



## In Brief

### Blood drive Jan. 14

A Red Cross blood donation opportunity will take place Friday, Jan. 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Culver Comm. High School, 701 School Street. To make an appointment to donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

### Drawing at library for free I am an Artist participation

Students from kindergarten through 6th grade will be offered a chance to participate in an I AM AN ARTIST program to be held at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Sat., Jan. 23. To enter, bring an item to donate to Culver's local food pantry and fill out an entry form in the CUTPL children's department through Jan. 15. The winning participant's painting will be displayed in the children's room for all to see. The drawing will be held Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. and winners will be contacted by phone. The I AM AN ARTIST event, instructed by a local business, will be held Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

### Funding sought for

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## Celebrating a century

ABOVE, TOP: Ruth Kline celebrates her 100th birthday with a party last month at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. She's seen here on the left and her sister-in-law, JoAnn Ringer. BOTTOM PHOTO: Ruth and Wayne Kline and children Robert, Carol, and Patricia.

## Golf cart increase debated, business at DQ site eyed

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

CULVER — Culver's town council is still one meeting away from passing an increase in registration fees for golf carts and horse-drawn vehicles, though the Dec. 29 meeting's vote was not without disagreement from some in the audience.

The fee increase, from the current \$25 to \$40 per year, was passed on first reading at the previous meeting and the council was unable to approve it on third reading at last week's meeting since a third approval would require full council approval to suspend the normal rules on ordinance changes.

Audience member Terry Wakefield was the first to question what the reason was for the 60 percent fee increase. At the last vote, said Wakefield, "No one (on the council) knew where the money (from the increase) went. Now it's almost to the cost of a car license plate."

Council president Ginny Munroe said part of the justification for the increase related to the administrative costs of processing the paperwork for golf cart registrations, besides the fact that council members felt the fee was "pretty low" as it stood. She also said revenue could aid in shifting towards online billing.

Funds raised would go to the town's General Fund, and Munroe said she had considered suggesting the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center administer the registration process and also reap the funds raised towards its operation, which has been partly funded by the town.

Council member Jean Rakich questioned, however, if the Visitor Center has enough open hours to accommodate the need.

Told processing each registration takes five to ten minutes, audience member Paul Liette suggested that hourly pay and benefits costs would only add up to a \$7 processing cost per cart, though Munroe said other costs are associated with registration besides the clerk's department's labor.

Audience member Sue McInturff expressed support for the increase and approval of the Visitor Center as administrator of the process, though town marshal Wayne Bean requested processing remain at the town hall in order for his department to have optimal

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## Culver school board updated on archery, bids McGuire farewell

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

CULVER — The Culver Comm. School board bid outgoing superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire farewell at its Dec. 21 meeting, but also discussed a more positive development: that of a new archery club planned for students within the school corporation.

The board also approved the membership of a committee -- consisting of Jack Jones, Ryan Seiber, and Ken VanDePutte -- to begin the process of planning to

hire a new superintendent.

Culver Comm. High and Middle School principal Brett Berndt, noting establishing clubs in the past has not required board approval but that he and others wished to keep board members informed -- said the notion of archery as a club sport at the school was brought up during strategic planning discussions launched last year.

Berndt said he's long been working with Tim Beck, national representative for the State of Indiana

### Pinder reflects on four decade perspective on municipal service

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Outgoing Culver town council member Ed Pinder was feted by fellow council -- and audience -- members during the final minutes of his last meeting Dec. 29, a reflective moment concluding 16 total years of service on the council.

And while a handful of council members from recent years have served several terms, Pinder's is an unusual tenure given that his first four-year stint at the council table took place some 40 years ago, with his final 12 years' service concluding at the end of 2015. Pinder, then, has an interesting "compare and contrast" vision of the work, in addition to the praise of fellow council members for his most recent efforts.

Pinder and his wife, Lora, opened the locally legendary Pinder's Restaurant in 1973, eight years after the family moved to Culver (the first five of those years was spent teaching at Culver

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of the National Archery in the School Program, and that Beck is assisting in development of the club and towards a grant towards its establishment. The goal, he added, is to raise \$500 to \$1,000, something Berndt said he knew the school corporation would be unwise to spend from its own funds, given the tight financial situation in which it currently operates. He also said the club is working with Ringer Outdoors near

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## Culver on ice

ABOVE: A layer of ice covered Culver for a time last week, making for some picturesque scenery, such as Heritage Park in downtown Culver, seen here.

## Kline, at 100, reflects on storied family legacy

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

CULVER — Rewind the clock to this date some 93 years ago. Little Ruth Ringer is walking the two miles from her family's to school, picking up young friends along the way. The destination is the one-room, brick schoolhouse at Rutland along the railroad tracks on Pear Road between Culver and Plymouth.

Today she's Ruth Kline, who celebrated a century of life last month (her actual birthday was Dec. 15) at Miller's Merry Manor, where friends and family came to call and reminisce.

Kline's childhood was spent on the Behmer Road (today's 14B Road), though she was born in a little house near Wolf Creek, a small -- now defunct -- community along today's Muckshaw Road from which Emily Jane Hand hailed (she would marry Henry Harrison Culver and become part of the "first couple" of Culver Military Academy after its founding in 1894).

Her father, Ira Ringer, had rented a five-acre farm around the corner from Rutland, which in those days also boasted a small Evangelical church. She recalls around 20 students attending school there, most walking unless inclement weather forced assistance from parents like her own father, who would drive her in her family's Ford (she remembers the old wood burning stove warming the building on such days).

The first teacher Kline remembers at Rutland was Miss Robinson, who taught only one year before her untimely passing, after which a Miss Olive took over teaching all eight grades.

Soon thereafter, in first grade, young Ruth Ringer transferred to what must have seemed the massive, two-story Hibbard school (still standing today, just south of the railroad tracks), where for the first time a school bus served the students. She recalls teachers Miss Mann and Miss Adanson at the Hibbard school, where she also remembers staying overnight due to a snowstorm ("Our fathers had to come with horses and bobsleds to pick the kids up," she says).

Life in what was then known as primary school was simpler in those days, says Kline.

"We made our own games. We didn't have football or

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## Financing may force teacher, intercession cuts

At a study session earlier last month, the school board discussed the news from Howard that the state may be cutting nearly \$2 million in funding in 2016, something Howard said surprised her so much that she checked with the Department of Local Government Finance to affirm (which they did), according to our reporting partners at WKVI. The greatest concern is cuts from the corporation's General Fund, which has been supported more recently with monies from the Rainy Day Fund, a model which could peter out within the next few years at the pres-

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access to registration paperwork, though he saw no issue with the Visitor Center being recipient of the revenue.

Also raised was the fact that Marshall County recently passed a buggy tax requiring licensing of horse-drawn vehicles, with concern raised that Culver not effectively double-tax their drivers by imposing its own licensing fee on them. Their inclusion in the town ordinance on golf carts began when Amish sellers began taking part in Culver's Farmer's Market, it was pointed out, though horses and carriages giving rides in town were also a factor.

In response to some concerns raised, audience member Grant Munroe noted this was the first increase in the seven or eight years since the town began its golf cart registration process. Council member Ed Pinder also pointed out the town registered around 300 golf carts this year, creating a significant work load for the clerk staff.

The council approved extending this year's golf cart registrations to March since approval of new rates won't take place until well into the New Year due to advertising requirements and the like.

Munroe also clarified, in response to audience member Bill Cleavenger's concern that a municipality like Culver can't use tax funds towards support of a non-profit organization like the Visitor Center, that such an action is legal so long as the non-profit entity has a contract with the town, as the Center does.

Munroe explained the new town council -- which will replace Pinder and Rakich with recently-elected members Tammy Shaffer and Joel Samuelson -- will be responsible for the third and final reading ratifying the increase, after Jan. 1.

### Possible Dairy Queen purchase, storm water

In other discussion, town manager Jonathan Leist explained a party is interested in buying the former Dairy Queen property on State Road 10 on the north end of Culver, possibly demolishing the existing structure, but that storm water pipes have not yet been run to the area.

The town is considering running such pipes through a strip of property owned by the Forest Place Senior Apartments, said Leist, which would require an easement to the town which must be preceded by a legal land survey. The Forest Place land owners, he added, are willing to give the town the easement in exchange for the town cleaning out the privately-owned storm sewer at the site, about a \$1,200 cost value.

Leist said the town would have the easement from the exchange even if storm sewer were not run to the Dairy Queen site in the near future, though extending it to that area would be desirable regardless of the status of that specific property. He noted Culver's Redevelopment Commission, which is assisting in the project, thought the plan was a good one, and that the DQ property -- and its neighbors -- are on town water and sanitary sewer, but not storm sewer.

### Eagle Scout project, other approvals

Council-approved pending a closer look at the site was placement of a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project commemorating one of the Potawatomi Indian chiefs on Lake Maxinkuckee by way of a sign to be located near the northeast corner of

South Street and West Shore Drive, outside the fence of Culver's Masonic Cemetery. The Scout in question, Culver Academies senior Evan Fischer, said the sign is modeled after the three foot high historical sign on South Main Street.

Also approved by council were several invoices presented by Mark Sullivan of Midwest Engineers relating to various water projects in Culver. Included was \$2,969.60 for Michiana Contractors and \$12,900 for Phoenix Fabricators, as well as \$3,400 and \$17,973.63 to Midwest Engineers, all relating to the town's new water tower.

The exterior of the tower's tank has now been painted, Sullivan noted, though a logo and sailboat will be added to it in the spring, which is the same time water is expected to be added to the tower.

The concrete slab floor has been poured for the town's new water treatment plant on Ohio Street, with the new tank and filtering equipment planned to be added prior to the new building being constructed around it.

Sullivan also asked for the community's patience while new asphalt is added over the site of new storm water pipes run in recent weeks along Lake Shore Drive.

Other approvals included second and final readings of Culver's 2016 salary ordinance as well as approval for monthly oversight and authorization from the council president of disbursement of funds to contractors of monies from grant-funded projects under the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, or OCRA.

Also approved were category changes within budget line items in order to balance each department's funds and make them "in the black" for the end of the fiscal year, as requested by town clerk Karen Heim.

Approved were encumbrances within the town park's budget of costs associated with a land survey, pier installation, Christmas light removal, various facets of building work at the beach lodge, as well as funds for carpeting in the main floor meeting room of the lodge and epoxy for the restroom floors. The work was budgeted in 2015 but

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

BELOW: Outgoing Culver town councilman Ed Pinder, left, wrapping up 16 years' service (initially in the early 1970s and today), greets incoming council member Joel Samuelson during the Dec. 29 council meeting, which also saw council member Jean Rakich bid the council farewell.



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Academies, with additional years teaching at Culver Community High School.

Pinder began his stint on the town council -- then known as the town board -- in the early 1970s when it was comprised of only three members (at that time they included Don Mikesell and Don Muehlhausen, the latter likely the one who suggested Pinder run for the position).

Pinder today doesn't recommend mixing business and politics; although he had only owned the restaurant for six months when street repaving began, when two of those streets happened to run in front of his family's home and restaurant, respectively, some comments were made, he says.

"It isn't good being a businessperson on the town council," he muses. "People get mad and don't come back to your business (if you vote in a way they dislike)."

Only a small handful of people attended board meetings in those earlier years, Pinder recalls, and members "tried to keep things low key."

In fact, he says, they may have been too lenient.

"We tried to be nice to everybody in town and we didn't raise rates," he says. "But some things have to be raised to make improvements in the town, but we didn't realize it then."

The result, he says, is more dramatic rate increases like the jump in water and sewer rates in recent months, needed to pay for necessary upgrades in the town's infrastructure. One standout effort during Pinder's tenure was the



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO

Ed Pinder, far right, toasts the town's victory in securing a significant grant to renovate the town park during his tenure as a member of the town board in the mid-1970s. Also pictured, from left, are then-town clerk Marizetta Kenney, then-park board member Pricilla McBeth, park board president Lynn Overmyer, and town board members Don Muehlhausen and Don Mikesell.

town's winning a six-figure grant to handle much-needed improvements in the town park and its buildings and grounds.

Party politics, he insists, had (and to this day still have) little or no bearing on council members' relationships at the table. In the early 1970s, he and the other two members -- both of whom, as Republicans, differed from Pinder's chosen political party -- flipped a coin to determine who would be board president, though Pinder held the position for the remainder of his term after Mikesell had a serious heart attack.

So where was Ed Pinder between his mid-1970s departure from Culver's town board and his last 12 years of service?

Pinder's Restaurant consumed the family's life for many of the years in between ("We didn't even go to church for

not completed before the New Year.

Rakich suggested to park board president John Helprey, in the audience, that an interior decorator be contacted to coordinate colors of chairs and tables, which she said "just fight with the walls."

Updating the council on park board activities, Helprey said ice skate donations are sought and may be placed in a donation box on the beach lodge's upper deck, with a fund set up to accept monetary donations towards skates.

The board is also in talks with Plymouth Family Tae Kwan Do, which may offer classes in the lower level of the lodge for all ages.

Approved was purchase of 48 residential-sized water meters at a total of \$7,131.84; claims for \$8,316 towards engineering for a Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant and \$2,006 to the Marshall County treasurer for election services, respectively; a recurring fire protection agreement between Culver and North Bend Township in Starke County, at \$2,500.

Leist also noted the Culver plan commission did pass a revised building permit fee schedule at its Dec. 15 meeting, which will be up for council approval during a public hearing at the council's Jan. 12 meeting.

Fire chief Terry Wakefield reported his department recently held its annual elections and all officers will stay the same in 2016. The council approved signing of a conflict of interest statement for Wakefield owing to his wife's occasional embroidery work for the town, a formality in such cases.

Bean thanked Culver Educational Foundation for its \$10,000 donation to his department (the same amount was also donated to the Culver fire department and EMS, it was noted).

Audience member Bill Cleavenger reported the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, on whose board Cleavenger sits, recently received an automated AED unit for adults and children as a result of monies provided through the Marshall County Community Foundation and the Friends of the Library. He noted the unit is probably the only one in downtown Culver.

Jerry Chavez, director of Marshall County Economic Development, updated the council on the past year's endeavors, including reporting that the county is down two unemployment basis points and will need to bring more workers to the area soon.

The county will also split \$42 million in Regional Cities grant funds with regional partners Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties. Of 39 projects submitted for the region, 10 are Marshall County-based and a handful for Culver. Moving the county's Metronet endeavor to Culver and Bourbon is a major project going forward, added Chavez.

At the meeting's close, Rakich and Pinder thanked council members and other for their collaboration during their respective service periods on the council, something Rakich said she can "mark off my bucket list now."

See the accompanying article in this issue regarding Pinder's service.

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30 years except the month of January, because we were always open Sundays," he recalls).

When the Pinders sold the restaurant in 2002, Ed made plans to rest for the next year, though his pledge lasted only two or three months.

"Bob Cultice asked us to join the Lions Club," he says, "and before long we were officers. We immediately started attending Wesley Church and I got in the men's club and became an officer."

Lora began work at the Methodist thrift store in Culver with Ed soon joining her.

Ed also served on the CRC and Culver's Second Century committee, son Ed Jr., a former Culver police officer, serving on the town council and Culver park board.

"Second Century was great," says Ed. "I worked with Dick Brantingham, Dusty Henricks, Ginny Bachman, and Jack Cunningham. What a great group of volunteers."

During his most recent council tenure, Pinder says significant increases in state and federal requirements have made serving on the council "more like a job," with one vexing example being implementation of the Affordable Care Act, particularly with regards to town employees ("Now we have to start worrying about how many employees are getting 30 hours," he says).

However, funding town endeavors has become easier thanks to entities like the TIFF-funded Culver Redevelopment Commission, which can assist in underwriting some expenses such as interest on a bond for the next two decades (which Pinder describes as "a Godsend").

Another significant source of funds for town projects in recent years is a spate of major grants whose matching funds can be provided by the council thanks to recent councils' fiscal conservatism.

During the final minutes of the Dec. 29 council meeting, Pinder welcomed new members and said he'd enjoyed working with past and present members (and missed only one meeting in his total 16 years of service).

"I'm really proud of what we've done," he added.

Council president Ginny Munroe, who served alongside Pinder for eight of his past 12 years, described Pinder as, "reliable (and possessed of) great passion, compassion, and most of all what I totally adored about you is...how you treated the town's employees like your own, like your own sons and daughters."

Munroe — who brought a "thank you" cake for Pinder and Rakich — added she also saw Pinder "stand up for the integrity of what we do a number of times."

The most important thing Pinder offered, she added, is his "love of this community; I've seen you practically shed tears, and sweat, and fight for what's right."

Pinder noted his family has lived for 50 years in Culver and described it as "a wonderful place to live and raise kids."

"We don't have early roots here like some of you do, but we feel like we've been here most of lives," he said. "I thank you for putting up with me for these 16 years."

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## Obituary

### Donnabelle Richter

July 26, 1918 - Dec. 31, 2015

PERU — Donnabelle Richter, 97, went to be with the Lord and Savior at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 at Miller's-Merry-Manor Nursing Home in Peru.

She was born on July 26, 1918 in Logansport to Arbie and Francelia (Gillespie) Brinley. She married Louis Richter on June 11, 1941. She and Louis were part of the former Richter-Keim Oldsmobile-Buick automobile dealership in Peru for approximately 40 years. Louis preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2006.

Surviving are three children, including two daughters: Mary Lou Richter (husband, Michael) of Carroll, Ohio, Marti Richter Donaldson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and one son, Robert Louis Richter (wife, Theresa) of Indianapolis. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Jody, Chris, Tami, Vanessa, and Joshua; and two great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Haley.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, two sisters: Mary and Gertrude; and one brother, Robert.



Donnabelle was a homemaker, a member of the First Christian Church for 74 years, a member of the Delta Chi Sunday School and the Martha and Sara Women's Fellowship Groups. She and Louis had a summer home at Culver for 63 years, where they made many lasting friendships with residents and congregation of Emmanuel Methodist Church and Pastor Ron Lewellen and family. Donnabelle was past president of Lincoln school PTA, and was an avid sports fan, as well. She loved the Colts and Pacers. She was able to live in her own home with the help of many wonderful caregiv-

ers. She was also so thankful for the excellent health care given by Dr. Michael Mull, Lavone Eddy, and nurses Mary and Michelle. Donnabelle lived a full life, and was ready to meet her maker. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Friends may call on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2015 from 10 a.m. until time of service. Service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Jim Loft officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, or the Emmanuel Methodist Church of Culver through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements are entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, IN 46970.

## Trinity installs Dancy as interim pastor



Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver installed the Reverend Dr. Paul Dancy as Interim Pastor for the congregation. Rev. Dancy is part of an "Intentional Interim Ministry" group within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is designed to work with a congregation in transition.

Dancy's ministry will provide continuity and he will work with the Trinity Leadership in determining plans for the future. It is anticipated that Dancy will be with Trin-

ity for all of 2016. Rev. Dancy is from Grabill, Indiana near Fort Wayne. He will be in the Culver area for two and a half days of each week.

Dancy was installed as interim pastor on Jan. 3 by the Rev. Dr. Eric Stump of Munster, Indiana.

Pastor Dancy is married and has three adult children. He has served congregations in Pontiac, IL; Chicago Heights, IL; Armada, MI; Fort Wayne, IN and Seoul, S. Korea. His hobby interest is sailing.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

TOP: Rev. Dr. Paul Dancy.

LEFT: Dancy, kneeling, is installed at Trinity on Sunday by Rev. Dr. Eric Stumpf of Munster.



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ent rate.

It's possible, it was discussed, that administrators could be forced to become classroom teachers, simultaneous to more recently-accredited teachers being cut based on performance evaluation.

Budget issues are also pushing the board to contemplate removal of the spring intercession period from the school calendar. The corporation experienced its first intercession period under the new "balanced" calendar initiated this school year, in the fall, with the spring session -- a one-week period aimed at aiding students struggling in a given area -- originally

scheduled for April.

The bottom line, McGuire told the board in its Dec. 7 meeting, is the fiscal bottom line: while October's session was well attended by high school and elementary students alike, the school corporation can't afford to pay for a second session.

In response to Maes' questioning as to how both sessions could have been scheduled with funding being insufficient, McGuire and Howard explained the corporation was not informed how much remediation funding it would receive, back when intercession periods were scheduled. Howard

also said some intercession money may have been drained during the summer school session last year.

Fall's intercession cost over \$11,000, which exceeded monies budgeted for both intercessions combined.

Sieber described his happiness at the turnout for the fall session and the way the school was able to assist students in need, with the intercession periods having had a major impact on his support of the shift to the balanced calendar.

The board will consider other means of funding a second session before making a final decision as to its schedule.

## Deadline approaching for bicentennial torch bearer applicants

By James Master  
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — The window to nominate a torch bearer for the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration Torch Relay is approaching fast. Jan. 31 is the cutoff date. In celebration of the state's bicentennial, a torch will travel throughout the 92 counties of the state.

Each county will select members of their community to carry the torch. The Indiana Bicentennial Torch

Relay is meant to inspire and unify Hoosiers as one of the major events of the 2016 Bicentennial celebration.

This event was created to honor Hoosiers that have demonstrated exceptional public service, achievement, acts of heroism, and/or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state. More than 1,800 torchbearers are to be selected to carry the torch. People will not be the only modes of conveyance in

this historic relay. It will also employ symbols of Indiana's history and heritage including watercraft, farm equipment, a racecar, horse and wagon, antique automobile and many others.

There are certain criteria for those that want to be a torchbearer. Criteria for nominees include:

- Must be a current or former resident of the county in Indiana in which they are being nominated.

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## Icy, windy winter storm wreaks havoc across Culver, county

By James Master  
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — Icy rain hit the county last week, leaving many people unprepared for the sudden blast of winter weather and resultant power outages.

The combination of freezing rain, low temperatures, and high winds ranging between 30 - 50 mph gusts which tore through the county and northern Indiana Dec. 28, affected more than 10,000 NIPSCO customers. Ice weighed down power lines while slick roadways caused some vehicles to slide into electric poles.

For future reference, one of the first things that should be done when faced with a power outage is to contact your power company and report it.

Even before the power goes out and an emergency situation occurs there are steps that individuals should be taking. According to Marshall County Emergency Management Agency Director Clyde Avery, being prepared before an incident is important.

"Make sure you have a plan," said Avery. "If the power is out for a long period of time, consider staying at a nearby friend's or relative's house. Make sure computers and cell phones are charged, make sure your animals have food and water which is not frozen. Make sure elderly friends and relatives have medications available. Flashlight battery should all be good. Keep many blankets on hand just in case."

It was Thursday before power was restored to all homes and businesses. The heaviest concentration of outages was in the South Bend area, and scattered road closures remained in central and southern



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: A scene in downtown Culver last week indicates the layer of ice covering the area.

Indiana from heavy rains. Flood warnings continued along the Wabash and White rivers as well.

Winter weather returned early Monday as local families prepared for students' return to school. Culver Community Schools were among those experience a two-hour delay during the peak period for driving hazards as a few inches of snow fell, though temperatures were forecast to rise later in the week.

# MCCF accepting 2016 grant applications

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MARSHALL COUNTY — The Marshall County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the first of two 2016 Community Fund grant rounds. The Community Fund at the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF) is one of the most flexible and responsive of the Foundation's 330 funds in addressing new and emerging community needs.

Twice each year grants are awarded from this endowment fund to nonprofit organizations. These grants support specific projects or programs throughout Marshall County typically focusing on the arts, education, health and human services, recreation and the environment. Community members who serve on MCCF's Grants Committee evaluate proposals and conduct site visits during a competitive application process.

MCCF is also accepting grant proposals for the Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund. Proposals are accepted once each year for this endowment fund that supports environmental, educational, or recreational projects directly related to Lake Maxinkuckee.

Applications for both the Community Fund and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grants are due by 4:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1. Applications will then be reviewed by the MCCF Grants Committee and final decisions will be determined by the Board of Directors during their March meeting. While applications that target educational needs in Marshall County continue to re-

main important to MCCF, all proposed projects will be reviewed on their merits and how they meet a variety of needs in the community.

Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following:

- Start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs
- One-time projects or needs

To be considered for this funding opportunity, use of the application available online at [marshallcountycf.org](http://marshallcountycf.org) is required as are signatures of the designated officials noted on the form.

Funding for the biannual Community Fund grants awarded by MCCF is made available through earnings on this endowment fund. Donations to the MCCF Community Fund from individuals and corporations are always welcome and provide a way to make a permanent investment in the community for ever-changing needs.

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## Hypermiling for better fuel economy

This is how I stopped driving like my father.

Recently we replaced the old family minivan with a 2013 Ford C-Max Energi. Like our other hybrid car, a 2008 Prius, its four-cylinder engine is coupled with an electric motor. Unlike our Prius, the C-Max is a plug-in hybrid: it runs on a rechargeable electric lithium-ion battery for the first 20 miles. When the charge



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BY MARIANNE PETERS

runs out, the combination gasoline engine-electric motor fires up. The result: between 45-50 miles per gallon, and sometimes a bit more! And unlike a combustion engine, the electric-powered engine reaches full acceleration immediately, making the car incredibly responsive. Our Prius seems sluggish by comparison: I've begun calling it the Happy Little Toaster. However, that responsive acceleration has also made for some jack-rabbit starts if I'm not careful.

When I first started driving the C-Max, certain members of my family experienced mild whiplash as I got used to easing on the accelerator. Certain members of my family also compared my driving to my father's driving, which never fails to make me mildly nauseous, especially if I'm in the back seat. (Sorry, Dad!). Confession: I have a lead-foot. (Opposite of my husband, who meanders to his destination as if he has all the time in the world. Seriously?! Step on it!) I learned to drive in the city, dealing with stop-and-go traffic every day.

Time to learn some new habits! I decided to try hypermiling. The key concepts: avoiding excessive idling and keeping the vehicle at optimum speeds. Hypermiling isn't new. During World War II, it was simply a way to conserve gas during rationing. During the energy crisis in the late 1970s, fuel conservation again became a concern. Today's cheap gas makes us forget that it's a non-renewable resource and THE major source of air pollution. Conservation always makes sense.

I started out by working on my braking and accelerating after stops. Now instead of hurrying to each intersection, I try to anticipate red lights and coast a lot longer before I apply the brakes. I save gas by accelerating and braking less frequently. When I started easing up on my braking, I noticed right away I was spending a lot less time idling in traffic. If I'm idling at a stop light, I'm getting 0 miles to the gallon. By leaving more space between my car and the one in front of me, and gliding up to an intersection, I may not even have to put the brakes on before we're moving again. By the way, intersections that employ roundabouts instead of stoplights actually improve traffic flow and fuel economy because they eliminate extended periods of idling.

On the highway, I committed myself to staying within 5 miles an hour of the speed limit. I had to stop being in a perpetual hurry, a state of mind that I have cultivated religiously, but that doesn't help my driving. Using cruise control is the best way to keep my speeds consistent. Every vehicle has a range of speeds for optimum fuel efficiency, but most of us tend to stay above that range — especially in cities, where driving tends to be more aggressive, and on those long stretches of interstate. Fuel efficiency usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 50 miles an hour.

Some people would just call hypermiling "sensible driving," or "not driving like an idiot." With the popularity of hybrid vehicles, some drivers have turned hypermiling into a competition (you can read more about this at [www.edmunds.com/fuel-economy/hypermiling-quest-for-ultimate-fuel-economy.html](http://www.edmunds.com/fuel-economy/hypermiling-quest-for-ultimate-fuel-economy.html)). I think I've become a more conscious, more relaxed driver. I guess I'll have to ask the people in the back seat!

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## Kline from page 1

baseball; we played 'Andy over' and 'Cow tail' and 'Ruth and Jacob' -- and these funny little games we had to make up."

From Hibbard, Ruth became a member of the Culver High School class of 1934 (she was one of 31 members of the graduating class that May).

Along the way, her family -- whose Ringer ancestors had moved to Marshall County in the mid-1800s -- continued to live by general farming: dairy, beef, pigs, corn, and soybeans. Ruth grew up helping milk and feed cows and holding the lantern during the darker hours for her father, as the family had no electricity until well into the 1940s (nor did the family have the ice box so familiar to the day; ice wasn't so easy to come by that far from any town or significant water source, so the family kept things cool in a fruit cellar only).

"My dad made me all the toys I played with," she recalls, including a pair of stilts. At night the family played games, such as a checkers set he also made.

Her father also drove a steam engine to thresh wheat, the first such machine the area. As was common in the years when the fruits of the Industrial Revolution began to reach more remote, rural areas, a farmer fortunate enough to possess the near-miracle of such a time and labor-saving device often made it available in barter with other area farmers, making the rounds from farm to farm as time allowed.

"When I was 9 years old," smiles Kline, "I was driving our Ford car and taking the things needed for the (threshing machine) that day. I'd go that night and pick Dad up (in the car). When they were through with the farming, they would go to the next farm and have an ice cream supper for the family; we all would go have some home-made ice cream."

Saturday nights, as was the norm for most farmers in the area, were reserved for "going to town," which for the Ringers meant Plymouth. Such trips aimed to make any and all purchases needed for the week to come, so as to spare making an extra trip and taking away from daylight hours needed for farm work.

"My mother (Clara) would say she was 'going trading' because they didn't have a lot of money. She would take a basket of eggs she gathered that week and would purchase all her groceries she needed for the week. Really we just needed things like flour and sugar; most everything else we raised."

Kline has fond memories of childhood Saturday evenings spent with girls her age, walking the streets of Plymouth while her father and his brothers, sisters, and cousins, would stand outside along Michigan Street talking about the happenings of the week, the women inside the stores "trading."

### Meeting Wayne Kline

After Ruth Ringer graduated high school, her aim was to attend school to become a secretary, though her father felt she could glean as much education as she needed "right there at home."

"I was stubborn, I guess," she adds with a grin, describing helping a family in the neighborhood to earn extra money. She eventually took a job in Culver with the Roy Ragsdale family, cooking lunch when he went on painting jobs while Mrs. Ragsdale worked at Culver Military Academy.

The Ringer family in those earlier days attended services at the Washington Church, so named for the "neighborhood" off the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee (on today's Queen Road north of State Road 110; the Washington Cemetery on State Road 117 hearkens back to it, as did the one-room Washington School, razed a few years ago). It was at that church that Ruth met W. Wayne Kline, who was one grade ahead of her.

"He called me up and asked if I needed a way to get to church to what we called Christian Endeavor. It was on Sunday nights. He had his dad's car and I didn't drive. I didn't really need a way, but I'd tell him I did!"

### The Kline legacy

Kline was also born and raised on a local farm, but under the care of his parents, William and Effie Kline. The Klins were pioneer farmers in Union Township, starting with German-born Debolt Kline, who followed his 1848 marriage to Elizabeth Wingert with a move to the east side of Lake Maxinkuckee, to a farm which would be owned in more recent days by Paul and Joyce Winn.

The Klins had nine children including William, who married Clara Rapp in 1886. Rapp owned the 40 acres on Queen Road where the Robert Kline family lives today. Clara died in 1904, the couple having had five children including William Kline. In 1907, William married Effie Finney Irwin, whose first husband had died in the Spanish American War (Effie already had one daughter, Mildred). From their union was born Wayne Kline, in 1915.

As many present-day Culverites may recall, Effie Kline was also renowned for her longevity, passing away in 1985 in Culver at age 104.

Wayne Kline also attended Culver High School, completing Purdue University courses in animal husbandry and general agriculture in the mid-1930s, starting a farming partnership with his father in 1936.

He and Ruth married in January, 1937 (Ruth recalls her father giving her and new husband Wayne a cow as a wedding present and walking it the entire distance from Rutland to the Kline farm), renovating and remodeling the old homestead which had been replaced by a larger home built in 1911. His parents lived in the larger house initially, though when Wayne and Ruth's children came along, they moved into that house. The property -- home today to three generations of Klins -- had entered the family back in 1859, and was designated a Hoosier Homestead farm in 2012.

In 1946, 40 acres was purchased from William Kline and the larger, 1880-built house was moved up the hill on logs with a tractor and horses, with William and Effie moving to Madison Street in Culver at that time.

Wayne farmed all of his life at the site, primarily in

dairy. Both he and Ruth were involved during those years with

That larger house is today home to one of Wayne and Ruth's three children, Bob (who married Carolyn Boswell; the couple had children Jennifer and Chris, with Chris and his family occupying a newer-built -- in 2000 -- home on the family land), Carol and Patricia.

"Wayne said when he was a little kid he would drive past the Academy horse barn and say he was going to work at the Academy in that barn," recalls Ruth. "That was his desire."

The irony is not lost on her, then, that one of Wayne's grandchildren, Chris, would graduate from the Academy, and his great-grandchildren -- both Chris and Jennifer's children -- would also graduate from the school.

### A life well-lived

Ruth herself worked in the Academy's accounting department for 14 years making grandson Chris -- who works today in the Leadership department with a focus on Sustainability -- a third generation of Academies' employees (Chris' mother Carolyn taught at the school for 23 years).

Over the years, Wayne and Ruth Kline (and family) transferred to Mt. Hope church after Washington church closed, being active members at Mt. Hope for 34 years before joining Sunrise Chapel at Plymouth. Through the years they served as teachers and on various church boards and committees, Wayne serving as Sunday School superintendent for many years and the couple continuing to be active in the Methodist Church in North Fort Myers, Florida, where they moved after their retirement in 1980.

"We made our kids shine their shoes," says Kline of weekly church attendance. "We never missed a Sunday" (son Bob Kline affirms this, referring to 'no excuse Sunday'; "You reported to church!").

Kline reunions and birthday gatherings were always memorable -- and heavily populated -- affairs at the family farm as well.

After retirement, life for Wayne and Ruth was centered at Ft. Myers until they returned to Indiana, this time to Plymouth around 2008 to reside at the Miller's Merry Manor there. Wayne passed away in 2009, and Ruth moved to her current home at the Culver Miller's.

There she received some 100 guests last month and recalled a rich life continuing long Culver area family legacies.

Ruth Kline says she has no particular secret to her longevity ("The Ringer genes are long-lived," she quips).

Looking back, she expects she may have missed some memorable aspect of telling her story, but even in saying so, she may have unintentionally summed up the challenges of so many years well-lived.

After all, as she points out, "It's a long story."

*On the "School Bell" page of The Culver Citizen in May, 1934, a poem by Ruth Ringer (intentionally mimicking the colloquial dialectical approach popular among some poets -- such as James Whitcomb Riley -- of the day) paid homage to the farming life she knew as a child and would continue as an adult.*

### The Farmer

Ther lived a farmer near Rutlound,  
Who cut with hoe and plowed the ground  
He wurked withe al his mite  
Fro earlie morn till late at nite,  
Feeding his hoggs to make them fat  
And milk the kows for butterfat  
Fro his brow the sweat would roll many a day,  
Fro raking and cutting the new mown hay.  
No matter how tired, al the while  
The dere ol farmeur mete witha smile.  
Depreshioun hita the farmeur hard  
And muneion fro him was barred.  
The farmeurs days looked very gloomy  
And his pockee book got very roomy.  
Wher once a smile, now was a frown,  
It took all his coin to buy his wyf a gown.  
But just the same he laboured on  
Tho al his muneion fro him was gon.  
-Ruth Ringer

## Project seeks historic photos of dairy farms

BREMEN — Long before the days of milk mustaches and the "Got Milk?" slogan, people thirsted for something cool and nutritious to drink.

In the early part of the 20th century, milkmen were heroes. As the Northern Indiana Dairy Trail prepares to host thousands of visitors for special bicentennial celebrations next June and October, the organizing committee wants to shine a spotlight on the history of dairy farming in northern Indiana. The committee is seeking decades-old photographs and videos for its website that show dairy producers, dairy families and local creameries working to produce milk the old-fashioned way.

"The Indiana bicentennial is about celebrating history," said Jerry Goshert, committee chairman and editor of "The Farmer's Exchange."

"Our aim is to increase the public's understanding of the very proud history of the northern Indiana dairy industry."

As part of its bicentennial observance, Goshert's committee is working with 12 local dairy farmers to hold open houses across six northern Indiana counties during National Dairy Month in June and one final event in October. To whet the public's appetite for all things dairy,

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## Cavaliers roll past Judson, 75-44

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Coming off its first loss of the season and a long layover, it took Culver Community's boys basketball team a little while to get rolling last week.

Once the Cavs got going, however, they put on a pretty impressive display against visiting North Judson-San Pierre.

Culver used lopsided runs at the start of the second quarter and end of the third frame to push itself out into a commanding lead en route to a convincing 75-44 victory over winless Judson at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"Unfortunately with the weather yesterday we weren't able to practice. I thought to start out we were maybe a little sluggish in the first quarter," said Culver head coach Tom Krueger. "I think they kind of got their bearings about them, and from the second to the third and fourth, I thought we pretty much dictated what we wanted to do. It says a lot about the kids. Christmas time you always want to take a break and spend some time with family, and I think that's just as important as being in the gym. When they've been in here over break they've been working hard. They weren't happy with the way they played in the second half against Winamac, so I think it showed tonight. We brought it out and played our best against Judson."

Coming off a 12-day holiday hiatus, the Cavs seemed to be in a giving mood Tuesday.

Four of five starters finished in double figures, led by Everett Krueger's game-high 25 points — and followed by Nate Carnegie's 12 and 11 points apiece from Josh Krsek and Tristan Schultz — and the home team dished out a full 24 assists on its way to 30-of-46 (65 percent) efficiency from the field. Reserve guard R.T. Roberts passed out a game-best six helpers, while starting guard Cash Harris and Carnegie each served up five.

In the third quarter alone, Culver scored at an 8-of-10 floor clip with eight assists as the Cavs closed out the frame on a 15-3 run that pushed them out to a commanding 57-38 lead.

"That's the key to us. I think we go six, seven deep



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Cash Harris slashes in toward the lane, while North Judson-San Pierre's Jordan Darnell defends during a game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

and a lot of times that leads to numbered breaks the other way," explained Judson head coach Phil Shabi of Culver's big third-period run. "I know that a lot of their shots in that nice run there where they're 8 of 10 with eight assists are probably fast break layups."

"Some other things that we didn't do very well was we did not find Krueger," Shabi continued. "He's a great shooter. He does not miss an open shot, and there are times where obviously we key on him but we just weren't able to locate him in transition or they got the ball inside in our zone, and he's able to knock down 3s."

The opening period was nip-tuck with three ties and the Bluejays trailing by one possession at 15-12 at the quarter break. But Krsek's drop-step layup from the post at the 7:12 stop of the frame sparked a 12-3 run by the Cavs that left them leading 35-20 headed into the intermission.

"I think we were about a step slow from what we can play, and I talked to them at the quarter break about picking up their tempo," Krueger said of the difference between the first two frames. "That's something we're con-

stantly on is tempo, and I thought we did that. When we do that we're pretty tough to defend — we've got inside-outside game. This team is capable of runs. They can go stagnant for a little bit, but they can come up with some big runs pretty quick too, and it's fun to watch."

While Krueger, Carnegie, Krsek and Schultz led Culver in the scoring column, the Bluejays were paced by Jordan Darnell's 14 and Tyler Elsea's 12.

"Those guys do an OK job. They're scoring for us, but there are times when we feel like we can get better shots than the ones they're taking," said Shabi. "Those guys offensively did an OK job. I thought Sam Allender, our junior post, did a nice job just battling, keeping balls alive, rebounding for us. He's really been working hard and been doing a great job there."

Young Judson slips to an 0-8 record with an 0-2 Hoosier North Athletic Conference start. The Jays will take some time off before traveling to Kouts Jan. 8.

"We've got work everywhere that we've got to do to get better, and hopefully it starts to happen sooner rather than later," Shabi said.

Culver improves to 7-1, meanwhile, and is still in good position in the HNAC despite a lopsided loss versus Winamac back on Dec. 15. The Cavs, now, 3-1 in Hoosier North league play, will continue their conference schedule with a game at Caston Jan. 8.

"We've got some tough teams to play yet. This conference has got a lot of tough teams in it, and you're going to get their best shot each night," Krueger said. "The kids, they were pretty disappointed after Winamac, that one loss, but in my eyes I think you can still win the conference with one loss or maybe even two losses. Any given night, anybody can beat anybody so it was nice for them to not come out flat tonight and get back on track with their goal of finishing high in the conference."

• CULVER COMMUNITY 75, NORTH JUDSON

At Culver  
Judson: 12 20 38 44  
Culver: 15 35 57 75

CULVER (75): R.T. Roberts 6, Everett Krueger 25, Austin Bailey 2, Lance Beaver 0, Cash Harris 2, Nate Carnegie 12, John Brown 0, Justin Brown 0, Cody Valiquet 6, Josh Krsek 11, Kia Riale 0, Tristan Schultz 11; Totals: 30 10-19 75.

JUDSON (44): Trevor Thomas 8, Caleb Peretti 0, Ethan Bishop 0, Sam Back 0, Jordan Darnell 14, Hunter Medbourn 8, Kaden Shepherd 0, Max Reimbold 0, Tyler Elsea 12, Chris Contreras 0, Sam Allender 0, Caden Benson 2; Totals: 16 6-11 44.

3-pointers: Judson 6 (Darnell 3, Thomas 2, Elsea), Culver 5 (Krueger 4, Carnegie); Rebounds: Judson 24 (Elsea 5, Shepherd 5), Culver 31 (Carnegie 7); Turnovers: Judson 18, Culver 14; Steals: Judson 5 (Elsea 2), Culver 11 (Harris 3); Assists: Judson 9 (Darnell 4), Culver 24 (Roberts 6); Fouls (fouled out): Judson 15 (none), Culver 15 (none).

Records: Culver 7-1 (3-1 HNAC), Judson 0-8 (0-2 HNAC)  
JV score: Judson 63 (Caden Benson 26, Chris Contreras 12, Chuckie Wilcox 12), Culver 28 (Lance Beaver 10).

## Lady Cavs lose at Farm from page 4

Culver Community lost a Hoosier North Athletic Conference game at North Judson last week, 65-28.

Marisa Howard led the Lady Cavs with 13 points, and she also tallied six steals and four assists. Thea Bergersen notched nine points and pulled down eight rebounds.

Casey Korniak and Morgan Schumacher provided the Lady Jays with a one-two punch, finishing with 19 and 18 points, respectively.

• NORTH JUDSON 65, CULVER COMMUNITY 28

At North Judson  
Culver: 5 12 19 28  
Judson: 18 26 41 65  
CULVER (28): Hailey Jones 1, Thea Bergersen 9, Alyssa Bailey 0, Kendra Binion 0, Marisa Howard 13, Courtney Salyer 5, Jailyn Fox 0; Totals: 11 5-14 28.

NORTH JUDSON (65): Casey Korniak 19, Macy Reimbold 0, Sidnee Frasure 6, Abby Timm 2, Peyton Janik 0, Izabell Sanchez 4, Maddie Schumacher 9, Lauren Cox 7, Morgan Schumacher 18; Totals: 27 11-18 65.  
3-pointers: Culver 1 (Salyer), North Judson 0; Total fouls (fouled out): Culver 14 (none), North Judson 14 (none).

Records: Culver 2-12, North Judson 5-6.

the project's website will boast a special "Dairy History" section featuring photos and videos. One of the first videos brought to the committee's attention is of Spring Brook Dairy in Bremen.

The silent video, shot in 1936, follows milk through each stage of production and processing — from "grass to glass."

"Back in the early to mid-20th century, before modern supermarkets, milk was a product delivered door-to-door by a network of dedicated milkmen driving trucks or horse-drawn wagons," Goshert said. "The video of Spring Brook Dairy shows this early process. Watching it is like taking a step back in time."

For its website, the steering com-

mittee wants images that show dairy farms or creameries in their heyday. Only photos from Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble and St. Joseph counties will be considered.

The pictures and caption information (brief description of what is shown, when and where photo was taken) should be emailed to jerry@farmers-exchange.net by Dec. 31. A committee will select the best quality images and post them to NIDT's website, www.dairytrail.com, which will debut early next year. In June, the Northern Indiana Dairy Trail welcomes visitors to 11 dairies for a look at modern milk production. In October, the statewide torch relay will stop at a Middlebury dairy farm,

where organizers will hold a special salute to the local dairy industry.

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## Bible Trivia

- BY WILSON CASEY -

1. Is the book of John in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 16, how many locks of hair did Delilah have cut from the mighty Samson's head? 1, 3, 5, 7
3. Who made a great throne with a lion standing beside each armrest? Abraham, Solomon, Joshua, Daniel
4. Where were the first of Jesus' disciples -- Peter, Andrew and Philip -- from? Zion, Bethel, Hebron, Bethsaida
5. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum
6. From Psalms 51:12, "Restore to me the joy of thy" what? Love, Salvation, Forgiveness, Kindness

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 7; Solomon; 3) Bethsaida; 4) Micah; 5) Salvation  
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## Library news

### Free computer classes in January

New computer classes for January take place Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. and include Smartphone and Tablet Training (Jan. 8, 11, and 15) learn how to use your smartphone, tablet, or other device. eBook and Audiobook (Jan. 18, 22, 25, and 29) class covers how to use OverDrive, a digital download service available through CUTPL.

Sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

### Club & Organization Fair Jan. 16

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Club & Organization Fair on Saturday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large meeting room and lower level of the library. All local groups, clubs and organiza-

tions are invited to come out to promote their cause. This is a great way to present your group to the community and potentially gain new members. Contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information or to reserve your spot.

### Adult winter reading program

The Culver-Union Township Public Library has announced the return of the Adult Winter Reading Program. "Snow Better Time to Read" is the theme of the 2016 Adult Winter Reading Program. Adults of all ages are encouraged to participate in the program, which will run to Friday, February 26.

Participants can earn five points for each book or audiobook read/listened to, five points for each book review (at least 200 words) submitted, and five points for each library sponsored program or book club attended during

the months of January and February.

For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or stop by the circulation desk. All CUTPL programs are open to the public and free of charge. Any questions can be directed to Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at dthomas@culver.lib.in.us.

### Library seeks local talent for displays

Culver-Union Township Public Library is inviting local collectors, artists, and crafters to exhibit their collections and work at the library. Do you have a unique collection? Why not put it on display to share with others in the community? Are you an artist? Are you crafty?

For more information, contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us

## Torch from page 3

- Can be of any age to participate as a torchbearer. Those nominees selected as torchbearers under the age of 14 will be subject to specific rules and requirements for youth.

- Must possess the physical adaptive ability to carry the torch a minimum of .25 miles or engage the assistance of another person or mounting bracket.

- If selected, are required to complete a Torchbearer

Waiver Form. If nominee is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian signature will be required to complete the Torchbearer Waiver Form

## Archery from page 1

Leiters Ford.

"We hope to start it as an after-school club," explained Berndt. "We also plan to implement it into our P.E. (classes) for 10 days. (P.E. instructor) Mr. Rodriguez has already done this in his past job."

He added the hope was to implement the program for students in grades 2 through 12 by the time all was said and done. After-school clubs for middle and high school-aged students would begin the endeavor, with the hope of forming a league and possibly raising funds to enter into the sport at a competitive level.

In response to an interest-gauging survey, Berndt said 40 students signed up at the high school level alone, "So there was very high interest right away," he said, adding students have been asking when the program will start.

Audience member Shelly Schrimsher, who has been spearheading the school's branding and marketing committee, said a group of eight parents has been getting together regarding the club and seems "very passionate about it," and has been brainstorming about names and details of the activity.

The board had heard from Indiana Conservation Officer and NASP trainer Jon Cook at its Dec. 7 meeting regarding the benefits of the program, and that it lent itself to incorporation into the classroom curriculum as well.

Also within the context of the volunteer-assisted branding and marketing work of the school, Berndt distributed to board members several samples of logos for the school, the result of the committee's work with a national-level company to help establish a recognizable "brand" for the

school which would foster improved marketing and increased school spirit and participation among students, parents, and the community.

Berndt emphasized the logo samples were "just for (the board's) eyes tonight," since no formal choices had yet been made, and added that the athletic director, school principals, and a member of the marketing team had focused on developing the logo.

The papers Berndt shared also included samples of how various logos would look on banners, clothing, and the like. He also affirmed, in response to Jones' query, that creating banners in the school gymnasium is being delayed pending the final logo choice.

Schrimsher added that once the logo is finalized, the corporation's new website should be done within two weeks to a month. Board members expressed appreciation for Schrimsher's work with the project.

She also reported the online fund-raising endeavor towards branding and marketing had generated \$2,490 so far, though corporation treasurer Casey Howard noted the school will net \$2,099 of those monies since the online company takes a total of eight percent off funds raised.

The account had 1,576 page visits up to that point, added Schrimsher, and 333 Facebook shares, with the committee planning to send fund raising letters to over 150 area businesses.

### Farewell to McGuire

Board members present -- which included Siber William Sonnemaker, Mark Maes, Jim Wentzel, Jack Jones, and Marina Cavazos -- individually thanked McGuire for her two years as superintendent, she

having announced her departure to take a new job as of Jan. 1, and McGuire in turn thanked them for their support during her tenure.

Seiber also thanked longtime soccer coach Jeff Becker, who is stepping down from that position, adding he "will be missed by a lot of young men." He also expressed appreciation to McGuire for the many good things he said he heard about her being "in the community and not just in the building; I appreciate that."

### Other actions

In other matters, the board approved matching funds to support a \$27,000 safety grant awarded to the school corporation recently, as described by McGuire. She noted bond refinancing would cover those matching funds.

Approved was renewal of an agreement with the JESSE cooperative, which provides a variety of services to students in various categories of special need, something McGuire noted the board "talked about quite a bit," with corporation director of operations (and now interim superintendent) Chuck Kitchell emphasizing the need for the corporation to stay connected with the cooperative at this time.

Approved was the transfer from the school's Rainy Day Fund of \$36,318 to its Carl Perkins Grant Fund, as well as \$273 from Rainy Day to the Pension Debt Service Fund. Transferred from the Transportation Fund to Rainy Day was \$250,000.

The board also approved reappointment of Tom Kearns to the Culver park board.

Approved on first reading only was a cleanup of verbiage in the corporation's official guidelines, changed to reflect shifts in administrative structure such as the elimination of the Monterey Elementary principal and middle school principal positions.

## Briefs from page 1

### landmark photogragphy exhibit

The Crisp Visual Art Center at the Culver Academies is planning a very special photography exhibition including work by Eudora Welty, Alfred Eisenstaedt, and Ansel Adams, and is seeking donations towards matting and framing the 62 photographs. The exhibition is scheduled to open Feb. 20 and remain in place through the end of July. The student web page to contribute may be seen at impact.culver.org/photographyexhibition. Those with questions may Bob Nowalk at 574-842-8278.

### Adult winter basketball at CCMS

Adult winter basketball will start again this year Sunday, Nov. 29, and continue each Sunday, from q to 3 p.m. EST, until April 10 (20 sessions), at the Culver Community Middle School. Cost for insurance is \$2 each Sunday, or \$20 up front for whole season.

Please bring your "A" game, your good sportsmanship, and not your kids.

Questions may be direct ed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

### Facade funds available for Culver retailers

The Culver Redevelopment Commission has announced a second round of facade grants for 2015 with \$11,000 in funds available. Commercial property owners interested in applying should submit applications for facade renovations to Culver Town Hall, c/o Kathy Clark, 200 E

Washington St, Culver, IN. Applications will be reviewed as they are received by the commission, with immediate award upon approval. This round of grants has a closing date of December 21 or once all available funds have been awarded for this round.

### Funds sought for CCSC marketing committee

A Gofundme web page has been set up for the Culver Comm. School Corporation's volunteer branding and marketing committee's current efforts (www.gofundme.com/ccscmarketing), one of four volunteer committees set up to help grow and strengthen the school corporation. Donors are asked to help support the effort, designed to help create school unity and promote the strengths of the school corporation to potential students and parents (more details appear in *The Culver Citizen's* Dec. 3 edition).

### Marshall County Tourism grants available

Marshall County Tourism (MCCVB) has allocated \$25,000 in funding for the marketing, development, and hosting of events exhibiting positive tourism potential to Marshall County. These funds are to assist qualified organizations with the promotion of tourism activities striving to directly increase hotel/motel occupancy and create positive image building publicity for Marshall County.

Deadline for applications is January 14, 2016. Organizations interested should visit www.visitmarshallcounty.org/things-to-do/grants or request by phone. Applications may also be picked up at Marshall County Tourism at 201 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN 46563. For more information, call Marshall County Tourism at (574) 936-1882.

### NIPSCO Winter Energy Assistance programs available

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO),

state agencies and other local organizations are partnering once again to help connect families that are struggling to pay their heating bills this winter with available assistance funds. Enrollment for the federal low income energy assistance program (EAP) information is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST at 800-4-NIPSCO (800-464-7726). Eligibility is based on income and family size. More information and a listing of agencies that help administer assistance programs can be found at NIPSCO.com/PaymentAssistance.

### Town reminds of leaf-raking best practices

Culver residents are reminded, when raking leaves, to please rake to the curb and not into the street. When leaves are piled into the street, it causes a number of issues. Those with questions may contact the town hall at 574-842-3140.

### Residents reminded to guard for frozen pipes

With cold temperatures on the way, frozen pipes and water meters are possible. Home owners are responsible for keeping their water meter from freezing and, if it does freeze, the cost to fix or replace it, which could mean a \$175 replacement fee. Residents are encouraged to take precautions to keep it warm during extreme temperatures such as makings sure its space is heated, insulating the pipes around the meter, and leaving a faucet dripping so water is moving through the pipes.

### Euchre, pinochle Fridays

A weekly euchre and pinochle club, which is open to the public, meets each Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Culver park beach lodge's upper-level meeting room, 819 Lake Shore Drive. All are welcome to have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee, and Culver's fine restaurants and city.

### Adult coloring series at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is continuing its adult coloring series in November. The library is providing the coloring sheets and colors, but feel free to bring your own. Sessions take place at the library Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and/or Thursdays at 10 a.m. This program is free and open to the public. Contact reference/adult services manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

### Town of Culver announces online billing

Beginning in January, Culver residents will have the option to receive their utility bills via e-mail and pay online. Information on how to set up e-mail billing will be made available via utility bills, the town's billing web page and the town's website (www.townofculver.org)

### Friends of the Library seeks volunteers

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library are seeking more volunteers to assist with book sales and other library-oriented activities. Interested persons may inquire at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver, or by phone at 574-842-2941.



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