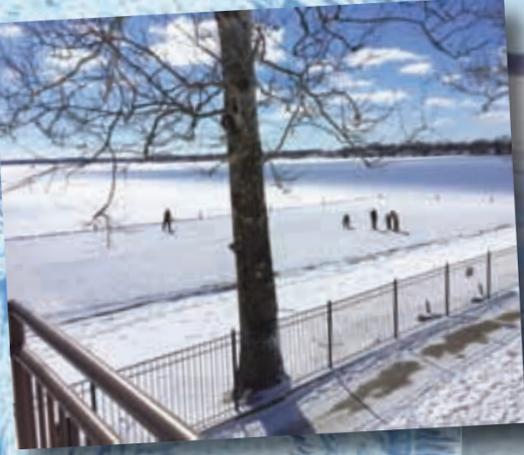
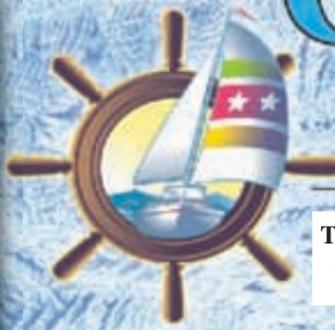


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In Brief

Community invited to Culver Community Schools logo pep rally Friday

As announced previously in The Culver Citizen, the Culver Community School Corporation has made its new logo (and accompanying branding and marketing endeavor) official, and the public is invited to help celebrate this Friday, Feb. 19, starting at 10 a.m., with a special pep rally and celebration event at the Culver Community High School.

Buses will transport Culver Elementary students to the school, where the band, cheerleaders, and student body at large will help lead the festivities.

Public invited to FFA Jacket Ceremony Friday

The community is invited to the Future Farmers of America's Jacket Ceremony on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Culver Community High School cafeteria. A brief guest speaker will precede jackets being presented to the school's FFA members. The ceremony helps kick off National FFA Week.

Pinewood derby, chili cook-off registration this Saturday

The Culver Cub Scouts will host a pinewood derby and chili cook-off Sat., March 19, with registration for the event held at the Culver Public Library on Sat., Feb. 20, from noon to 4 p.m.

To register for the derby (any age may register) there is a \$10 entry fee and registrants will receive the car kit to build their derby car. Prizes will be awarded for both children and adults.

To register for the chili cook-off, there is a \$5 entry fee, and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places.

Questions may be directed to Kristine Cormican at 219-629-2999 or klcormican@yahoo.com.

Book swap social program Saturday

The Culver-Union Town-

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A wonderful Winter Fest

ABOVE: Scenes from last weekend's Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Culver Winter Fest 2016 include: ice carvers from the Indiana Ice Studio conducted live carving demonstrations and can be seen here (UPPER LEFT) creating the popular train sculpture in the town park (sculptures will remain around town as long as weather allows; see this week's Chamber Chatter page for more images of carvings). LOWER LEFT: For the first time in years, the longtime practice of clearing the ice at the town beach for skating was revived, to the delight of skaters (skating continues to be available under the sponsorship of the town park, which offers free skates to borrow at the beach lodge). CENTER: The winning team in the costume competition during Saturday's Polar Plunge were Ben Nowalk and Colin Campbell, seen here about to hit the water*, RIGHT: Sledgers ascend the steps to one of the sledding hills created thanks to the efforts of volunteers led by main festival organizer Tony Sellers. Sellers and his team spent many hours during the days leading up to the festival adding artificial snow (courtesy Sellers himself) to dirt piles trucked into the town park. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 2.

Council moves forward on recreational trail planning

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

The Culver Town Council is taking the first steps towards development of a bike and pedestrian trail in the area, one of the priorities in the community's recent Master Plan, and council members heard from Mike Reese of the Troyer Group at the Feb. 9 council meeting, about the project.

Reese first outlined the importance of the trail as part of the quality of life which has been increasingly targeted as a significant factor in attracting new residents — especially families and millennials — to a given community, adding that there are many grants and other opportunities available to build upon that awareness.

He also said such endeavors can raise property values and therefore the tax base of the town.

"Especially with Culver being able to connect the lake shore and the park area to downtown, the Academy, and around the lake," said Reese, "(There's a lot) that a safe, well-done trail could do to attract people to business and (other areas of the community), especially in the summer and when it's nice out. And if people around the lake could walk or bike into town, it would be very beneficial."

And while there are up-front costs associated with planning the venture, Reese said the goal is to save money by planning the route and implementation of a trail properly, which includes considering the best locations and existing infrastructure. Local residents, business owners, and town personnel will have opportunities to help tailor a master plan towards grant opportunities, added Reese.

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (or OCRA) does offer \$25,000 to \$50,000 grants, which initially would likely be aimed towards a trail between the park and downtown, according to Reese, who noted planning fees and volunteer efforts can count towards the town's match as "in-kind" contributions.

"More partnerships are better for the grant," he said. "You need at least two groups contributing towards the match."

The hope, he added, would be to work within existing rights-of-way to prevent the need for land purchase by the town.

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Culver Winter Fest a chilly success

By Anna Campbell,
 Correspondent

Saturday and Sunday may have been cold, but that's just what's needed for a Winter Fest.

Sunny, blue skies greeted attendees Saturday at the Culver Winter Fest, where skaters, sledgers, and ice fishermen mingled with polar plungers, young artists, and those enjoying the 18 ice sculptures around town created by the Indiana Ice Studio and sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Preparation for the event, given the relative lack of

snow in the days ahead of it, included principle event organizer Tony Sellers coordinating the import of dirt piles to the Culver Town Park, and covering those piles with manufactured snow from Sellers' own equipment (purchased for just such an occasion), to form the popular sledding hills there.

The swimming area of the beach was cleared of snow for skating, and one of the more popular ice sculptures — a "kiddie" sized train — was another popular feature in the park.

"We liked how every-

thing was centrally located around the beach lodge," said Sellers, adding appreciation that the local CVS donated sleds. "The sledding hill turned out great, as long as the ice rink."

One of the highlights of the festival, the Culver Beard Club-sponsored Polar Plunge, drew more than two dozen "jumpers" into the frigid waters of Lake Maxinkuckee Saturday afternoon. Costume winners in the event included Ben Nowalk and Colin Campbell (first place), Chris Montgomery and Ryan

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Nowakowski honored via CES car book donation

BELOW: Culver Elementary School received a donation of \$300 from The Hoosier Old Wheels Car Club in honor of the late Bruce Nowakowski, a well-known local businessman who died in 2014. Since Nowakowski was an avid collector of old cars, especially Corvettes, the donation was used to buy car-related books for Culver Elementary School's library.

"We were able to purchase 29 books for the school with the donation," said CES principal Erin Proskey, adding that the books range from soft-covered kindergarten booklets to hard-covered collectibles which she says sixth grade students will love, "and we won't be able to keep on the library shelves."

"The hard-covered Bat-Mobile book in the showcase caught Mrs. Nowakowski's eye," says Proskey. "She said that Bruce would have loved it! We at Culver Elementary truly appreciate this generous donation from The Hoosier Old Wheels Car Club. We are proud to honor Bruce Nowakowski."

Nowakowski was active with Hoosier Old Wheels for more than 20 years, according to his family and fellow HOW members, regularly providing input and known as a frequent cook at car show. He was likely best known in the Culver area for his heating, air conditioning, and plumbing business, North Star.

Pictured below, from left, are HOW president Dennis McVey, Nowakowski's daughter, Sarah Nowakowski, Proskey, Betsy Nowakowski (Bruce's wife), Mike Fitterling of HOW, CES librarian and music teacher Lori Nash, and Nowakowski's granddaughter, Molly Bentley. At RIGHT is a display near the library entrance featuring some of the purchased books.



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ABOVE, LEFT: Some ice sculptures were utilitarian, such as this one at the Lakehouse Grille, which doubled as a "fountain" for Polar Pluge participants at the after-party at that restaurant.* ABOVE: One of the 27 ice fishing teams which participated in the event makes its way across the ice off the town park. UPPER RIGHT: Members of the Sellers Services staff, under the direction of principle Winter Fest organizer Tony Sellers, utilize an artificial snow machine to create sledding hills and snow in the town park on Friday. LOWER RIGHT: "Batman and Robin" (actually Terri Burroughs, left, and Joel Samuelson) hit the water during the Polar Plunge Saturday afternoon.*

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Wisler (second), Greg Anderson (third), and "the Aloha Girls" (whose team included Anne Johnston, Jean E. Overmyer, Shelly MacArthur, and Carla Pratt, in fourth place).

Shelly Schrimsher led the I Am an Artist class in the train depot.

"We had some very artistic children," she said. "It was a fun day. We used sparkles for the Elsa painting. Don Baker played live Star Wars theme songs."

Sunday's North American Ice Fishing Competition national qualifying tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee saw 27 teams on the ice, with Ben and Luke Blegen of Minne-

sota taking home the title with an 11.92 pound fish.

This year included the inauguration of a new event which paired nicely with the conclusion of the tournament — a chili contest and sale which included six entries. Rich Luttrell's chili won top prize with Anne Johnston's as a close second.

Sellers expressed appreciation to his team at Sellers services for helping create the sledding hill, and to local graphic designer Jack Johnston for his efforts with marketing pieces, and Amy DeLong of the Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center for helping spread the word about the event. He noted social media was instrumental in bringing people to the event (and awareness of it).

"All in all," he added, "the weekend was a great success!"

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Council member Tammy Shaffer, who spoke positively about the plan in general, also expressed hope that a local trail could eventually tie in with existing trails in the Rochester and Miami County areas.

In response to an audience query, Reese affirmed that the long-range hope would be development of a trail all the way around Lake Maxinkuckee, but the in-town trail would be the most immediate focus.

John Helphrey, president of Culver's park board, said the park would like to be a partner in the project, as had been discussed, but citing ongoing renovation work on the park's beach lodge, among other projects under way, added, "We don't have the funds in our budget, so we need some meetings on that."

Council president Ginny Munroe said the council would look for a representative from the park board to join the trail planning group.

Trash contract renewed

During the meeting, the council also voted to renew its contract with Republic Services for town-wide trash and recycling removal. The rate will remain the same as it has for the past six years, noted Munroe, and the contract is a three-year one. It was noted that there is no limit to how much recycling can be placed in yards for removal (trash is typically limited to what can be placed in the trash tote provided, though one oversized item is allowed per month).

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Other discussion, actions

Discussed was a proposed town policy regarding water shut-offs, which town attorney Jim Clevenger suggested might better be handled through amending the existing ordinance on the matter, something which will be pursued at a future meeting.

Approved was a request by Culver's Knights of Columbus for an April 30 candy drive, as well as \$1,600 for two employees to attend certification classes from the Indiana Rural Water Association (town manager Jonathan Leist noted only utilities manager Bob Porter is certified to operate the water plant, and the plan is to cross train other town employees to do so), as well as \$4,400 to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management relating to Culver's sewer system. Permission was also approved for town clerk Karen Heim to advertise regarding the town's annual report.

During his town manager's report, Leist noted he and Marshall County Economic Development Corporation director Jerry Chavez attended an informational session regarding the State of Indiana's Stellar Communities initiative, which is awarded to a community under 6,000 in population, with North Liberty receiving the designation last year. He and Chavez plan to meet with the clerk treasurer of that town to learn of the efforts which led to the designation.

Munroe encouraged anyone interested to consider submitting a letter or interest — or even visiting or calling the town hall to express interest verbally — in serving on Culver's plan commission or board of zoning appeals, both of which are still short of full boards due to lack of applicants.

Death notice

Charles L. Porcher
Jan. 17, 2016

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Charles L. Porcher of Woodstock, Ga., formerly of Culver, died Jan. 17, 2016. Darby Funeral Home, Canton, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

Photos provided

Young artists win drawing at CUTPL

RIGHT: Last month 15 children received free participation in an I am an Artist program at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, the result of a drawing which ran at the library from the beginning of December through Jan. 15. To enter the drawing, one had to donate items to the Culver food pantry (a drop-off box was placed at the library), with the drawing held Jan. 15. "The kids enjoyed the step-by-step tutorial given by I am an Artist owner Shelly Schrimsher," says Jill Gavlick, who heads up the children's department at the library. She added that the children enjoyed a pizza break through a donation from Culver Wings and heard stories read by Gavlick herself. "It was a great day," she adds. "Art and painting (are a) wonderful outlet to allow children to tap into their imagination and express themselves freely, as well as to build their self-esteem. Several times I overheard a child complementing themselves because they thought they were doing a fantastic job, and they were!" The paintings are displayed on a wall in the children's room at CUTPL. LOWER RIGHT: Eli Martinez of Monterey is concentrating on his painting during the event.



Cavalier

Corner

BY CHUCK KITCHELL
SUPERINTENDENT,
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SCHOOLS

Editor's note: This week begins a semi-regular column by Culver Community Schools' acting superintendent Chuck Kitchell, aimed at keeping the community informed as to the latest goings-on within the school corporation.

Good things are happening at Culver Community Schools! We are excited for our first of two Kindergarten Round-ups. Our first round-up of the year was held on Thursday, Feb. 4. We will hold a second round-up on Thursday, March 10. Round-up begins at 6:00 at Culver Elementary School. Parents only need to attend one of the dates. A lot of valuable information will be shared at round-up. Also round-ups are important to us because they give us our first look at next year's kindergarten class. Parents please try to attend one of these meetings. This year we will also be registering

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Academies students perform at Carnegie Hall



LEFT: Three Culver Academies choir members and one orchestra member spent five days preparing and rehearsing under the direction of their respective master conductors after being selected to perform Feb. 6 and 7 at the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City. Academies junior Victoria Styers (Plymouth) sang with the Women's Honor Choir. Senior Neri Min (Seoul, South Korea) and first-classman Alejandro Mancha (Monterrey, Mexico) sang with the Honors Concert Choir. Junior Tianchang Zhao (Dalian, China), who plays the clarinet, performed during the Honors Instrumental Performance. While in the Big Apple, the students also had time for some sight-seeing and to attend a Broadway musical, among other activities.

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In the old days, tires, paints, pesticides, electronics, and appliances accumulated in garages, basements, alleys, or back yards — or front porches — until a collection event occurred. Then it was a scramble to get all that stuff together, get in line, and drop it all off at once. Some Marshall County residents didn't wait until a tox-away day — they would toss their hazardous waste into a ditch, or leave it along the road, or even throw it in the Yellow River. Now we have an alternative.

The mission of Marshall County Solid Waste has been the same since we were created by the Indiana General Assembly back in 1991: to divert hazardous wastes from the landfill and help county residents preserve the environment through education and resources. When I started my green journey over a decade ago, the staff at the Recycle Depot taught me how to handle my waste responsibly and make better, more sustainable choices. They answered my questions, helped me get rid of the old chemicals and electronics in my house when we downsized, and became valuable partners with me when I was asked to coordinate recycling at the Blueberry Festival. Now that I'm the director at MCSW, it's payback time — I get to help other residents with their green journeys, not to mention their broken microwaves.

Marshall County Solid Waste is located at 1900 Walter Glaub Drive in Plymouth, in the industrial park just south of U.S. 30. Though we are located in Plymouth, we serve all Marshall County residents. As a county district, we are funded by a small property tax levy (I paid \$6 last year, just to put it in perspective). That levy allows residents to use our facilities and services without paying any additional money. The only services we charge for are disposal of Freon- and mercury-containing devices and appliances and tires. So that 55-inch flat screen television that gave up the ghost in the middle of the Super Bowl half-time show? You can drop it off for free at the Depot at your convenience. Want to drop off your recycling at the Depot? You can do that for free. For a complete list of the items we take, visit our website: www.myrecycledepot.org. Our services are limited to just Marshall County residents.

We offer other services at the Depot that residents may not realize. We teach adults and children alike about recycling and green living through fun presentations. We sell rain barrels and compost bins at very competitive prices and will even teach you how to use them. We loan out recycling bins to events for free. We have a lending library with books and DVDs. We partner with city and county groups to promote sustainability, whether it's recycling at the Blueberry Festival or sponsoring local events that build resilient communities.

We recently changed our hours at the Depot. We are now open early on Mondays: 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are open from 8:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. On Fridays, we are open from 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. We are now open the first and third Saturdays every month from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Do you have questions? Give us a call at 574-935-8618: if we don't catch the phone, leave us a message and we will return your call within 24 hours.

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Marianne Peters is a writer, environmental educator, and director of the Marshall County Solid Waste Management District.



HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

School from page 3

kindergarten students at round-up. If any parents have questions about kindergarten, please contact the Culver Elementary office at 574-842-3389.

We are also scheduling our first pre-K days. We will be bringing in the local 4 year old pre-schoolers for their first look at what school will be like for them next year as kindergarteners. We look forward to getting our future kindergarteners into our building.

Congratulations to our very own Mrs.

Deb Stevens. Mrs. Stevens was recently recognized as the Lions' Club Citizen of the Year. That award could not have gone to a more deserving person.

The first year of our agriculture program is moving along very well. Mrs. Leaper is doing a great job of making her program interesting and exciting for our students, as is evidenced by the growing number of students interested in her classes.

We had three wrestlers move on to

compete at the regionals. One of our wrestlers will be wrestling in the semi-state. Our girls' basketball team just finished up their season. The Lady Cavaliers had a rough season, but improvement was evident. The boys' basketball team is in the middle of a great season. Looking forward to even better things in the near future from them. Congratulations to all of our student athletes.

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ship Public Library will host a book swap social program on Saturday at 11 a.m., in the large meeting room in the lower level of the library. Bring one, two, or more books you love (new or gently used) to swap with other members of the library community. The program is free and open to the public and counts for adult winter reading points. Contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Davis retirement open house date change to Sunday

The family of Ned and Lynn Davis invites the Culver community for refreshments on Sunday, Feb. 21 (a change from the original date of Feb. 20), from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Culver train station depot to join them in celebrating their retirement.

Exhibit of photographic legends opens Saturday

Opening Sat., Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Crisp Visual Art Center at Culver Academies is the exhibition, "3 American Photographers: Eudora Welty, Alfred Eisenstaedt, and Ansel Adams." The Welty photographs on exhibition were shot between 1935 and 1942. The Eisenstaedt portfolio was shot at Culver in 1939 for an article in *Life Magazine*. The photo exhibit is free and open to the public on Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Deer-Zink Gallery of the Crisp Visual Arts Center on Academy Road. The exhibit is available by appointment by calling Robert Nowalk, curator of the Academies' collection, at 574-842-8278.

Lenten meal, series Tuesdays at Trinity

The community is invited to Trinity Lutheran Church's Tuesday Lenten services at 7 p.m., as well as to a free pre-service meal at 6:15 p.m. The church is located at 430 Academy Rd. in Culver.

Deadline to order

Culver PTO seeds, flowers is Feb. 26

The Culver Elementary PTO spring fundraiser is the sale of garden and flower seeds, including organic and non-organic offerings as well as flowers from Fedco. This year the sale also includes indoor/outdoor garden kits called growums (www.growums.com to preview the varieties). The ordering deadline is Feb. 26 to place an order, and seeds will arrive before Spring Break. More than half of the proceeds are applied towards many PTO-initiated programs benefiting CES students. For more information, follow Culver PTO Seeds on facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/SEEDSCulverPTOFundraiser.

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Free computer classes at CUTPL continue in February on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. and include Smartphone and Tablet Training (Feb. 22 and 26). Classes are free and open to the public, and patrons are encouraged to bring their own computer, smartphone, or tablet if possible. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Coloring night for teens Feb. 22

Area teens are invited to clear their minds with a stress-relieving evening of coloring at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. The library will provide the coloring sheets and colors, though attendees may feel free to bring their own. The event takes place Monday, Feb. 22, starting at 5 p.m. in the children's room.

Culver's Got Talent Feb. 29

Children or teens (family groups are welcome too) are invited to dazzle the audience with their skits, magic, music, dance routines and everything in between at "Culver's Got Talent" Monday, Feb. 29. The show starts at 6 p.m., and is to finish by 7. Please call 574-842-2941 to register to perform. All programs are free and open to the public.

Dr. Seuss birthday celebration March 5

All are welcome for stories, games and crafts in the children's room at the Culver-Union Township Public Library Saturday, March 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. to celebrate the 112th birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss with a "Seuss-a-Bration!"

For more information, contact Jill Gavlick at jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. Culver-Union Township Public Library Youth Services may also be "liked" on Facebook and followed on Twitter at: twitter.com/cutpl

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Kindergarten round-up March 10

Culver Elementary School will hold a kindergarten round-up on Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the school. Important information will be shared with parents at the event, which also gives parents their first look at next year's kindergarten class. Kindergarten students may also be registered at the event. Parents with questions about kindergarten may contact the Culver Elementary office at 574-842-3389.

Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, March 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.

Friends of the Library monthly sales

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold book and bake sales on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the lower level Carnegie Room. Each month's sale will feature a seasonal theme, with the March 5 event focusing on Easter, Irish, or green books; April's theme will be poetry, and May's will be Shakespeare. As always, the organization accepts donations of gently used books and media, which can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

CRC has new façade grant opportunities

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is ready for the 2016 façade grant application process. The first round of applications (which can be found at town hall) are due in to Tom Yuhas, CRC, Town Hall, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN 46511 no later than March 1. Grants will be awarded on April 1. If the full \$30,000 is not awarded during this time, a second grant round will be held with those applications being due by Aug. 1 and awards given by Sept. 1. All grant projects that are awarded in 2016 must be started within 90 days of award date. All grant projects must be completed and submitted for reimbursement within one year of the award date. No exceptions.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 7

The Maxinkuckee Players have announced auditions for "Beauty and the Beast," this summer's theater production. Auditions will take place Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, contact Becky Liechty at 574-952-5117 or bleichy@embarqmail.com. Show dates are July 22, 24, 29, 30, and 31.

Fundraising opportunity for Johnson

Friends and co-workers of Melissa Johnson, who was severely injured in a car accident in December of last year, are holding a fundraiser to help the Johnson family with Melissa's care. Part of the proceeds from sales of Audrey's Pumpkin & Gourmet Cake Rolls (audreypumpkinrolls.com), which come in 12 different flavors (each roll serves 10 to 12 people and cost \$15 each), will go to the family. Those wishing to purchase products may contact Kathie Huhn at 574-842-3056 or dan.huhn@sbcglobal.net.

Culver Elementary seeks volunteers

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Cavs' Rodriguez falls short of semistate gold, still punches state finals ticket

By Tim Creason
Correspondent

EAST CHICAGO — Triston Rodriguez is a fighter. Get in close, try to muscle the Culver Community senior around a wrestling mat, and you're going to get whipped. Kasper McIntosh could see that. So when the Portage sophomore met Rodriguez for the 145-pound weight class championship at Saturday's semistate wrestling tournament, he knew just what to do. Stay away.

"I couldn't get close to him. He used his length against me," said a frustrated Rodriguez, who dropped a 6-2 decision to McIntosh in the finals at East Chicago High School.

Allowing Rodriguez to take most of the shots, McIntosh countered as the Cavalier standout slid by, and managed to land a couple takedowns.

He made sure to not let Rodriguez get any kind of leverage, basically pushing him away as the clock ran down. Frustrating for Cavalier fans, yes. But in the end, not that big a deal. Both wrestlers advance to the IHSAA state finals next weekend at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Rodriguez, now 38-3 on the season, meets New Palestine's Jared Timberman (40-4) in the opening round Friday night. Win, and he's guaranteed a spot on the IH-



PHOTO/TIM CREASON

Portage sophomore Kasper McIntosh (right) pushes away Culver Community's Triston Rodriguez during the 145-pound championship match at Saturday's semistate wrestling tournament in East Chicago.

SAA awards stand Saturday.

Actually, the top four finishers in each weight class at a semistate advance, which is why Culver Academies sophomore Adam Davis will travel to Indianapolis as well. He finished fourth in the 120-pound weight class. Davis (38-8) takes on Dylan Culp of Warren Central (38-5) in the opening round at state.

Dante Dalmaso of Culver Academies dropped his 132-pound opener to Chesterton's Jack Tolin. The semistate team title went to Portage, which upended defending champion Penn by 23 points in a battle of Indiana wrestling heavyweights. Penn and Portage each advanced seven wrestlers to next weekend's state finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Davis, a sophomore at Culver Academies, was involved in the most controversial match of the semistate, a 2-1 overtime decision against Lafayette

Jeff's Jon Anderson in the quarterfinals.

Midway through the overtime period, Anderson appeared to lock up the winning takedown with a cradle. But referee Ray Aldrich reversed the decision and took the points away. Davis then escaped with three seconds remaining.

"I heard the ref count one nearfall, and I figured that to get a nearfall, you have to have a takedown,

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No. 15 Culver Community retains Bell with 59-36 victory at Argos

By Doug Griffiths
Staff Writer

ARGOS — Two major scoring droughts by Argos paved the way for Culver to retain the coveted Bell Trophy last Thursday night.

The Dragons went scoreless for nearly six minutes in the first half and more than eight minutes in the second stanza. As a result, the Cavaliers won 59-36 before a packed and raucous Argos gym.

During that scoreless first-half stretch, Argos missed eight straight shots and was errant on a dozen in a row when enduring its second-half drought. No. 15 Culver led 27-26 early in the third quarter when it 12 scored unanswered points to seize control of the game.

"I thought our defense was pretty good," said Culver head coach Tom Krueger when asked about the deciding second-half spurt. "That third-quarter run was huge for us."

"Our first quarter defense pretty much dictated the whole game."

Culver had a decided size advantage over the hosts, which at times was tough to overcome for the Dragons.

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Culver Community's Josh Krsek works in the paint at Argos.

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The Cavs used that height to good effect, out-rebounding

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4. From Judges 9, who had 70 of his brothers killed on one stone? Belshazzar, Naboth, Hanun, Abimelech
5. What's the only Jesus miracle reported in all four gospels of the New Testament? Water to wine, Feeding of the 5,000, Raising Lazarus, Red Sea parting
6. From 1 Timothy 5, what was the minimum widow age to be put on a church's support list? 40, 50, 60, 70

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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Sermon on the Mount; 4) Abimelech; 5) Feeding of the 5,000; 6) 50

Strong 2nd half start cues 61-49 CMA win at LaVille

By James Costello
Sports Editor

LAKEVILLE — Culver Military basketball coach Mark Galloway knew it was going to take a four-quarter effort to win at LaVille Feb. 9, and it did. But the game was really decided during a roughly two-and-a-half-minute span at the start of the second half.

CMA opened the third quarter on a 12-0 tear to snap a 22-all halftime tie, and the Eagles hung on for a 61-49 victory over the host Lancers on a night when LaVille head coach Michael Edison was honored for reaching his 100th win in less than eight seasons at the head of the program.

“The Edisons, that’s probably the best coaching combination in the state,” said Galloway. “He played for his dad (Jack); he got 100 wins here at LaVille already. Jack is a Hall of Famer. So any time you go against those guys you know it’s going to

take four quarters.”

The Lancers and the Eagles were dead even at the break after Justin DeClark’s buzzer-beating triple from the corner on a drive and kick from Adam Steinke knotted it up at 22-22. If DeClark’s clutch 3 gave the home team the momentum at the intermission, CMA quickly stole it back in the third stanza. Sam Concannon opened the second half scoring with his own triple from the wing on an Ignas Masiulonis driving assist at the 7:45 stop, the Eagles followed up with a pair of transit layups by Jake Young and Dylan Powell, Masiulonis knocked down his own wing 3, and Concannon grabbed a steal at half-court for a fast break lay-in that left the Lancers trailing 34-22 with 5:40 still left in the period. CMA pushed its advantage out to as many as 16 points during the 20-6 quarter that saw the Eagles convert from the floor at an 8-of-12 clip while tallying



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military’s Ethan Brittain-Watts pulls up for a jumper while LaVille’s Jason Breden looks on in the foreground.

five assists. All total, the visitors racked up 12 assists on 19-of-38 shooting for the night.

“We felt like we were getting some open shots in the first half; we just didn’t

knock them down. In the second half I thought we finally made some open shots, but I thought we shared the ball,” explained Galloway. “The kids have been really getting better all year at shar-

ing the ball, finding the open man and just making the right plays. So I was excited we came out of the locker room, and we were focused on sharing the ball.”

True to Galloway’s expectations, LaVille made a run back, whittling its deficit down to five points at 53-48 following Steinke’s pull-up 3 from the wing with just 1:12 remaining in the game.

But CMA reached the double bonus when Isaac Eash fouled Masiulonis to stop the clock on the other end, and the Eagles calmly converted 8 of 10 charity tosses over the final minute with the Lancers trying to stretch the clock.

Masiulonis was himself 7-of-8 from the stripe for CMA en route to a game-high 24 points for the night. The 6-1 junior guard didn’t miss a free throw until the 24.8-second stop of the fourth.

Concannon and Ethan Brittain-Watts each finished

with 11 points behind Masiulonis, and both dished out three assists while claiming a pair of steals.

“We do a thing called Free Throw Ladder, and (Masiulonis) is consistently at the top of the Free Throw Ladder. We’re not just guessing at who we want at the line,” said Galloway. “We want Masiulonis. We want Sam Concannon. We want Dylan Powell. We want Ethan. We want a lot of our guards at the free throw line because they’re good free throw shooters. And that’s working hard in practice and having confidence to step up and make it.”

LaVille was led by Steinke’s 23 points and five assists. The junior point guard buried a trio of 3s and went 10-of-12 from the line on his way to the team-high tally. Jason Breden recorded a double/ double of 13 points and 10 rebounds.

• CULVER ACADEMY 61, LAVILLE 49
At Lakeville

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so I thought the match was over right there,” said Davis. “But, fortunately, there was no takedown, so I just kept wrestling and found a way. Davis is carrying on a family tradition. His older brothers had great success at Penn. “I wasn’t going to

be denied in that match,” said Davis. Rodriguez also doesn’t plan to be denied as he hunts an award medal at state. He says he learned a lot in his championship round loss. “I got sloppy because he (McIntosh) frustrated me a little bit,”

said Rodriguez. “But I’ve got a whole week to get better.”

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their hosts 31-12.

“The difficult thing about playing against a team with that kind of size is you better shoot the ball well because sometimes you don’t get a second opportunity,” Argos head coach Gordon Mosson said. “We didn’t shoot well and didn’t get many second opportunities.”

The Cavaliers played a match-up zone, which looked like a two-three zone, for much of the game. “That’s a tough zone,” Mosson said. “They did a nice job of matching up and stopping penetration.”

Krueger’s team’s victory ran its record to 13-4 on the season and notched a big rivalry win. “As a coach, you want it for the kids,” said Krueger about keeping the bell. “I played for it, and it’s a huge game. I remember what it was like as a kid. It’s one that everyone talks about for the next year in the community.

“We were extremely focused tonight. When we’re that focused, we’re hard to beat.”

In the first half, Culver led 8-7 and went on an 11-0 run to give itself a 19-7 advantage. Credit Argos, though, as it finished with a flurry.

The Dragons outscored the Cavaliers 16-8 to close the half to get within 27-23 at the break.

Both teams shot the ball well in the opening 16 minutes. Culver knocked down eight of its first 10 shots in the opening quarter and finished the half 13-of-20 from the floor.

The Cavaliers exploited their athleticism and height advantage to get to the rim frequently resulting in several easy buckets.

Meanwhile, Argos connected on 7-of-8 shots from the field in the second quarter and was 10-of-23 in the first half.

Culver had three players score in double figures, led by junior Nate Carnegie’s 18 points. Classmate Josh Krsek added 14 points, and

senior Everett Krueger chipped in 13.

“Nate had a pretty good game for us,” Krueger said. Carnegie shot eight throws, making five. By comparison, Argos took just one free throw the entire game.

Culver shot 21 total free throws and hit 12. Only four players scored for Argos, led by junior Javan Miller’s 13. Senior Tyler Horn had 11 points. “Shots didn’t fall and we didn’t have enough defensive stops to stay in the game,” Mosson said.

• CULVER 59, ARGOS 36 At Argos

Culver: 16 11 12 20 59

Argos: 7 16 3 10 36 CULVER (59): Nate Carnegie 18, Josh Krsek 14, Everett Krueger 13, Cash Harris 6, Tristan Schultz 6, Cody Valiquet 2;

Totals: 23 12-21 59.

ARGOS (36): Javan Miller 13, Tyler Horn 11, Drew Bollenbacher 9, Vinny Stone 3; Totals: 15 1-1 36.

3-pointers: Culver 1 (Carnegie), Argos 5 (Miller 3, Stone, Bollenbacher);

Rebounds: Culver 31 (Krueger 7, Krsek 7), Argos 12 (Miller 6); Turnovers:

Culver 15, Argos 8; Steals: Culver 3 (Harris 2), Argos 2 (Fishburn 2); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 11 (none), Argos 19 (none) Records: Culver 13-4,

Argos 10-9.

Sports Editor James Costello contributed to this report

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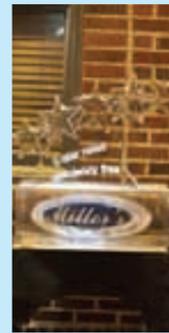


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