



# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Sidewalk applications

The Town of Culver is currently accepting applications for its 2009 sidewalk and curb program. Applications as well as updated sidewalk specifications may be picked up at the town hall, 200 E. Washington Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or via the town website at [www.townofculver.org](http://www.townofculver.org). A permit is needed and an inspection will need to take place prior to the project and after completion. This program is on a first come, first served basis. The deadline to receive applications is June 30, 2009. Please inquire within for more information, or call 574-842-3140.

### Tri Kappa art show

Culver's Tri Kappa will hold its seventh annual Art Show Friday, April 24 from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Culver Cove. Student artwork will be displayed from the Culver Academies, Culver Community Middle and High Schools. No admission fee is required.

### Screenings and other events at REAL Meals

Culver's REAL Services will host blood pressure and sugar screenings by a representative from Miller's Merry Manor Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. Indiana Legal Services Attorney Carie Schenk will speak at 12:30 p.m. the same day, and will answer questions from the audience. On Wednesday, May 13, Jeff's Movies on Culver history will take place at 12:30 p.m. Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

### Lake Fest plans under way

The Culver Lake Fest wants you to mark your calendars for July 17 through 19! Plans are already in the works to make this the best Lake Fest yet! We've put in an early request for "no rain!" Anyone wishing to serve on the committee is welcome. Those

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## Culver Relay 2009

Above: Scenes from Culver's Relay for Life 2009, held last Friday night at the Culver Academies football field and track. The second annual event raised over \$107,000 towards fighting cancer by Saturday morning. In the above photos: in the upper left, Indianapolis Colts tight end Dallas Clark during the opening ceremony of Relay for Life 2009 at Culver Academies and took time to visit with participants and sign autographs, including Shannon Shephard's t-shirt. Nancy Kersey, center, was one of the participants in the Survivors Lap, the first lap of the Relay, reserved for cancer survivors. At right, Culver Academies Associate Chaplain for Pastoral Care Curt Heydt joined a host of Culver males showing their "feminine side" during this year's "Mr. Relay" pageant, in which volunteers put on women's attire and seek audience votes and donations. Bottom row, left photo, members of Culver Community High School's "Pink Ladies" team\* include, left to right, Lacy White, Beth Wojdyla, Laura Lyczak (hidden), Christina Klausning, Tiana Basham, Paige Phillips, and Jessica Clark. Adults behind them include Lori Elliott (between Clark and Phillips), Brenda Sheldon, and Wayne Sheldon. Lower right photo: the opening "Survivors lap" was reserved for those participants who have survived a bout with cancer.

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EXCEPT \* PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

# Culver Relay strikes back!

## Second annual event again tops \$100K, unites community

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

For the second year in a row, people of all ages and backgrounds converged on the Culver Academies track and football field to kick off the American Cancer Society fund-raising Relay for Life, again raising funds dazzling for a community Culver's size and again pulling together members of the Academies (both students and faculty), the Culver community (children and adults alike), the Lake Maxinkuckee community, and several surrounding areas.

Whereas last year's all-night event concluded at 7 a.m. with just over \$100,000 in the kitty -- a number expanded by several thousand dollars by August, 2008, the cutoff for after-event donating -- those bleary-eyed

participants still around at the close of this year's festivities saw over \$110,000 raised, a number sure to increase in coming months.

Among several new highlights this year was the presence of Indianapolis Colts NFL football star Dallas Clark, who took the stage to help kick off the event and delivered a brief but heartfelt talk in which he said he lost his grandfather to cancer though his mother-in-law is a cancer survivor and expressed his amazement at the energy and spirit displayed at the event. Clark encouraged his audience -- especially young people -- not to let technology deter them from an active, healthy lifestyle and said participants in the event made a "tremendous statement" by coming out

for the cause. Clark also praised the cancer survivors on hand, calling them "the real heroes."

Culver Community High School teacher Mike Schwartz, one of the survivors who shared a pre-Relay dinner with Clark at the Academies' Woodcraft camp, said he was impressed with Clark as genuine in his concern at the dinner. Schwartz said Clark told survivors there he was praying for them, and he took time to chat and sign autographs, which he continued to do during his two hours plus at the event.

Besides Schwartz, faculty and student teams from Culver Community High School were on hand in the form of several teams, including representatives of the school's CAVS service

club, Industrial Technology Club, and more. Culver's EMS and fire department were represented as were several other community business and individual-related teams. A host of Academies student and faculty teams -- including one representing the school's rugby program, with whom Clark spent some time discussing the differences between that sport and his own -- made strong showings on and off the track.

Particularly memorable for many Culverites was a brief speech just after 10 p.m. by Pam Buxton, wife of Academies Head of Schools John Buxton and herself in the midst of a battle with cancer. Buxton said she was "pleased to be here to share my experience with you, because

it has been more positive than negative," noting she has had support "from all the people in my life, which is very empowering... It's a real team effort."

"When I first drove home [from the doctor] my first thoughts were, 'How long do I have? Will I still be here at Christmas?'... I found myself ready [once there was] a game plan."

Buxton said she was fortunate to have good health and physical and emotional strength, noting the couple's 12 year old granddaughter told her, "Gran, you probably saved your own life" by making herself educated and healthy, acting and remaining positive, all of which Buxton encouraged the audience to do as well.

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# Council removes controversial sidewalk money restrictions

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council April 14 struck language from its sidewalk sharing program policy which disallows money from that program be used towards new or commercial construction projects, or "substantial" remodeling to an existing structure. The decision to amend the policy -- not an actual ordinance -- does not affect an existing town ordinance that construction of a new home or commercial property requires the property owner put in a new sidewalk. Instead, the decision answers ongoing concerns raised over the past few years by residents and council members as to how monies are distributed from the town's \$25,000 annual sidewalk budget, half of which is allotted each year for cost-sharing on residents' sidewalk replacements.

Previous debate has centered on defining "substantial" remodeling, a matter council member Lynn Overmyer said needed to be resolved. In recent years, Culver's building inspector Russ Mason has defined such remodeling based on

a dollar figure spent on the construction. Council members Ginny Munroe and Sally Ricciardi cited complexities in navigating such a figure, including spreading work out over an extended period and multiple building permits, and the lower cost of homeowners doing the work themselves, thus allowing them to receive sidewalk sharing money when homeowners hiring a more expensive contractor wouldn't. Munroe suggested a blanket, "first come, first served" approach to distributing the money.

"Last year we honked off some people because we didn't give the money to them. Frankly, they had a right to be mad because we were inconsistent... isn't the idea to improve the town's sidewalks?"

Audience member Mike Stallings, himself a local contractor, suggested the sharing program no longer refuse citizens building new homes. "Since you've introduced this (policy) pertaining to new construction, you're in a dog and cat thing," he said. "There are probably one or two (new)

houses a year... for what this sidewalk program would be spending, the goodwill and tax reimbursement from individuals would be more than what you spend."

Munroe also pointed out most businesses in Culver maintain their own sidewalks, so removing the ban on sidewalk sharing for commercial properties likely wouldn't be problematic. The council approved striking language from the sharing program forbidding new construction, major remodels, and commercial properties from participating, with town clerk Casey Howard explaining property owners apply with her, street department head Bob Porter and the town manager or building inspector will inspect the proposed sidewalk for conformity, and any question properties will be taken before the council.

The council also approved changes in reimbursement rates after town manager Michael Doss noted sidewalk supply costs have risen. Sidewalk work will be reimbursed at \$3 per square foot and curb work at \$18 per lineal foot,

an increase from respective costs of \$1.65 and \$10.

The council also approved a recommendation from Doss that \$16,000 encumbered from last year's sidewalk budget, and an additional \$2012.50 from this year's, be applied to a list of dangerous sidewalks originally drafted by Culver's "walking ladies" and inspected, ranked, and approved by Doss and Porter. Doss noted the plan was to only replace trouble sections of sidewalks -- many of which were caused by buckling or other damage from tree roots -- rather than the entire sidewalk. Doss added problem tree roots would be ground down rather than entire trees removed where possible, with a cost around \$7125 to remove those trees that must be taken out. Culver's tree commission, he said, will likely kick in some funds towards removal costs.

At the recommendation of town attorney Jim Clevenger, council member Ralph Winters suggested pushing a badly deteriorated sidewalk on Forest Place to the top of the list needing replacement, after

two of the walking ladies, Jean Rakich and Valerie Chase, from the audience, suggested the sidewalk is a "death trap."

The council voted to rescind a stop work order made April 7 pending an area builder's cooperation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at a Sycamore Road site south of Lake Maxinkuckee, once IDEM sends a "violations resolved" letter to the council, which members expected soon.

In other discussion, Howard said she was "taking off her clerk's hat" and asking the council as a private citizen to consider annexation of 20 acres of land she and husband Tim purchased in the southwestern end of Culver. The area, much of which is presently farmland, is directly west of Culver's Masonic cemetery and several acres south of Davis Street, and is surrounded on three sides by land already annexed into Culver, said Howard. The Howards hope to file a petition with the council signed

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## Chairs for Charity chairs to be available during sale

Artists, young and old, professional craftsmen as well as artsy wannabes are invited to participate in the inaugural Culver Tri Kappa 2009 Chairs for Charity Parade. The Chair Parade will start in June and will be on display throughout town during the month of June.

Free chairs will be available for any artist to take during the town wide yard sales and may be picked up at either 432 School Street or 275 South Ohio Street. Just stop by and ask about the Chairs for Charity chairs; first come first served.

No chair is too big, too small, too plain or too fancy for this fun fund raising event. Individuals and businesses are welcome to participate by repainting, reupholstering or refurbishing any chair, any way. Chairs may be created from scratch, found in a basement, bought from a yard sale or recovered from a dumpster diving expedition.

Special thanks to the Culver Cove, Culver Military Academies and Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ for donating the chairs for community artists.

Make yourself famous with a masterpiece chair to share for this community wide charity event. For more information, visit [chaircharity.blogspot.com](http://chaircharity.blogspot.com).



## Getting a facelift

The building above could be fodder for a "mystery Culver property" game but for the fact that most Culverites are either regular visitors or passersby. As announced last year, Culver's primary grocery store for nearly the past three decades, Park N' Shop on North Lake Shore Drive, is undergoing major renovations to its exterior and interior, work on which began recently.

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seeking information can contact Mike Overmyer at 574-842-2446, or his email address, [movermyer@jmceainc.com](mailto:movermyer@jmceainc.com). Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 6:30pm at the JMC office in town across from the Culver Public Library.

### Friends seeking used books

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library is accepting used books for their upcoming sale. Books may be donated at any time at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. The Friends organization currently has a limited number of books for sale in the library now, near the entrance to the children's room, but will hold a large sale at a date to be announced.

### Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140, beginning Monday, April 13 through Tuesday, April 21. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the

locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, April 23 at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

### Prom Dresses Available

Those in need of a formal dress for Prom or Final Ball, please contact Karen Heim at 574-842-8914. She has around 50 gently worn dresses in a variety of styles and sizes. They can be seen by appointment or at the Tri Kappa Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25 at 217 S. Ohio St, Culver.

### Yellow River Literary Splash

The Yellow River Literary Splash hosts free monthly events at the Book Worm (114 N. Michigan) in Plymouth. All are invited to join them Friday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. as they discuss the topic Creative Non-fiction: Entertaining Essays and Strangely True Stories and listen to local writers share their own work. For more information, email Joel: [joelbthomas@gmail.com](mailto:joelbthomas@gmail.com) or George: [\[mind@hoosierlink.net\]\(mailto:mind@hoosierlink.net\).](mailto:heart-</a></p>
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### Boat slips available

The Culver Park & Recreation Department has boat slips available for the upcoming boating season. Culver/Union Township residents pay \$700 for a boat slip, while patrons outside of this area are charged \$1,000. Wave runner spaces are \$400. For more information, call the park at 574-842-3510.

### Preschool registration at Wesley UMC

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street. Wesley offers two classes, a junior class and senior. To qualify for the junior class, a child must be three years old by August 1, 2009. To qualify for the senior class, a child must be four by August 1, 2009.

The junior class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$64 per month. The senior class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to

11 a.m. at a cost of \$92 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which covers the supplies for the school year. Please contact Jennifer Luttrell with any questions, 574-250-3852.

### Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 2

Auditions for the Maxinkuckee Players' production of "The Music Man" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Culver Community High School Auditorium.

Anyone interested should come prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from the script that we will provide. Piano players will be available or they may sing with a recording. There are parts available for all ages. Show dates are Friday, July 24; Sunday, July 26; Wednesday, July 29; Friday, July 31; Saturday, Aug. 1; and Sunday, Aug. 2. For more information, call director Becky Liechty at 574-941-2343.

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: [cizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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## Obituary - Smith

**Lee R. Smith**  
**Dec. 14, 1931 - April 9, 2009**



ROCHESTER — Lee R. Smith, 77, of Rochester, departed this life at 8:40 a.m., April 9, 2009, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born Dec. 14, 1931 in Mishawaka to Roy and Mabel Hefner Smith.

As a proud graduate of Richland Center High School, Lee was a member of the class of 1949. As a young man, he assisted his dad with the family farming operation. They also farmed a variety of grains including wheat, corn, and

soybeans.

With great pride Lee answered the call to serve our country. He became a member of the United States Air Force serving his tour of duty in Japan during the Korean War. Later he was honorably discharged attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Returning home to the Richland Center - Leiter's Ford area Lee continued to work with his dad on the farming operation. His love for agriculture continued throughout his life as he maintained a hobby farm.

On Sept. 10, 1961 at the Santa Anna United Methodist Church, near Argos, Lee married the love of his life, Bonnie Gibbons. This union of 47 1/2 years yielded two outgoing and beautiful daughters, Mary Lou and Donna. As a loving father and role model Lee instilled a work ethic of dedication and devotion. In 1996 he retired from Sealed Power Corporation after 33 1/2 years of service rarely missing a day of work. Lee was a member of the UAW # 220 during his work tenure.

At home Lee was meticulous about the care of his lawn. To relax, he enjoyed listening to Blue Grass music from the era of the 1940s-1950s. Lee is also remembered to be very detail oriented and led a very conservative lifestyle.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Smith; two daughters: Mary Lou Durkes of Rochester and Donna Louk and companion Terry Thompson of Argos; sister, Phyllis (Bob) Overmyer of Rochester; and a niece, two nephews, and several great nieces and great nephews.

In Heaven, Lee will join his extended family and many friends including his parents and sons-in-law, William Lynn Durkes, April 4, 2007 and Andy Louk, July 22, 2008.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Lee R. Smith will be held Monday, April 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home. Rev. Henry Sprunger will officiate. Burial will follow at the Poplar Grove/Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, near Culver where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Argos American Legion Post #68 and the Wright- Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and an hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials may be made in Lee's memory to the Santa Anna United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

## Death notice - Berger

**Lana C. Berger**  
**April 9, 2009**

AURORA, Colo. — Lana C. Berger, 64, of Aurora, Colo. died Thursday, April 9, 2009. Visitation was April 15 in Aurora, Colo. A memorial service will be held in Indiana at a later date.

Newcomer Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Death notice - Tanner

**Eileen A. Tanner**  
**April 16, 2009**

MONTEREY — Eileen A. Tanner, 86, of Monterey, died at 3:52 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 at home in Monterey. She is survived by her sons: Ronald Tanner of Largo, Fla., George (Janice) Tanner of Glendale, Ariz. and Jerry Tanner of Columbus, Ohio; daughters: Donna (Byron) Walters of Ora, Eloise (Jeff) Rose of Minerva, Ohio, Diana (Harold) Fritter of Plymouth, Carolyn (Douglas) Craddock of Warsaw and Jana (Rick) Richardson of Tippecanoe; brother, James Hazlett of LaPorte; 21 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. EDT. Services were at 10 a.m. CST Monday, April 20, 2009 at Bible Baptist Church, Knox. Interment followed at the Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Monterey.

Memorials may be given to the Bible Baptist Church in Knox or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

## Death notice - Ottow

**Velma Rose Ottow**  
**April 18, 2009**

PLYMOUTH — Velma Rose (Samuels) Ottow, 75, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth, after a short illness.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; four children: Ron of Knox, Kathy (Vince) Sallee, of Knox, Virginia (Barry) Beaman, of Carrollton, Ga. and Mike (Lisa) Ottow of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, Dollie (Richard) Ketcham, Ethel Johnson, Cleo (Jr.) Berger, Ruby Whiteman, all of Plymouth and Margaret Dehne-Samuels of Culver.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 21, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services were held in the funeral home Wednesday, April 22, at 2 p.m. Burial was in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

## CCHS' Ahlenius serves as page

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Culver Community High School student Kaceigh Ahlenius (right) recently served in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly, under State Representative Nancy Dembowski (D-Knox). As a page, students 13 years and older spend the day gaining a greater understanding about state government and how laws are made. Student pages take a backstage tour of the Statehouse, work alongside legislative assistants and experience how a bill becomes a law.

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## Community Calendar

**Thurs., April 23**  
 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
 Jim Peterson (Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver), Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

**Friday, April 24**  
 Town-wide yard sale, all day today and Saturday  
 Spring parents' weekend, Culver Academies (all weekend)  
 Computers for beginners part I class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
 Tri Kappa art show, 3 - 7 p.m., Culver Cove

**Sat., April 25**  
 Town-wide yard sale, all day today  
 Wesley Preschool registration, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Wesley Preschool, School Street  
 Tri Kappa art show, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Culver Cove  
 Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel  
 Dancevision, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley

Auditorium  
**Sun., April 26**  
 Tri Kappa art show, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Culver Cove  
 Dancevision, 2:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

**Mon., April 27**  
 Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library  
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
 Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

**Tues., April 28**  
 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
 Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

**Weds., April 29**  
 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
 Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Thurs., April 30**  
 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

# Look forward

About every day, at this time of the year, when we a goal or reach our goal, we must go forward. No one



## Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Ron Lewellen  
Emmanuel United  
Methodist Church

pass a school, we can see a track meet or children playing soccer.

We can learn from both sports, that in order to score

Some kids don't start practicing until 2 weeks before they have their first game or meet, and they don't practice again until next year. If

we do this, we won't reach our full potential.

This is a good lesson in life, whether it is in sports, academics, at work, or anything we attempt in life, it takes practice and we need to have a goal that we wish to reach. Then we need to keep stretching toward that goal.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 3: 14, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

So when we look for the prize that Christ has promised, we must keep practicing and looking forward to

receiving it.

Jesus tell us in Luke 9: 62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back is not fit for the kingdom of God."

If we are going to receive a prize in this life, we have to be dedicated, must practice, and then give it everything we've got.

This is also true in the spiritual world. We must be dedicated, practice, and press forward to win the prize of Heaven.

Coasting will never win a prize in this world or the world to come.

**Look forward.**

## Council from page 1

by at least 51 percent of landowners in the area, and the council discussed the need to run water and sewer to the area if annexed as well. The couple plans to build a home and new location for Tim's construction business at the site, added Howard.

The council approved the first reading of an ordinance raising Culver's sewer tap fees -- retitled sewer development charges -- which cover the cost of a new home or business tapping into an existing town sewer line, a change Doss said wouldn't affect 95 percent of residents.

Approved also was Doss' recommendation that engineering firm the Bonar Group be hired to work with the town and county to improve and eventually replace culverts at Lake Maxinkuckee's southwestern outlet to Hawk Lake. The council will also con-

sider audience member Doris Breyfogle's suggestion a pedestrian and bicycle walkway be added at the site for those crossing the outlet on the street when traffic appears.

Chris Larson of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) updated the council on progress on Culver's storm water improvement grant, noting letters, photos, and other documentation from the town and area businesses and residents as to flooding issues over the past several years in Culver will be sought. An environmental review will also be conducted within the next 60 days, meeting requirements for funding across the state from federal stimulus dollars recently announced. The money would be used to shore up Culver's storm drainage and water runoff system as well as disaster recovery.

Paving and patching work on several area streets will begin the week of April 20, noted Doss, with streets to include Hoosier Lane, North Plymouth Street, and West Shore Drive.

Doss reported the B.L. Anderson company did extensive checks of a recently added Culver sewer meter measuring outflow from Culver Academies to Culver's system, due to discrepancies in readings between the town and Academies. The company discovered Academies meters are not registering correctly, said Doss, who said the town is working in partnership with the Academies to resolve the issue.

Fire chief Mike Grover told the council his department received a \$3,500 grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation's Ralph C. Vonnegut fund -- designated for use at Lake Maxinkuckee -- with money targeted specifically to go to diving equipment for the department's dive team. Jane Grund of

the Lake Maxinkuckee Association said that organization had been awarded \$2,500 towards the fire department's removal of man-made concrete debris on the lake bottom causing damage to boats.

Culver-Union Township EMS director Millie Sytsma said her department should have a recently-purchased, brand new ambulance in about 160 days, adding the EMS will have an open house August 9 in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment.

Union Township trustee Marlene Mahler told the council a new pole slated for installation to house the town's new, central fire signal at the town hall, has been donated by NIPSCO but is still on its way to Culver.

Overmyer added public recognition of town manager Doss' "excellent job" and initiative since starting the job recently.

## Name that Culver "citizen"



Last week's "mystery citizen" stumped most everyone, though plenty of good guesses came in. She was Joyce Morrison, known to hundreds and hundreds of students at Culver Elementary School -- where she has taught art for over 20 years -- as "Miss Lyman," or Joyce Lyman (pictured recently at left). Besides her visibility as a teacher, her instantly recognizable lettering style

has been utilized for signs and other images around the community for decades.

This week's mystery citizen is another familiar face, and has given many Culverites much-needed assistance over the years. Your correct guess, emailed or phoned in to the editor, will make you wealthy with the unspeakable riches of the editor's admiration!



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# Sports



## In spite of loss, Cav track team shows strong effort

By James Costello Sports Writer

**BREMEN** — The conditions were cold and damp, and Bremen runners' times weren't quite where they might have liked them, but they couldn't argue with the results.

In just their second day back from spring break, Bremen's boys and girls track teams strolled to comfortable margins of victory in a three-way home opener Tuesday. The Lions claimed first-place finishes in 13 out of 16 events to top both visiting Culver and Tippecanoe Valley 98-36-32, and the Lady Lions were nearly as dominant with 12 first places, beating out the competition 92-39-36.

Cavaliers senior Justin Master also made the best of the weather Tuesday as the Culver boys team's only first-place finisher at the meet. In fact, Master won the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump, and he also finished third in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the long jump for the Cavs.

"Once you're warmed up you're going," he said of the conditions at the meet. "It's really a mental thing unless it's pouring down rain in your face while you're running or there's wind. But it's pretty nice out. Nice day to run."

Master eked out his two wins Tuesday with a 17.3 in

the 110 hurdles to edge out Bremen's Ryan Hessler by a tenth of a second, and an 18'6.75" mark in the long jump, just a quarter-inch beyond Lions jumper Andre Hilson.

"Sometimes in track we talk about it being a series of inches or seconds, and he won just by a quarter-inch for first place, so it is a jump of inches," said Culver boys track head coach

"I'm very pleased with the fact that we did edge out Tippy Valley," he said. "They're a 3A school, we're a single-A school, so I think that's a feather in our cap to our kids for wanting to come out and try to do that. I'm happy to get the win."

Culver's girls coach Peggy Arquette, was also happy to beat Tippy Valley, but she said she wasn't surprised by the result.

"I expected us to beat Tippy Valley, and the events that I thought we were going to win we won or scored in," she said. "I just kept telling the girls they had to get first, second or third."

The Lady Cavaliers benefitted from strong performances from its upperclassmen at Bremen, especially a pair of juniors in thrower Sarah Bailey and mid-distance sprinter/ high jumper Trinity Garcia. Bailey claimed top honors in both the discus and shot put, while Garcia won the 200-meter dash, finished third in the 400-meter run and cleared 4'6" to take third in the high jump.

"They showed their leadership," said Arquette. "Trinity Garcia, Lauren Shaffer. Shaylyn Johnson is brand-new this year and is clearing in pole vault. She did an excellent job. We're never had a pole vaulter."

Craig Hopple of Master. "I was happy with his efforts today."

Hopple also said he was impressed with senior Stephan Vantwoud's performance at the meet. While he was unable to capture a win in any of his events, Vantwoud did take second in the mile run despite nursing an injury.

Although his team wasn't able to challenge Bremen, Hopple was glad to see his team beat out Tippy Valley 36-32 at the three-way.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver Community's Lauren Shaffer, right, runs against Bremen's Hope Jordan Tuesday.

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## Lady Eagles deliver

By James Costello Sports Writer

**CULVER** — Mike Milbury wanted his players to stay aggressive at the plate. They certainly delivered.

Nine Culver Girls Academy batters recorded hits as the Lady Eagles poured on 13 total, including six extra-base knocks, and CGA pitcher Brenna Newell held LaVille to just four hits in a 17-4, five-inning victory

of the game in the bottom of the fourth — with three runs scored and five RBI. Clean-up hitter Strang reached in 3-of-4 at-bats with a double and two RBI for the day, and Zumer homered on a raked up four RBI for the Eagles.

"(Brenna) helps herself out," said Milbury. "She's an outstanding player in that regard. She not only does it

out in the field and on the mound, but she's a great hitter for us."

"McSheffery, Newell, Zumer, that heart of the order there, I have total confidence in them any game to go up and provide the big hit when we need it, to get things going and keep things going."



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
CGA's Brenna Newell delivers a pitch against LaVille Thursday.

Thursday at the Academies. "I think Brenna set the tone with a very dominant performance on the mound," said CGA head coach Milbury. "Her pitches were where she wanted them to be today, and up at bat we went after their pitcher right away. We didn't wait, and we were just aggressive from the get-go."

After Newell retired the top of the first 1-2-3, Eagles batters wasted no time putting the pressure on the Lancers, hammering out three hits for four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Catcher Taylor McSheffery scored lead-off hitter Jessica Knox on a sacrifice fly to left to start the scoring before five-hole hitter Bailey Zumer sent a long fly over the centerfield fence for a three-run homer to put the Eagles up 4-0.

Lancers batters went down in order once more in the top of the second, and CGA continued to put the pressure on with three more hits — including two-run singles by both Newell and shortstop Tess Strang — for five runs in the bottom of the frame. LaVille answered back with a run in the top of the third, but CGA quickly stretched its lead to 10 as Knox, Newell and Stang jacked three straight doubles, and LaVille fielders committed two errors under pressure for six total runs by the home team.

Newell helped her own cause, finishing 4-for-4 at the plate with two RBI and four runs scored Thursday, while McSheffery went 2-of-3 on a double and a home run — CGA's second

run, the Lancers kept fighting with a pair of hits and three runs in the top of the fourth to cut the deficit back to 15-4.

Second baseman/left-fielder Ashlie Miller singled to short, reserve pitcher Candice Slater reached on a fielder's choice play to short, and southpaw DH Abbi McBride reached on a blooming bunt and a catching error at first to load the bases. Center fielder Nichole Royer scored Miller on a sacrifice slap to second to bring lead-off hitter Valerie Ingle to the plate, and Ingle scored both McBride and Slater on a two-out, two-strike grounder through the right side.

CGA and Newell both improve to 2-2 with their second straight win, while LaVille slides to 1-5 on the year. The young Lancers will be back in action Monday as they start Northern State Conference play on the road at New Prairie.

"We have a young team, only three seniors, and everybody else is all underclassmen," said Shearer. "We start two freshmen, so once we take care of LaVille and do the things we need to do, then we can let everything else take care of itself."

**CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 17, LAVILLE 4**  
At Culver  
LV: 001 30 — 4 4 4  
CGA: 456 2X — 17 13 2  
Brenna Newell (W, 2-2) and Taylor McSheffery; Stephanie Wright (L), Candice Slater (2) and Valerie Ingle. 2B: Newell, McSheffery, Jessica Knox (C), Tess Strang (C), Jordyn Dolan (L)  
HR: McSheffery, Zumer  
Records: CGA 2-2, LaVille 1-5.

19:23.2; 1600-meter relay: 1. CGA (Klondaris, Kelley, Diltz, Iwaniec) 5:11.5; 2. Triton 5:11.5; 3200-meter relay: 1. CGA (Nina Simonini, Gawor, Iwaniec, Canonie) 11:07.6, 2. Triton 12:11.1.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Fields leads CGA in narrow win**

Lauren Fields recorded five goals, while Frances Staadt had three and Clarissa Boggs-Blake had two, and Henrietta Conrad made seven saves as Culver Girls Academy eked out a 13-12 win over Penn. The Lady Eagles improved to 3-1 with the win.

**CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 13,**

PENN 12  
Penn Goals/Assists: Katie Bowie 2-1, Libby Campbell 1-1, Alyssa Priebe 1-0, Sarah Feely 5-0, Michelle Gaona 2-0, Nicole Johnson 1-0. Saves: Steph Seese 8. Record: 3-2.  
CGA Goals: Clarissa Boggs-Blake 2, Frances Staadt 3, Lauren Fields 5, Kristen Stafford 1, Caitlin Juricic 2. Saves: Henrietta Conrad 7. Record: 3-1.

**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Eagles claw Snider**

Brandon Benn recorded five goals, while Tommy Ott had three goals and five assists as Culver Military routed Fort Wayne Snider 19-3 to improve to 5-3 on the season. Bud Lowans, Cameron Dabir and James McCluskey also scored multiple goals in the win.

**CULVER MILITARY 19,**  
F.W. SNIDER 3  
At Culver  
CMA Goals/Assists: Brandon Benn 5-0, Bud Lowans 3-0, Tommy Ott 3-5, Cameron Dabir 2-0, John Sabo 1-0, James McCluskey 2-0, Sean Thompson 0-2, Jesse Rabishaw 1-0, Pierce Leonard 1-0, Blake Saylor 1-0, Alex Dodane 0-1, Josh Berger 0-2, Dominic Panetta 0-1. Record: 5-3.

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CGA: 446 4X — 18 9 2  
Brenna Newell (W, 1-2) and Taylor McSheffery; Lindsey Van Horn (L, 0-1) and Jessica Hominger.  
2B: Newell  
Records: CGA 1-2, CCHS 0-1.

**Culver Girls blank Knox**

The Lady Eagles shut out Knox at all five positions in the home win. Jessica Simon beat Erika Combs in a competitive tiebreaker first set, before sweeping her 6-0 in the second set.

**CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 5, KNOX 0**  
At Culver Academies  
Singles: 1. Jessica Simon (CGA) beat Erika Combs, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0; 2. Brady Banks (CGA) beat Corrie Hagen, 6-0, 6-1; 3. Angelina Garcia (CGA) beat Sam Parcale, 6-4, 6-0; Doubles: 1. Jill Sitjar-Andrea Simon (CGA) beat Kierstynne Combs-Elisabeth Caudill, 6-2, 6-1; 2. Cassie Felton-Natalie Rosen (CGA) beat Amanda Mullins-Shelby Gilbert 6-1, 6-1.

**Boys track and field Eagles beat Trojans**

Tabari Byrd-Williams went 4-for-4 in first-place finishes to lead the Eagles in a 74-58 win over visiting Triton. Williams won the long jump and both the 100 and 200-meter dashes, as well as anchoring on Culver Military's winning 400-meter relay team. Also for CMA, Daniel Ching won both hurdles events and ran anchor on the Eagles' winning 1600 relay team as the Academies swept Triton in

the relay events Thursday.

Miles Reichard won the discus, Joel Meister claimed top honors in the pole vault, and Austin Davis won the 400-meter run for Triton at the meet.

**CMA 74, TRITON 58**  
Long jump: 1. Tabari Byrd-Williams (C) 207.5"; 2. Joel Meister (T) 192.5"; 3. Darrick Ameigh (C) 189"; Pole vault: 1. Meister 13'0"; 2. Blake Hoffer (T) 10'0"; 3. Jacob Ashcraft (C) 8'6"; High jump: 1. Ameigh 5'10"; 2. Alex Burke (C) 5'8"; 3. Travis Riffey (T) 5'6"; Discus: 1. Miles Reichard (T) 112'8"; 2. Jon Brown (C) 112'; 3. Taylor Sahlhoff (T) 109'3"; Shot put: 1. Brown 41'4.5"; 2. Sahlhoff 37'6.25"; 3. Sebastian Mueller (T) 36'9"; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Ching (C) 15.9, 2. Meister (T) 16.2, 3. Ameigh 17.4; 300-meter hurdles: 1. Ching 40.9, 2. Ameigh 42.4, 3. Meister 47.0; 100-meter dash: 1. Williams 11.9, 2. Miles Richard (T) 12.2, 3. Darius Stevens (T) 12.8; 400-meter relay: 1. CMA (Aaron Borden, Ashcraft, Jim Bradke, Williams) 45.8, 2. Triton 47.2; 200-meter dash: 1. Williams 23.2, 2. Reichard 23.9, 3. Bradke 24.5; 400-meter dash: 1. Austin Davis (T) 53.8, 2. Austin Welch (C) 54.0, 3. Marcus Shannon (C) 54.3; 800-meter run: 1. Coleman Zimmerman (C) 2:08.3, 2. Bradke 2:08.8, 3. James Dean (T) 2:16.2; 1600-meter run: 1. Blake Lemler (T) 5:01.4, 2. Michael Buschman (C) 5:05.8, 3. Adriann Negreros (C) 5:12.0; 3200-meter run: 1. Chris Trennepohl (C) 10:25.9, 2. Lemler 12:20.1, 3. Curtis Nordmann 12:33.8; 1600-meter relay: 1. CMA (Zimmerman, Shannon, Bradke, Ching) 3:39.2, 2. Triton 3:55.8; 3200-meter relay: 1. CMA (Chris Trennepohl, Zimmerman, Alex Kazer) 9:05.2, 2. Triton 9:49.

**GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD**  
**CGA takes win over**

**Triton**

Culver Girls Academy topped the Lady Trojans in all three relays and three out of four distance and middle distance races to beat visiting Triton 75-50. Multiple winners for the Lady Eagles were Jenna Iwaniec and Ashley Taylor with three firsts apiece and Moira Kelly with two wins.

Triton had a strong showing in field events at the meet as Megan Howdeshell won both throwing events, and Jennifer Strycher won the long jump.

**CGA 75, TRITON 50**  
Long jump: 1. Jennifer Strycher (T) 13'3.75"; 2. Ashley Taylor (C) 13'0.75"; 3. Robyn Wagner (T)12'0.75"; Pole Vault: 1. Min Joo Kim (C) 6'6"; High jump: 1. Taylor 4'6"; 2. Dorothy Gochnour (T) 4'4" TIE, 2. Dorothy Gonzalez (T) 4'4"; Discus: 1. Megan Howdeshell (T) 81'1"; 2. CJ Spaulding (C) 78'7"; Ashley Kann (T) 68'4"; Shot put: 1. Howdeshell 31'2"; 2. Spaulding 28'3.5"; 3. Deborah Ohiana-Jegede (C) 28'1"; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Robyn Wagoner (T) 19.8, 2. Emily Duff (T) 20.8; 100-meter dash: 1. Taylor 13.7, 2. Bethany Lemler (T) 14.1, 3. Emily Rich (C) 14.4; 300-meter hurdles: 1. Duff 1:00.2, 2. Wagoner 1:00.3; 400-meter relay: 1. CGA (Taylor, Rich, Andrea Lin, Erica Sims) 53.7, 2. Triton 56.9; 200-meter dash: Sims 27.9, 2. Rich 29.4, 3. Howdeshell 31.3; 400-meter dash: 1. Moira Kelly (C) 1:05.3, 2. Hannah Klondaris (C) 1:07.8, 3. Deanna Diltz (C) 1:09.9; 800-meter run: 1. Jenna Iwaniec (C) 2:35.7, 2. Kaye Sitterly (C) 2:35.9, 3. Carson Canonie (C) 2:45.8; 1600-meter run: 1. Willow Smith (C) 5:25.9, 2. Sitterly 5:38.2, 3. Ashley Kann (T) 6:40.2; 3200-meter run: 1. Riley Cripps (T)

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## Boys & Girls club auction to feature '50s theme, hula hooping

The Culver Boys and Girls Club (CBGC) announces its annual silent auction event to be held June 19 at 7 p.m. at Culver Academies' Henderson Multipurpose Building. This year's theme is a "Fabulous '50s Night" to help the Boys and Girls Club Raise \$50,000.

The CBGC board members are excited about this year's event. Board member and Chair event organizer Ginny Munroe says, "Given it's a '50s night theme, we wanted to do something special, so we decided that we'd do something that was big in the '50s—hula hooping!"

Munroe explains this year's event will include the silent auction, but it will also include a special performance by acclaimed hula hoop performer Kara Vogt. In addition, the event will include a hula hoop contest that involves con-

testants from all over town. "We have some local celebrities participating in the hula hoop contest. I don't want to give away all of our secrets, but I can tell you that there will be some unexpected guests hula hooping to raise money for our Boys and Girls Club."

Munroe says the group will share more announcements about the contest in future stories, and readers can find out about some of the contestants by visiting the club online at [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org).

Those wondering what will be up for bid this year can check out some of the auction items on the web site – which will be updated as items are received – as well.

The CBGC has much to celebrate at this year's event. With over 250 members and an average daily attendance of over 100 youth, the club is reaching

more youth than ever, and it offers some of the most popular after-school activities for area youth. Mary Ann Tidwell, Unit Director of the CBGC, emphasizes why so many kids are participating in the club: "The kids are not only learning through programs like the Smart Tutor program and Mitch's Kids program, but they are having fun. We have expanded the opportunities for fun by building on our craft program, the game room, our field trips, and in many other areas."

The CBGC board is also starting to collect items to be used in the silent auction event. Donated items to the CBGC auction can be dropped off at CulverLodging Realty, located at 218 S. Main St. in Culver.

"We would love to see the same level of participation from area merchants and businesses, out-of-town businesses, and individu-

als who supported us last year," Alan Loehr, board director comments. "We are fortunate to have strong community involvement in our silent auction event and through the ongoing support of our programs through volunteers and monetary donations. It's obvious that many people care about the success of this club."

"Our auction event plays a significant role in operating our program," Loehr continues. "The funds we raise at this event directly impact on our operating abilities. We urge the community to show its support, so that we can continue the operations and growth of the program through what has been a particularly rough economic climate."

"We are setting our goals high," adds Munroe. "We are aiming to raise \$50,000 with this year's event, and though we know that is a huge challenge, we also

know that our club's success depends on our ability to raise the funds. Helping us out this year are corporate sponsors of the event who are adding to our fundraising success. Bob Kline has been a tremendous help in organizing our corporate sponsors. We are so fortunate that local businesses are helping us this year, as this is a challenging time to raise funds for any program. Many of these businesses are solicited multiple times in one week, so we are grateful for the response of the businesses and individuals who continue to support us."

Tickets to this year's event can be purchased ahead of time at Gladie's Deli, Michelle's Headquarters, or Osborn's Mini Mart. Tickets are \$40 or two for \$75. They can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event or from a board member. Those wishing to make

a monetary donation to the CBGC may write a check payable to Culver Boys and Girls Club and mail it to Culver Boys and Girls Club, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511.

The CBGC is an affiliate of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The BGCA serves more than 44.8 million boys and girls in over 4,000 clubs nationally. It is the fastest growing youth-serving organization, opening a new club every business day. The mission of the club is "to inspire and enable the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens." To find more information on BGCA, go to [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org). To find more information about the CBGC, call the club at 574-250-0103. To learn more about the auction event, visit [www.bgcculver.org](http://www.bgcculver.org).

### REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

**Thursday, April 23:** Sliced turkey, bun, mayo, sliced tomato, Potato Salad, fruit salad, and milk.

**Friday, April 24:** Ham, cheesy mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.

**Monday, April 27:** Smoked Sausage, peppers

and onions, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bun, apple, and milk.

**Tuesday, April 28:** Country Fried Steak, white gravy, rice, spinach, pound cake, strawberries, and milk.

**Wednesday, April 29:** Meatloaf, baby bakers, sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.

**Thursday, April 30:** Chicken Patty, bread, red potatoes, Broccoli, peach pie, and milk.

**Friday, May 1:** Sloppy Joe, bun, corn, tossed salad and tomato, dressing, pears, and milk.

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### One step closer to Dallas

Culver Community High School business teacher and Business Professionals of America sponsor Mike Schwartz, left, accepts a \$750 check from Culver Kiwanis Club president Grant Munroe towards BPA's trip in May to Dallas, Texas, to which the group will fly eight students to compete in the national BPA competition. CCHS' highly successful program has sent several winning students on the statewide level to national competitions in recent years, with many students scoring quite well. Schwartz, along with students from the program, visited the Kiwanians' weekly meeting recently, Schwartz expressing his gratefulness for the donation. Those wishing to help further fund the trip are encouraged to contact him via the high school.



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## Culver man's case prompts ruling

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

A unanimous ruling handed down Wednesday from the Indiana Supreme Court may have property owners thinking twice about drinking and driving, even on their own land.

The ruling reversed a decision made in 2007 by Marshall County Judge Dean A. Colvin.

In June, 2006 Culver resident Adam Manuwal, suffered fractures and head trauma after wrecking an all-terrain vehicle approximately 300 yards from his cabin on his private property.

An officer from the DNR (Indiana Department of Natural Resources) suspected that Manuwal had been consuming alcohol prior to the accident. Blood samples were drawn at the hospital to determine if the suspicion was correct.

Manuwal was then charged with two class A misdemeanors, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person and Operating a Vehicle with an Alcohol Concentration Equi-valent of .15 or More.

Manuwal's attorney, James Clevenger, filed a motion to suppress the evidence, arguing that the OWI statute of Indiana does not apply to driving on one's own property. Clevenger argued that the statute defines an "operator" as one who drives the vehicle "upon a highway" and that "highway" is defined as "every publicly maintained way when any part of the way is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel".

Judge Colvin ruled that the evidence could be suppressed.

Indiana codes allow the

State to appeal from "an order granting a motion to suppress evidence, if the ultimate effect of the order is to preclude further prosecuting."

The following is included in the ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court: "The State contends that the language of the criminal statutes at issue does not restrict their application exclusively to vehicles driven on public thoroughfares and the Indiana's strong interest in protecting its citizens extends equally to private property."

A later notation in the ruling states: "The General Assembly has been emphatic, explicit and unequivocal. It is not a defense in an action under (statute) that the accused person was operating a vehicle in a place other than on a highway."

The ruling also briefly addressed a second point included in Clevenger's brief. The ruling states: "The defendant's brief makes a passing assertion that extending the OWI provisions to (the defendant's) own private property violates (his) constitutional rights."

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## Fish fry funds for a cause

Members of Culver VFW Post #6919 and its Men's and Ladies' Auxiliaries presented checks to the Culver police department and EMS April 14 totaling just over \$1,400. The money was raised at the Post's March 28 fish fry as a fund raiser for both departments. Pictured above, accepting a check is Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean, with (left to right) VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Margaret Dehne, VFW Post Senior Vice Commander Bryce Lindvall, VFW Men's Auxiliary Senior Vice President Terry Wakefield, VFW Post Commander Brian Linhart, VFW Men's Auxiliary Junior Vice President Glenn Whitmarsh, and Culver-Union Twp. EMS Director Millie Sytsma, accepting a check for her department.

A notation included said, "The defendant further argues that his trial court challenge asserted the absence of probable cause to order a blood test of the defendant. We decline to address this issue because it was not the basis of the trial court's order granting the defendant's right to suppress."

## Relay from page 1

As at last year's event, a host of activities -- from live music to a "fun fair" including a bounce castle and 50-foot slide -- aimed to keep participants awake and walking even into the wee hours of the night. Other popular attractions included a dairy and nutrition education trailer brought to the event by lead sponsor Fair Oaks Dairy and including an adult cow and calf for petting purposes, besides a "cow pie bingo" game which also added to Relay funds and allowed players to bet on which grid square would be christened with the leavings of several adult cows.

Several Culver area restaurants contributed a variety of fare to this year's Relay, including coffee and breakfast foods to welcome the dawn.

Also mirroring last year's event, student writers for the Academies' *Vedette* newspaper filled a "blog" (web-log) with observations throughout the night, from the impact of the silent, glowstick-lit Lumanaria ceremony honoring those who have died from cancer, to the chilly, 40-degree temperatures during the night and efforts to stave off exhaustion from writers and participants.

That blog may be viewed via [relayforlife.org/culverin](http://relayforlife.org/culverin) and photos from the event viewed and purchased at [www.culver.mycapture.com](http://www.culver.mycapture.com).

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