

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Thursday Tech Time April 1 at CUTPL

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public. The April 1 session will cover Google and the various services it offers, including Google Maps and Google Earth, Gmail for e-mail, and Google Docs for sharing and working with documents.

**Leaf pickup**  
The Town of Culver will be picking up leaves through April 2. Residents are asked not to mix any sticks, branches, or yard waste within the leaf pickup.

### Culver Bible Church Easter services

Culver Bible Church will have the following services during the Easter season: Good Friday service, 7 p.m.; Sunrise service Easter morning at 8 a.m. in the gazebo; breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement. Morning worship service will be 10:30 a.m. There will be no evening service.

### Meals on Wheels

There are currently openings of availability to local community senior citizens if they would like to take advantage of the Meals on Wheels program. Meals are delivered five days per week. Cost is \$2.25 per day. Financial aid is also available for those who need it. Meals are provided by Miller's Merry Manor and special dietary needs can be accommodated. Contact Pat Birk 574-842-3690 for more information.

### Culver Easter egg hunt April 3

The annual community Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 3, starting at 10 a.m. in the Culver town park on Lake Shore Drive. Participants, ages 2 through fourth grade, are reminded to meet at the beach lodge and bring a bag or basket to collect eggs and prizes.

### Immunization clinic at Culver Schools

In 2010-2011 the State of Indiana school immuni-

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## A sure sign of spring

LEFT: Culverites know robins aren't the true sign of spring being sprung locally. Last Friday marked the season opening of the Original Root Beer stand, where employee Jennifer Snyder, right, takes an order from her parents, Bruce and Karen Snyder. The day's cold snap didn't deter customers from packing the parking lot of the Lake Shore Drive business, a Culver institution for more than five decades.

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## Soles for Haitian souls

RIGHT: Ginny Buchman of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver sits amid the latest batch of shoes for Haitian people following the devastating earthquake in that country some weeks ago. Buchman says 500 shoes have been sent to non-profit Share Your Soles (and were hauled away by her daughter-in-law, Sharon Buchman) and several hundred more are ready to go. Jennifer Houin of Oliver Ford in Plymouth is collecting shoes towards the project, and Oliver is offering \$5 off any service to customers bringing shoes to the business, says Buchman. In Culver, shoes may be dropped off (in bags, please) at Buchman's home at 209 Hawkins Court.

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# Council chooses trash hauler, will appeal judgement

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council formally voted last week to accept a bid from Allied (formerly known as Key) Waste of Culver to take over trash and recycling services for the entire town via a town-handled contract, which Town Manager Michael Doss said may begin in June.

Bids had been opened at the Council's previous meeting, with waste haulers Allied and Waste Management coming in as the top contenders.

Briefly discussed by Council at the March 23 meeting were the two options offered by both companies. Allied's bid was lowest at \$14.09 per resident per month for alternative A -- and \$13.56 per resident per month for alternative B, in which residents would be responsible for supplying their own receptacles. Waste Management's bid was \$14.45 for alternative A and \$12.60 for alternative B. Both bids were for a three-year contract and weekly pickup, which would take place Mondays. Doss and town attorney Jim Clevenger took time to look over the bids in detail prior to the March 23 meeting.

Some Council and audience members expressed support of alternative A -- the waste hauler providing receptacles -- while some audience members suggested considering the cost savings benefits of alternative B.

Audience member Jim Hahn noted there's a \$40,000 difference in cost over the three years of the contract between the two companies and alternatives. He also noted the Monday trash pickup could cause issues since many summer visitors leave town Sunday evenings and may not bring their trash containers in from streetside Monday. However, he thanked the Council, Doss, Town Clerk Casey Howard, and town staff members for their efforts in securing town-wide service.

Audience member Russ Mason pointed out the cost difference per person is only about \$24 per year between the two alternatives, and expressed concern as to the cost and difficulty of replacing damaged or lost trash receptacles if each resident must provide their own. Under alternative A, the waste hauling company would be responsible for replacing such receptacles. Audience member Grant Munroe concurred, suggesting some residents might not purchase their own receptacles but instead could put out loose trash bags, allowing animals and the elements to get into them. Resident Kathy Clark said the possibility of weekenders leaving trash containers at the curb after Monday exists at present, but doesn't appear to be much of a problem.

Doss noted citizens will be able to request various size trash containers if the standard size is too large for them.

Doss reminded Council and the audience that the primary goals of town-wide service had been met by the move, including limiting damage to Culver's streets caused by multiple waste haulers' trucks traveling here, the availability to everyone of trash service in hopes of ending illegal trash dumping in private dumpsters and the like, and a lower monthly rate for trash service for all residents.

The Council voted for Allied Waste's alternative A, with Council member Ralph Winters -- who has expressed opposition to the service -- voting against it and similarly opposed Council member Ed Pinder abstaining.

Doss said a public hearing on a revised trash ordinance will likely take place April 13, with a final reading of the ordinance April 27. He said the town will likely conduct a communications campaign in the community in May, with service beginning in June or July. Both waste haulers have agreed to work with present customers in Culver who have pre-paid trash bills, to reimburse them when town-wide service begins.

The Council also voted to appeal a judge's decision against Culver's Board of Zoning Appeals in a longstanding dispute concerning structures placed on the RJ Ratcliff property on the south shore of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger said he was "a little bit in disbelief" over Judge Kurt Palmer's order against the Culver BZA's decision and granting Roderick and Pamela Ratcliff's petition for Certiorari. The disagreement centered on five storage sheds placed by Ratcliff on his South Shore property in an S-1 zone. The judge, said Clevenger, ruled that since the sheds were on skids, they "are neither securely affixed to the ground nor do they have a fixed location or permanent improvements," thus making the structures fall outside

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## New evidence: Abe Lincoln was Maxinkuckee cottager!

Staff report

Most Hoosiers know of iconic US President Abraham Lincoln's boyhood and other connections to Indiana, but new evidence unearthed at the cottage of a resident of Lake Maxinkuckee's east shore (who wishes to remain anonymous) proves the legendary Lincoln spent many summer hours at a cottage at lakeside.

The existence of a locally handwritten journal of Lincoln's is corroborated by a line in one of his later journals from Washington, DC, in the National Archives which has long baffled historians: "Pray, what's become of that cursed Maxinkuckee journal? Likely one of the children has used it for kindling."

The cottager discovered the journal in a rusted, decrepit box underground while excavating under his garage. Though badly deteriorated, most of the pages remain intact and readable. And, while many of the entries written by the younger, pre-Civil War president are grumblings about his wife Mary Todd and lists of grocery supplies needed at the market in the Maxinkuckee Village on 18B Road (then known as the Maxinkuckee Road), some are more revealing.

For instance, readers learn that Lincoln made his first foray to the area by rail while accompanying friends on a fishing trip to the Allegheny House on that same Max-

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## Local leaders give CES students a leg-up via JA

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Several local business owners teamed up this semester to give Culver Elementary School sixth graders a leg up in their future, and they hope the opportunity spreads to other grades, other volunteers, and even other area schools.

Tony Sellers (of Sellers Landscaping), Larry Brockey (Brockey Insurance), and Mike and Connie Overmyer (JMC Engineering) -- all Culver-area businesspeople -- brought the worldwide Junior Achievement program into Culver's classrooms for a six-week session which concluded a few weeks ago.

Their involvement began when Sellers was contacted by a representative of the JA program, which began in 1919 but was introduced into public school classrooms in 1975, according to the program's website at ja.org. More volunteers were needed, and Sellers initially contacted Brockey, while sixth grade teacher Missy Trent contacted Connie Overmyer, who was familiar with the JA program from past work in the Mentone, Indiana, school system.

Nearly ten million students in 122 countries take part in JA, though the Culver leaders don't believe it's been in Culver schools for some years, and are unsure it's ever been offered at the elementary level.

The aims of the program, according to the JA site, include educating students in "work

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readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs," and Culver's volunteers say they're amazed at the level of involvement and effectiveness the program seems to foster in their student mentees.

Each week, volunteers break into their respective classrooms for one hour-plus sessions.

"We're teaching finances, job selection, budgeting — it's about making good choices," says Connie Overmyer, who explains the session that particular day involved discussion of gross pay and net pay, as well as calculating budgets to discuss why some people live in mansions and some in smaller houses or apartments.

Volunteers are given a packet from JA around which to structure the course, though they're encouraged to use their own lives as examples, notes Sellers, who has a son in the program.

"I bring up choices all the time. In high school, you choose who your friends are. I talk about how doing the wrong thing here may put you into a job sooner than you think. You choose your classes and you can take the easy route (but) I use examples from my college experience. I didn't take college prep courses, so I paid for it when I went to college."

Students are encouraged not to wait until their senior high school year to decide what path to pursue in college, says Connie Overmyer, and they're asked to consider what type of job they think they'll get if they drop out of high school.

"Maybe you'll go to college and not like what you do," she relates to students, "and you may (change careers and) make a smaller amount of money, but be happier."

Specifics of personality types as they relate to career choices are also emphasized, Overmyer adds, and students are pushed to "stop and think" about what profes-



Tony Sellers, standing at far left, and fellow adult Junior Achievement volunteers Larry Brockey and Mike and Connie Overmyer confer with Culver Elementary sixth graders (left to right) Luke Neidlinger, Shae Elliott, Kent Shafer, and Clare Nowalk.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

sion might truly fit them, something most have never done before.

Connie Overmyer asked her student mentees to come up with a summer job and budget.

"Some were mowing yards, or working at the root beer stand. One put 50 percent of her money in clothes! They had to think how they could budget their money. We really stressed the importance of saving."

Through the course of the program, says Brockey, students are asked to think about their future, their education, and their careers, and then to consider the specifics of their finances. He also points out JA involves thinking and role playing games. "It's not a typical school setting," he notes, extolling the benefits of the group discussion format.

"We're learning how to handle life situations that will come up in the future," says sixth grader Clare Nowalk, "and we're learning about making career choices and all kind of stuff."

It was really useful to learn how to choose your job," she explains. "I wasn't really thinking about a lot of the money making things (but now I realize it's something you need to take care of."

Students are sent home a CD with an interactive, animated game putting them in real-life situations and requiring them to make practical decisions, explains Mike Overmyer.

"It's amazing how involved they get," says Brockey of the students. "They participate like I could never imagine. I think the way they structure it, with the games and the group interaction. The kids are very into it."

One adult Sellers spoke with suggested the program could be beneficial for adults in a work place environment. "It talks about some (people who) spend more than they make," says Sellers. "It made me think about ways to share that with (people I work with)."

The volunteers say students will receive certificates at the end of the program, by which time they'll have

taken a pre-test (during the first week) and a post-test at the program's conclusion to track their progress.

Sellers notes teachers have shared some difficulty in securing adult volunteers for such a program. The hope, says Connie Overmyer, is to involve more adults and business sponsors in the Culver area for JA in the future.

"The information is so good to work with," she says. "There's no outside work you have to do (as a volunteer) and the material is self explanatory. I think the kids and teachers are very cooperative."

Those wishing to volunteer for JA may contact the Culver Elementary School at 574-842-3389.

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the BZA's definition of a permanent structure. Clevenger said, among other things, the structures were hooked to electricity and the BZA decision that they constituted permanent structures was appropriate.

"I also argued, as is the law, that the judge isn't to have his opinion in the interpretation, but is to decide whether Culver's BZA abused its discretion," he added.

Clevenger also noted petitioner Ratcliff went before the BZA under petition of special use after Culver's Plan Commission ruled against him, which Clevenger argued is an admission on Ratcliff's part that the buildings do fit the definition of permanent structures.

Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason said he was concerned that the judge "should give the governing body the benefit of the doubt."

There was some discussion as to the cost of fighting the ruling, though Council member Ginny Munroe said, "If we don't fight it, we open a can of worms with other people saying, 'Mine isn't a (permanent) building.'"

Mason noted the ordinance defining permanent structures is in the process of being changed and should be completed around June.

BZA president Pete Trone said he felt strongly an appeal

should be filed. "If we win, we're preventing other such structures (from being placed around the lake). If we lose, we haven't lost anything and in the meantime the new ordinance will hopefully be in effect."

The Council voted to appeal the ruling, with Clevenger noting he couldn't guarantee success in the appeal, which will be heard in Indianapolis by a panel of three judges.

The Council also approved Easterday Construction's bid of \$15,025 for repaving of Lakeview Street in Culver, as well as authorization for Doss to advertise bids for other street paving and crack and seal projects this spring.

A conference call was scheduled for March 24, explained Doss, between a Council sub-committee and members of the Southwest Conservancy District, which has long been working towards joining Culver's sewer system. Doss said a re-rating of Culver's sewer requested of the state last year "looks favorable" and would allow both parties to proceed with the move. Winters described a debate at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management concerning two differing sets of sewer rating standards based on water in the Lake Michigan basin and water flowing south to the Gulf of Mexico. That discussion, he said, has held up Culver's rerating decision for a number of months.

A public hearing will take place April 13 concerning Culver's west end storm water improvement project, said Doss, who noted the town's grant writer suggested approval of monies from the town as matching funds for the DR2 grant the town is seeking for the project, though the DR2 grant does not require such matching. The Council also decided to hold a work session March 31 to prioritize various town-wide projects.

Traffic counters placed by the Michiana Area Council of Government (MACOG) on Main Street and Lake Shore Drive in Culver last week will monitor use of those streets towards traffic data for reclassification of rural connectors, said Doss, which in turn will allow the town to qualify for federal programs for smaller municipalities.

The Council will move its May 25 meeting to May 27 (a Thursday) so Council members can attend an IACT round table meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>, it was determined.

The Council also approved the purchase of 20 maple trees at \$1,000 for planting in town by Culver's Tree Commission, as well as \$1,849.03 in after-the-fact repairs for a control unit at the town's water plant.

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in kuckee Village Road. Previously, the house — the first hotel on the lake — was known as the location at which Indiana author Lew Wallace composed the first chapters of his famous novel, "Ben Hur."

Enamored with the beauty of the lake — in one entry, Lincoln calls it, "the bluest jewel upon which man may ever gaze" — the future president returned and purchased

a small cottage with a few acres of adjoining farmland.

Adding to the weight of the journal's discovery is its relevance to Culver Academies. Lincoln makes a brief but significant reference to meeting and chatting with "an industrious fellow from St. Louis by the name of Culver." Learning the man had business aspirations, Lincoln suggested the constant need among all people for stoves, "a suggestion which seemed to light a spark in the fellow's eye," Lincoln wrote. Later in the conversation, Lincoln told Culver he was headed to Lake Maxinkuckee and described the lake's many assets, suggesting the young entrepreneur-to-be should visit him there.

The man, of course, would have been Henry Harrison Culver, whose Wrought Iron Range stove company would become the financial facilitator of his eventual founding of the Culver Military Academy in 1894.

During the months leading up to the Civil War, Lincoln, of course, found less time to visit his favorite vacation spot, though some of his Lake Maxinkuckee writings reveal apprehensions about the dark cloud of war hanging over the nation. In fact, it appears now that Lincoln's famous quote that "a house divided against itself cannot stand" may have had local origins as well.

Lincoln, in his Maxinkuckee journal, describes the condition of a neighbor's cottage after a maple tree fell into the middle of it during a ferocious thunderstorm. The walls of the house, wrote Lincoln, fell in on each other.

"'This house cannot stand,' I told the man," wrote Lin-

coln, "and as I muse upon it, this seems an apt metaphor for the state of our very nation. Perhaps I shall incorporate such a notion into a speech or article."

Lincoln historians and devotees have already begun to flock to Culver, and local officials warn drivers to be on the lookout for them wandering East Shore Drive with cameras and notebooks in hand, looking confused but excited.

Local history buffs, of course, are ecstatic. Said Marizeta Kenney of the Center for Culver History, the museum at the Culver Public Library, "I only wish we'd have known this when we had our Lincoln display at the museum earlier this year. If so, my son could have done a Power Point about it for the Kiwanis Club, too."

Culver Academies will likely also enhance displays at its Museum and Gift Shop in downtown Culver to include a section, "Culver Military Academy: the Tradition that Abraham Lincoln built."

The cottager who discovered the journal says he still isn't sure what to do with it, though his children have suggested he place it on Ebay. Some have expressed hope that, if that's the case, it can first be scanned and made available on the Culver Public Library's website.

*Editor's note: This story, of course, is complete fiction and is written in hopes our readers have a happy April Fool's Day. There are at least a few complete historical impossibilities in the story, both from a local and national history point of view, and the editor welcomes readers to email (citizen@culcom.net) or call 574-216-0075 if they've spotted the impossibilities. The prize will be a free, autographed copy of Lincoln's Lake Maxinkuckee journal, once it's finally put into print (which of course it never will be).*

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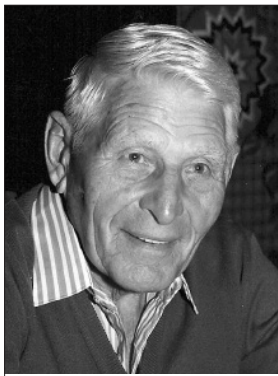
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## Obituary

### Wesley A. Kirkpatrick

Feb 16, 1912 — March 24, 2010



PLYMOUTH — Wesley Kirkpatrick, 98, of Plymouth, passed away March 24, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, after being in failing health for several years.

He was born Feb 16, 1912, in Deckerville, Mich. to Earl and Effie (Reid) Kirkpatrick. On October 30, 1948, he married Mabel A. Broeker in Culver.

Wesley proudly served his country during WW II, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Force. He and Mabel lived in Deckerville, until October of 1927, when they moved to their home outside of Plymouth. He retired from General Telephone and Electronics Co. (now Verizon).

Wesley was affectionately known by family members as Wes, Uncle Wes, Uncle Coach, and Uncle Pat and was loved by his family and friends for his warm nature and humor. He loved the outdoors and spent his time riding horses, hunting, golfing, and water skiing.

He taught many of his nieces and nephews to water ski over the years.

Wesley is survived by his wife of 61 years; sisters-in-law, Jane and Annemarie Broeker; a cousin; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty; brothers-in-law: Charles, Clarence, and Raymond Broeker; and sister-in-law, Helen Broeker Brockman.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. (EDT) Friday, March 26 and one hour before the service Saturday at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday March 27 at the Odom Funeral Home. Rev. James Irwin officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Marshall County Hospice or Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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

## Death notice

### MacQuillan

**Ruth B. MacQuillan**  
March 26, 2010

CULVER — Ruth B. MacQuillan, 93, of Culver, died Friday, March 26, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by a son, Malcolm MacQuillan of South Bend.

Visitation took place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 and one hour prior to services Thursday at Odom Funeral Home, 104 Lakeshore Dr., Culver.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

## Correction: Preschool registration April 10

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., rather than April 17 as previously reported in the Citizen. Registration takes place in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street.

The Preschool offer two classes: a junior class and senior class. To qualify for the junior class, your child must be three by August 1, 2010, and toilet trained. To qualify for the senior class, your child must be four by August 1, 2010.

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 \$92.00 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which covers supplies for the school year.

Wesley follows the Culver Community Calendar with the exception of its start date, which will be the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7, 2010. Other than that exception, the calendars are the same.

Currently there is a staff of three. Jennifer Luttrell is Preschool director and junior class teacher, Jill Gavlick is senior class teacher, and Shelly Schrimsher is assistant.

Please contact Jennifer Luttrell with any questions, 574-250-3852.

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## Correction

In last week's (March 25) edition of the *Citizen*, in the page 1 Culver-Union Twp. Public Library board article ("Library board takes steps in debt collection, audit compliance"), it was reported that the library circulated an average of 184 for the month of February. In fact, the library circulated 184 items per day on average, with a total of 4,229 items for the month, says library director Colleen McCarty. The *Citizen* regrets the error.

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## BZA discusses Ratcliff decision, other matters

Staff Report

The Culver Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals have reorganized for 2010 at their March meetings. Bill Cleavenger will head the Plan Commission after the resignation of Kelly Young from the group. Pete Peterson will serve as vice-president and Francis Ellert will remain as secretary. Pete Trone will continue as chairman of the BZA with Dan Adams as vice-chairman and Bobbie Ruhnnow as secretary.

Russ Mason, building commissioner, presented the draft of revisions to the Culver Zoning Ordinance for review by the Plan Commission. A work in progress over a two year period, a committee composed of Grant Munroe, Ginny Bess Munroe, Doris Breyfogle, Kevin Berger, Jim Boswell, Kelly Young, until her resignation this year, and Mason have reviewed the whole ordinance for updating, elimination of outdated sections, and clarification. The commission agreed to have the public hearing at their April 20, 2010 regular meeting. If approved as presented, the ordinance will go to the Culver town council for public hearing and approval.

In other business, the group approved a replat of Lots 13 & 14 in the Ferrier Addition for James Grant, 908 S. Main St. The approval combines the two lots into one of record. They also welcomed Brandon Cooper who will fill Young's unexpired term on the commission.

Mason reported 14 permits issued for the year to date with the majority issued for remodeling and one new home on South Street.

The BZA had one hearing from James Grant, 908 S. Main St, for variance of development Grant asked for a variance to add a 317 sq. ft. addition to the north of his

existing residence for a bedroom and bath. A variance was needed for the extension of a non-conforming structure. The variance was granted as presented.

In other business, Jim Clevenger, town attorney, notified the BZA of Judge Kurt Palmer's order granting Roderick and Pamela Ratcliff's petition for Certiorari and overturning the BZA's finding of a violation of the current zoning ordinance. Mr. Ratcliff has placed five storage sheds on an undeveloped portion of his property in S-1 zone on South Shore Drive. Judge Palmer also overruled the Culver Plan Commission's findings of a violation in placing the sheds on property without a principal building and without a building permit. He concluded that a structure is "any three dimensional object above or below grade with a fixed location and permanent improvements made with building materials." Also, since the storage buildings are on skids "they are neither securely affixed to the ground nor do they have a fixed location and permanent improvements." He did not find that electrical wiring classified it as "permanent improvements." He did conclude that the Culver BZA had acted properly in denying a Special Use permit for the five storage sheds as introduced as an alternative plan by James Easterday, attorney for the Ratcliffs. The BZA will meet in executive session on Tuesday, March 23, to discuss a possible appeal of Judge Palmer's decision.

Michael Doss, town manager, advised that the Culver town council has approved the annexation of approximately 70 acres south of Davis and west of S. Main Street. There will be a 90 day remonstrance period and then the issue will come before the Plan Commission and town council for zoning. Part of the annexed area is being proposed by a Garden Court facility.

## Bejes will discuss holistic, natural healing and heart health

Dr. Curt Bejes, M.D., author of the 2006 book, "Surviving and Thriving with a Chronic Illness," will speak Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m., at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, in a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Bejes, who works out of his family practice in North Judson, will speak on heart disease and general health topics in the area of alternative and natural healing. His book approaches healing from a holistic angle.

Writes Bejes: "Holistic medicine practitioners use many modalities to help people reach and maintain a state of optimum health, which is the conscious pursuit of the highest level of functioning and balance of the physical, emotional, spiritual, environmental, mental, and social aspects of human experience, resulting in a state of being fully alive."

Bejes lives in North Judson with his wife and two children. His book is available at the library for checkout. For more information, interested persons may contact the library at (574) 842-2941, email [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us), or visit the library's web page at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).



## Letter to the editor

### Common sense is missing

Dear Editor,

I consider myself an independent. I also consider myself a conservative, as I make decisions based on common sense, after taking many factors into consideration. I struggle with the concept of the federal government spending where it can propose a budget spending approximately \$3.6 trillion with offsetting revenues of approximately \$2 trillion. Where is the common sense?

Of course, there are political arguments why spending for this program or that program are "good" for us. But where is the common sense that there is a limit on how much can be spent – no more than we have.

Both parties have been in power in recent years in our federal government and both parties have failed the people. If you spend more than you have, then you are cheating. You are living in some unreal world. Apparently, you are asking future taxpayers to pay. When I look at little children, I sometimes lose hope in their future.

Mr. Donnelly is defined as a "blue dog." But he

continues to vote for budgets that create huge deficits. He is voting in favor of the new healthcare plan that creates a new federal bureaucracy. I do not understand how we can be in favor of the federal government controlling more of our life with a new program when the federal government cannot fix the spend-

ing problems it has with its current programs.

I say fix these existing federal programs' financing problems first, before asking for new programs. Balance the budget first before asking for new programs. Be a true leader and set an example that we should follow. Do not be a "cheater" with your spending of our

money. I work for the State of Indiana and we have been asked to reduce our pay by seven percent because of revenue shortfalls. That is nothing but common sense.

**Bruce Snyder**  
**Culver**

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## Law and conscience

Many people see LAW and CONSCIENCE in an inevitable conflict. If asked which stands higher -- law or conscience -- many will instinctively stand with conscience.

It is as if the many laws conflict with, and impose upon, conscience. Therefore, you will hear arguments like, "Must one obey the law, or one's conscience?" or, "Law binds while conscience frees."



### Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Tad Balinda  
St. Mary of the Lake  
Catholic Church

Conscience and Law, however, are related and do not necessarily conflict. Conscience binds just as the law does. While the law binds

from without, conscience binds from within. It does not leave a person to do what he or she likes. Conscience says, "Do this; do not do that." Conscience does not dialogue, but dictates. The very first right of conscience is the obligation to obey it. Hence a person who listens to his or her conscience is not free to do what he likes. He or she is bound, under moral compulsion from within, to do what conscience tells him or her.

Conscience binds just as the law does. Conscience is an interior law, a superior law that is not man's creation and not subordinate to man. It is an echo of God's law, its voice ever calling the human person to love, to do what is good and avoid evil.

A question arises: if conscience is an inner law, can't it find itself in conflict with some external state or church law? Yes, it can, but it's not in the nature of things that this should happen. After all, both law and conscience are guides to right human action. If both conscience and law are sound, they reaffirm each other. A good law gives light to a sound conscience, while a sound conscience approves and welcomes a good law and urges its fulfillment.

## Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's Mystery Citizen either stumped our readers or passed by many who may have been out of town for spring break -- or both! She's Jill Gavlick, known to youngsters and parents for her role as teacher for the past few years at Wesley United Methodist Preschool on Scoot Street, as well as her work as a local real estate agent.



Returning to our previous week's contest, Carin Clifton, Patty Stallings, and Barbara Burke all correctly identified Barbara Winters after press time.

Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Jill Gavlick, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a second-generation well-known Culverite, a graduate of Culver Community schools and known to many



through his local business.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net), dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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# Communities thrive at the library

"Information is the currency of democracy." - Thomas Jefferson

Spring has arrived in Culver and with it our thoughts



### From the Other Side of the Book Drop

By Colleen McCarty  
Director, Culver-Union Twp.  
Public Library

the 17th and we invite you to come and visit CUTPL to make use of the many services we have just for you.

The theme for this year's National Library Week celebration is "Communities thrive @ your library" Our Mission Statement addresses CUTPL's commitment to the community: "to serve the diverse needs of our communities through the sharing of library resources and services in a welcoming atmosphere."

There are many communities in Culver: we try to present something to each of them, and in this month's column we hope to acquaint you with a few of the many programs and materials we offer for your education and your enjoyment. What follows is a very quick rundown of some of our activities. Beginning with the youngest Culver community that we serve, your Children's Department offers in-house computer games and several storyhours a week for the little ones. Children's Assistant Ali Gaskill offers creative programs which combine fun and learning. The holidays are always a busy time in the Children's Room. In March we held a Green Scavenger Hunt and an Easter egg hunt. A class on the basics of film and digital photography for kids is scheduled on Thursdays after school throughout April. Class size is limited, so be sure and sign up by April 2. For teens we offer programs and internet access on laptops, as well as books, music CDs, DVDs and magazines.

Each Wednesday we have a genealogy group meeting for adults who are interested in researching their "roots". Participants use Library laptops to access genealogy databases including Ancestry.com and Newspaper Archives, and they share information and tips as they help each other with their searching. For those who strive to learn more about various aspects of information technology, we offer several computer classes taught by our super tech staff. There's also Thursday Tech Time Talk led by Computer Technology Manager Andrew Baker. The topic for April is Computer Maintenance. We present two book discussion groups: the long-running "Hooked on Books", moderated by Polly Thompson Wolf, and "A Novel Approach", in which participants read the chosen book, and then meet here to view and discuss the movie based on the book. Barb Maves hosts. Circulation Department Manager and Master Gardener Teresa Hudson moderates the Garden Club which offers topics for those of you with (or aspiring to) a green thumb. At this time, we are delighted to announce a new program which starts in April and is geared to aspiring writers. This group will be led by Tech staff member Jon Gaskill who is very enthusiastic about the new group. When asked about the program, Jon said that he believes that "blogging could be the future of writing as we know it." He elaborated on this idea, explaining that he considers "writing as a one of the finest forms of communication, and blogging can keep people in the loop, improve writing skills and help get people's work 'out there'

so to speak. My plans and hopes for the group are for us to start a collective blog and then expand the group out to include everyone's personal blogs and also to include some vlog, photoblog and podcasting in the mix. Ultimately, I would like to see everyone able to utilize the many facets of social networking and photography/video to communicate as the greatest possible soapbox on the planet." The first meeting is scheduled for April 7 and plans are for the group to meet every other week.

As expected, your Library continues its mission by offering books, audiobooks, DVDs and music CDs. We also have a growing collection of large print books. Our new membership in Evergreen Indiana has given you access to an enlarged collection of materials. Have you come to the Library to sign up for your new Evergreen Library card yet? CUTPL joined the Evergreen Indiana ILS (Integrated Library System) Consortium in November 2009 and all previous Library cards may be turned in for a new card. If you take a look at our webpage, you'll find a brand new card catalog and the opportunity to renew items online. You may also view the catalogs of the 62 (and growing) member libraries, and Culver resident cardholders may place holds from your home computer on books and audiobooks which CUTPL does not own. They will be sent here for you to pick up and return.

What other services and materials would you like to see in your hometown Library? We need your input. At this time we are preparing to complete our Long Range Plan and there are two opportunities for you to give us your opinions. First, we are developing a survey which will be available in May and June on our website and in paper form at the Library. We hope that you participate. Second, when the survey is complete, there will be two focus group meetings in July. We would like to hear from representatives from all our communities and invite you to join us: civic organization members, school officials, parents, seniors, students, young adults and business community members who are residents of Culver or Union Township are welcome to attend the meetings. You will have the opportunity to tell us about your vision of the Library and its place in our community, and present your recommendations to assist us in fulfilling our mission. Please give us a call at 842-2941 or email us at [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us) to sign up for the focus groups. Those of you who do not use the Library, we want to hear from you too.

I would like to leave you with this thought as I close. You are part of this community and your Library has a commitment to you. We are here to serve you. Please come and visit your Library and celebrate National Library Week with us. The following sentiments are adapted from [ilovelibraries.org](http://ilovelibraries.org) and sum up my own thoughts about the importance of the public library:

If you're looking for the heart of any community, look no further than the local library. It's the one place in America where the doors are open to everyone, whether you're

- filling out an online job application or using resources to help you pass your job certification exams;
- sitting in the computer lab learning skills to prepare you for a lifetime of learning in our digital world or a grandmother learning to e-mail you're grandson overseas;
- studying for college exams or living somewhere where the library provides your only access to education beyond the high school level;
- researching your past or looking for citizenship and a new home in America;
- the richest person in America, or someone without a home.

Communities thrive @ your library

## 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. A donation is suggested for each meal.

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**Thursday, April 1:** Liver and onions, with gravy, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, mandarin oranges, wheat roll, and milk.

**Friday, April 2:** Spinach quiche, fruit salad, coffee cake, 100 percent juice, and milk.

**Monday, April 5:** Stuffed baked potato, taco meat, broccoli, cheese, sour cream, margarine, muffin, pears, juice, and milk.

**Tuesday, April 6:** Italian beef and Italian sausage, hoagie bun, spudsters, carrot coin salad, blueberry

crisp, and milk.

**Wednesday, April 7:** Oven fried chicken quarter, mashed potatoes, green beans, Wheat Bread & Margarine, applesauce, and milk.

**Thursday, April 8:** BBQ pork, bun, baked beans, mixed vegetables, pineapple, and milk.

**Friday, April 9:** Cheeseburger with pickles, baby carrots, califlower and broccoli salad, bun, cook's choice fruit, 100 percent juice, and milk.

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# Sports



## Culver Community holds winter athletic awards

Culver Community Middle and High School student athletes were honored March 15 at the schools' winter athletic awards. Honored students are pictured below.



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## 7th grade honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Mark Mayer, Alex Graham, Paul Foersch, Brandon Pinder, Donna Zehner. Middle row: Madalynn Coby, Mickella Hardy, Janelle VanDePutte, Angela Lewellen. Back row: Madelyn Strycker, Tia Romig, Katie Blocker.



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

## 8th grade honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Trent Elliott, Shane Comiskey, Caleb Nash, Michael Skiles, Grace Lorenz. Middle row: Torrie Christlieb, Denisha Brown, Torrie Elliott, Abby James, Kayla Shaffer. Back row: Hayes Barnes, Nicole Baugh, Shawn Russell.

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## Sports briefs

### Boys lacrosse

**Eagles drop closer**  
The Culver Military lacrosse team finished its spring break trip with an 11-4 loss to two-time defending Virginia state champ St. Ann's-Belfield Saturday night. The Eagles finished their eight-day trip 3-3.

Scoring for the Eagles were Jesse Rabishaw with two goals and Cameron Dabir and Kyle Trolley with one each. Assists were handed out by Brandon Benn and Dabir. Goalie Coltan Armitage had eight saves.

• ST. ANN'S-BELFIELD 11, CULVER MILITARY 4 At Charlottesville, Va.

CMA statistics: Goals - Jesse Rabishaw 2, Cameron Dabir, Kyle Trolley. Assists - Brandon Benn, Dabir. Saves - Coltan Armitage 8. CMA record 3-3.

### Eagles lose heartbreaker

The only time Norfolk Academy led against Culver Military Friday night was with 28 seconds left in the contest at Charlottesville, Virginia. That is when the Bulldogs took a 9-8 lead and hung on when Brandon Benn's last second shot was blocked by a Norfolk defensive player. The loss

drops the Eagles to 3-2 this season and 1-2 on their East Coast swing.

Benn, Jesse Rabishaw, Bud Graham, and Cameron Dabir all scored for the Eagles. Goalie Coltan Armitage had 13 saves.

• NORFOLK ACADEMY 9, CULVER MILITARY 8

At Charlottesville, Virg. CMA statistics: Goals - Bud Graham 4, Brandon Benn 2, Jesse Rabishaw, Cameron Dabir. Assists - Rabishaw, Dabir, Benn, Kyle Trolley, Dean Ferris. Saves - Coltan Armitage 13. CMA record: 3-2.

### CMA falls on the road

The Culver Military Academy lacrosse team dropped a 9-7 decision to Severn School in Severna Park, Md. Tuesday afternoon. The Eagles were led by attack Brandon Benn with four goals. Kyle Trolley, Bud Graham, and Josh Berger also scored for the Eagles. Cam Dabir and Jesse Rabishaw had two assists each and Troy Grogan added one.

CMA is now 2-1 on the season, and will play St. Albans Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

• SEVERN SCHOOL 9, CULVER MILITARY 7

At Severna Park, Md. CMA stats: Goals - Brandon Benn 4, Kyle Trolley, Bud Graham, Josh Berger. Assists - Cameron Dabir 2, Jesse Rabishaw 2, Troy Grogan. Goalie - Coltan Armitage. CMA record 2-1.

## Community calendar

### Thurs., April 1

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

### Fri., April 2 - Good Friday

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

### Sat., April 3

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., town park

Census job testing, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Sun., April 4 - Easter Sunday

#### Mon., April 5

Story time, 11 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Friends of the Culver Public Library mtg., 1 p.m., Culver Public Library

Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Tues., April 6

Culver Chamber of Commerce Top Ten dinner, 6 p.m., Pretty Lake United Methodist Church reception hall

### Weds., April 7

Immunization clinic, Culver Elementary School  
Story time, 9:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
A Novel Approach, noon, Culver Public Library  
Blogging class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Parks and Recreation board meeting, 7 p.m., town hall

### Thurs., April 8

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement  
Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Dr. Curt Bejes on heart health, 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

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## Academies takes state speech title



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The Culver Academies speech team won the small school division at the Indiana High School Forensics Association's state tournament on Saturday. Culver matched its 2007 high of breaking seven entries into the final round of six. Seventeen students made up the 21 state tournament entries. A total of 16 entries moved on to the semifinal round of 18. Here, coaches Brad Trevathan (left), Jacque Erwin, Mitch Barnes, Lindsay Van Loon, Mike Gormaly, and Trent Shafer (2009 graduate) accept the trophy from Don Fortner, of Munster, who helped present the award.

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver Academies' speech team, says head coach Mitch Barnes, "rather quietly" amassed a series of first and second place trophies this season without much fanfare. Thus, the team's first place victory March 20 at the Indiana High School Forensics Association State Speech Tournament "kind of snuck up on people," Barnes says.

As one of the only two speech teams in Marshall County (Plymouth is the other), the Culver team tended to get up between 5:30 and 6 a.m. practically every Saturday and drive at least an hour to those meets, so participation alone took great effort. But Culver obviously went well beyond mere participation this season.

The Culver team, Barnes explains, had 21 state qualifiers from the sectional meet two weeks prior head to the Indianapolis tournament on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Of those, 16 broke to the semi-finals and seven broke to the final round. That last number, Barnes points out, matches Culver's largest number of finalists at a tournament, which took place previously in 2007.

Culver's championship was in the Class A division (essentially a small school division), winning against 32 other high schools at the tournament. The victory is Culver's fourth state title in six years, and the school was state runner-up in its division the remaining two years, notes Barnes, who has been at the helm of the speech team since 1996.

Culver's first place entries included: Jasmine Solola of Munster, Indiana, who was third in state in Prose Interpretation; Clancy Tripp of South Bend, third in Original Oratory; Eli Lavender, third place in Impromptu Speech; Tristan Weber of Lafayette, fifth place in Discussion; Marisa Guarino of Atlanta, Georgia, fourth place in Original Performance and fifth place in Prose Interpretation; and Lindie Wang of Oxford, Ohio, sixth place in Poetry Interpretation.

Semi-finalists included Austin Gilmore and Amanda Master (Master is from Monterey) in the Scripted Duo competition; Amanda Master in Poetry Interpretation; Anna Rich (from Culver) in Declamation; Christa Finley (from Plymouth) and Anna Rich in Scripted Duo; Michelle Agunloye and Christina Cooper in Scripted Duo; Eli Lavender was US Extemp; Katrina Weil in Impromptu; Michelle Agunloye in Prose Interpretation; and Morgan Garrison (of Plymouth) in Broadcast.

"It was definitely a strong victory for us," notes Barnes. "We knew going in that we had a definite chance of repeating our state championship from last year.

"People would say 2007's was a much stronger team," he continues. "We had a number of superstars on the 2007 team. This year there were not as many superstars, but a core of kids who are solid workers and just stepped up and went forth in every round...you look at what we did throughout the season, we finished no lower than second place."

Though the team will lose seven to 10 seniors after this year, Barnes said there are strong students who are currently freshmen through juniors ready to step to the plate.

"They all have pretty good experience," he notes. "If we can keep them together, we can make another run next year."

### Winter athletic awards from page 6



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### High School honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Joe Krsek, Jacob Sheridan, Jackie Bauer, Collin Stevens, Erin Bau. Middle row: Clare Hartman, Aspen Kitchell, Kalee Miller, Clar Baker, Micah Budzinski. Back row: Nicle Ziaja, Michelle Elam, Allen Betts.

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### All-conference and champion athletes

BELOW: Front row, left to right: Matt Hurford, All-NSC Regional Champion; Dalton Overmyer, Sectional Champion; Ian Randolph, Sectional Champion. Back row: Gwen Zehner, All-NSC; Robert Molebash, All-NSC; Zoe Bauer, All-NSC.



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## VFW fish fry a great success for Post, Culver fire dept.

Culver's VFW Post 6919 handed a check to the Culver-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department for \$2,000 last week, representing proceeds from the VFW's March 20 fish fry, an annual Post event which raises funds to support a local emergency department. The fish fry, which featured fish prepared by the Tyner IOOF, was a huge success by all measures, as is evidenced by the donation amount. Pictured here are, from left to right, VFW Ladies Auxiliary members Barb Linhart, Donna Baker, and Mary Ann Warner, fire department Deputy Chief Ken VanDePutte, department member Dave McKee, Fire Chief Mike Grover - accepting the check from Post Commander Joe Miller - and VFW Men's Auxiliary members Glenn Whitmarsh, Terry Wakefield, and Brian Linhart.

### Briefs from page 1

zation requirements will change for students entering the sixth through twelfth grade. In anticipation of these changes, the Marshall County Health Department will be hosting a free immunization clinic at Culver Elementary School April 7 for current fifth and sixth graders. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this clinic in order to avoid the rush before school starts in August.

#### Library book, film group to meet

Culver Union-Township Public Library's book and film club, "A Novel Approach," will feature a book and film discussion on "Julie and Julia" by Julie Powell at noon, Wednesday, April 7. The book club meets at the Culver Union-Township Public Library's Large Meeting Room located downstairs by the Computer Lab. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program. The library will provide coffee and tea. For more information call the library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us).

#### Library offers blogging class

Culver Union Township Public Library announces a new introductory class on writing and how to author a "blog," or weblog.

The first class meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, and will focus on writing techniques, as well as the most popular types of blogs including the traditional weblog, video (vlog), photo (photoblog) and audio blogging (podcasting). The group will collaborate as a team on a collective blog and meet every other week.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Andrew Baker via e-mail at [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us) or by dialing 574-842-2941.

#### Trinity baked potato supper April 9

Culver's Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a "Baked Potato Supper" at the Vandalia railroad station in Culver Friday, April 9. All are encouraged to dine from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This is a fund raiser to support the Culver Food Pantry and Trinity. Feel free to bring personal products (deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc.) the evening of the dinner, and those items will be delivered to the Culver Food Pantry. Tickets can be purchased from any Trinity member or they can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 children 12 and under.

#### Community meal at Grace April 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, April 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.

#### Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April

12-16. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water.

#### CCHS Sports Spectacular April 9

Culver Community High School will host its annual Sports Spectacular from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 30 at the high school gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30. At 6 p.m., there will be a faculty versus students volleyball game. This is followed by thirteen events that test the numerous abilities of CCHS' students. At 8 p.m., the faculty will play the students in basketball. The annual dance contest will be after the basketball game, followed by a high school dance from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission to the Sports Spectacular is \$3, and the dance will be free for high school students. All proceeds go to the Culver Community Athletic Department.

#### Library computer classes for April

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a new session of free computer classes in April. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes.

Classes for April include:  
**Computers for Beginners Part I:** Monday, April 5, 6: p.m., Friday, April 9, 10 a.m.  
**Computers for Be-**

**ginners Part II:** Monday, April 12, 6 p.m., Friday, April 16, 10 a.m.  
**Internet:** Monday, April 19, 6 p.m., Friday, April 23, 10 a.m.  
**E-Mail:** Monday, April 26, 6 p.m., Friday, April 30, 10 a.m.  
 For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

#### Tour De Max

Registration is available for Tri Kappa's Tour De Max. Event is scheduled Saturday, May 15 at 7 a.m., local time. Participants can depart for a 10-, 30-, or 63 mile route starting and ending at Culver's Beach Lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive. Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1 through the morning of the ride. Online registration this year accepts credit card payments. The registration fee include a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Beach Lodge. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. For more information, visit [www.tourdemax.blogspot.com](http://www.tourdemax.blogspot.com).

#### Culver Tri Kappa Art Show 2010

Entry forms have been sent to community high school artists for the upcoming Culver Tri Kappa Annual Art Show at the Culver Cove. The public is welcome to visit the art show on April 23 - 25. More details to follow.

#### Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 23 and April 24 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 842-3140 beginning Monday, April 12 through Tuesday, April 20. Residents should provide their address and the date(s) of their sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, April 22 at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

#### Culver kindergarten student Roundup

Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announced the kindergarten enrollment information for the 2010-11 school year. Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Culver Elementary attendance district will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten Roundup for

those students in the Monterey Elementary attendance district will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria.

If a parent cannot come April 7 or April 8, a parent or guardian should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or Monterey Elementary at 574-542-2601 to make other arrangements.

#### Town-wide spring cleanup

The Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for those wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Hazardous chemicals and tires cannot be accepted. Please contact street department head Bob Porter ([culverstreet@townofculver.org](mailto:culverstreet@townofculver.org)) or call 574-292-3943 with questions about what will be ac-

cepted.

#### Friends book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold its next book sale Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. The group welcomes book donations any time; please bring to the main desk at the library. Those with questions may contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

#### 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: [citizen@culcom.net](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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