" work for the Club and the Culver Community, noting he and wife Mary are "a perfect example of a balanced lifestyle in retirement, giving back to the community and working for children." Baker said he looks forward to "young, new ideas" from Bess, the Club's new officers, and its board. The Club's current officers now include Michael Doss (Vice President), Bob Volkert (Second Vice President), Jim Weirick (Treasurer), and Mary Weirich (Secretary). Present also was incoming Lt. Governor of Kiwanis' Arrowhead District Orville Perry (who is also Sheriff of Jasper County, Indiana), who addressed the Club.

TOP PHOTO, from left, are Volkert, Bess, Perry, Baker, Weirick, and Weirich.

MIDDLE PHOTO: New Kiwanis members inducted recently include, from left to right, John Bartlett, Derek Perkins, Jim Hahn, and Mike Hudson. Not pictured: new member Larry Brockey.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Other new Kiwanians inducted include, from left to right, Rod and Susie Jamieson, owners of Culver's Town and Country Liquors; and Trent Bennett, who recently moved back to Culver to operate Maxinkuckee Realty and work in the family plumbing and heating business.

Obituary

Robert Jaques 'R.J.' Moore May 30, 1916 — Oct. 24, 2010

INDIANAPOLIS — Robert Jaques "R.J." Moore, 94, passed away Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010. A longtime resident of Indianapolis and Naples, Fla. he was born in Thorntown, Ind. May 30, 1916 to the late E. Ward and Olive Jaques Moore. A graduate of the Culver Military Summer School (1932), Culver Military Academy (1933) and Wabash College (1937) with a major in botany, he was an avid member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

After graduation from Wabash, R.J. volunteered for the draft and entered the United States Navy in 1939, where he served as an officer for the Amphibious Force, Land Ship Tanks, in four tours of duty, three in the European Theatre and one in the Pacific Theatre (1939 to 1944).

Prior to his first tour of Duty, R.J. married his longtime sweetheart, Jane McCoy Moore Aug. 18, 1940, in Lafayette, Ind. They were married until her death in 1987.

R.J. and Jane are survived by two daughters, Patricia "Pam" Moore and Emily (Jim) Sturman; two grandsons, Jason (Molly) Sturman, Jake (Becky) Sturman; and four great-grandchildren.

He was married to Alice June Bond Steinmetz Moore in 1994 until her death in 2009. He is also survived by her daughters, Judy Bond Ford (Bill McFarland) and Linda Bond (Tom) Norris.

R.J. spent his professional career as president and owner of the R.J. Moore Company, a commercial real estate brokerage and development company, most notably assembling and developing the Park Fletcher Business Park (1962 to 1993). R.J. was a life member of the Society of Office and Industrial Realtors and active in the Urban Land Institute. He was also an avid member of the Mystic Tie Lodge, the Murat Shrine, York Rite, Royal Order of Jesters, and the Scottish Rite, being thrice Potent Master (1973 to 1974), a 33° Honorary Member Supreme Council (1975) and Deputy for Indiana (1989).

In recognition of his professional and civic excellence he was presented the key to the City of Indianapolis by then Mayor Bill Hudnut (1991) and the Sagamore of the Wabash by then Governor Evan Bayh (1991).

R.J. also enjoyed spending time at the Columbia Club, the Service Club, his residence in Naples, Fla., and with his family on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver, Ind. He was a past deacon and elder at Fairview Presbyterian Church and was currently a member of Second Presbyterian Church.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., with visitation from 11 a.m. until time of services.

A private family burial followed in Thorntown. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Culver Educational Foundation, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN, 46511, or the Indiana Mason Home Foundation, 525 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204.



REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thurs., Nov. 5: Chicken and noodles with gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner roll and margarine, baby carrots, pears, and milk.

Fri., Nov. 6: Mac and cheese with ham, peas, cauliflower, bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

Mon., Nov. 9: Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, beets, Bread & Margarine, dessert, and milk.

Tues., Nov. 10: Chicken Fettuccini, tossed salad and dressing, green beans, garlic bread, pineapple, and milk.

Weds., Nov. 11: Cheeseburger on a Bun, pickles and onions, corn, green beans, apricots, birthday treat, and milk.

Thurs., Nov. 12: Italian Beef/Sausage on a Bun, carrot coin salad, spudsters,

blueberry crisp, and milk.

Fri., Nov. 13: Cream of Broccoli Soup, tuna pasta salad, peas and carrots, crackers, peaches, and milk.

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Birth - Stubbs

Rodney and Jennifer Stubbs, Culver, announce the birth of a son born Oct. 20, 2010 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Leland Adam Stubbs weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. He was welcomed home by siblings, Logon Welsh, Matthew Cole, Brandon Welsh, and Destiny Stubbs. Maternal grandmother is Pam Cole, Plymouth. Paternal grandfather is Rodney Stubbs, Clyde, Texas.

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Letters to the editor

Museum thanks and a clarification

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Dear Editor and Citizens of Culver,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, I wish to express to you our heartfelt and grateful appreciation for your overwhelming show of support for the museum at the recent Library Board meeting.
As the audience, you had to give your own weight to the many questionable “facts” that were presented. Many of those, in my opinion, were not at all accurate. There was, however, one glaring item that I feel needs to be clarified. Late in the discussion it was stated by an audience member that the Marshall County Community Foundation had given a \$100,000 grant to the AHS, and by implication, that that was the money used for the renovation of the room occupied by the museum. In fact, the grant was for \$40,000 and it was one of the largest grants they had ever given, attesting to their faith in the museum’s benefit to the community. The remaining renovation monies came from AHS funds, to which many of you contributed.
As a firm believer in the adage that as one door closes, another opens, the museum will survive this setback. We shall be searching for a new location, along with the resources to support it.
In any case, as you have wonderfully demonstrated, it is important to the community that it’s history be preserved and showcased. And the AHS, through the museum, will continue to do just that and to be good stewards of the monies and artifacts that so many of you have contributed. Your continued help and support will accrue to the benefit to all within the community.
Again, thank you for your support.
Sincerely,

Jim Sawhook
Executive Vice President
Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver

Obamacare

I am as appalled as your other readers over the enormous economic costs and intrusiveness of Obamacare. What I would like to add is my deep concern, from the perspective of a physician with more than 40 years of experience, over the Invisible Wall being erected between doctors and their patients, a wall behind which the many bureaucratic decisions directly affecting patient care are presently being made.
Among the tidal wave of new taxes in the law is a huge tax on pharmaceutical research firms. These folks have been demonized as the enemy by congress, but over a lifetime of practice I have found them indispensable in curing more and more diseases for my patients. This new cost to drug companies is contributing to the closure of drug research laboratories. What cures were being sought in these now closed laboratories? Cancer? Diabetes? Macular Degeneration? We will never know.
Additional new taxes are to be levied on medical device research development — devices such as stents for heart attacks, joint implants for fractures, intraocular implants to prevent blindness. These device companies will be forced to either curtail research on lifesaving devices or relocate outside the United States. Warsaw, Ind. is currently home base for the finest joint replacements in the world.
Along with reducing the flow of new pharmaceutical cures and improved medical devices, the congress has also provided over a billion dollars as start-up funds for Comparative Effectiveness Research. This tongue-twisting entity is little more than a group of government panels empowered to ration medical care under the guise of a science. The findings of these panels will be presented initially as suggestions but will rapidly morph into mandated cookbooks for standardized rationed patient care.
My purpose in writing is to draw attention to these matters (reduced new cures, reduced new devices and rationed care) which have profound influence in our lives, but have been little discussed due to The Wall. This bill was passed into law against the well-known wishes of the vast majority. I intend to vote to repeal Obamacare and hope my patients and fellow readers join me.

Leo G Watson MD
Culver

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Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

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Reader Charlotte Hahn correctly identified the famous locale at which the Culver Citizen was pictured last week. It was the Battleship Missouri in Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii, taken during Culver’s own Russ and Rita Mason’s recent vacation. As always, readers are encouraged to send photos of our globe-trotting local paper to the editor as part of this ongoing contest.



Photos (and guesses as to the latest location) may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Last week’s Mystery Citizen appears to have stumped our readers, even though many certainly see him regularly (or have seen him in the past). He’s Mark Wamsley, of the First National Bank of Monterey’s Culver branch, and son of longtime FNB President Claiborn ‘Clip’ Wamsley.

Catching up on older business, reader Charlotte Hahn identified our previous week’s Mystery Citizen, Kathryn Breyfogle, just after press time for last week’s paper. She joins other correct guessers in enjoying free parking in downtown and uptown Culver!

This week’s Mystery Citizen may not be a face daily seen by all Culverites, but she’s here pretty regularly and has made waves well outside Culver since graduating from CCHS.

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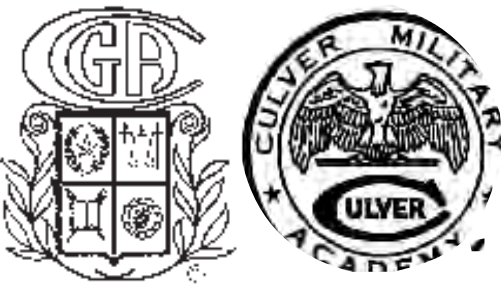
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Community calendar

Thurs., Nov. 4
Harry Frick on Culver Academies School for the Entrepreneur, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Fri., Nov. 5
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Sat., Nov. 6
By the Lake craft bazaar, 9 a.m., train station-depot
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
“12 Angry Jurors” fall play, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium
Mon., Nov. 8
Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., Town hall
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., Administration bldg.
Tues., Nov. 9
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Weds., Nov. 10
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver history program, REAL Meals, noon, Culver beach lodge
Hooked on Books discussion group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
TOPS mtg., 5:30 p.m., Grace church
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot-train station
Thurs., Nov. 11
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library



Sports



Cavs survive gridiron war

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Less than 7 minutes into the game, it was plain to see this one would be a war.

Whiting and Culver both scored on their first two possessions to put the score at 14-all by the 5:34 mark of the first frame, and even with the Cavaliers leading 42-21 with just over 8 minutes on the game clock, the outcome was still up for grabs.

The Oilers scored twice within a 13-second span of the fourth quarter off a Noe Torres 1-yard plunge and a recovered onside kick resulting in a 55-yard catch-and-carry by leading receiver Steve Kieltyka that cut the Cavs' lead to 42-35 at the 6:44 mark, then put themselves in position to score again on a second and goal at the Culver 8-yard line with 39.8 seconds remaining and all the momentum in the world.

Culver junior defensive back Johnny Anderson intercepted a Matt Aponte pass just outside the end zone, however, and Culver held off a Whiting squad eager for a reprisal of last year's Sectional 33 championship loss, 42-35 at home Friday.

"Great play by Johnny," said Culver head football coach Andy Thomas. "We were hoping we'd have a safety step in front of something like that all night, but it's tough because



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Community High School's Michael Salary hugs his grandmother, Mary Salary, following the Cavs' victory over Whiting Friday night.

timed passing game."

While Culver did have some success with its passing game — sophomore quarterback Collin Stevens hit his targets at a 4-for-7 rate for 104 yards and two touchdowns, including a long 61-yard catch-and-carry connection with Zoe Bauer that put the home team up 21-14 at the 9:52 stop of the second frame — the Cavs were fueled primarily by senior running back Michael Salary's 202 rushing yards and five scores.

His 88-yard kickoff return answered Whiting's opening score at the 11:17 mark of the first quarter and his 20-yard touchdown reception at the 8:06 mark of the fourth brought Culver's score to its final and proved to be the difference in the game.

"It's a good team behind me, and I feel good," said Salary, who recovered from a high ankle sprain in the final weeks of the regular season. "When you have a good team that just doesn't want to quit on you because it's your senior year, that makes you want to play harder, and you forget about the pain and you suck it up and play ball."

Whiting ends its season at 8-3, while Culver improves to an 8-3 record. The Cavs will host South Central in the sectional championship next Friday.

• CULVER 42,
WHITING 35
At Class A Sectional 33 at Culver
Score by quarters
Whiting: 14 7 0 14 — 35
Culver: 14 14 7 7 — 42
Scoring summary
First quarter
W — Emerik Quiroz 29-yd pass from Matt Aponte (Alvaro Castellon) 11:39
C — Michael Salary 88-yd kickoff return (Collin Stevens kick) 11:17
W — Quiroz 1-yd run (Castellon kick) 8:36
C — Salary 25-yd run (Stevens kick) 5:34
Second quarter
C — Zoe Bauer 61-yd pass from Stevens (Stevens kick) 9:52
W — Steve Kieltyka 16-yd pass from Aponte (Castellon kick) 4:59
C — Salary 3-yd run (Stevens kick) 0:26
Third quarter
C — Salary 42-yd run (Stevens kick) 11:40
Fourth quarter
C — Salary 20-yd pass from Stevens (Stevens kick) 8:06
W — Noe Torres 1-yd run (Castellon kick) 6:57
W — Kieltyka 55-yd pass from Aponte (Castellon kick) 6:44
Culver stats
Rushing: 55-307; Salary 28-202, Stevens 14-63, Sam Hendrickson 10-35
Passing: Stevens 4-7-1 for 104 yds, 2 TDs
Receiving: Bauer 1-61, Budzinski 1-22, Salary 1-20
First downs: 16
Penalties-yds lost: 7-67
Fumbles-lost: 2-2
Record: 8-3
Whiting stats
Rushing: 20-56; Torres 4-40, Juwan Simmons 2-16, Quiroz 8-14
Passing: Aponte 25-43-2 for 380 yds, 3 TDs, Simmons 1-1 for 29, Kieltyka 1-1 for 29
Receiving: Kieltyka 8-164, Simmons 8-120, Torres 3-40, Quiroz 2-66
First downs: 22
Penalties-yds lost: 7-34
Fumbles-lost: 1-1
Record: 8-3 (final)



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver's Michael Salary runs in the open field during the Cavaliers' sectional semifinal against Whiting at home Friday.

you can't get nosy because they've got guys behind you. They really put you in a bind in the run and the pass. We finally had somebody roll the dice and make a play, and we survived.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game. With the guys that they've got, with the playmakers that they have it was not going to be over until the clock read zero and they showed that. They got the score, got the onside and kind of got energized a little bit and got a couple stops on defense. I'm proud of our kids. We beat an outstanding football team, an outstanding program."

Friday's sectional semifinal was a tale of two offenses as the Cavs chewed up 307 rushing yards, while the Oilers relied on their ariel attack as Aponte connected with receivers at a 25-for-43 rate for 380 yards and three touchdowns, including 164 receiving yards and two touchdowns by Kieltyka.

"It isn't what we're used to playing against in the Northern State Conference," Thomas said. "It's been more of a running league and those guys put it up in the air, and they're good at it... They have a very precise and well-

CGA's Neer wins state



PHOTO/TIM CREASON

Culver Girls Academy senior Waverly Neer (109) strains to reach the finish line ahead of Bloomington South's Nicole Lucas (35) at Saturday's girls state cross country finals in Terre Haute. In the second closest finish in girls state meet history, Neer won the state championship by .7 of a second.

TERRE HAUTE — Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer edged out Bloomington South's Nicole Lucas by .7 of a second to win the 30th annual Girls State Cross Country Championship at the Wabash Valley Sports Center in Terre Haute Saturday.

Neer's 18:17.5 time earned her a clean sweep sweep of state tournament championships after winning individual titles at both the Culver Academies Sectional and Regional, and her record-breaking 17:53.9 at the New Prairie Semistate last weekend followed up another meet-record finish at regional October 16.

Neer's first-place finish paced 21st-placed CGA at the meet as Kaye Sitterley finished 93rd in 20:09.8, Kacie Hermanson was 141st in 20:59.1, Eden Brackenbury placed 165th with a time of 21:38.2, and Kayla-Colleen Miracle was 171st in 21:53.5, while Madeleine Gillingham and Nina Simonini were 186th and 188th, respectively in 23:05.1 and 23:24.0.

NorthWood's Cynthia Medina placed 19th in 18:55.8 to earn All-State honors, while Bremen's Hope Jordan placed 61st.

Football

Eagles fall vs. Andrean

CULVER — Mason Zurek ran for 113 yards, Demetri Blanco added 112 and Rick Johnston scored two touchdowns as Andrean ran over Culver Military 41-0 in a Sectional 17 semifinal Friday at the Academies.

The 59'ers rushed for 463 yards on 44 carries for a 10.5-yard-per-carry average and 19 first downs.

Andrean fumbled five times in the first half, losing three, including one in the end zone, but the Eagles were unable to convert those miscues into points.

Ralph Laux had 46 yards rushing for CMA, which closes out the season at 4-7.

• ANDREAN 41,
CULVER MILITARY 0
At Class 3A Sectional 17 at Culver
Score by quarters
Andrea: 0 14 13 14 — 41
CMA: 0 0 0 0 — 0
Second Quarter
Rick Johnston 24-yd run (Kick blocked) 8:06
Johnston 2-yd run (Zack Kogut run) 3:02
Third Quarter
Jon DalSanto 23-yd pass from Demetri Blanco (Dan Wirtz kick) 6:02
Blanco 6-yd run (Kick blocked) 0:11
Fourth Quarter
Mason Zurek 25-yd run (Wirtz kick) 9:34
Christian Hood 4-yd run (Wirtz kick) 2:39
Records: CMA 4-7 (final), Andrean 8-3

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Public invited to check out the Culver Club at Nov. 12 event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver Club of Culver plans to increase its offerings and activities in the area, and towards that end the club is extending an invitation to anyone curious about the organization, to an evening at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop (102 S. Main Street) on Friday, November 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Wine, cheese, soft drinks, and other refreshments will be provided by the Club, for the free event.

Besides being an opportunity to learn what the club is all about, the evening will also be the last public opportunity (for the time being, at least) to view the museum's popular display on Culver Academies' beloved model railroad, which for nearly 40 years operated in the lower level of the school's dining hall, up to the mid-1980s. Selected cars and other memorabilia from the club have been on display in recent months, and that display will be dismantled and no longer available for public viewing following the November 12 event.

There will be a brief presentation on the Culver Club at 6 p.m. as part of the event, and in addition, Culver Academies historian and author Bob Hartman will be present to sign copies of his books, which will be available for purchase.

As many may know, the Culver Club in the past has raised funds for scholarships to assist four chosen boys and girls each summer in attending Culver's Woodcraft Camp. Events of the past included golf tournaments, sales at the local basketball tourney, and the ongoing tradition

of a party each year following Culver Academies' annual Christmas Vespers service in the Memorial Chapel. There are typically four local Club events each year, including a June welcome reception for all members with a Ledbetter cruise and social. In the fall and spring members are provided multiple opportunities to attend Academy events free of charge or for a small fee that provides a more personal experience.

Club representatives hope to broaden the group's offerings even more.

"Our goal is to provide scholarships for Marshall County students," explains Culver Club member Krista Furry. She adds praise for Culver Club of Culver President Bruce Monroe, who she says "has been instrumental in getting the Club active and adding a variety of benefits to the members."

Culver Clubs International is an umbrella for a host of local clubs in major cities in and out of the United States. Many members are alumni, faculty, or supporters of Culver Academies, but no affiliation with the school is necessary to join the club, adds Furry.

Among membership benefits, says club member Bill Githens, are discounted tickets to events such as the Huffington Concert Series at Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus, besides invitations to events such as the post-Vespers gala, and other perks.

Questions about the Culver Club of Culver or the November 12 event may be directed to Furry at 574-842-2135 or kristafurry@mac.com, or Githens at ndame@aol.com or by phone at 281-788-5688.

Monterey Elementary honor roll, BUGS

Monterey Elementary School has announced its honor roll for the first grading period of this semester.

All A honor roll

Grade 1: Virgil Binion, Alexzandria Forest, Christian “Zeke” Gearhart, Ella Gearhart, Jalen King, Jenna Loehmer.

Grade 2: Aubrey Gearhart, Olivia Gilley, Kelsey Heise, Reagan Sheets, Hunter Watwood.

Grade 3: Alexis Bajer, Destiny Bajer, Natalie Bugg, Jasmine Felda, Sarah Keller.

Grade 4: Adrian Olvera

Grade 6: Hailey Jones

A/B honor roll

Grade 1: Ryan Gregor, Brady Moise, Carmela Penicaro, Matthew Schaller, Blake Thompson, Grace Wood, Auston Zehner

Grade 2: Skye Allen, Chloe Baker, Ashley Burkett, Joseph Collins, Braxton Lenker

Grade 3: Alexis Bajer, Destiny Bajer, Natalie Bugg, Jasmine Felda, Sarah Keller

Grade 4: Ryan Bradley, Allison Jones, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Jenna Moise, Samuel Schaller

Grade 5: Melissa Bradley, Dillon Salyer, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett, Cole Weldon

Grade 6: Makayla Felda, Katie Garland

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Grade 3: Shyla Loehmer, Alysa Penicaro, Amber Watts, Nikki Watts, Nathan Wood

Grade 6: Brianna Kinyanjui, Chris Zehner, Jill Zehner

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are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

VFW soup cook-off Dec. 5

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a soup cook-off Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. \$5 buys all the soup you can eat. All community organizations are encouraged to participate. All monies received will be donated to the Culver Food Pantry. Doors are open to the public for this event, which takes place at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Blood drive in Culver Nov. 14

While some people believe personality is driven by blood type, one truth holds: when you donate

blood through the American Red Cross, you become the giving type. Area drives hoping to fulfill the demand for a variety of blood types include: Sunday, November 14, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at Culver Academies in the Fleet Gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when donating.

Lions citrus fruit sales

The Culver Lions Club's citrus fruit sales have be-

gun, and prices are the same as last year. The pick up date for the fruit is December 4. Available are navel oranges, juice oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos. Prices are \$9 for 10 pounds, \$16 for 20 pounds, and \$24 for 40 pounds. To order, contact a member of the Culver Lions.

AHS exhibit examines Indiana cartoonists

The many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in the Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibition, Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists, opening October 28 through December 8 at The Center for Culver History, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's research center and museum, 107 N. Main Street (lower level of Culver-Union Twp. Public Library).

Drawn from the collections of the Indiana Histor-

ical Society, Indiana State Library, and other institutions throughout the state, the exhibition examines the life and work of such Indiana cartoonists as "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; Abe Martin creator Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard; and Muncie's Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

Bible study at Trinity

A Bible study on the Holy Gospel according to St. John will be offered on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 Academy Raod, Culver. The Rev. K.C. Dehning will lead the study, which will uncover one chapter each week for the participants. This Bible study is open to the public. Trinity

Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Girl Scouts meet

Culver's Girl Scout Junior troop #30472 and Cadette troop #30474 will meet at the Culver Public Library the first and third Mondays each month starting in November. During the month, they will also collect clothing and donations for the Goodwill "Bag-It-Up" campaign. A drop off location for Goodwill donations will be announced in coming weeks.

Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of thr

group's existence. It's been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to reassemble as many of past and present members as possible.

Former members interested in participating in any way, should contact either: Andrea Mallory at 574-784-2479, Dan Adams at 574-842-3478, or Vickie Dearth at 574-842-2978.

The actual performances will be in April. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the performances.

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Culver’s Miller-Norcen recognized as exemplary

NORTHUMBERLAND, Pa. — Keystone Insurers Group (KIG) announced the recipients of the KIG Exemplary Awards. The awards, given annually since 2003, recognize the outstanding Keystone partner in each state in which Keystone has done business for at least two years.

Colin Buzzard, KIG executive vice president, sales and marketing, presented the awards during Keystone’s

recent Annual National Carrier Meeting in Indianapolis to several agencies including the Miller Norcen Insurance Agency, Bremen and Culver.

“The Exemplary Award is designed to objectively recognize the Keystone partner in each state that best exemplifies profitability, production and commitment to our core insurance carriers,” Buzzard noted.

Founded in 1983 and headquartered in Northumberland, Pa., KIG is owned by its employees and more than 210 franchise partners in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Each partner is an independent agency. With property/casualty premiums exceeding \$1.4 billion, KIG is ranked fifth on Insurance Journal’s 2010 list of Top 100 Privately-Held Property/Casualty Agencies in America.

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and other times have been very blunt and said they make their on nights with DJs and karaoke.”

Halling noted this past summer the establishment hired a doorman to keep patrons under control and be sure the business’ doors stay shut, which prevents much of the noise from escaping. However, in the past few weeks problems have resumed and the family has had to make several calls to the police.

“As soon as the police officer leaves, the volume goes back up. They know it’s a nuisance when they have their doors open, and they just opened the door back up after the officer left.”

She praised local police for taking her calls seriously and arriving quickly, adding her hope for the new ordinance is it will be “tough enough to have a lasting impact...and that increasing abuses lead to increasing penalties.

“I don’t want (the business) to fail,” she added. “I just don’t want to hear what they’re doing inside my house with the windows closed at two, three, and four in the morning every time they do it.”

Baker’s letter explained he works in Chicago during the week and returns to Culver on weekends, adding he’d forgotten how quiet the town was until visits in 2004 and 2005 reminded him.

“We found out quickly things have changed drastically in Culver,” Baker wrote. He said he has to get up at 4 a.m. during his weekends in Culver and is “unable to sleep in my own bed” due to the noise.

“It’s not fair that we have to spend late nights on the phone; we like to have a beer and enjoy ourselves. We like to sing at karaoke once in a while, but we feel compelled to stand up for our family, our neighborhood, and our town in the name of simple peace and quiet.”

Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean acknowledged that other neighbors in the area have complained about the noise, adding he sympathizes and is aware there’s a problem. Council members discussed language in the proposed ordinance regarding how often officers must return to an establishment before it’s considered a second -- and therefore fine-generating -- offense.

Council member Ginny Munroe expressed concern that present fines might be a deterrent to an individual or household violating the noise ordinance, but “to a business this (fee) is nothing compared to what they can profit in two to four hours on a night like this.”

Town Manager Michael Doss said his research has found that some communities use a staggered fine system

in which the third violation results in a \$500 fine. The fine proposed in the current ordinance, which Council passed on first reading only at its previous meeting, is \$50.

Discussed was the legality of shutting down an establishment for the evening if the noise ordinance is repeatedly violated, though town attorney Jim Clevenger said such a move “might increase some issues for you guys.”

Council members opted to hold a November 3 work session to hammer out the best wording and direction for the noise ordinance.

Council members also discussed the legality of patrons at local bars and restaurants carrying alcohol they’ve been drinking off the premises. Bean suggested a new, unrelated ordinance dealing with open container violations to preclude alcohol consumption in public areas.

“Alcohol is a big issue in this whole area,” said Bean. “And it’s growing and growing and growing. I’m not saying people can’t have a drink, but running all over town with it is (different).”

It was agreed town attorney Jim Clevenger will look into possible open container laws for Culver.

A public hearing will take place November 9 preceding the third and final reading of an ordinance making it illegal for Culver residents to feed cats deemed strays or nuisances. Doss noted the ordinance clarifies who would be regarded as taking in, harboring, or “owning” such cats; the ordinance -- which Council passed on second reading -- assigns a \$100 fine for each violation.

The Council also adopted the town of Culver’s 2011 budget of \$1,809,381 -- an increase of \$3,323 from 2010 -- as discussed at the previous meeting. Town Clerk Casey Howard noted every town department gave back funds last year at a total of \$172,575.53, adding the town normally doesn’t use all the funds budgeted.

“Overall, an increase of \$3,300 is very good,” added Howard.

After some discussion, the Council passed only on second reading changes to Culver’s zoning ordinances. More than a year of study and discussion on the part of a committee had resulted, earlier this year, in a proposed new zoning ordinance for the town; that ordinance passed through Culver’s Plan Commission, but language in two sections pertaining to changes in definitions of lots caused the Town Council to delay passing the ordinance. Recent negotiations among members of Council and the Plan Commission largely resolved those issues, but at the October 26 meeting Building Inspector Russ Mason raised

objections to an additional change suggested by Council President Sally Ricciardi, who was absent from the meeting. Mason argued the existing ordinance’s language concerning side and rear setbacks relating to new construction do allow for residents with hardships or extenuating circumstances to bring their issues before the Board of Zoning Appeals. Therefore, he added, the language in the ordinance should remain as it is.

“That’s what the BZA is there to hear,” said Mason. “(Exceptions) have been granted by the BZA on occasion. We have a method for that.”

Several Council members said they weren’t sure of Ricciardi’s thinking on the matter and preferred to wait for her presence to vote on the ordinance on final reading.

During his Town Manager’s report, Michael Doss told Council a one-year contract was signed with an Indiana-based firm which handles installation and removal of holiday decorations for municipalities (the company also provides the decorations themselves), as proposed at the last meeting. In response to audience query, Doss said he’ll discuss with the company providing lights for a town Christmas tree on Lake Shore Drive planted in honor of the late Selestine Ware. Doss also noted letters soliciting donations from local service organizations have been sent, and audience member Mike Stallings said Culver’s Chamber of Commerce agreed to provide \$125 to offset the cost of one of the town’s 13 utility poles planned for decoration.

The Council voted to sign a contract with Priority Project Resources to handle grant administration for the town’s wastewater facility collections improvement, for which a grant was awarded from federal Disaster Recovery 2 monies via Indiana’s Office of Community and Rural Affairs. It was announced in early October that nearly \$1 million had been awarded the town for the project.

Commonwealth Engineers will handle engineering services for the project, with funding coming from the town’s local match portion of the total cost of the project.

Also passed (on all three readings) was an ordinance to designate a parking spot on the north side of the Culver Public Library, on Washington Street, a handicapped space.

Council also authorized Culver’s street department to pay overtime monies for leaf collection workers in coming weeks, and \$4,426 for inspection of pumps at Culver’s lift stations.

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Lions Halloween party a hit once again

CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Culverites turned out in force once again for the Culver Lions Club's annual children's Halloween party and costume contest, a local tradition for over half a century, held at the Culver Elementary School gymnasium last Thursday evening.

Students from Culver Community High School and Culver Academies joined Lions members in providing a number of games for youngsters, and the club handed out treat and prize bags to all in attendance.

Pictured here are the top ten finalists in the costume contest, by age group.

AT LEFT: Ages infant through 3: front row, left to right: Alyvia Williams and Hannah Dolezal ("Pebbles and Bam Bam"), Charlie Schrimsher ("Oompah Loompah"), Ava Doss ("chili pepper"), Ruth Nightingale ("giraffe"). Back row: Lucas Mann ("Dracula"), Valerie Nelson ("clown"), Lilly Kuykindall ("ladybug"), Haley Parlor ("green fairy"), Owen Johnson ("penguin"). Not pictured: Daniel Chambers ("cowboy").



ABOVE: Ages 4 to 5, front row, left to right: Zane Coble 59 ("mummy"), Madlyn Hamilton ("rich girl"), Page Chumley ("rock"). Back row: Nora Johnston ("flower pot"), Grant Doss ("cowboy"), Maddix Roberts ("Minnie"), Landon Kuykendoll ("Iron Man"), Colton Jones ("Thomas Train"), Kambriah Brock ("cowgirl"), Abby Sullivan ("cheerleader").



ABOVE: Ages 6 to 7: front row, left to right: Gavin Salyer ("ninja"), Payton Chumley ("fireman"), Ethan Coyle ("Darth Vader"). Back row: Devin Burkett ("monster"), MacKenzie Banks ("Dorothy"), Luci Overmyer ("bumblebee"), Sidd Smith ("Army man"), Kevin Bailey ("vampire"), Hanna Branson ("witch"), Lane Coby ("Mario Brother").



ABOVE: Ages 8 to 9: front row, left to right: Makenzie Hymel ("vampire"), Makayla Wilson 1 ("sock doll"), Natasha Raile ("Tinkerbell"), Zac Ditmire ("ghost"). Back row: Taylor Noah ("gumball machine"), Matthew Cole ("Pinocchio"), Kailyn Ahlenius ("bumblebee"), Gabriele Sherman ("axe-man"), Tihana Stefanic ("witch"), Donnavan Ziaja ("death rider").



ABOVE: Ages 10 and up, front row, left to right: Caleb Sheridan ("ballot box"), Autumn Wilson ("Mad Hatter"), James Fagan ("gangster"), Jordan Schrimsher ("scary scarecrow"). Back row: Alex McBee ("policeman"), Cody Rickhoff ("Harry Potter"), Shelly Swafford ("gypsy"), Alexis Rile ("Hannah Montana"), Morgan Waldrop ("kitty kat"), Thomas Young ("hippie").

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