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Fire and ice

ABOVE, LEFT: Two ice sculptures created by Indiana Ice Studio helped set the tone for last weekend's winter carnival accompanying the national ice fishing tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee (see story below). The sculpture at left was sponsored by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council. The ice tower at left was set ablaze Sat. evening on Lake Shore Drive. MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 2

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Taking the ('polar') plunge

ABOVE, RIGHT: A total of 14 members (and friends) of the Culver Beard Club took a chilly dip Sunday afternoon through a hole members cut in the ice the previous day. Pictured in the lower photo are some of the swimmers. Front row, from left, are Tom Yuhas and Kevin Smith. Back row: Tucker Anderson, Nick Pately, Joel Samuelson, Adam Rippey, Trevor Weldon, Tim Yuhas, Chris Montgomery, Jessica Ringer (the only female to take the plunge), and Eric Ringer. The Ringers are pictured in the top photo, at the fateful moment.

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In Brief

Community meal at St. Mary's Feb. 28

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Friday, Feb. 28. Typically 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.

Free community meal at CBC

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, March 2, starting at 6 p.m. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

Balanced school calendar presentation March 12

A presentation on the possibility of a 'balanced calendar' schedule for Culver Comm. Schools will be given at a special meeting Weds., March 12 at Culver Comm. High School, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Sidewalk snow removal

Residents of the town of Culver are requested to make provisions for clearing snow and/or ice from the walkways on their properties, per town ordinance, which designates as a public nuisance any "...snow or other matter obstructing public ways or causing visual barriers which create vehicular traffic or pedestrian traffic safety hazards." Call the town hall at 574-842-3140 with questions.

Wesley seeks nursery worker

Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver is looking for a responsible and energetic nursery worker on Sundays from 8:30-11:30, and Tuesdays 6 to 7:30, \$15 per hour. This person must be 16 years or older. Anyone interested—

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Winter carnival offers array of family fun

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Organizers of last weekend's winter carnival and ice fishing tournament in Culver managed to take advantage of the proliferation of snow and weather conditions -- which have left so many grumbling in recent weeks -- to create a weekend of family fun which by all accounts appears to have been a success.

This is the third consecutive year the Culver Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Marshall County Tourism, has scheduled a North American Ice Fishing Circuit national-level tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee, though the second year the event was able to be held (the lake failed to freeze entirely the first year, 2012, and froze only enough for fishing in channels and shallows last year).

Perhaps most notably for the local community, it's the first year the long hoped-for addition of a "winter carnival" and related activities has come to fruition, something for which many in the community are thanking Chamber president Tony Sellers.

For Sellers, the host of outdoor activities available for attendees -- especially throughout the day Saturday -- was an example not just of what the Chamber can do for Culver as an attractive event, but something nearer and dearer to his heart.

For the past several years, Sellers, in conjunction with his Sellers Landscaping See Carnival page 2

Ice fishing tournament pulls from 6 states

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

For the second year in a row, more than two dozen teams from multiple states (this year six states were represented) converged on Lake Maxinkuckee for a North American Ice Fishing Circuit national tournament, and this year the weather was about as perfect as it gets for ice fishing.

Not only was the ice around two feet thick on the lake, but ice fishermen engaged in their sport under blue, sunny skies Saturday, and wrapped up the weekend Sunday with more good fishing weather (even if not exactly sunshine).

In all, 25 teams took part in the event, according to Jack Baker, here for his second consecutive year as tournament director.

The event kicked off with a seminar Friday evening at the VFW in Culver for beginners, followed by a program on more advanced techniques, led by the team who turned See Fishing page 3

Alcohol in the park among topics at Feb. 11 council meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

While timing appeared to be the critical factor in preventing alcohol from being served at a dinner in the town park depot during last week's ice fishing tournament, discussion at the Feb. 11 regular meeting of Culver's town council also indicates the matter is still far from being devoid of controversy and debate.

Audience member Jean Rakich raised the issue during the meeting, saying, "I think it's all about the almighty dollar; if we open it (serving alcohol in the

park) for one, we have to open it for all."

The discussion followed the previous council meeting, during which Lakehouse Grille owner Mark Damore Jr. requested the council's permission to serve beer and wine to members of ice fishing teams participating in the tournament on Saturday night, Feb. 15, citing already heavy traffic in his own facility as necessitating use of the train station - depot in the park to serve the fishermen dinner accompanied by alcoholic beverages.

CVS drive-through, renovations expected by end of 2014

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's CVS Pharmacy has maintained basically the same appearance since its 1974 construction as Hook's Drugs, but the wheels are in motion for a dramatic change, both inside and outside, as well as the addition of drive-through pharmacy service, by the end of 2014.

John Fulkerson of the Wheatfield, Indiana-based Hams-tra Group, which will handle contracting on the project for the CVS corporation, sat down with members of Culver's town council Wednesday, Jan. 12, to answer council members' questions as to specifics of the work.

Requiring council approval was permission for CVS to gain an easement in the alleyway just west of the Ohio Street pharmacy, whose neighbor to the west is Hammer's auto repair garage. Fulkerson said the hope is to pave the alley and make it one-way, with traffic routed from north to south. A small canopy would overhang the planned new

CVS Pharmacies to halt tobacco sales

By Dia Eskew

CULVER — On Feb. 5 CVS Caremark announced that it would stop selling all tobacco products in the stores on Oct. 1 of this year.

CVS is the first national chain pharmacy to do this. In a press release prepared by the company President and CEO of CVS, Larry J. Merlo said, "Put simply, the sale of tobacco products is inconsistent with

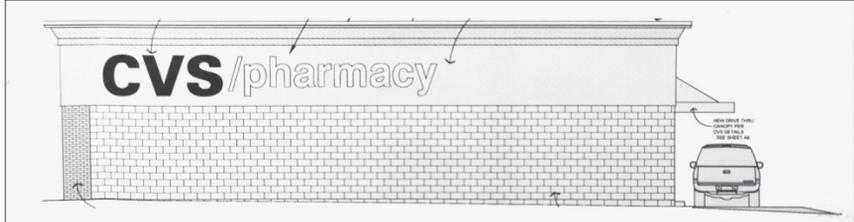


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ABOVE: A portion of the drawings outlining the proposed look of Culver's CVS Pharmacy on Ohio Street after renovations hoped to take place later this year, which will include the drive-through pharmacy pictured at right.

pharmacy drive-through window as well.

The alley would continue to be a public thoroughfare.

Also requested was an easement to pave the municipal-owned parking lot just south of CVS, at the northwest corner of Madison and Ohio Streets.

Concern had been raised at previous meetings as to potential water issues if the municipal lot were made an impervious surface via paving, though Fulkerson said the company would also add a thorough drainage system to alleviate the problem. He also requested formal permission for CVS employees to park in the lot.

In answer to council queries, Fulkerson affirmed the easement would retain parking for downtown merchant employees who currently utilize it, and that the CVS parking allotment was more a formality to ensure the store's employees would have use of the lot, as they do today.

Town manager Dave Schoeff noted the town has already recently replaced the side-

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our purpose."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. It accounts for more than 480,000 deaths each year. Smoking prevalence has declined from 20.9 percent in 2005 to 18.1 percent in 2012.

The impact of the decision is something that only time will tell. According to CVS's press release, "The

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Ed Pinder said he had spoken to three members of the Lions' executive board in recent days, and they were unaware that a decision regarding alcohol in the depot was even on the radar.

"The ones I talked to said 'no,'" explained Pinder, adding those three reported they'd spoken to a number of other Lions board members who agreed with their opinion on the matter.

As it turned out, the debate regarding Feb. 15 in particular was a moot one. Bean said Damore's liquor license didn't meet county excise requirements mak-

ing it legal for him to serve alcohol outside his restaurant anyway.

That didn't stop ongoing discussion regarding the future role of alcohol in the park, in many ways an extension of sometimes-heated discussion held in the spring of 2013, when organizers requested to hold a craft beer festival in the park, a request denied by the park board.

Current park board president Tammy Shaffer said the park board had more recently created a policy

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Going, going, gone...

ABOVE: There was praise a-plenty for the work last week of Culver street crews in clearing the commercial districts of the huge mounds of previously plowed snow which in some places reduced traffic to nearly one lane at times. Utilities manager Bob Porter told the *Citizen* over eight truckloads of snow had been removed well before Main Street's effort was completed (which it was to great effect, as can be seen at right).

Town ponders options for unshoveled walkways

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The winter of 2014 so far has been one for the record books in terms of snow and cold in Culver, and the town council finds itself facing the same problem as many -- in fact most -- municipalities in Indiana and elsewhere in light of that fact: how, and whether, to enforce existing laws requiring residents to keep public walkways clear of snow for everyone's safety.

That was the topic of a special council work session last Monday, the same day town street crews removed more than 10 truckloads of snow from Culver's commercial districts in order to ease parking, traffic, and pedestrian woes as a result of snow piled to and above head level, on the streets.

The difficulty of enforcing ordinances requiring each property owner at Culver's roughly 800 homes to keep his or her sidewalks cleared was discussed, with council member Ed Pinder noting South Bend and Mishawaka have been trying to enforce their similar ordinances, but are finding it nearly impossible in light of the sheer volume of snow, and the number of people unable to keep up with it.

Culver may be somewhat unusual, it was pointed out, in the preponderance of either elderly or simply absent homeowners here during the winter.

Audience member Jeff Mansfield, a summer resident, said in years past he tried to get to Culver from his winter home in Illinois to make sure his sidewalks here were snow-free, eventually hiring local services to clear them for him.

"But I'm kind of aggravated driving through town to see all the places that are not shoveled...why am I paying to have it done? I'm unemployed right now, and when I see what else is going on...you need to decide what you're going to do and enforce it, but you need to have some consistency."

Mansfield added that he hadn't been aware previously of the number of elderly who are probably unable to keep their sidewalks cleared.

Munroe added she was interested to learn, when she called a number of local elderly residents to check on them during one of the recent "arctic blasts" of subzero temperatures, that every one of them already had someone to shovel their sidewalks, check on them, and care for their basic needs.

Town marshal Wayne Bean suggested the number of absentee homeowners during the winter months in Culver is probably responsible for the majority of unshoveled walkways, more than the number of elderly here when the snow flies.

He, like others in the audience and on the council, sug-

gested council members consider designating a few major walking routes to keep free of snow, rather than seeking compliance on every sidewalk in town.

It was agreed that requiring the town street crew -- already into overtime this busy winter -- to handle the additional work of such an endeavor, and that instead the town should seek estimates on the cost of various walking route options from private companies.

Town manager Dave Schoeff raised the question of funding sources for even a basic route or routes cleared through town, noting that while many people might not object to a small added expense to their water bills to help underwrite the effort, "they would want their sidewalk done, too."

Schoeff also suggested encouraging local students to make a service day of sidewalk shoveling.

Also discussed was whether Culver Community Schools might consider a special bus route for in-town students during heavy snow and cold situations such as these.

Pinder questioned how many local students walk to school at present anyway, making the question of sidewalks to school less critical.

He also emphasized the value of retaining the existing shoveling ordinance since "we don't usually have winters like this...this is the first time for years and years and years."

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Scenes from the winter carnival

ABOVE, FAR LEFT: An ice sculpture sponsored by the Culver Boys & Girls Club and Max's Playhouse sets the tone for skaters at the park ice rink. ABOVE, LEFT: Cristiana Torres, age 6, enjoys the "luge"-like properties of one of the sled tracks created by Sellers Landscaping for the winter carnival in the town park Saturday. ABOVE, CENTER: Children flock to the 'igloo' created by Jack Johnston of Culver near the skating rink in the town park. ABOVE, RIGHT: Aurora Caudill, age 5, checks the progress of her line while trying her hand at ice fishing Saturday morning, one of a throng of young would-be ice fisherchildren who took part in a children's 'ice camp' which launched at the fire station (the photo at LOWER LEFT conveys some of the volume of people who took to the ice as part of the event). LOWER RIGHT: During the festivities, these cross-country skiers, with dog joining the fun, took advantage of the nearly two-foot thick ice on Lake Maxinkuckee.



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business, has emphasized the need for families and children to get outdoors and become more active via a nationwide initiative, Come Alive Outside.

And while he suggests more activities can and hopefully will be offered in conjunction with future ice fishing tournaments, this was a great start.

"(Come Alive Outside) is more about getting families back together; that's what we saw this weekend: people were out, putting down their cell phones and computers and enjoying the activities."

Sellers and his crew worked much of the previous week

to facilitate two sledding "hills" -- piles of snow trucked into the west end of the park and carefully molded for maximum sledding fun, one affectionately referred to as a "luge" track.

"The sledding hills were definitely a hit," says Sellers, whose staff joined community volunteers in keeping an eye on the sledding youngsters lined up at each hill on Saturday.

There were plenty of kids on hand after Saturday morning's standing-room-only beginners' ice fishing course for kids, held initially in the Culver fire station before instructors and families ventured onto the ice -- estimated to be between 16 and 24 inches as of Saturday -- for a hands-on effort at the sport, making up quite a crowd of some 100 participants (tournament organizers say they gave away 132 free fishing rods to those in attendance).

Jack Johnston of Culver constructed another popular attraction for children: a

snow-constructed igloo next to the ice skating rink in the town park basketball courts.

Weather conditions may have made skating a rarity since the rink opened several weeks ago, but event-goers were treated to the sight of ice skaters throughout the day Saturday, even as they admired the work of ice carvers from Indiana Ice Studio.

Carvers, in fact, were hard at work Saturday afternoon making an eight-foot ice tower which was filled with wood and lit Saturday night for a picturesque scene on Lake Shore Drive. This in addition to the well-received host of ice sculptures funded by local businesses and organizations and available throughout town (at least until they melt).

And while Sunday was more focused on the weigh-in and concluding activities of the NAIFC tournament, members of the Culver Beard Club -- which meets Weds. nights at the Lakehouse Grille -- kept things lively with a 'polar bear plunge' into Lake Maxinkuckee through a section of water cut from the ice the day before. In all, 14 brave souls -- including one woman -- took quick plunges into what was literally ice water Sunday afternoon at the town beach, to the delight of dozens of onlookers.

By virtually all accounts, the winter carnival portion of the weekend's activities was a success, says Sellers, who notes local restaurants and businesses reported great sales and plenty of extremely positive buzz from customers.

"People were having a great time," says Chamber first vice president Sue McInturff, owner of Diva in Culver. "The ice sculptors were wonderful -- they really did a nice job. This was a great new opportunity for people to get out this time of year and enjoy the outdoors."

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Brandon Newby, left, and Ryan Wilson took first place out of 25 teams from six states, for the second year in a row at the NAIFC ice fishing tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee last weekend. They're pictured at the depot on Lake Shore Drive Sunday afternoon following the tournament weigh-in.

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out to be this year's winners for the second year in a row, fishermen Brandon Newby and Ryan Wilson.

A "standing room only" kids clinic took place Saturday morning at the fire station, during which 132 rods were given away to participating families.

That's great news to Baker, who says the ice fishing world has suffered from a "lost generation."

"It's great to get kids and families back in it...the grandparents did it, but moms and dads are just starting to get back in it."

He adds that the Culver community has "a great lake. The water is exceedingly clear, but that makes it tough because the fish can see everything, particularly crappies with their big eyes. They're skittish. Even in 40 feet of water, you need stealth."

That makes Newby and Wilson's win all the more remarkable.

The team, from Wisconsin, were the only ones in the entire tournament to catch any crappies -- in fact, they took in seven crappies and eight bluegills, also landing the "big fish" of the tournament, a 1.27 pound bluegill (wins are based on total fish weight, with the goal being eight of each species).

"What we did was trolled a basin," says Newby. "We used our Aquaview camera to find the targeted species and found the school of crappies we were looking for on Friday. After we find the fish, we went back through during the tournament with our Kodiak jigs and looked for aggressive fish on our Vexilar (equipment) and then caught them."

While they've been ice fishing all their lives, Newby and Wilson have been involved in national tournaments for the past 14 years, and were last year's national circuit champions.

Newby, who arrived in Culver with Wilson Friday, described the community as full of "great people and the lake is tremendous with big fish potential. It's great fishing."

Tournament participant Jake Joseph brings a somewhat unusual perspective to the event: he's the only semi-local participant, hailing from Starke County.

"I think there's awesome potential to bring in everything else besides ice fishing: going to the shops and restaurants; it's amazing. That's the way to do it."

He also appreciates an opportunity to "bring the best fishermen in America to your home lake. I can hide and watch what they do and either confirm what I do now, or see what I'm doing wrong!"

For his part, Jack Baker praised the efforts of co-sponsoring organization the Culver Chamber of Commerce, as well as community volunteers.

"If you get into the economic side, you're not taking money from your right pocket and putting it in your left," he said, referring to the number of visitors to Culver from outside of town for the event. "You're taking it from another pair of pants! And it's more than just heads and beds; it's food and beverage and tires and gas."

Midwest Outdoors cameras were on hand, as they were last year, to film the event, which Baker points out will bring Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee to 64 to 70 million homes. The broadcast's recap of circuit events, he says, also drives fishermen here.

"They want to see big fish and where they were at, and that brings more and more people. We have a history of communities that have built their lake reputation off the NAIFC, which is what we want."

Library news

'2001' at book-film club March 5

"A Novel Approach," the book and film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will meet Wednesday, March 5, at noon in the library's large meeting room downstairs. The book will be "2001: A Space Odyssey," by Arthur C. Clarke, first published in 1968. How close were the concepts presented, true to today's space program? What is The Monolith and what is it doing of on Earth's moon?

The film version stars Keir Dullea as Dave Bowman, spaceman on the ship Discovery. This is Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece of pure science fiction. Did HAL, the on board computer, take over the ship on his own? The movie asks more questions than gives answers.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

"Seuss-a-Bration" program March 1

Come to the Culver Public Library for stories, games and crafts in the Children's Room Saturday, March 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with a "Seuss-a-Bration."

The library will also kick off and support the National Education Association in promoting Read Across America Week. This is the 16th year for this year-around program, which encourages children and teens to read through fun-filled social events.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jill Gavlick at jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Longaberger baskets on display at CUTPL

Currently on display at the Culver-Union Township Public Library is circulation clerk Chris Emerick's Longaberger basket collection. Emerick has been collecting Longaberger baskets for over 20 years, beginning her collection with a small tea basket. Her collection includes over 50 baskets of various themes including Breast Cancer Awareness, Halloween, Christmas, the Flower series, and the American flag series. Her favorite baskets are the Breast Cancer Awareness baskets, which are released once a year and are the only baskets that she continues to collect. Emerick loves Longaberger baskets because they are made in America. At one time during a visit in Gettysburg, Chris was able to make her own Longaberger basket.

The collection will be on display through mid-March in the display cases on the lower level of the library.

If you are interested in exhibiting your collection, artwork, or crafts at the Culver-Union Township Public Library please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes in February. Classes take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and will include Mobile Devices (Feb. 24 and 28). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Benefit for Wilson and family March 1

A benefit for Tim Wilson and family is scheduled for Sat., March 1 at 4 p.m., at the VFW in Winamac.

Wilson was in a severe car accident and was airlifted to South Bend Memorial on December 29, where he spent four days in a coma, having sustained heavy brain shearing and many physical injuries.

Once released after four weeks, he was unable to go home to his three children and fiancée. He is staying with his mother where the environment is quiet because his brain has to continue to heal. Wilson is currently undergoing extensive physical, speech, and occupational therapy. He is the sole provider for his family and has been told he cannot work for six months to a year.

Tim and his girlfriend are expecting twin girls in April. They are in need of household items, money to pay with bills, and items for the children.

Tickets to the event are \$10 adults, \$7 children 5 to 12 (children under five are free). Raffles, a bake sale, food, and a live auction, as well as a live performance by the band "Overdue" will be part of the activities. Those with questions may contact Honey Loehmer at 574-225-0251. Donations may be made via Paypal at honeyloehmer@yahoo.com.

Zehner named to Trine president's list

ANGOLA — Jannie Zehner of Culver, majoring in psychology-BS, was named to the Trine University School of Professional Studies president's list for fall 2013. To be named to the president's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and have at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Culver students on Ball State dean's list

MUNCIE — Culver's Trent Becker, Cassandra Dehning, Redmond Ogden have been named to the dean's list of Ball State University. The dean's list recognizes undergraduates who earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for 12 or more credits of graded course work during a semester or for six or more credits of graded course work during a summer term.

Culver students on IUSB dean's list

SOUTH BEND — Named to the fall dean's list at Indiana University South Bend were Culver's Aurora Lindvall, Charlotte Ridenour, Cassandra VanSky, Aubrey Voreis, Jiabao Wang, Emily Wilson, and Thomas Wilson.

UVM names Finley to Dean's List

BURLINGTON, VT -- Christa Finley, 2010 Culver Girls Academy graduate, was named to the University of Vermont's Dean's List for the fall '13 semester. A senior, she will graduate in May from the University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a major in animal science and minor in zoology.

Her interest in crew started at Culver and continued at UVM. As coxswain she steered the Women's Varsity Four to win the American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championship Regatta in May on Lake Lanier's 1996 Olympic course, Gainesville, GA. The 2013 ACRA regatta was its largest with 1,350 athletes competing in 255 crews representing 57 programs.

Finley is the daughter of Mary Jo and David Finley, Plymouth.

Hettich graduates from Marquette

MILWAUKEE, WI -- Drew Hettich of Culver has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Hettich earned a Master of Business Administration in Executive Business Administration.

He was one of nearly 500 undergraduate and graduate students who participated in the Dec. 15, 2013 graduation ceremony at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 75 different countries.

CCHS' Dehning in All-State HS Band

Culver Comm. High School senior Caleb Dehning, under the direction of CCHS band director Jason Crittendon, has been selected to participate in the 53rd annual Indiana All-State High School Band Festival sponsored by the Indiana Bandmasters Association (IBA).

Students earn the honor in a highly competitive audition held in early January at nine centers across Indiana. Over 750 talented young musicians applied to audition. A selection committee then reviewed recordings from each center. 165 outstanding students from 54 high schools have been selected for participation in this year's festival.

A grand finale concert will be presented to the public on Sunday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Elliott Hall of Music on the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette. More information may be found at indianabandmasters.org.

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Culver winter carnival fulfills a host of local wishes

I had a pretty good sense of the contents of this week's column until the 'winter carnival' which accompanied last weekend's NAIFC national ice fishing tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

Besides the great exposure and economic shot in the arm afforded by the tournament itself, the 'carnival' aspect of the whole affair seems to me to kill a raft of (metaphoric) birds with (the proverbial) stone...and I mean that in the best possible sense!

First, it satisfied the much-discussed dearth of things for local families to do here, especially "off-season," so to speak. I took my own children (at least the 6, 8, and 10 year old) to the park to take photos, expecting to spend perhaps an hour or so before they became too cold or, frankly, bored to keep them there.

We ended up, instead, spending nearly six hours there, and I had to drag our 8-year-old daughter, especially, off the sledding hills constructed by Tony Sellers and his landscaping staff over the course of the past week (though all the kids loved them).

The whole thing showed, too, a genuine awareness of what children actually like, which sadly can sometimes be missed when even well-meaning adults attempt to create attractions for them.

Besides the sled trails, there was that fantastic igloo Jack Johnston (who knows from his own family experience what kids enjoy, I'm sure!) constructed, the ice fishing fun out on the ice, the skating rink, the ice sculptures, the warming stations, and more.

Which brings me to the second oft-discussed set of goals fulfilled on Saturday: the notions underlying the "Come Alive Outside" initiative Tony has also been touting locally for some years now.

Most of the activities, of course, required being outdoors and doing so with a couple of generations (that is, parents and children) present and involved. I could (well, I have in the past!) write an entire column on that subject, but enough said for now.

Next, the carnival (and obviously the tournament it was paired with) attracted people from outside of Culver, people who hopefully liked what they found and will return for more, regardless of time of year.

And time of year is the next point: there's a fairly steady and understandable mantra coming from local businesses and other entities regarding the major shift in recent years towards Culver being primarily a summer destination. Last October's wonderful fall festival (which also incor-

porated several "all ages" activities and appealed to both locals and visitors) was a major effort towards providing non-summer fun for all, and it's exciting to see another such offering within the space of the same 12-month period. These are ideas talked about for years now; we should be grateful to the community volunteers (and everyone seems to agree that in the case of the winter carnival, all roads point back to Tony's hard work and planning, though obviously in conjunction with many other individuals and entities) who made both events happen.

Lastly, the winter carnival, it seems to me, especially shined in that it transcended the all-too-prevalent divisions of local and visitor, "year-rounder" and "part-timer." The offerings appealed to a wide swath of income levels educational and cultural backgrounds, and ages, which is a rare and wonderful thing indeed. I'd like to think everyone could have found something to enjoy (and even if the 'polar bear plunge' of Sunday afternoon wasn't on the "official" event schedule, perhaps it will be next year, and as one spectator -- who happened to be or retirement age -- put it, "I'll come out of my warm house on a cold Sunday afternoon to see that!").

Is there room to grow? Absolutely. I'm sure many of us can see the potential to add any number of events, programs, ideas, and the like. As I watched attendees winding through the park between the sledding hills and the skating rink, stopping off occasionally at the wood fire warming areas, it struck me immediately that vendors offering hot chocolate, coffee, and food and other wares would surely do well (they certainly would have gotten my money, though on the plus side, local businesses adjacent to the park surely benefited markedly in terms of sales).

So hopefully the community has seen the potential and can and will embrace this as an annual -- and ideally growing -- Culver event to add to an already-growing (though famously summer-heavy) roster.

Perhaps the real wild card in the whole matter is the weather. Say what you will about the winter of 2014 thus far (and as I write this, yet another snowstorm is raging outside, though we're slated for 50 degrees and rain on Thursday!), but it all converged for what might be called the perfect storm (pun intended) to bring the events of last weekend to near perfection.

There was a rumor going around that, if the snow didn't cooperate for the carnival this year, Tony Sellers vowed to get his hands on a snow machine.

If the last several years' worth of winters are any indication, it might not hurt for us to take up a collection.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY



Valentine's Day message

LEFT: Pastor Jacob Juncker of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver (standing) reminded seniors attending REAL Meals at the Culver beach lodge last Friday -- Valentine's Day -- of the role of love in their lives, as indicated in the Bible. Several seniors gathered for a Valentine's Day celebration during which 'tie' votes for the 'King' and 'Queen' roles led to the declaration that all in attendance constituted royalty, according to site director Cecelia Moroni.

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ed please contact Tracy Gordon, Director of Education at 574-842-2900 or email at tracy@culverumc.com

Children's dance classes move to library

"Dancing with Meagan" classes held previously at the Culver beach lodge each Tuesday and Thursday will continue, but relocated to the Culver Public Library at 107 N. Main Street, at 6:30 p.m. The classes are free and open to boys and girls ages 7-12.

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Pop culture (music, movies, and TV) and man's search for the "Good, the True, and the Beautiful" (Feb. 23), Current events open forum/Q&A (March 2), Consumerism in a hungry world - limits and responsibilities (March 9), Women, feminism, and the Church (March 16), Current events open forum/Q&A (April 6).

Community Cab in Culver

The Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab each Wed. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904.

Letter to the editor

Consistency in park board lack of quorum criticism?

In this week's paper (*The Culver Citizen of Feb. 13 -- editor*) there was a notice of cancellation of the park board meeting due to a lack of a quorum. Isn't this what the present park board highly criticized the former park board for doing?

Marilyn Kelly
Culver

Schumerth wins photo award

Dan Schumerth, Culver native and sports editor for the Union County Advocate newspaper in Kentucky, received first place in 'Best Sports Photo Essay' at the Kentucky Press Association Winter Convention in Lexington earlier this month.

The winning photo was from Schumerth's coverage of the 2013 state wrestling tournament, and he also received honorable mention in the sports photo category for a football photo.

Schumerth, a Culver Military Academy graduate, is the son of Steve and Sue Schmerth of Culver. His brother, Chris Schumerth, is also a writer whose work has occasionally appeared in the pages of *The Culver Citizen*.

More information about the award may be found online at www.kypress.com.

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Tough loss for CGA in sectional opener Argos rallies past Culver



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CGA's Victoria Christlieb drives the ball during Glenn Sectional play last week.

By Ron Haramia
Correspondent

WALKERTON — It was just opening night of the Class 3A girls basketball Sectional 19 tournament at John Glenn High School Tuesday night, but it had the feel of championship night.

South Bend St. Joseph showed why it is the tourney favorite, dispatching Culver Girls Academy in the opener 62-29, but the game of the night was between 15-game winners Glenn and Rochester in the nightcap.

Unfortunately for the home crowd, after 12 lead changes and seeing the score tied on eight different occasions, the Lady Falcons were edged by the Lady Zebras in the waning seconds, 59-57, to end their fine season. SOUTH BEND ST. JOSEPH 62, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 29

These two were supposed to play Feb. 1 but the game was canceled due to bad weather. Instead, this meeting was win-or-go-home.

St. Joe was just 4-4 in the rugged Northern Indiana Conference, but 9-0 against all other opponents. The four losses were to Class 4A teams with a combined record of 26-6 heading into the playoffs.

“They are going to be a tough out during the tourney,” said CGA head coach Gary Christlieb. “They play well together and are a good team.”

Madeline Raster was one of three Lady Indians in double figures and scored 11 of her game-high 14 points in the first quarter to create a large cushion the Lady Eagles could not recover from.

The second period was the best stretch for CGA. Freshman Kingsley Cortes scored seven of her team-high nine points during the stanza, but despite 13 points for the Lady Eagles, St. Joe's lead increased.

Victoria Christlieb, one of just two seniors, added eight points and five rebounds.

“She is a four-year letterwinner, showed great leadership all season, and maxed out her ability while playing through a back injury,” said coach Christlieb, who also happens to be the proud father of Victoria. “I am definitely going to miss her. And (fellow senior) Helen Weinberg was an outstanding player for our program. We asked a lot out of her. She was forced to play out of position most of the season, but never complained. All of our kids battled and never gave up. That's a testament to who they are.”

•SOUTH BEND ST. JOSEPH 62, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 29

Class 3A Sectional

Two Culver athletes make top 100 list

INDIANAPOLIS — Four area athletes have made the annual Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 100 senior girls' high school players list for 2013-2014: Victoria Christlieb, Culver Academies; Kayla Shaffer, Culver Community; Ashley Campbell, Oregon-Davis; and Alicia McIntosh, Oregon-Davis.

The list is based on observation of hundreds of games, and conversations with coaches, sportswriters, sportscasters, college recruiters and referees throughout the state.

From this list, 60 athletes will be chosen to participate in Hoosier Basketball Magazine's 32nd annual Top 60 Senior Girls' Workout Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Marian University in Indianapolis.

Argos rallied back from a 26-23 deficit headed into the fourth quarter for a 40-37 win over visiting Culver Community Thursday night.

Taylor Ogle and Dominic Cataldo scored 12 and 10, respectively, to lead the Dragons, who won their third straight.

Trent Elliott put up a game-high 23 for Culver, which fell short of back-to-back wins after a victory over Trinity Monday night.

• ARGOS 40, CULVER 37

At Argos

Culver beats Trinity

Culver Community's boys basketball team earned a 65-43 win over visiting South Bend Trinity Monday evening.

Trent Elliott scored 21, Jacoda Anderson finished with 14, and Preston Hansel scored 11 in a balanced attack by Culver.

Trinity was paced by Jacob Yant's nine points.

• CULVER 65, SOUTH BEND TRINITY 43

At Culver



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

CMA's Elijah Miller (no. 5) takes to the air as Hammond-Clark's Eddie Rebeles (21) guards him during Saturday night's game at the Fleet Gymnasium in Culver.

CMA routs Hammond Clark

Culver Military's boys basketball team ran away with a 72-33 victory over visiting Hammond Clark Saturday.

Devonte Campbell scored a game-high 23 points, while Elijah Miller finished with 13 and Lorenzo Ricks had 11 for a deep and balanced CMA score-sheet.

Clark was led by Eddie Rebeles' 14.

• CULVER MILITARY 74, HAMMOND CLARK 33

At Culver

Academies' Hogan headed to state wrestling meet

By Tim Creason
Correspondent

MERRILLVILLE — Edmond Hogan of Culver Academies is one of three area wrestlers headed to the state wrestling championships in Indianapolis Friday after he finished third in the 160-pound weight class at Saturday's semistate tournament at Merrillville.

Joining him will be Bremen's Caleb Coffel and John Glenn's Adam Dodson.

Hogan's third-place was the best by any Marshall County athlete. He takes a 41-4 record into his first match at state, against Nick Borta of North Montgomery (36-1).

Hogan rolled through his first two semistate matches, then dropped a one-point decision to undefeated Kenneth Hughes of Lowell.

In the consolation round, he beat Glenn's Dodson for third place, 7-4. According to Eagle coach Matt Behling, Hogan is ready for a big tournament.

“Hogan dominated his first two matches today, and then he lost his semifinal by one point to a guy who was undefeated,” said Behling.

Shirley Temple's Culver connection



Adolphe Menjou and Shirley Temple from *Little Miss Marker*.

By Jan Garrison
Shirley Temple Black, who passed away Feb. 10 at the age of 85, has a Culver connection.

Her co-star in her first big hit, *Little Miss Marker*, was famed actor Adolphe Menjou, who attended Culver Military Academy for one year. His graduation year is listed

as 1907. He was a member of the inaugural class of inductees into the Culver Arts & Letters Hall of Fame in 2004.

The pairing of Temple and Menjou came in 1934 when Fox Film Corporation lent Temple to Paramount Studios for *Little Miss Marker*.

Temple was cast as a child left with a bookie Sorrowful Jones (Menjou) as a marker for her father's gambling debts. The child then reforms the gang of gamblers, bookies, and horse dopers. The mini-adult role of solving all the problems for the adults around her became a standard in Temple's movies.

According to *The New York Times*, Menjou described the young Shirley Temple as "an Ethel Barrymore at 6," adding that she was "making a stooge out of me" at the time they were filming the movie.

Menjou, who attended Cornell University, was often described as "suave" and "debonair," according to the movie database IMDb. Noted for his black mustache and impeccable taste in clothes, he earned the distinction as the nation's "best dressed man" nine times. Fluent in six languages, he was often cast as a European even though he was born in Pittsburgh and grew up in Cleveland.

Menjou made several silent films during the 1920s, including *The Three Musketeers* (1921), *The Shiek* (1921), and Charlie Chaplin's *A Woman of Paris: A Drama of Fate* (1923).

He started the 1930s playing opposite Gary Cooper and Marlene Dietrich in *Morocco* (1930). Then Menjou received his only Oscar nomination for best actor with his performance as editor Walter Burns in *The Front Page* (1931). That led to major roles in several classic films like *A Farewell to Arms* (1932), *Little Miss Marker* (1934), *A Star Is Born* (1937), and *Stage Door* (1937). He also played slick lawyer Billy Flynn opposite Ginger Rogers in the Chicago adaption *Roxie Hart* (1942).

During World War I, he served as a captain in the Ambulance Corps in France. During World War II, Menjou entertained the troops overseas and made assorted radio broadcasts in a variety of languages.

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on the matter "in case it ever came to our table," which doesn't allow alcohol in the park carte blanche -- since, as she noted, an ordinance exists prohibiting it -- but instead makes provision for the park to consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

Pinder reasserted the Lions Club's discomfort with the notion, though audience member Kathy Clark cautioned him to point out that the entire Lions board did not vote on the matter, and so an official position had not been taken.

Also relating to the ice fishing tournament, Culver Chamber of Commerce president Tony Sellers updated the council on that event as well as related community activities including ice sculptors and a sledding hill being set up in the park. He said around 21 teams had signed up for the tournament as of that date, and it was believed there are 16 to 24 inches of ice on the lake at the moment.

Water plant grant

Town manager Dave Schoeff informed the council that an application was filed for a grant to offset the more than \$1 million cost of major updates on Culver's water plant. This was due to quick work by Mark Sullivan of Midwest-

ern Engineers, said Schoeff, who had previously conducted a formal study of the existing plant in preparation for the application. More recently, Sullivan did a revised preliminary engineering report to submit to the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management. An income survey will be conducted in the near future as part of the process, and it's hoped that a grant of up to \$550,000 can be applied for with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs towards the project.

The council, explained Munroe, had held a special meeting the previous week to vote to apply for a special low-interest state revolving loan at a much lower interest rate than bonding through other channels towards the project. Applying for the loan does not bind the town to actually take out the loan, but does meet OCRA's deadline to have the opportunity to do so.

The project would be a "total rehab" of the water plant on South Ohio Street. Digging a new well was also discussed but is not part of the current funding plan, and the council will have to discuss whether water rates will have to be raised in order to facilitate the project.

Citizen, Pilot Group have new circulation manager

By Lois Tomaszewski
Managing Editor

MARSHALL COUNTY — Two weeks ago, Steve Smarzynski joined the Pilot News Group as the new circulation manager. For Smarzynski, it is a familiar environment. Formerly with the News Dispatch in Michigan City, Smarzynski has more than a decade of experience in newspaper delivery and circulation operations.

"I am looking forward to ensuring that we offer the best delivery service to our customers," Smarzynski said. "I want to talk to the members of the community to resolve current delivery issues."

At the Michigan City newspaper, Smarzynski was the assistant circulation manager, handling the hiring of carriers, route distribution, subscriber problems and other tasks. His role at the Pilot News is similar, but carries with it the added responsibility of initiating an improved customer service environment and utilizing the technology to its full potential.

Among the priorities for Smarzynski are: "getting a better rapport with our customer base and resolving any delivery issues and working on the continued growth of the paper."

Smarzynski may be reached at 574-936-3101 ext. 115.

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decision to exit the tobacco category does not affect the company's 2014 segment operating profit guidance, 2014 EPS guidance, or the company's five-year financial projections provided at its Dec. 18 Analyst Day."

There is an estimated \$2 billion lost revenue annual from tobacco shoppers that equals about 17 cents per share.

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walk around CVS and added a water inlet for storm sewer along Ohio Street, which could be utilized for the parking lot's new drainage system.

Fulkerson also said the exterior of the building would be entirely remodeled and "will look almost like ground-up, new construction from the outside."

The interior of the store would also undergo major remodeling, with handicapped-accessible restrooms added and a redesign of the pharmacy itself.

He added he expected a two to three month approval process with the CVS company, and construction would likely start around 90 days following.

"We're slating this (construction) for summer of 2014 at this point."

Council members tentatively agreed to vote at the next council meeting on Feb. 25 to move forward with the necessary easements "in a mutually agreeable way," with specifics subject to closer examination and review by the town's attorney.

Fulkerson said the store and pharmacy themselves will likely see very little halting of services through construction.

"In Roselawn (Indiana), we closed a major part of it for three days, though the pharmacy was open during entire process."

Other decisions, discussions

The council passed policies and procedures as presented by Schoeff, regarding access to public documents and information requested by citizens. He said the policy primarily aims to provide reasonable time for town staff to comply with the requests, which can't always be met immediately when received.

Also approved was an after-the-fact request from EMS director Brandon Cooper to repair one of Culver's ambulances, at \$1,641.84 total. Approved pending an okay from town attorney Jim Clevenger was a five-year contract with the computer software company handling the EMS' billing.

Schoeff noted the town did receive another Safe Routes to School grant for a sidewalk replacement project estimated at \$229,000, with an 80-20 percent match from the Indiana Dept. of Transportation. The endeavor would include addition of sidewalks on Academy Road and College Avenue, though Schoeff emphasized work will not begin until 2017.

Council also approved three conflict of interest statements for council members Ginny Munroe and Bill Githens, as well as town clerk Karen Heim.

Kathy Clark of the Culver Redevelopment Commission updated the council that the CRC voted to pay \$30,000 towards a matching grant to provide markedly enhanced vocational educational training for public schools in Marshall County, following up on a presentation at an earlier council meeting on the subject by Linda Yoder of the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Clark also reported that the CRC voted in its current lineup of officers, with Clark herself as president, Rick Tompos vice president, and Rich West as secretary.

Both Munroe and Githens reported numerous positive comments from citizens regarding removal of snow piles from main thoroughfares by the town's street crews.

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