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## In Brief

### Culver Republican caucus tonight

Culver's Republican caucus will be held to determine the final Republican candidate for clerk (between Karen Heim and Jeanette Surrisi) on Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. at the Culver Union-Twp. Public Library, rather than the time and location mentioned in last week's paper. Local Republicans are invited to attend and cast their (secret) ballot for the candidate of their choice. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and will be closed and locked at 7, until a candidate is chosen.

### Community meal returns to St. Mary's Aug. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will resume Tuesday, October 30 at 6 p.m.. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Plan Commission seeks letters of interest

The town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Planning Commission. Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 no later than Aug. 22, 2011, by 4 p.m. The Culver Planning Commission is in need of one appointment that is a registered Democrat that resides within the town of Culver city limits. This appointment will end as of Dec. 31, 2011. This appointment will be made by the town council president. Appointment will be made at the Aug. 23 town council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### Players 'Nunsense' here this weekend

The Maxinkuckee Players will perform "Nunsense: The Mega-Musical" in Culver Saturday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 21 at 4 p.m., at the Culver Community High School auditorium. For questions or group tickets, contact Becky Liechty, 574-941-2343.

### Academies history bike tour Saturday

On Saturday, August 20, starting at 9:30 a.m., a tour of the historic sites of Culver.

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## Culver from the air

Gary Shaffer and family shared these fun photos from a recent balloon excursion above Culver. Gary and wife Barbara, along with daughter Kelsey, launched from the Culver Little League field, where Bill Birk happened to be on-ground with camera in hand (UPPER LEFT\*). Among the shots Gary captured and shared with the Citizen were Lake Shore Drive (LEFT), with the Lions Club train station - depot visible in the center right of the image, and the lake shore on the south end of Culver (RIGHT).

## Wind turbine meeting draws hundreds

### Group outlines opposition to proposed wind farm

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Between 300 and 400 people filled the Culver Elementary School gymnasium Saturday morning for what was billed as an informational meeting sponsored by Concerned Property Owners of Southern Marshall County, Indiana. The topic of the day has become a hot one in recent weeks and months in the area: the proposed placement of more than 60 400-plus foot wind turbines across several thousand acres in parts of Marshall and Fulton Counties by Florida based energy company Nextera. Three presenters detailed concerns raised by some in the area over the project, which was formally denounced by Culver's Parks and Recreation board recently.

Lake Maxinkuckee resident Mark Levett, who added he grew up in the Plymouth area, opened the event by noting the intent was "to represent facts and not get too emotional." He showed a map of the proposed area of some 17,000 acres and explained Nextera is owned by Florida Power and Light, "the largest operator of wind turbines in the U.S."

Levett also described the blades for each turbine as stretching from one end of the gymnasium to the other, and the towers as 45 stories high.

"They're visible for 10 miles," he said. "That's basically (comparable to skyscrapers in) downtown Indianapolis."

Levett said the turbines do not reduce power rates and while they "have a lot of green features...you don't have them unless they're subsidized."

"The average statistic is you need about 30 percent subsidies to make wind turbines viable. The industry has been around for 30 years and you still need a 30 percent subsidy."

He also pointed out two European countries are moving wind turbines offshore to avoid some of the complications they cause near human and animal residences.

"Reported symptoms (of those living near existing turbines) include headaches, blurred vision, nausea sleeplessness, ringing and buzzing in your ears, dizziness vertigo, memory and concentration problems, and depression. For every article that says there are no health effects, there's one that says there are."

Levett said Marshall County's present ordinances call for turbines to be placed 1,000 feet from homes, while he said doctors nationwide are recommending a distance of one and a half miles for safety. The impact on livestock from voltage surrounding the towers has also been controversial, he added, as has bird and bat kills by the blades, though he acknowledged the question of "how many is too many (killed)" is up for debate.

"There's no controversy about this," Levett said. "If you're in sight of a turbine, it causes you to lose land value -- six to 30 percent."

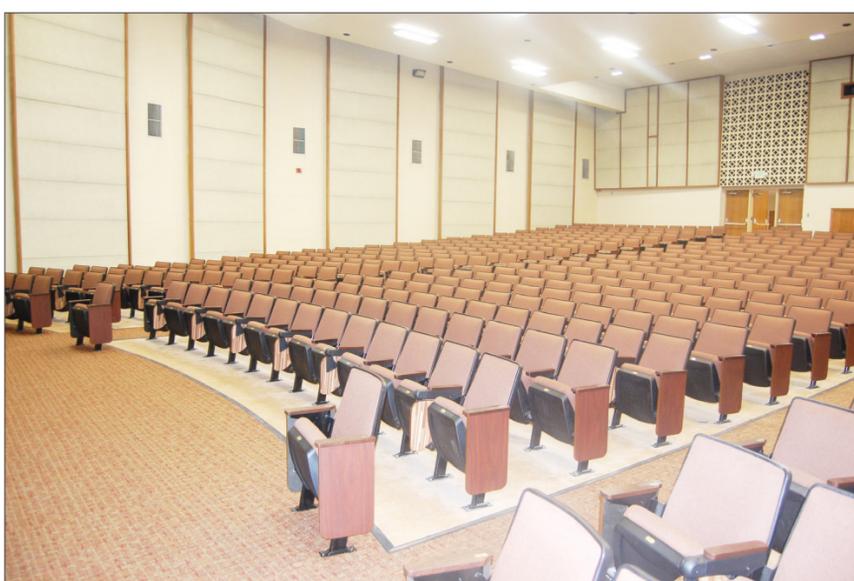
Prior to the meeting, as audience members filed in, a Youtube

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This photo, taken at Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin, was among those shown at Saturday's program, and depicts wind turbines of the same height as those proposed here, as seen from eight miles away.



## Culver schools prepare for iPads in every student's hand this week

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

By the time most readers hold this, the August 18 edition of this newspaper in their hands, most all of Culver Community's middle and high school students will have held their brand new iPad personal digital devices in their hands, something about which school officials held a series of meetings about with parents and students the previous week.

Noting Culver Community and Danville, Indiana schools are the first two in the state to incorporate the devices in the "one to one initiative," CCHS principal Albert Hanselman told assembled parents and students the cost of the devices was funded via tax-based Capital Projects funds as well as grant funding. He said the building is now wireless so each student and teacher can access information anywhere they are on the property.

Each student will be issued one of the devices to keep at school and take home throughout the school year, and students should receive back the same device each fall as they left the previous spring, so their applications (or "apps") and other data can be kept continuously through their school careers, explained Hanselman.

He noted iPad repair and replacement options will be determined by the school's tech staff, who may also choose to overnight a given device to the Apple company for repair or replacement via the Apple Care Plan the school has with the company.

"If it's been damaged by neglect or misuse...the student will be responsible for whatever it costs to repair or replace the device," he said.

The school corporation has enacted several means of lessening that risk, Hanselman pointed out, including putting automatic locks on student lockers, inclusion of a protective case with each device (training will be given to students on wearing cases around their neck and shoulders for added prevention of spills), and a built-in GPS tracking device on each machine, which will allow pinpointing of lost or stolen devices.

The iPad is said to have 10 hours of battery life per day, he explained, and must be charged daily by students.

Hanselman encouraged parents to use the device and "learn about it" to better acquaint themselves with what their children are doing, for every-

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## CCHS auditorium renovated, ready for Players

LEFT: When the Maxinkuckee Players hit the stage at Culver Community High School's auditorium this weekend, it will be to a freshly-renovated space following a summer of work which also included repainting the high school hallways and other areas to brighten and lighten the space.

Among changes in the auditorium were replacing the original 742 seats placed in 1968 with ergonomically correct seating of approximately 720. Among other changes were lighting improvements, carpet replacement, and general cleaning of the railings. Tiles were also checked for asbestos.

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## Obituary

### Catherine Sarles 'Kitty' Whitney

July 23, 1920 – Aug. 10, 2011



VERO BEACH, Fla. — Catherine Sarles “Kitty” Whitney peacefully passed away Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011. Born July 23, 1920 in Annapolis, Md., she attended the University of Maryland in College Park and St John’s College in Annapolis, Md. Catherine and Alden Webster Whitney, USNA class of ’42, were married in the Naval Academy Chapel April 7, 1942, commencing 33 years of enjoyable and extensive travel as a Navy wife. In 1970 they retired from their final tour of military life in Gaeta, Italy and moved to Culver Military Academy where Capt. Whitney was Director of Summer Schools and a CMA Board member. Upon her husband’s death in 1998 she moved to Vero Beach, Fla.

She was a member of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Fla., the US Naval Academy

Alumni Assoc., the Culver Military Academy Alumni Assoc., the Wednesday Literary Club of Culver and a member of Epsilon Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority. She was extensively involved in the Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Navy Relief throughout her life.

Preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Capt. Alden Webster Whitney USN Ret., she is survived by Pamela Whitney Dollear (Albert) Ft. Pierce, Fla., Alden “Chip” W. Whitney, Jr. (Darlene) Vero Beach, Fla. and Peter Bradford Whitney (Pamela) Greensboro N.C., six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Indian River Estates Carter Chapel Tuesday Aug. 16, 2011 at 2 p.m., with family inurnment held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the United States Naval Academy Alumni Assoc. Class of 1942, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402, IRE Carter Chapel, St Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, FL.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas S. Lowther Funeral Home & Crematory, Vero Beach, Fla.

An online guestbook is available at [www.lowtherfuneral.com](http://www.lowtherfuneral.com)

## Obituary

### Frances E. (Aitchison) Barnette

July 9, 1909-Aug. 9, 2011



INDIANAPOLIS -- Frances E. (Aitchison) Barnette, 102, passed away Aug. 9, 2011. She was born July 9, 1909, in Chicago, Ill. A life-long resident of Indiana, Francie and her husband, Joseph D. Barnette, lived in South Bend until 1969; in Culver at Lake Maxinkuckee until 2006 and presently resided in Indianapolis at Hoosier Village. Prior to Joe's death in 2010, Francie and Joe celebrated their 78th wedding

anniversary.

While in South Bend, Francie was involved in many community and philanthropic activities, including those at First Methodist Church, where she was in charge of the nursery during Sunday services. She was known for her sunny disposition, her friendly smile, and her care and concern for others. Survivors include two sons, Joseph D. Barnette, Jr. and wife Charlene of Indianapolis and Dennis A. Barnette of Chicago; three grandchildren, John C. Barnette of San Francisco, Calif., Michael J. Barnette of Indianapolis, and Anne B. Zalubowski, her husband Matt, and daughter Campbell of Crofton, Md.

Memorial services were private.

If you wish, a memorial contribution may be sent to Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver, IN 46511 or your own favorite charity.

Care and arrangements were entrusted to the Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel, 740 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN. [www.leppertmortuary.com](http://www.leppertmortuary.com)

## Death notice

#### MacDonald

##### Rhylynn J. MacDonald

Aug. 11, 2011

CULVER — Rhylynn J. MacDonald, 24 days, of Culver died Aug. 11, 2011 at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

She is survived by mother, Mackenzie MacDonald of Culver; father, Curtis Stacy of Delong; maternal grandmother, Heather (Tom Bigley) MacDonald of Culver; paternal grandfather, Dwayne Glover of North Carolina; ma-

ternal great-grandparents, June (Jeff Krieg) MacDonald of Culver; and paternal great-grandparents, Roger (Wanda) Stacy of Delong.

Visitation was Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver. Funeral service followed at 12 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Letters of condolence may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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

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## Obituary

### Harrison Adam 'Hal' Smitson Jr Sept. 22, 1933-Aug. 12, 2011



INDIANAPOLIS — Harrison Adam “Hal” Smitson Jr. passed away peacefully Aug. 12, 2011 at the age of 77. After a relatively short illness, he is now joyfully reunited with his beloved Annie in God’s presence. Born in Indianapolis Sept. 22, 1933, he was the son of the late Harrison A. Smitson Sr. and Charlotte Reissner Smitson and grew up in Tipton.

Hal’s wife of 55 years, Ann Marie Jones Smitson, passed away May 20, 2010. Hal is survived by his brother,

Robert (Marilyn); sons, R. David (Ellen), Harrison III “Chip” (Karyn), John R. (Laura), and 10 wonderful grandchildren, Robert (Kaily), Christopher, Mary, Zachary, Casey, Tyler, Gretchen, Eric, Luda and Chad.

Hal graduated from Tipton High School where he was a member of the band (trombone), the yearbook staff, and the basketball, football, golf and track teams. Most importantly, it was there he began dating Ann. The two went on to graduate from Purdue University in 1955. Hal earned a B.S./Mechanical Engineering degree. He was an active member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, president of the Purdue chapter of ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), a member of the yearbook staff and several honorary societies.

After the two were married in 1955, Hal and Ann settled in Norfolk, Va. where Hal was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy. After a few somewhat nomadic years spent in Norfolk, Cleveland and working for Lincoln Arc Welding in Pittsburgh, Hal went back to Purdue for his M.S. in Industrial Management and upon graduation in 1962, landed in Columbus to work for Cummins Engine Company. His career at Cummins was quite successful by any standard: assistant to executive vice president, director – product financial analysis, plant manager of Walesboro Components Plant, vice president – management systems, vice president – manufacturing support, and vice president manufacturing – Case Cummins programs. In 1981 Hal and Ann moved to Indianapolis where Hal was president of Cummins Mid-States Power, Inc. until retiring in 1997.

Hal and Ann had their hands full raising three boys who had been born in three states while actively pursuing a variety of interests. In Columbus Hal was a member of Kiwanis, member of the fire commission, chairman at North Christian Church, president of Bartholomew County Retirement Foundation, district chairman of Boy Scouts of America, director of Junior Chamber of Commerce, director of Junior Achievement and director at Farmers Loan & Trust Co. of Tipton. In Indianapolis he was director of Indiana Manufacturers Association, director at Fairbanks Hospital, director at Meridian Hills Country Club, director of The Junto of Indianapolis, and member of Second Presbyterian Church. Upon retirement, Hal and Ann spent most winter months at their beautiful golf course home in Carefree, Ariz. where he was a member of Desert Forest Golf Club and Desert Mountain Club.

It would be impossible to overstate Hal’s deep love for Culver Military Academy & Summer Schools located on the lovely Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver. He attended the academy’s summer-long programs from a very young age and on into his teen years when he was a member of the naval band company. Hal and Ann had a home on Lake Maxinkuckee and spent nearly every warm weather week-

end there for their entire married life. It was definitely the favorite gathering place for the whole family. They took great joy and interest in their three sons’ participation in the Culver programs as well as that of seven of their grandchildren (so far!). Hal was a past member of the Culver Board of Trustees and president of the Culver Summer School Alumni Association and is the current president of the Maxinkuckee Country Club.

Hal was passionate about golf. He really loved the game, as frustrating as it can be, and has played all over the U.S. and Europe. He made all his own clubs along with many for family members. A special memory is the Scotland golfing trip with his sons. Hal spent countless hours on the links with his wife, sons, grandchildren, brother, friends and business associates. He scored a hole-in-one five times and was always tough competition.

Wherever Hal was, at any hour of the day or night, beautiful whistling could be heard. He enjoyed reading about history, zealously completing daily crosswords, and attending all his grandchildren’s functions and sporting events. Although he was essentially a private person, his humor often made him the life of the party. Hal was a man of few words, but strong actions. He often led by example and encouraged his family to a high standard of excellence. Hal was a true patriarch — and one who deeply loved his family. Long ago Hal and Ann established a tradition of adventures with each grandchild at a certain age such as whitewater rafting, an Alaskan cruise, a London trip, and a Hawaiian cruise. June 15, 2011 he took five of his grandchildren on a wonderful memory-filled trip to Washington, D.C.

Family and friends gathered from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at Leppert Mortuary, Nora chapel. A funeral service for Hal was held at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. Later that same day, friends and family were invited to the brief burial service that took place at 4 p.m. at Washington Township Cemetery at Culver and a 5 p.m. gathering at the Culver Naval Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Culver Educational Foundation or Second Presbyterian Church.

You are invited to visit the website [www.leppertmortuary.com](http://www.leppertmortuary.com) where you may share a personal memory of Hal or sign the guest book.

### Engagement - Klausing, Kroeger

Douglas and Colleen Klausing of Monterey announce the engagement of their daughter Cathleen Deirdre Klausing to John Jeffrey Kroeger of Ellis, Kan., son of Greg and Paulette Kroeger of Ellis, Kan.

The couple will be married April 14, 2012 in Ellis, Kan.



The future bride is a 2006 graduate of Culver Community High School. She also graduated summa cum laude from Kansas State University in 2010. She is a social service liaison at KVC Wheatland Psychiatric Hospital, Hays, Kan.

The future groom is a 2004 graduate of Ellis (Kan.) High School. He graduated from Kansas State University in 2009. He is a draftsman at Waffle Creek Construction, Hays, Kan.

## Lake Max Film Fest returns

### Labor Day wknd, with new twist

“The Gift of Warmth,” the Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, will return this Labor Day weekend to once again gather winter wraps for area families and funds to offset heating costs, while entertaining the community with a variety of films, food, and festivities. This year’s festival will add a new twist to the traditional kick-off event at Uptown Cinema in Culver on Friday, September 2: festival patrons will be judge and jury for a Purdue University student film competition.

As always, a roster of movies will continue at the Uptown all day Saturday, Sept. 3, culminating in an evening in the town park of food, live music, and an outdoor movie under the stars (this year’s film will be “Grease”).

**Details of the event will be featured in full in next week’s edition of *The Culver Citizen*.**

## Obituary

### Allen Ray Marshall

Dec. 5, 1922-May 27, 2011

CARMEL — Allen Ray Marshall of Carmel passed away May 27 at Zionsville Meadows at the age of 88. He was born to Ray and Charlotte Marshall in Culver Dec. 5, 1922. While growing up in Culver, he loved going fishing after refurbishing his grandfather’s boat, loved singing, acting in plays, played basketball and ran track, and at the age of 16 traveled throughout the state as a member of the Culver Rifle and Pistol Team. He was proud of his first solo flight in a Cub airplane in 1942. Allen continued his love of flying when he enlisted Dec. 2, 1942 for active duty in the United States Army Air Corps. He graduated as a pilot May 23, 1944 and was assigned to the South Pacific theater of operations. In August, 1947, the USAAC became the United States Air Force and Allen advanced to the rank of captain. April 26, 1947, he married Betty Mae Boswell who later passed away in 1963 leaving him with their three children, Rebecca Denaway, Retired Col. Rex Marshall (Eva), and Alicia (Todd) Lewis. During their family years, Allen worked within the life insurance industry and spent most of the time with New York Life. Allen began working for Manpower, Inc. in Indianapolis and fell in love with Esther Becker Battenberg. They married Oct. 30, 1965, and he gained another daughter, Dr. Janice Battenberg. Allen was then employed by the Truck Equipment and Body Company (TEBCO) where he spent 16 years with the company and retired as an executive manager in December, 1984.

During his retirement years, Allen and Esther volunteered many hours behind the scenes helping Janice establish Midwest Academy, Inc. dba Academy Plus School. Several years later, he worked a few hours a month to help with the school’s maintenance. Allen loved to travel and would joke by saying, “I have traveled the world over and some of the better parts of Michigan.” He loved genealogy and was quite a historian and leaves behind many albums of family history. Through his love of photography, he compiled many pictures to accompany all his volumes of writings. Other family members he leaves behind are a sister-in-law, two nieces, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His two brothers, Thomas (Mildred) Marshall and James (Martha), preceded him in death.

The family wishes to thank those at Zionsville Meadows who became his new friends and caregivers during his last year and a half struggle with dementia. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either the Broad Ripple #34 American Legion Post or the Carmel #155 American Legion Post or the Indiana Hamilton County Humane Society in honor of Allen’s canine lap blanket and sleeping buddy – Cody Jack.

Visitation was May 31, 2011 at the Carmel Flanner and Buchanan Mortuary. Allen is interred at the Indianapolis Washington Park North Cemetery.

## 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., Aug. 18:** Pepper Steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, potato dinner roll, cobbler, and milk..

**Fri., Aug. 19:** Macaroni & Cheese, ham, peas, auliflower, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

**Mon., Aug. 22:** Sub sandwich: ham, lettuce, tomato, cheese, hoagie bun and mayo, vegetable soup, peaches, and milk.

**Tues., Aug. 23:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Texas toast and margarine, green beans, applesauce, and milk.

**Weds., Aug. 24:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Oriental vegetable blend, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Thurs., Aug. 25:** Meatballs and noodles with gravy, lima beans, carrots, snowflake roll and margarine, pears and milk.

**Fri., Aug. 26:** Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, peas, wheat dinner roll and margarine, birthday cake, and milk.

## Nas-waw-kee (Part I)

*Editor's note: as reported in this edition's "Briefs," funds are being sought for placement of a monument in Culver's town park honoring Lake Maxinkuckee Potawatomi Chief Nas-waw-kee via the Fulton County Historical Society in conjunction with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and an area Eagle Scout. Rev. Dr. Houghton here discusses the chief's life and legacy in the first of several columns.*

Shirley Willard (the Fulton County historian with a special interest in the Trail of Death), the Editor and I have been talking and e-mailing a lot lately about the Potawatomi chief whose village once stood on the east shore of Maxinkuckee. Around here, he's been most often referred to as Nees-wau-gee, with or without hyphens; an 1832 treaty has Nees-waugh-gee; his descendants spell the name Nas-waw-kee. Part of the problem, of course, is that in the 1800s, English spelling was, shall we say, flexible, and even the same person didn't necessarily spell the same word the same way twice. (It was worse in earlier periods: the most famous English playwright once signed his name 'Shaxper'.)

English speakers writing down Potawatomi names had even more trouble, as the Potawatomi language has (according to websites maintained by Potawatomi linguists) some important sound differences from English. For instance, to pronounce the 'p' sound in the English word 'spot,' you have your vocal cords open and you close them as soon as the lips finish their little popping noise. Yet for the 'p' at the beginning of 'pot,' you start off the same way, but don't close the vocal cords so promptly, making for a very slight delay before you can go on to the vowel sound. (The same sort of thing shows up with 't' and 'k' when they come after 's'.)

The difference in sound between these two versions of 'p,' 't,' and 'k' never makes a difference in meaning in English words (that I know of), which is why we don't have different letters for the two sets of sounds. On the other hand, if you start 'pot' with the vocal cords slightly closed, you get a difference that is significant in English: in fact, you get 'bot' rather than 'pot.' The difference in sound between open and partly-closed vocal cords usually is significant in English, and so we do have different letters to mark it: p and b, t and d, k and g.

As it happens, the Potawatomi language handles these sounds just exactly the other way: the difference between

open and partly-closed cords (p versus b) isn't significant, but the difference between immediately closing cords ('p' in 'spot') and slightly delayed closing ('p' in 'pot') is. So the English alphabet has pairs of letters for a sound difference that doesn't count in Potawatomi, while it has no easy way of indicating a sound difference that does count. If you want to write Potawatomi down in English letters, you just have to pick which letters you're going to use.

This is why we usually see 'Potawatomi' in English contexts (keeping a 19th century system of spelling), while the word is spelled 'Bodéwadmi' (using a more modern system) in many Native American settings. The alternation between g and k in the last syllable of the chief's name is another example of the same thing.

However we choose to spell his name, this chief seems to have been at least as important as his neighbors Menominee (to the north) and Aubenaubee (to the south), though both of them, unlike him, have left their names here and there on the landscape. (It's particularly odd that the north end of Maxinkuckee is called "Aubenaubee Bay," when it is actually closer to Nas-waw-kee's reservation.)

The pioneer historian Daniel McDonald wrote, in his 1881 "History of Marshall County": "When the first white people settled near Maxenkuckee there was still a chief of the Pottawatomie tribe living near there. His name was Nis-wau-gee. He was not one of the fighting kind, and was kindly disposed toward the white people, and during his residence among them never betrayed them. Old Uncle William Thompson and his wife 'kept house' for Nis-wau-gee during one of his trips to obtain a payment on the treaty" (22). As the settlers arrived in July of 1836, and Nas-waw-kee left in August, 1837, this must have been the payment in September of 1836.

In his 1908 "Twentieth Century History of Marshall County," McDonald expanded on his earlier comments:

"Next to the Me-no-mi-nee village in importance was the Nees-wau-gee and Quash-qua village on the eastern shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, immediately across the road [18th B Road] from the present residence of Peter Spangler [later the Allegheny House]. All along that bank about 1835-36, when the white settlers began to arrive, there was quite a settlement of Indians, mainly under the supervision of Nees-wau-gee. Quash-qua also had some authority over the band, but delegated it mostly to his brother chief, Nees-wau-gee, who ruled his people with mildness, mod-

eration and decorum....

"This good old Indian chief, Nees-wau-gee, was the friend of all the early white settlers, and, while he remained, frequently visited and became much attached to many of them. He took a fancy to, and formed a warm attachment for a sprightly young man of the neighborhood, just then in his teens, but long since passed over into the 'happy hunting grounds.' The old chief had a charming daughter about the age of the young man, and from his actions it was clear that he would not have objected to a match between them. He took the young man with him on one occasion, introduced him to his daughter, and had his French cook prepare an extra meal in his honor.

"The table was furnished with dishes made of silver worth many hundred dollars, and the bill of fare was elaborate and delicious. The young man was seated by the side of the charming young squaw, and after saying grace in his peculiar way, the chief, turning his visitor, said, laughingly: 'Maybe so you want a wife?'

"About that time there was a good deal of blushing, and 'hemming and hawing,' and it is quite probable, if there had been a hole down through the floor of the cabin sufficiently large, the young man would have suddenly crawled out and run home for dear life! At that time he was inexperienced in the mysteries of courtship (something which, however, he learned later on), and, knowing little about Indian customs, he did not know but the old chief had inveigled him into his tent under the guise of friendship for the purpose of compelling him to marry his daughter, nolens volens. But other topics of conversation were introduced, and the subject dropped, much to the relief of the blushing young couple.

"When the young man was ready to return home the chief presented him with two sacks, containing saddles of venison, squirrels, pheasants, ducks and fish, as an evidence of good will; and as he mounted his horse, the entire family assembled to bid him goodbye. About a year from that time the good old chief disposed of his reservation to the government, and with his little band started west to the reservation provided for them" (6-8). The story at the center of this account pictures the chief living in a log cabin, an element confirmed in other references; on the other hand, a French cook seems to me to be likely to be something of an exaggeration (though one of Nas-waw-kee's daughters did marry a Frenchman, Joseph Barron), and we know that Nas-waw-kee actually arranged Catholic weddings for his daughters.

In Part II, we'll look at George Winter's eyewitness accounts of Nas-waw-kee.

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## iPads from page 1

Recently-installed middle school principal Julie Berndt, who transitioned from now-closed Monterey Elementary to CCMS, told the audience the devices have cameras for still photography and video recording, and that students will be urged not to record images of anyone without that person's permission.

Downloading of games, music, and the like to the devices will be up to teachers' discretion, she added, emphasizing that anything downloaded will need to follow school guidelines. Hanselman said any student-downloaded app flagged as inappropriate by the school's server will cause shutdown of the iPad until the app is removed.

"The iPad is designed as a tool for school work," Hanselman said, encouraging parents and students to guard personal information.

Responding to concerns raised by some about the lack of internet access many students may have outside of school, Hanselman emphasized students should be able to download whatever teachers say they need before they leave the building to go home each day.

The importance of parental monitoring and safeguarding of child safety with regards to the device was reiterated more than once.

"We're giving your child a device which could be harmful to your child if it's not handled properly," Hanselman

said. "You wouldn't let someone walk into your child's room at your home (but) that's what happens if you don't monitor your child's usage of these devices. It may not be physical, but it can be harmful."

Hanselman encouraged parents to purchase iPad insurance, which may be offered through homeowner's insurance (though he noted some such policies' deductibles are too high to make the purchase worthwhile), or through one of many insurance companies. He said the cost is usually \$25 to \$50 per year, and the school doesn't require insurance purchase.

The devices are valued at a total of \$570, he added. It was noted that some school textbooks, such as science and mathematics, are already replaced by apps loaded onto the devices, said Hanselman, who noted that parents may be asked to purchase a handful of \$3 or \$4 apps through the school year. He stressed that previously separate tools ranging from dictionaries to scientific calculators will be available to students via their iPads.

It was also noted students will receive training on the devices from teachers and school officials, and that the process of integrating the devices into classrooms as teaching tools may take time.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Several readers recognized last week's Mystery Citizen, Colin Stetson, including Bill Githens, Lynn Rasch, Brian Christner, Tom Miracle, Ed Stephenson, Cynthia Bonine Goss. "Stets," of course, taught and coached at Culver Academies for over 40 years, retiring in recent years.

Our Mystery Citizen this week has also been associated with a particular institution here for several decades, though he's also been an active member of the community in various roles and with various organizations.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Colin Stetson, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.



*Its still the lake water*

By John Wm. Houghton



## Council hears more debate on UTVs, lightning strike to fire station

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Once again, Culver's town council found itself in the midst of a debate over the ramifications of legalizing UTV, MTV, ATV, and similar vehicles often used for outdoor work of off-road recreation, for use on the streets of town.

Following up on discussion at its last meeting, the council heard arguments from Culver resident Grant Munroe -- in favor of legalizing the vehicles -- and Culver police chief Wayne Bean against the move, at its August 11 meeting.

Munroe said he'd found three Indiana towns of comparable size to Culver which allow UTVs, by ordinance, on their streets.

"They haven't gotten in any trouble or had issues with it. They thought of everything," he said, presenting council members with a printed copy of the relevant ordinance from Paoli, Indiana.

Munroe said he spoke to the clerk at North Webster, Indiana, who told him when the vehicles were allowed onto town streets, "they saw many more people coming into town for shopping and spending money. They anticipated problems, but are not seeing them."

Bean said he spoke to the North Webster police department, who noted the ordinance allowing the vehicles was passed 15 years ago, before more recent statewide legislation specifically designated the vehicles be allowed on county roads, primarily for farm work. Munroe pointed out, however, that the North Webster ordinance had been reviewed two years ago.

While Indiana law has legalized use of the machines on county roads, much of the debate around Culver's possible legalization of them has centered around how to interpret state law regarding their legality in cities and municipalities, a debate complicated by the challenges of defining

which vehicles fall into what category.

Audience member Jim Hahn asked if Munroe's suggestion was "to run (something) on the city streets without a Department of Motor Vehicles license plate on it...so you could slap a mower motor on a body and run it down the street."

Munroe noted the vehicles must have a Department of Natural Resources permit, and that town ordinances could specify which vehicles are allowed and under what conditions.

It was also noted that some businesses would like to use the vehicles such as marinas and landscaping services, and that Culver street supervisor Bob Porter has expressed a desire to use them in town work.

Hahn said he didn't feel the town should be in the business of legislating non-DMV licensed vehicles, including golf carts, which have been legalized for street use here for several years.

Bean expressed his preference against earlier golf cart ordinances as well, and added that once some ATV-style vehicles are allowed on the streets, people will ask for more and more leeway in driving off-road machines here.

"People are complaining all around town about what people are doing on golf carts," said Bean, who added he felt some would abuse the ordinance if ATV-type vehicles are allowed. Munroe noted many people have long abused cars as well.

"I feel the state ordinance says cities and towns can't allow them," said Bean of ATVs. "I've read (town attorney Jim Clevenger's) report and I think he agrees with (that)."

"I called the DNR and they said (state legislature) allows them in the counties and not in towns."

The Council will continue to examine the matter and discuss it with the town attorney.

In other discussion, fire chief Mike Grover said Cul-

ver's fire station recently took a bad lightning hit and more and more damage is becoming apparent, including to the main base fire radio, repeater radio, internet, TV, copy and fax machine, phone lines, air conditioner, and engine chargers.

"Everything that was plugged in, in the old part of the station, got zapped," said Grover, noting some wires in the back of radios had actually exploded. He said he expected most of the damage to be covered by insurance.

"It would have been weird if that building caught fire," commented council president Ginny Munroe, with a smile.

Culver resident Larry Boyne discussed with the council his plans to swim across Lake Maxinkuckee in the near future and expressed hope that a community record book could be established to archive names, dates, and details of those who swim across the lake. He also wondered about some official capacity to accompany and protect those who attempt the endeavor, as well as to verify the authenticity of their efforts. It was suggested a scheduled event for those interested in such a swim could be considered.

Audience member Dick Brantingham suggested Boyne speak to organizers of Culver's revived triathlon event, scheduled for next summer, for advice on safety and accountability.

Among council actions was approval of Culver EMS director Chuck Dilts advertising for a full-time advanced EMT, and writing off a total of \$1,170 in fees unlikely to be collected, dating back to 2010.

Approved was \$1,424.03 to replace a radiator at the Madison Street sewer lift station, and \$2,110.67 for Marshall County's election board to run Culver's elections this fall.

It was noted Culver's Republican caucus will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18 at the Culver Public Library.

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ver Academies' campus will begin at the Bike Barn, 103 E. Lake Shore Drive. The event is free and open to the public. Riders will need to bring their own bicycles, and use of helmets is strongly encouraged. All riders ride at their own risk. Contact the Bike Barn at 574-842-3606 or email don@bikebarnculver.com. The Bike Barn's website is www.bikebarnculver.com.

### Culver ice house history Aug. 27

The history of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee's ice houses will be told when the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver presents a program, presented by Jeff Kenney of the Society, on Saturday, August 27, at 10 a.m. at the depot-train station adjacent to Culver's town park on Lake Shore Drive. Between 1880 and 1937, workers in Culver harvested millions of tons per year of ice from several locations on Lake Maxinkuckee; the program will explore the industry through an audio-visual presentation, and is free and open to the public.

### Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library offers free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (each class lasts two hours). These

include **Computers for Beginners Part I** (August 22 and 26), **Computers for Beginners Part II** (August 29 and September 2), **Internet for Beginners** (September 5 and 9), **Email for Beginners** (September 12 and 16). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, r e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

### Cub Scout Roundup Aug. 31

Cub Scout Pack 290 of Culver will hold its Roundup for the 2011-2012 Scouting year at St. Mary of the Lake church on August 31 at 6 p.m. All boys entering 1st through 5th grade are welcome to join. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. For more information, contact Michelle Coiner at coiner@embarqmail.com or 574-542-2676.

### Monterey Days Labor Day weekend

The annual Monterey Days Festival returns over Labor Day weekend, daily from September 2 through 5. Activities include crafts and food booths, Mr. and Miss Monterey Days pageant, townwide yard sales and library booksale, pedal tractor pull, parade (Sat. at 5 p.m.), ice cream social, car show, live music, American Legion ox roast and bingo.

line at grandmotherproject.org.

### Donations sought for Indian monument

Historical groups and a local Eagle Scout candidate are hoping the community will step up to honor a local Potawatomi Indian chief from the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee. In conjunction with a Boy Scout Eagle project and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, donations are being sought to offset the \$750 cost of the plaque, which needs to be ordered by Aug. 22. Donations can be sent to the Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn., Fulton Co. Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. The FCHS is a 501-C3, non-profit organization.

### CBGC seeks new staff members

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will be hiring part-time staff for the 2011-2012 school year. For information on how to apply, contact Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier by phone at 574-250-0103 or via email at cmonnier@bgcpoco.org. Employment applications can be printed from our website at www.bgcculver.org.

### Culver Pipes and Drums invites public

Culver Pipes and Drums practices every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the train depot across from Edgewater Grill. The public is invited to come watch, or come for free lessons. Bagpipes are available for interested students to use. In the winter practices will move to the Naval building at Culver Academies. Contact Mike Maddox, band manager, at 574-298-6950

### EMS seeks volunteers

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, Inc., are looking for those willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance and become EMTs. CUTEMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well and in the area. Call 574-842-2773, or email cutems@culcom.net.

### Friends raffling doll house

A hand-built doll-house, furnished and detailed (valued around \$500) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be September 3. Call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038).

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**Why Should the U.S. Fund the Terrorist Group Hamas?**

**Congress now sends nearly a billion tax dollars annually to the Hamas-linked Palestinian Authority: Is this a smart use of U.S. foreign aid?**

The Palestinian Authority's ruling party Fatah recently announced it has "reconciled" with the Islamic terror group Hamas to form a unity government. The Palestinian Authority currently receives some \$600 million in direct annual U.S. aid, plus an additional \$225 million in annual U.S. funding through the United Nations. Since it is against U.S. law to fund terrorist organizations, the U.S. Congress should immediately stop the flow of American tax dollars to the Palestinian Authority.

**What are the facts?**

In May 2011, in an effort to circumvent peace negotiations with Israel, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) inked a deal to merge with Hamas. This sudden reconciliation enables the P.A., now representing both the West Bank and Gaza, to present the illusion of a viable, unified governing body to the United Nations in order to obtain the U.N.'s unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state. Because Hamas is an avowed enemy of the United States and because the U.S. and Israel believe direct negotiations with Hamas represent the only sustainable path to peace, both nations oppose such a move in the U.N.

Hamas, headquartered in Gaza, with a political leadership office in Damascus, Syria, was founded in 1987 as an arm of Egypt's Islamist Muslim Brotherhood. In 1999 the U.S. State Department put Hamas on its list of foreign terrorist organizations. No wonder: According to its own charter, Hamas is dedicated to creating an Islamic state in all of Palestine, destroying the state of Israel and exterminating Jews. Because of its long history of attacking civilians through bombings, kidnapping and rocket attacks, Hamas is also considered a terrorist organization by Canada, the European Union, Israel and Japan.

Hamas' funding comes primarily from Iran, Saudi Arabian benefactors and Palestinian expatriates. Palestinian refugees and their descendants in Gaza also receive hundreds of millions of dollars from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Now, with Hamas' recent agreement to unite with Fatah, the terrorist group will have influence over and access to billions of dollars more in aid from the U.S., the European Union and dozens of individual donor nations.

Hamas rules the people of Gaza with a brutal, totalitarian hand. Since Hamas violently seized control of Gaza in 2007, it has permitted no elections and allows no freedom of press, religion or speech. Palestinian women in Gaza are repressed according to strict Islamic custom. More than half of Gazan women report having been victims of physical violence, and

half of all murders in Gaza are "honor killings" of women. Homosexuality is illegal in Gaza, and Christians are often harassed. Against all international law, kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit has been held incommunicado by Hamas for five years with no access to the Red Cross.

Hamas opposes the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Hamas stands openly by its goal to conquer every inch of Palestine, cleanse it of Jews, and establish a fundamentalist Islamic caliphate. Since Israel's withdrawal of security forces and residents from Gaza in 2005, Hamas has fired more than 8,200 missiles on Israeli cities and civilians. Just a few months ago, the group's rocket attack on an Israeli school bus killed a 16-year-old boy. Above all, Hamas refuses to accept the state of Israel and condemns any efforts to negotiate peace—a complete repudiation of the efforts of the United States and the Quartet on the Middle East (consisting of the United Nations, the European Union, Russia and the U.S.) to resolve the decades-long dispute between Arabs and Israelis. Senior Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar recently confirmed that "Our program does not include negotiations with Israel or recognizing it."

**Time to stop U.S. aid to terrorists.** In April, 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated, "We will not deal with nor in any way fund a Palestinian government that includes Hamas unless and until Hamas has renounced violence, recognized Israel and agreed to follow the previous obligations of the Palestinian Authority." In July 2011, both houses of Congress overwhelmingly passed resolutions that threaten withdrawal of aid from the Palestinian Authority if it persists in efforts to circumvent direct negotiations with Israel by turning to the United Nations for recognition—which it continues to pursue aggressively—and if the Palestinian Authority shares power with Hamas. In fact, annual U.S. foreign operations appropriations bills expressly forbid funding for "assistance to Hamas or any entity effectively controlled by Hamas or any power-sharing government of which Hamas is a member."

It's clear that the Palestinian Authority, by forming an alliance with the terrorist group Hamas, abandoning peace talks with Israel, and taking its case for statehood unilaterally to the United Nations, has no respect for the interests of the United States in the Middle East. In this time of financial crisis and soaring budget deficits, should we spend \$25 million American tax dollars annually supporting the Palestinian Authority, now allied with an avowed enemy of peace, the U.S. and the state of Israel?

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## Wind turbines from page 1

video showing "shadow flicker" effects inside and outside a home near an existing turbine was shown in rotation on the gymnasium's screen. Levett also showed photos taken at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and nearby Lake Winnebago, where dozens of turbines were clearly visible.

"Those turbines are eight miles away," he said of the photos. He referenced a full-page advertisement published by Nextera in the August 11 Culver Citizen, which noted the company is moving its study area three miles to the east (further away from Lake Maxinkuckee). The move would still leave the turbines highly visible on the Lake Maxinkuckee skyline, according to Levett, who again referred to the Wisconsin photos as examples.

"This will be our new view from the lake," he said. "Get informed -- it's a big decision for Marshall County."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Roger McEowen, right, speaks Saturday as fellow presenters Steve Snyder (left) and Mark Levett look on.

Steve Snyder, an attorney engaged by the event's sponsoring organization, detailed the county's procedures regarding the project, explaining the decision to accept or reject Nextera's proposal will ultimately be made by the Marshall County Board of Zoning Appeals, which he said is required by its own ordinances and state law to consider several factors in its determination.

First, Snyder explained, the project "can't be injurious to the public's health, safety, and welfare." It must meet development standards in the Marshall County zoning ordinances. It must not permanently injure property or uses in the vicinity, "which means," he added, "will it reduce property values? I would suggest the evidence is conclusive that you will see a drop on property values when your property is in visibility of one of these things."

Lastly, the project must be consistent with Marshall County's comprehensive plan, which Snyder said does not anticipate wind farms, and so isn't a serious consideration.

The BZA, he noted, must consider "every aspect of a project at a public hearing," which will take place after an application has been filed, which has not yet occurred in this case. He emphasized counter-evidence to that presented by the petitioner -- in this case Nextera -- should be presented in that hearing, though Nextera "has the burden of proving those four elements (required for the project's approval) I just discussed."

Setbacks from homes, said Snyder, are one factor to be considered.

"If somebody puts a tower up and you own a building site within a thousand feet," he said, "you're prevented from building on your own land."

Other factors include security and noise, which is limited here to 55 decibels. Further, he said, a decommissioning plan is required for the project to prevent abandoned wind farms as exist in some parts of the country.

"Essentially you're looking at a minimum of one public hearing at which five members of the county commission will hear from Nextera."

Rounding out Saturday's program was a detailed presentation from Roger McEowen, a professor in Agricultural Law at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he is also the Director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation.

McEowen encouraged the audience to read up on the details of his presentation as well as legal issues for landowners potentially negotiating a lease with wind companies, on the Center's website at [www.calt.iastate.edu](http://www.calt.iastate.edu).

He primarily focused on the benefits and drawbacks on wind energy nationally and globally. Currently, he said, wind generates about one percent of the United States' power needs, though some have proposed that by 2020, six percent will be wind-derived.

"However," he added, "the U.S. Energy Administration's annual energy outlook for 2006 concluded that by 2030, wind power would supply no more than 1.2 percent of U.S. energy if current incentives and subsidies stay in place."

McEowen emphasized subsidies are driving the wind energy industry today, and questioned whether -- in light of present budgetary woes on the federal level -- those subsidies will hold out much longer.

Further, states like Iowa, California, Minnesota, Texas, and Kansas, some of the top wind energy production states at present, differ from Indiana in that each has large amounts of open space away from people, he said.

On a map McEowen showed from the U.S. Department of Energy depicting most and least viable locations to place wind farms, some parts of Indiana were rated "fair" for placement, but the local area designated for placement was blank, ranking it of dubious viability.

When asked why a company would choose to build here under such conditions, McEowen noted Marshall County has "good access to the (energy distribution grid)."

He also suggested the company will profit because of subsidies offered per kilowatt hour for wind generated.

McEowen described motives for the current push for wind energy development nationally, including improvements in the industry's technology, high fuel prices, mandates in 29 states requiring certain amounts of generated energy to be renewable, difficulty in launching new coal-fired power projects, and financial viability of wind projects due to tax credits and other subsidies.

He refuted the claim that wind energy makes the U.S. less dependent on foreign oil. Petroleum, he said, only generates eight tenths of one percent of American electrical power. Instead, most domestic electricity comes from coal, natural gas, and nuclear power.

The wind industry wouldn't exist, McEowen said, without federal incentives, and the income tax credit per kilowatt hour for electricity produced by a qualified wind facility is 2.2 cents. Many states also subsidize wind energy, he said, alongside reductions or exemptions from state or local property sales and other taxes.

Some states, such as Wyoming, McEowen noted, are taxing wind companies due to the full "social cost" of wind farms to taxpayers, ranging from road construction and repair to police and fire protection related to the farms.

While wind farms do create jobs, McEowen added, since most jobs are due to government subsidies, the net effect is simply a shift from non-subsidized labor to subsidized, rather than creation of genuinely "new" jobs.

"When Spain reduced its alternative energy subsidies," he said, "thousands of jobs were lost."

Also discussed was whether industrial wind farms constitute "the next generation of nuisance lawsuits." McEowen detailed possible legal claims from neighbors of wind turbine-hosting land, ranging from ice throws when blades -- which can spin at more than 150 miles per hour -- ice up, to malfunction or lightning strike-rooted fires, interference with radio or TV signals, to aforementioned health impacts on adjacent landowners. He cited several studies on the health effects of the turbines.

Most courts, he emphasized will only recognize nuisance claims after the towers have been installed, rather than in an anticipatory manner. Instead, it was noted the local legislative process is the best manner to address concerns before wind farm placement.

Property values have been shown to be negatively impacted by proximity to the turbines in some studies, McEowen said, by 10 to 30 percent.

"All this is related to how close these are to your home or business," he added. "Does this part of the country have enough open space to get these away from people?"

Among topics discussed in a question and answer session near the close of the program included potential conflict of interest for any members of the county's BZA, something Snyder said is required to be disclosed by county and state statute.

"Typically, (conflict of interest) means there's financial benefit flowing to one who votes that could affect his decision," he added.

Also discussed was the effect of the farms on Doppler radar for weather predictions. One group member said a wind farm near Lafayette, Indiana, causes the appearance of a major storm to be constant on radar-based weather maps, creating "trouble predicting tornadoes."

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## Newly-enlarged CES staff gets better acquainted



ABOVE: Culver Elementary School's newly-expanded (to include former Monterey Elementary staff) faculty, staff, and administration had a chance to get to know each other better shortly before the start of school as all came together for a tour of Lake Maxinkuckee on Culver Academies three-masted schooner the RH Ledbetter (PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT\*), followed by a picnic in the town park in Culver.

Most teachers from the Monterey building, which closed its doors in June, have been assigned to the same grade levels they taught prior to the move, which will incorporate previously unused classrooms and bring both schools into the CES building.

The weather was extremely cooperative for the outing, which capped off weeks of boiling temperatures with breezy temps in the 70s and sunny skies over the lake.

## Why Culver-Union Township Public Library is important to Culver

The nationally winning essay which netted CUTPL audiobook prizes

As reported in a previous edition of this newspaper, an essay penned by Culver-Union Township Public Library staff member Jon Gaskill on the importance of the library for the community, was chosen with five others in the nation for the "June is Audiobook Month" contest sponsored by Tantor Audio, resulting in the library's choosing ten free audiobooks.

Following is the text of that essay, and the audiobooks selected.

"The Culver-Union Township Public Library was founded in 1914, and in the past near century, it has been and continues to be a place where people can freely come and access materials on a wide range of topics, themes and tastes. Culver is a unique town whose population loves to read and listen to audiobooks. Some of the audiobook

users include commuters who drive hither and yon for over 20 hours a week to get to work, and audiobooks have proven themselves to be a vital part of our collection. They circulate for kids who need a boost with their reading to read along with the voice on the disks, and for the older American who has trouble with eyesight, the busy artist who listens to audiobooks while she paints, and the vacationing lake visitor who listens to books while he or she relaxes on the pier or while cooking dinner for their visiting children and grandchildren. Audiobooks are certainly a vital part of our collection and they circulate as well or better than their print counterparts.

"Culver Public Library is small and serves a population of 3,133, but that does not reflect the veracity with which the faithful library patrons read, nor the hunger they have for audiobooks. The library offers many programs and has three book discussion groups. Due to funding setbacks our budget, like many others, has been cut. People like the disks universality, especially the older set who has not adapted to MP3 technology. The library is one place in town where anyone from any walk of life can come and

be, and use services free of charge. We are the only point of access for many of our patrons, and appreciate the opportunity to serve the population and improve our offerings and services daily."

Gaskill says the library was "delighted" with the receipt of the books, which include: "George Washington on Leadership," "The Long Way Home: An American Journey from Ellis Island to the Great War," "The Age of Empathy: Nature's Lesson for a Kinder Society," "The Woman Who Fell from the Sky: An American Journalist in Yemen," "Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women," "To Hell on a Fast Horse: Billy the Kid and Pat Garret," "Plentitude: The New Economics of True Wealth," "In the Country of Men," "Liberating Atlantis: A Novel of Alternate History," "Knives at Dawn: America's Quest for Culinary Glory at the Legendary Bocuse d'Or Competition."

Library staff member Polly Thompson Wolf chose primarily non-fiction, according to Gaskill, to help balance the library's audiobook collection and offer a greater selection to patrons.



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