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In Brief

Friday fish fry at VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of Culver's VFW Post 6919, 108 E. Washington Street in Culver, will hold an "all you can eat" fish fry Friday, November 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Post. The cost is \$8 per person, and all are welcome and encouraged to come.

Party/open house will support mission

A jewelry party and open house to benefit Destiny Rescue mission will take place Monday, November 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the lounge of Wesley United Methodist Church at 511 School Street (please enter through south door). Jewelry sold is made by former exploited children across the globe rescued by Destiny Rescue (www.destinyrescue.org/us), which uses proceeds to continue its efforts. Questions may be directed to Jessica Saunders 574-842-3031 or Beth Kenney 574-842-5079. Destiny Rescue will receive all proceeds and can only accept cash/checks.

Community meal at St. Mary's Nov. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Tuesday, November 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

VFW soup cook-off Dec. 5

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a soup cook-off Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. \$5 buys all the soup you can eat. All community organizations are encouraged to participate. All monies received will be donated to the Culver Food Pantry. Doors are open to the public for this event, which takes place at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Wesley Cookie Walk Dec. 4

Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver, will have a "Cookie Walk" Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Shoppers can walk along several tables and choose the cookies of their

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Culver: much to be thankful for

ABOVE: A reminder to Culverites, as chill of winter sets in and grey skies settle over our now-tranquil lake, that the Culver community in its many varied forms has a great deal to be thankful for, from the generosity of its people and organizations, to the quality of its various institutions, to the serene beauty of Lake Maxinkuckee. The editor and his family wish all Citizen readers a healthy, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving holiday and upcoming Christmas season.

Former Culverite's book hits NY Times bestseller list

Schlabach's collaboration with beloved coach is best-seller

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A former Culver resident's co-authored book has made waves across the nation and world of late, climbing to number 18 on the New York Times bestseller list (where it stayed for five weeks), and debuted at number six on the Wall Street Journal's list.

Mark Schlabach, who grew up in Culver and was profiled in the Citizen last year for his high-profile work as a broadcaster with the ESPN network, among other accomplishments, co-authored the book, "Called to Coach: Reflections on Life, Faith, and Football," with legendary retired Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden. The book, published in late August by Howard Books -- an imprint of Simon and Schuster -- focuses on Bowden's remarkable 50-plus year career in football on a personal level, emphasizing his faith and the triumphs and tragedies of his life and work.

Schlabach says he'd already had a good relationship with Bowden from Schlabach's coverage of Florida State games over the years. "Near the end of his final season, ESPN kept sending me down to do sit-down one on ones with him on camera," Schlabach explains. "Then about two or three weeks after a bowl game I covered in mid-January, his publicist said she'd booked him for some corporate speaking engagements and people had inquired about a book. I'd done a couple of books in the past, and I said, 'Let me talk to my agent and see what interest there would be.' We had a deal in place in like two weeks."

Schlabach spent about a week at Bowden's home in Tallahassee near the end of January, talking with the coach five to seven hours at a time. He then headed back to his office in Madison, Georgia, where he wrote the book in an amazingly short five weeks, meeting the publishers' hopes of having the book on the stands before this year's football season. The pace was often challenging for Schlabach, who still had the end of the basketball season to cover for ESPN.

"I would go into my office from 10 to 5 and take care of my ESPN duties," he recalls, "and then go home and help my wife put our three kids to bed. I would go to my office then at 9 p.m. 'til 3 or 4 in the morning. I did that for four or five weeks. I think I filed 92,000 words and they trimmed it to 76,000."

It helped Schlabach that he was "very, very familiar" with Bowden's life and history, though he says the greatest challenge was finding something new to write about a man who's been the subject of five or six biog-

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Lake Patrol officers cut following decision

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Familiar faces in Culver's Lake Patrol -- most with lengthy careers in the service -- will no longer patrol the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee or the roads around it following a vote by the Lake Maxinkuckee Association's board of directors Saturday to keep the patrol in line with best practices and procedures for law and emergency enforcement.

The decision was the result of advice from several sources, says Jane Grund, Executive Director of the Association, which the board felt it had to address. Lake Patrol will retain all officers with formal police academy training, but followed advice that the lack of such training presented an issue for the Association as an organization.

Noting her own son's involvement for some time in law enforcement in Miami County, Indiana, Grund said, "You can't be involved in any kind of security or safety patrol and carry weapons -- and I want to stress that these (Lake Patrol officers) had permits and were current on everything -- but you just can't do that anymore unless they're academy trained."

Officers no longer serving in the Lake Patrol due to the decision include Steve Coleman, Chuck Dilts, Sally Ricciardi, and Rich Sytsma. Sytsma, however, will be retained at least a year at his current salary -- plus some extra for a position as consultant -- in his capacity as Control Officer, in which he handles scheduling of officers and other administrative duties.

Grund said academy-trained officer Bill Strong, who is also an officer with Culver's municipal police force, has agreed to take on more hours of patrolling the lake in an interim capacity to continue the Patrol's four alternating hours of nightly patrol "so the cottages or houses are still protected," explained Grund.

Other academy-trained officers who will stay on with the Patrol include John Duhnowsky and Troy Ulrich.

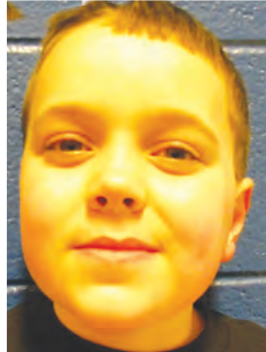
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Culver Boys & Girls Club members give thanks

On this day when it's customary to give thanks for that which most impacts our lives, some members of the Culver Boys & Girls Club thought it fitting to recognize those who greatly impact theirs.



Abby Gregory (age 10): "I am thankful for my parents. I am also thankful for the Boys & Girls Club because they watch me after school and I feel safe."



Darren Shock (age 7): "I'm thankful for my brothers and sisters. I'm also thankful for the Boys & Girls Club, because they let me play with my friends."



Dylan Pitera (age 11): "I'm thankful for the Club because I get to see my friends and make new friends."



Lelah Evan (age 6): "I'm thankful for the Club, because they help me not miss mom and grandma so much."



Ja'Caysia Macon (age 9): "I'm thank full for my family and friends, but also the Club because they buy us fun"

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Acclaimed Leahy hits Culver with family Christmas show

Internationally acclaimed Canadian Celtic/folk group Leahy will visit Culver for A Leahy Family Christmas on Thursday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Eppley Auditorium on Culver Academies campus. . Leahy is described on their website (www.leahymusic.com) as “a Canadian powerhouse of eight musical brothers and sisters who have been playing together their entire lives. The band’s three acclaimed CDs—Leahy, Lakefield, and In All Things—have worldwide sales of over half a million copies.”

The band has starred in three PBS television specials and have won numerous awards and much recognition -- including Junos for Best New Group, Best Country Group, and Best Instrumental Album, the most played folk/roots song in Canada in 2004, and the Socan award for Folk/Jazz instrumentalist -- for their music. Besides a number four album on the Billboard music charts and featured spot on the soundtrack of the award-winning movie The Hanging Garden, they have opened for (among others) pop star Shania Twain on her first world tour. In 1985, they were the subject of a short film entitled Leahy: Music Most of All which received an Academy Award in the category of "Best Foreign Student Film."

The show takes place at the Academies’ Eppley Auditorium. Tickets are available at two locations: Culver Academies Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.; and the Eppley Auditorium Lobby Box Office, open one hour prior to the performance. All seats are reserved. Cash, personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, and America Express are accepted. For additional information, contact the Box Office at 574-842-7058.

Other upcoming performances in the Huffington Concert Series include: Cirque Shanghai Bai Xi (Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.); and “The 39 Steps” (Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.).

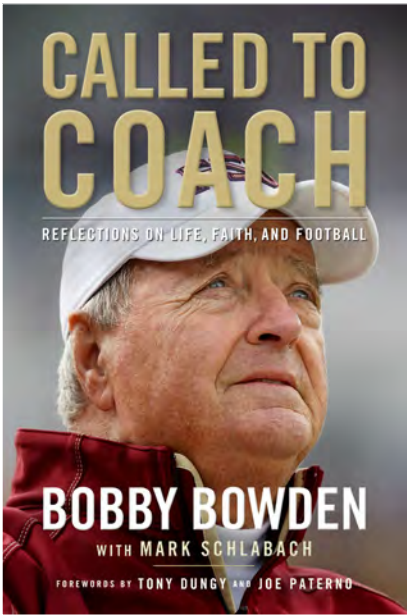
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ographies and a previous collaborative autobiography. Schlachach’s was the first book to explore Bowden’s faith “as a steering wheel through his life and career.

“That was very, very important to him,” Schlachach notes. “That was the message he wanted to convey.”

A breakthrough moment for Schlachach came about halfway through his interviews in the coach’s Florida home.

“We talked about a pregame speech he did in the 1980s and I said, ‘You wouldn’t have any pregame speeches written down, would you?’ And he grabbed a beat-up manila folder. It was every pregame speech he’d done between 1976 and 2009 at Florida State. He kept outlines written on steno paper, napkins, and parking passes. It started with a parable, a lesson of Bible story devotional that he wanted to tell his players, followed



PHOTOS SUBMITTED ABOVE: Mark Schlachach, who grew up in Culver, co-authored Bobby Bowden's hit book earlier this year. BELOW: A personal moment with Schlachach, left, Coach Bowden, and Schlachach's three children.

by scripture and then a final word. I’m the only journalist who’s ever seen them besides him. I said, ‘Can I go make copies of these?’ I went to Kinko’s right away! Those were the blueprint of his program and they became the blueprint of the book; I tried to build every chapter around those speeches.”

The universality of the message in the book has very effectively transcended the ranks of football fandom, notes Schlachach,

who cites the example of his younger sister who read the book knowing “absolutely nothing about football,” but thought it was “a fascinating read that was about so much more than football.”

Since Howard Books is Simon and Schuster’s Christian publishing imprint, the book has been widely available not only in mainstream stores but Christian bookstores as well. Its appeal, Schlachach says, defied other publishers’ claims that the book is a regional one and wouldn’t do well.

tory, Schlachach points out Bowden “doesn’t know a stranger,” but makes time for virtually everyone he encounters.

The book has taken Schlachach across the southern US for book signings alongside Coach Bowden, where stores would sell more than a thousand books within the first two hours of a signing. The signing in Atlanta, for example, was one of the biggest the bookstore there had ever done, outselling celebrity books such as those by Ted Nugent and Rachel Ray. Schlachach also feels the book has great potential shelf life and may take off as a “perfect holiday gift,” with a paperback edition (updated) slated for next



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Grund’s unhappiness with the move likely echoes many Association members, though she notes “the board had to address the fact (that academy training has become necessary) regardless of the excellent record those officers had. They never had an accident or incident...I want to sing the praises of, and have accolades for, the officers and Rich (Sytsma).

“I’ve talked with each of these officers and thanked them for their great service and record,” she adds. “The officers who will no longer be able to work had an excellent record and their performance went above and beyond the call of duty.”

As recently as last year, Grund recalls, Dilts saved a life while on security patrol.

“A family was coming up from the lake and a little boy impaled his leg on a pipe...he would have bled to death if Chuck hadn’t gotten the call and come over.

“Unfortunately he’s one of the officers who’s not academy trained. This is our dilemma, but I respect the board’s decision; I don’t think we had any choice.”

The Lake Patrol, now in its 49th year, is entirely privately funded by the not-for-profit Lake Maxinkuckee Association, “just because property owners care about safety on the lake,” explains Grund. The patrol covers road and waterways out of the town of Culver’s police jurisdiction, and difficult for county officers to regularly patrol.

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games and give us a snack after school. They also help us do our homework.”



Sarah Lowry (age 7): “I’m thankful for my parents, brother, cousins, and grandparents. I’m also thankful for the Club because they let us play fun games and the staff keeps us safe.”

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Death notices

Schneider

Helen M. Schneider
Nov. 15, 2010

CULVER — Helen M. Schneider, 95, of Culver, formerly of Plymouth, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor.
She is survived by sons, Fred and Tom Schneider, both of Plymouth; and three grandsons.
Visitation took place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Campbell

Harley D. Campbell
Nov. 13, 2010

CULVER — Harley D. Campbell, 81, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 after a battle with cancer.
He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughter, Teresa Hamilton; stepson, Scott Campbell; stepdaughter, Christine (Robert) Wagner; and three grandchildren.
Graveside services took place at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.
Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at www.odom-funeralhome.com.

Singleton

Chester A. 'Squeeks' Singleton Jr.
Nov. 12, 2010

CULVER — Chester A. "Squeeks" Singleton Jr., 53, of Culver, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at his residence.
He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Priscilla (Mike) Singleton of Plymouth; son, Chester P."Bub" (Vanessa) Singleton IV of Culver; sisters, Melody Dowd and Eileen Wakefield, both of Culver; brothers, Randy "Wally" Singleton of Knox, and John Singleton of Plymouth; two grandsons; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson.
Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. (CST) Friday, Nov. 19 and two hours prior to services Saturday at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.
Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at the funeral chapel.
Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at rannellsfuneralhome.com.

First birthday - Breeding



Carter Mason Breeding will celebrate his first birthday Nov. 30, 2010.
He is the son of Buffy and Steve Breeding, Plymouth.
Maternal grandparents are Harold and LaDonna Montgomery, Culver, and Dean and Ildilko Smith, Australia.
Paternal grandparents are Richard and June Breeding, Plymouth.

Community calendar

Thurs., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Public offices, many area entities closed for the holiday.	Mon., Nov. 29 Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library	Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Fri., Nov. 26 Ladies Auxiliary fish fry, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Culver VFW Post	Tues., Nov. 30 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	TOPS mtg., 5:30 p.m., Grace church
Sat., Nov. 27 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library	Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church	Parks and Recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall
	OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library	Thurs., Dec. 2 Bobbie Osborn (Osborn Seed), Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
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Obituary - Nelson

Randy Dwane Nelson
May 11, 1964 — Nov. 17, 2010



CULVER — Randy Dwane Nelson, age 46, of Culver, formerly of Michigan City, died Wednesday, Nov. 17 at LaPorte Hospital.
Randy was born May 11, 1964 in Michigan City to Emmitt (Alva) and Gloria (Smith) Nelson. His mother preceded him in death, his father survives in LaPorte.
Also surviving are his children: Charlie (Dara) Hale of Michigan City, Daniel (LaTonya) Nelson and Stephanie (Benjamin) Tanger, both of LaPorte, Rhianna (Steve) Howard of Bass Lake, Ron Jelinek of Rochester, and Jessica Jelinek of Monterey; grandchildren: Bradley Hale, Caleb Nelson, Annabelle Tanger, Christin Howard, Cortney Howard, and Beyonca Jelinek; lifelong companion and partner, Jeanette Jelinek of Culver; and sisters, Tracee (Mike) Podgorski and Trisha (Tom) Sosinski, both of Michigan City.
He was preceded in death by his brother, Tim Nelson.
Randy had been self-employed as a carpenter/construction worker.
He enjoyed carpentry and loved to sing and play the guitar. He knew no strangers and always enjoyed telling a good story. He loved his family and will be missed by all he knew.
Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22 at Carlisle Funeral home, 613 Washington St., Michigan City, with Pastor Kim Cole officiating.
Visitation was Sunday, Nov. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.
Burial was in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens at a later date.
Memorial contributions can be made to the Frontline Foundations, 802 Wabash Ave. Chesterton, IN, 46304.
To view his tribute, leave private or public condolences or sign the guest book, visit www.carlislefh.com.



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Singers are (from left): Front row, Brian Liechty, and Matt Sutton; second row, Julie Scott, Andrea Mallory, Becky Liechty, and Laura Snipes; third row, Joy Ritenour, Kathy Overmyer, and Beth Webster (director); Betty Martens (keyboardist), Sharon Coffey; fourth row, Gregg Underwood, Dan Adams, Judy Patton, Charlie Weaver, and Jim Olvarius.

Maxinkuckee Singers’ Christmas Spectacular schedule

The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Beth Webster, invite the public to enjoy their annual Christmas concert, presented publicly in five performances. The group will perform standards, contemporary, sacred numbers, comedy routines and feature soloists, for audiences of all ages. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST and there is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call 574-546-4230. The following is a the schedule for the Christmas Spectacular: Dec. 2 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester; Dec. 6 at Knox United Methodist Church in Knox (6:30 CST); Dec. 8 at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver; Dec. 9 at First United Church of Christ, Plymouth; and Dec. 16 at Bremen United Methodist Church, Bremen.

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Thanksgiving in Culver - 100 years ago

Thanksgiving 100 years ago took place November 24, 1910, and its various local observations were, of course, reported by the *Culver Citizen*.

In addition to reports of which Culver families or individuals headed out of town to celebrate the holiday, also reported were community, Academy, and other occurrences related to the day.

Union Thanksgiving services were held Thanksgiving morning in the Evangelical church (*Editor’s note: this was the Evangelical United Brethren Church, or EUB; today it’s the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, on South Main Street*).

“The audience which gathered expecting to hear a good sermon from Rev. C.G. Baker, pastor of the Christian church, were not disappointed. Mr. Baker spoke well and thoughtfully on the personal and civic obligations of the men and women of our common country, and dealt in an interesting spirit with some of the problems with which society has to deal. The singing by the large union choir was worthy of the occasion.”

In another article: “The public school highly appreciates the kindness of the churches in offering to the school library the collection taken at the union service on Thanksgiving. The amount received was \$5.”

Some holiday travelers had their plans interrupted by an incident on the railroad at Culver.

“The northbound 8:11 train was ditched at the Bogardus crossing Thanksgiving morning. While pulling out of the siding after leaving a private car bringing visitors to the academy, a broken rail on a culvert gave way, derailling the two rear coaches. No one was hurt, though a lady fainted when the cars lurched and stood on an incline. Traffic was suspended until after 12 o’clock, awaiting the arrival of the wrecking crew from Logansport. At Plymouth a large number of passengers with engagements for Thanksgiving dinners at points north of the station accepted the delay with anything but a Thanksgiving spirit. Accidents on the old Van(dalia line) are of a rare occurrence.”

And at the church located at Main and Washington Streets, site of today’s public library extension: “The bountifully spread tables in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church on Thanksgiving day received their meed of patronage and appreciation, and there was turkey and chicken and all the fixin’s in ample quantity. The Ladies Aid cleared about \$40.”

In an excerpt from the special “midnight edition” of the Culver Military Academy’s *Vedette* newspaper distributed to revelers at the school’s annual Thanksgiving ball in the recreation building Thursday night....

“The cadets were treated to a royal Thanksgiving banquet by Steward Boblett. Every fellow ate all he could hold and a little bit more. For once everyone apparently got enough to eat and every man carried out a cap full of nuts, candies and fruit.

“The cadets who had friends were allowed to invite them to dine with them and a gay time was had in the old mess hall. The menu cards were appropriately illustrated in true Thanksgiving style and bore the following legend: Oyster Cocktail, Celery Olives, Young Turkey, Chestnut Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes French Peas, Tutti Frutti Ice Cream, Nuts Raisins Fig...Fruit, Cheese Saratoga Flakes, Java Coffee, Mints.”

Thanksgiving day and its attending festivities took the foreground at the Academy during the past week, when about 300 visitors representing places as distant as Philadelphia, St. Paul, and Ft. Worth were present for the various parades, battalion reviews, demonstrations, and exercises making the social feature a success.

The Thanksgiving ball was the climax of the social part of the two days. Mr. and Mrs. BB and ER Culver, Col. and Mrs. L.R. Gignilliat, and others were in the receiving line to welcome the guests. The opening figure was carried out by the commissioned officers and the football team. Programs were given out bearing (for the ladies) a Culver cadet wearing the monogram sweater, and for the men a Culver girl set against the background of a football. Twenty four numbers kept everybody busy (dancing) until the early hours of Friday morning and the majority of dancers stayed for the last notes of the Star Spangled Banner.

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Envious or thankful?

A fable was told long ago by Aesop. “Once upon a time all the animals gathered together in the forest. A monkey stood up in front of the other animals and danced and did some tricks. All the animals laughed and applauded the monkey’s performance. A camel who had watched it all grew jealous and also desired praise and attention. So the camel got up and tried to dance like the monkey, but he was such a ridiculous sight that all the other animals laughed and laughed. The camel was so embarrassed that he ran out of sight.” The moral of the story is: “Envy can make fools of us all.”

That cry inside us, that impatience for more, that desire to be that which we are not is called envy. That cry infected Adam and Eve. Tempted by Satan to be envious of God; tempted by Satan to want more than what they had been given; tempted by Satan to see that the tree which had not been given them to eat, was “good” for food and a delight to the eyes, they disregarded the totally perfect providence of the Lord God and took what was never theirs to have. The spirit of envy has infected the human race ever since. Envy hides in the most innocent looking spots, disguising itself as good and even profitable for our well being. Envy creeps into our lives so cleverly and insidiously, so slyly and treacherously that it ought to be identified with the old evil foe himself. Envy corrupts contentment. Envy destroys happiness. Envy breaks up relationships.

Nobody who is envious is going to be full of thanksgiving. Envy is the enemy of gratitude. Envy is the sign that you have decided you don’t have enough, and somebody else has too much. Those who are jealous of another’s gain find themselves looking for ways to subvert that gain. In the Bible, we read of two men, who stood before Pilate, Jesus who was falsely accused and Barrabas who was a know criminal. Both had been condemned to death, but there was a custom that at the feast, the governor would release one prisoner to the crowd, according to their wishes. Pilate offered Barrabas, for he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered up Jesus. Envy? What a strange reason to crucify someone. Out of envy? What of the Christ did they envy? His kindness? His compassion? His character? Hardly. The religious leaders of His day saw all the people following Jesus Christ. They feared loosing their power and position. They feared giving up their long-held influence to this 33-year-old teacher from Nazareth. What good could possibly come out of Nazareth? One of their esteemed high priests, Caiaphas, hit the nail on the head when he said, “You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” (John 11:50) It was out of envy that they delivered Jesus up to Pilate.

Caiaphas was right: It was good for us that One Man, the God-man Christ Jesus died for the people, even for people who were envious of his power and glory. His humility, His servanthood, His willingness to sacrifice Himself, His death on that cross spell forgiveness for all who put their trust in Him. There is absolutely no one envious of that awe-ful death, for though one of us might die for a good person, He died for those who were yet sinners, envious sinners who wanted to be like God, who clamored after the place of God and the honor of God. Not Him. Not Him. He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself and took upon Himself the form of a servant. There was no envy in Him at all; only the desire to do the will of His Father.

You and I know envy, first hand. How can we put it away this thanksgiving? We can follow the admonition of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13, “Love is not jealous.” Love does not seek to get what God has not given. Only the love of Christ, overflowing as it is, is able to drive this self-love from our hearts. That humble One sought not His own, but the interests of others. That One who died for our sins of envy seeks us this thanksgiving in order to drive out that feeling of depravation and replace it with gratitude. If we seek our own glory rather than His, we might wind up looking as foolish as that camel, for we were never meant to compete in such a foolish way. “Godliness with contentment is great gain.” (1 Timothy 6:6) Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

“Thanksgiving”

A poem by Vickie Dearth (written during a Lions Club meeting on November 10, and sent to the *Citizen* by Lions President Barbara Winters).

Thanksgiving is a word
that once a year is often heard.
Starts when we’re little, thinking small,
give thanks for food and your new ball.
We really don’t quite grasp the meaning
just that towards gratitude you’re leaning.
As we grow, the meaning clears –
... for pie and punkins, turkey ears - - no wait,
that’s corn and bread and stuff.
We eat way more than just enough,
but then they say “But Wait! There’s more:
People to be grateful for:
Our Veterans – former and “du-jour”
Our present soldiers, rich and poor
Our ancestors and those who live
(who, Christmas gifts quite soon will give.)
So, we give thanks and serve and serve –
We know we’ve more than we deserve –
... we’re warm, well-fed, and pretty happy,
on to Thanksgiving – make it snappy.

Appreciate what all you’ve got
... remember to help those who have not
And while we’re listing things we “lub”
... let’s not forget our Lions Club!!
(*Vickie Dearth, of Culver, taught French for more than 30 years at Culver Community High School, and gained some renown for her humor, wit, and humorously witty poetry, shared regularly with teachers and friends throughout the years*).

Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Fred Lintner, is an active member of Culver’s Lions Club, former faculty member of Culver Academies, and has served on the Marshall County Council and in the Marshall County Community Foundation, among other endeavors. Readers Barb Jones, JoAnn Ulery, and Marilyn Kelly correctly identified this photo of Fred, taken just a few years ago.

This week’s Mystery Citizen has a long history in Culver as well, and history might be a keyword functioning as a hint to her identity.

Special free parking tomorrow for your downtown Culver “black Friday” shopping needs go to correct guessers!

Guesses may be emailed to 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.



Left: Last week’s Mystery Citizen, Fred Lintner, then and now Right: this week’s mystery citizen.



Pastor’s Corner

By Rev. K.C. Dehning
Trinity Lutheran
Church, Culver

REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thurs., Nov. 25: Closed for the holiday.

Fri., Nov. 26: Closed for the holiday.

Mon., Nov. 29: Chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Tues., Nov. 30: Pot roast

with gravy, brown rice, Brussels sprouts, corn, biscuit, pear, and milk.

Weds., Dec. 1: Vegetarian lasagna, salad and dressing, peas, bread stick, peach cobbler, and milk.

Thurs., Dec. 2: Biscuit and gravy sausage, scrambled eggs, cubed breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.

Fri., Dec. 3: White fish, tartar sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, Capri vegetable blend, dinner roll and margarine, cake, and milk.

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Sports



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CCHS/MS fall athletes

Culver Community Middle and High Schools held their annual fall athletics awards banquet recently, and shown here are students recognized in their respective categories.

AT LEFT: All Conference athletes
Front row, left to right: Collin Stevens, Jeremiah Harvey, Larry Clinger, Zach loehmer, Matt Hurford, Lindsey VanHorn. Back row, Michael Salary, Johnny Anderson, Whitney Sanders, Patrice McBee, Allison Zehner, Micah Budzinski.

BELOW: High school scholar athletes
Front row, left to right: Bradley Beaver, Allen Betts, Collin Stevens, John Ahlenius, Micah Budzinski, Zach loehmer, Tucker Schultz. Middle row, Clare Hartman, Grace Lorenz, Whitney Sanders, Michael Skiles, Abby James, Zoe Bauer, Joe Krsek, Ali Overmyer. Back row, Patrice McBee, Marena Fleury, Emily Shidler, Kayla Shaffer, CJ Dehning, Kalee Miller, Aspen Ktchell, Trent Elliott, Larry Clinger.



TOP RIGHT: 7th grade scholar athletes
Front row, left to right: Marissa Howard, Anna Tompos, Brianna Overmyer, Lindsay Emery. Back row, Kenny VanDePutte, Addyson Allyn, Everett Krueger, Gavin Compton, Danny Flenner

BOTTOM RIGHT: 8th grade scholar athletes
Front row, left to right: Madelyn Strycker, Alecia Rearick, Meagan Yeager, Haley Klimaszewski. Back row, Jerrod Betts, Lauren Large, Tatum Schultz, Paxton Schmidt, Bodhi Farquhar, and Alex Anderson.



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Size a strength for transitioning Cavs

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — With a host of veteran senior talent and the majority of their points returning, the Lady Cavaliers are off to a strong 3-0 start under first year head coach Tony Scheub.

Culver should have a definite size advantage in the paint between 6-1 senior forward Gwen Zehner — who did the bulk of the Cavs’ scoring last season with 394 points — and 6-3 senior forward Patrice McBee — who put up 42 points in three games before being sidelined with

injury last year.

After that, Culver boasts a solid lineup of guards in seniors Whitney Sanders and Nicole Carnegie as well as talented but raw freshman Kayla Shaffer.

“I think we return four of our top five scorers from last year’s team,” said Scheub.

“Our first game Gwen led us in scoring, our second game Patrice led us in scoring, and then (at Marquette Catholic) Gwen led us in scoring again. It seems like we’re been kind of balanced after that. We’ve usually had one standout scorer,

and everyone else is kind of chipping in six, eight, nine points behind. It’s kind of nice because we’ve got one leading scorer different games and then we’re balanced after that.”

With so many scoring threats and the tools to score from the inside or the perim-



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO
Alison Zehner defends against the pass during a game last season.

eter, the Cavs’ versatility should give opponents some fits on defense.

“Obviously we’re trying to get it down low first because we have some size with Gwen and Patrice, but then we just tell our shooters there is going to be a time they need to step up once they start making an adjustment,” Scheub said. “They’ve

done a pretty good job so far in the early going.”

While the scheme remains largely the same on offense, Cavaliers fans will see a different look on the defensive end this year as Scheub brings a man-to-man scheme with him from a nine-year tenure as assistant coach at Griffith. He’s hoping the new system will translate into the kind of success the Panthers had during last season’s 19-6, regional championship run.

“I was (at Griffith) for nine years coaching as an assistant, and I’m trying to bring some of the stuff we

did over there,” he said. “We had a good year last year so I’m trying to bring some of that success over to Culver.

“We changed our defense. They’ve been mostly a zone defense the past three years, and with me coming over as a man-to-man coach we’ve kind of changed our defense to a man-to-man. In the early going they’re doing pretty good. We still have some things to work on, but overall I’m pretty pleased with the progress they’ve been making so far.”

LaVille 'Feitz' to win at CGA

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

LaVille junior Jesse Feitz lived up to her last name Saturday.

The long-limbed 6-foot forward scrapped in the post for a game-high 25 points — 13 during the final 6:21 to help LaVille erase a late five-point deficit — and yanked down 10 rebounds to lead the Lancers to a 53-48 win over Culver Girls Academy at Fleet Gymnasium.

Just as impressive, Feitz held 6-2 sophomore standout Andrijana Cvitkovic in check defensively and played a key role in landing the CGA big girl in foul trouble.

Brenna Newell paced CGA with 13 points, six steals and three assists. Cvitkovic chipped in 10 points, but finished just 4 for 14 from the field, and ripped down a game-leading 11 caroms before fouling out with 1:31 left in the fourth frame. Freshman Victoria Christlieb contributed nine points off the bench for the Eagles.

Meanwhile, CGA played without four-year starting guard Kylee Shipley, who participated in the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Showcase Saturday. CGA head coach Gary Christlieb downplayed her absence, though, instead pointing to his team’s 15 of 51 — 29 percent — performance from field-goal range.

“We didn’t shoot the ball well all night,” Christlieb said. “We had shots and they didn’t go down.

“The essence of the game is we didn’t play well and (LaVille) played better than we did,” he added. “Nine times out of 10 the team that plays better is going to win.”

Even so, the Eagles twice built five-point fourth-quarter leads — the biggest cushion for either team — before turnovers and CGA foul trouble opened the interior for LaVille’s post-oriented offense.

After Kopetski tied the game, LaVille guard Zoe Bulick split a pair of charity tosses to put the Lancers up 46-45 at the 1:46

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choice. Containers will be provided. Decorative cookie tins will be available for purchase. The congregational members of the church make the wide variety of cookies and sweets and treats. Cookies can be purchased separately for a cost of \$6 a pound.

Dancevision Dec. 4, 5

Culver Academies will offer its Dancevision performance Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 5 at 2:30 p.m., in the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. The free program includes student-performed ballet and modern dances, and this performance will feature dances from “The Nutcracker,” which will be particularly appropriate for younger audiences. The public is welcome to attend.

Friends will meet Dec. 6

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold their next monthly meeting Monday, December 6, at 1 p.m. at the library.

Members, or those interested in joining the organization, are welcome to attend. Book donations for the Friends may be left at the main desk in the library. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267.

Benefit dinner for Kirkland Dec. 11

A benefit will take place for former Culver Community Schools cafeteria worker Shari Kirkland, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Saturday, December 11, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The event will be an all-you-can-eat chicken and noodle dinner at the Culver Community High School Cafeteria. Cost for adults is \$8, children 12 and under \$5; children 6 and under are free. Carry-outs are available. All proceeds will go to the family

Children’s Christmas party Dec. 11

Culver’s VFW Post 6919 and Culver’s Lions Club are once again teaming up with the Culver-Union Twp. Volunteer Fire Department for the annual children’s Christmas movie and party, scheduled for Saturday, December 11, with the movie -- at the Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive -- starting at 1 p.m. Following the free movie (title to be announced), children may visit with Santa Claus across State Street at the Culver fire station

Christmas Vespers Dec. 12

Culver Academies annu-

lieb, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511.

Leaf pickup info

The town of Culver reminds residents during this leaf pick-up season to please leave raked leaves in their yards and not in the streets (to avoid repeated problems with clogged storm sewers). It should also be noted that street crews work from one end of town to the other and repeat as necessary, so if your leaves have not been picked up, they will be as crews return to your area. A tarp may be used, if deemed necessary, to prevent raked leaves from blowing away in the meantime. Leaf pick-up will continue this season until pickup is completed as long as possible into the season. Residents are also reminded to make separate piles for leaves and brush. Brush pickup in Culver takes place during the third week of each month only.

Library board

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changes meeting date

The Culver-Union Township Public Library board will meet on Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m., rather than the following week as would be normally scheduled. The meeting will take place in the large meeting room of the library.

Culver Make-A-Wish donations accepted

Donations are welcome for two Culver area children fighting serious illnesses and hoping their wishes will come true for trips to Disney World in early 2010. Donors are encouraged to give up through January, 2011 by contacting Make-A-Wish volunteer Tina Stacy through the Culver Community High School, at 574-842-3391.

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AHS exhibit examines Indiana cartoonists

The many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in the Indiana Historical Society’s traveling exhibition, Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists, through December 8 at The Center for Culver History, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver’s research center and museum, 107 N. Main Street (lower level of Culver-Union Twp. Public Library).

Girl Scouts meet

Culver’s Girl Scout Junior troop #30472 and Cadette troop #30474 will meet at the Culver Public Library the first and third Mondays each month. During November, they are collecting clothing and do-

nations for the Goodwill “Bag-It-Up” campaign.

Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of the group’s existence. It’s been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to re-assemble as many of past and present members as possible.

Former members interested in participating in any way, should contact either: Andrea Mallory at 574-784-2479, Dan Adams at 574-842-3478, or Vickie Dearth at 574-842-2978.

The actual performances will be in April. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the performances.

Culver-related appeal denied regarding Wisconsin school

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Another in a series of court decisions has upheld the status of a legally-contested Wisconsin school challenged in court by Culver Academies over the past five years. The Wisconsin State Court of Appeals District III earlier this week affirmed the ruling of the Circuit Court of Vilas County in the case of Conserve Community, LLC v. Conserve School Trust, which challenged the January, 2009 adoption of a semester school format for Conserve, which first opened its doors in 2002.

Culver Academies graduate and Chicago steel magnate the late James Lowenstine, who died in 1996, left more than \$200 million to create an innovative, environmentally conscious private school in the North Woods of Wisconsin, stipulating that if the school proved unsustainable, Culver would split the proceeds of the trust with Chicago’s Rush University Medical Center.

In March, 2009, Culver filed a suit alleging Conserve School’s actions showed just that: that the school -- which today enrolls 47 students -- was unable to fulfill its mission

and Lowenstine’s trust money should revert to the Culver Educational Foundation.

Wisconsin’s attorney general filed suit to block the transfer of money to Culver and to challenge the decision of the Conserve School’s trustees, and a group of parents lost in their 2009 effort to challenge the decision of Conserve School’s trustees, due to a ruling in Vilas County Circuit Court that the parents had no legal standing.

In June, 2009, a summary judgment was handed down by the Circuit Court of Vilas County in Conserve School’s favor against Culver regarding the semester school decision, ruling the trust instrument allows trustees to operate the school in that manner.

Culver filed an appeal, and this week’s decision from the Court of Appeals affirms the Circuit Court’s decision in all respects, rejecting Culver’s appeal.

“We are obviously disappointed and respectfully disagree with the appeals court decision,” said Culver Head of Schools John Buxton in response to the announcement. “We are considering our options for continuing this discussion.”

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mark and Feitz tacked on a bucket from the right block and four free throws to seal the Lancers’ first win of the season.

“We gave up too many penetration opportunities,” the CGA skipper said. “Kevin got it into a tempo that he wanted and we had some defensive breakdowns and foul trouble.”

Defensively, CGA forced 26 turnovers — 17 in the first half — but managed just 14 points off those LaVille miscues and threw the ball away 21 costly times itself.

“Our points off turnovers couldn’t have been very good,” Christlieb said. ““(LaVille) would get forced into a turnover and we’d give it right back. I can think of four possessions that we turned them over and turned it right back over to them. We just can’t do that.”

CGA next plays Dec. 3 in Ohio.

• LaVILLE 53, CGA 48
At Culver
Score by quarters
LaVille: 8 19 34 53
CGA: 7 21 35 48
LaVILLE (53): Zoe Bullick 0 2-4 2, Elaine Schmeltz 4 2-4 11, Jesse Feitz 8 9-13 25, Katie Berger 0 0-0 0, Lynae Hostrawser 1 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Kopetski 2 6-9 10, Amanda Carbiener 1 0-0 3, Katie Bettcher 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 19-30 53.
CGA (48): Alexis Christlieb 2 0-0 4, Kenzie Ungar 1 1-2 3, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Andrea Lin 0 0-0 0, Annie Morsches 2 0-0 5, Brenna Newell 3 7-10 13, Victoria Christlieb 3 3-4 9, Casey Hall 0 4-6 4, Lindsay Haller 0 0-0 0, Andrijana Cvitkovic 4 2-4 10. TOTALS: 15 17-26 48.
3-point goals: LaVille 2 (Schmeltz, Carbiener), CGA 1 (Morsches); Turnovers: LaVille 25, CGA 21; Rebounds: LaVille 36 (Feitz 10), CGA 33 (Cvitkovic 11); Assists: LaVille 8 (Schmeltz 3), CGA 8 (Newell 3); Steals: LaVille 8 (Schmeltz 4), CGA 8 (Newell 6); Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 20 (none), CGA 24 (Cvitkovic); Records: LaVille 1-3, CGA 3-2.

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St. Nick to visit Culver for children’s party

Saint Nicholas will return to Culver at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church Monday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. for the church’s annual Saint Nicholas Day after-school party for all ages. St. Nicholas himself, dressed more as he would have during the fourth century A.D. (that is, as a Christian bishop), will appear at the party to greet participants and discuss how Christmas traditions concerning Santa Claus evolved from the real-life St. Nicholas. Multimedia looks at the various ways St. Nicholas has been presented (and his evolution into the figure we today know of as Santa Claus) over the years will be shown, as well as a short animated clip on St. Nicholas’ real life. There will also be refreshments, games, and music, all aimed at a fun and educational look at the real life of the beloved, iconic saint.

Children will also learn about the European tradition of St. Nicholas’ leaving chocolate coins in the shoes of children on Dec. 6, a tradition that began during his lifetime of leaving money in the stockings and shoes of needy families in the city where he lived. St. Nicholas may be demonstrating that tradition in Culver on Dec. 6 at the event.

St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop in what is today Turkey during the fourth century, has been a beloved figure in Christian and nonchristian circles since his own lifetime, and has evolved in more modern years into "Santa Claus" (a derivative of the Dutch "Sinter Klauss," which means, "St. Nicholas").

Everyone is invited to this free, ecumenical event for all ages. The party will take place in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Ave. in Culver. For more information, please contact the church at 574-842-2522 or via email at stmarys@culcom.net.

Ancilla College hosts Culver High School students

DONALDSON – More than 70 freshmen from Culver Community High School were guests for the school’s annual visit to Ancilla College last Thursday (Nov. 11).

Students were officially welcomed by Ancilla College President Dr. Ron May before dividing into groups and participating in various sessions.

Groups had a chance to take a tour of Ancilla College, visit the nursing lab, learn more about Ancilla College athletics, participate in a trivia game, and perform a career interest inventory in a session titled “Find Yourself.”

“It was great to be able to host the entire Culver Community High School freshman class to our campus,” said Sarah Lawrence, assistant director of admissions. “The visit is designed to give students the opportunity to experience a visit to a college campus and participate in different activities geared towards helping them to begin thinking about what educational possibilities are available to them after high school.”

Lawrence stressed that Ancilla College welcomes any school or community group that would like to set up a visit. Interested parties should contact the office of admissions at 574-936-8898 ext. 330.

Ancilla College is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

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Library board on employee raises, digital download offerings

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After some discussion, the Culver-Union Township Public Library’s board of directors voted to give its eligible employees a one percent raise next year, a move board member Joyce Greeson suggested might be the last opportunity to do so for at least another year due to funding changes, including a loss of more than \$30,000 in the library’s budget due to reductions in CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) funding.

Board member Alfred Nyby said the library expects this year to spend \$215,000 for wages, not including benefits. He noted two employees’ salaries need to be adjusted: Alison Gaskill, whose maternity leave precluded her from an increase to the same salary as other department managers (Gaskill manages the library’s children’s department); and Jon Gaskill, whose position makes him eligible for a 50 cent per hour increase.

Nyby added these necessary adjustments will cost \$1,573 including benefits. He also said library Director Colleen McCarty has requested an additional clerk for the children’s room and would like to increase Jon Gaskill’s hours by ten per week.

“(Those changes) will raise our wages about \$10,800 from this year,” said Nyby. “If we want to give an increase to our employees, without doing our LIRF (Library Improvement Reserve Fund) transfer that we do each year, we probably have about \$10,000. Anything over that and we’ll spend over our income.”

Greeson suggested \$8,500 could be taken from the library’s book budget, which McCarty confirmed is possible while still allowing the library to conform to state requirements.

Nyby explained the library has considered adopting a digital download program for patrons called Overdrive, offered through the statewide Evergreen consortium of which Culver’s library is a part. Overdrive, it was explained, allows extensive movie, audio book, and digital book (non-audio) downloading, making it possible for the library to reduce its purchase of physical audio books and other materials for its shelves.

“We do have leeway to meet minimum library standards,” Nyby agreed, “but I don’t know that we want to cut our book budget too much.”

Nyby also acknowledged that estimated income and spending amounts for the following year are sometimes off, usually in the library’s favor, and there may be a bit more leeway for raises than it would appear.

Board member Rita Lawson asked if McCarty is still considering adding Sunday hours to the library’s offerings; McCarty affirmed she is, but noted the change would result from “juggling hours to take those three hours (proposed for Sundays) from someplace else. We would juggle schedules, not money.”

Lawson, who moved for a one percent raise, said, “I think if we can possibly do it, we should give our people a raise; they’re not very highly paid to start with.”

Lawson’s motion passed with board member Peg Schuldt abstaining from the vote.

McCarty said by utilizing its offerings through the Evergreen consortium, the normally \$10,000 price tag for Overdrive will only cost the library \$1,500.

McCarty also said there will be an 8.7 percent increase in health insurance costs this year, adding the library will have a total of five employees on its health insurance program.

In other decisions, the board voted to spend around \$2,000 on ‘people counting’ machines and software to better track traffic at both its entrances. Nyby said the equipment will help with staff allocation and determining hours of operation.

Following up on discussion of the need for more space for library operations at its previous meeting -- during which the board voted to give notice to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver that it must vacate the space currently used as the Center for Culver History within three years -- Greeson asked what tools are available for the board and staff to consider where to proceed in terms of space allocation specifics.

McCarty said library technician Andrew Baker had created some floor plans of the building which could be used for the sort of suggestion making Greeson advocated, though she said the actual blueprints of the library are still being stored in the building and aren’t yet in a form usable in such an endeavor. Nyby and board member Melanie Robertson pushed to have the blueprints put into a safety deposit box after being copied and put into a usable format for examination towards space usage improvements.

The Friends of the Library will decorate the library’s Christmas tree on November 29, said McCarty during her Director’s report, and have also given money for candy and gifts for Santa Claus’ visit to the library in December. The Friends will purchase 20 copies of the book, “The Alchemist” towards a new reading club at the Culver Community High School during school hours, an effort being headed by Alison Gaskill; each student will have a copy of the book to take home and keep, she added.

McCarty also said library employees Barb Maes and Polly Thompson-Wolf completed a Cataloging 1 class taught to eight employees of other libraries along with a representative of Evergreen.

Board members also voted to change the date of the next board meeting to Thursday, December 16, rather than the regularly scheduled December 21 meeting.

Chamber, Second Century select officers, discuss Culver projects

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

Culver’s Second Century Committee and the Chamber of Commerce in Culver selected their officers for 2011 and discussed ongoing projects at a joint meeting held at City Diner recently.

Dawn Minas Brockey will be the new president of the Chamber with Tony Sellers, vice-president, and Ben Schaller, treasurer. Members of the board of directors will be Dr. Ron May, Dick Brantingham, Susie Jamieson, Sue McInturff, Rick Tompos, and Cheryl Rhodes. Greg Fassett, past president, will remain on the board as an ex-officio member. Brockey thanked directors Ralph Winters, Scott Huberty and Mike Stallings, outgoing directors, for their past years of service.

Culver’s Second Century Committee, the economic development team of the Chamber, will be led by Dick Brantingham as chairman, Rick Tompos as vice-chairman and treasurer, and Patty Stallings, secretary. Members at large are Jim Weirick, Ginny Bess Munroe, and Rita Mason.

The Chamber of Commerce in Culver has been active in pursuing the Indiana Main Street program implementation for Culver and has been working with town manager Michael Doss. Recently, Fassett and Stallings met with team members of Logan’s Landing in Logansport to discuss their Main Street program.

In September, Shae Kmicikewycz, program director of Indiana Main Street, met with the board of directors to explain the next step to take to becoming part of Indiana Main Street. She explained that it would be necessary to determine the “umbrella organization” and then select a steering committee dedicated to implementing the programs. At that time, the directors agreed that Culver’s Second Century Committee which had been formed in 1998 would be the ideal group to lead Main Street for Culver. A change in tax status will be filed making SCC eligible to accept tax deductible donations.

Projects completed or in the works were discussed at the joint meeting. A bike and recreational path has been determined for the Culver area spearheaded by chairmen Jack Cunningham and Dick Swennumson. Bike route signs will soon be erected and plans have been approved by the DOT. With the assistance of Brad Schuldt, CCS superintendent, the committee received a \$250,000 grant for a “Safe Route to School”. The grant money will be used to put sidewalks on Ohio Street, from Mill Street to Lake Shore Drive. and Main Street from Davis to Lake Shore (except for the downtown area), for students’ safety in walking to school.

The Culver Redevelopment Committee will share the town’s share of the Downtown Revitalization grant, part of the Indiana Main Street program, Ralph Winters, town council member, announced to the group. The money saved by the town will go toward the repair of the crumbling culvert on W. Shore Drive over the Lake Maxinkuckee outlet. Winters also announced a \$1.4 million stimulus grant to Culver that will be used for sewer infrastructure repair. The \$400,000 reimbursable part of the grant will be made by money received as a “buy-in” from the South West Conservancy District.

Additional projects anticipated by the SCC will be an emphasis on more affordable housing and a possible Fitness Path. Stallings announced that a 14 unit Garden Court would soon break ground on property donated by Walter McGee.

Committees formed by the SCC are Community Communications, headed by Ginny Bess Munroe, Recreational and Fitness Path, Jack Cunningham, chairman, Housing, Patty Stallings, Government Growth Initiative and Infrastructure, Munroe and the town revitalization grant (Indiana Main Street affiliation) will be chaired by Michael Doss.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver will be December 7, when the annual awards dinner will be held at Cafe Max.

I heart Culver launches online

A new venue for local information and social networking has joined the ranks of Culver websites with the introduction recently of I Heart Culver, at www.iheartculver.com.

The website, which is structured in a “blog” (or web-log) format, also interfaces with popular social networking sites Facebook and Twitter, so posts to I Heart Culver reach subscribing individuals on those sites as soon as posts are added.

Creator and behind-the-scenes guru of the site Andrea Cook, of Culver, says the site is, “Sort of a Facebook specifically for Culver,” adding the site is part of her I Heart Green Media business venture, which is described as “an eco-friendly business (which offers) ink-free, paperless resources to small towns seeking to improve their quality of life (and) economic growth.”

Cook opened the Plymouth-based Midas Center just over a year ago, having worked in Chicago for legal marketing and intellectual property firms.

“I saw a big need for small, ‘ma and pa’ businesses -- retail or just businesses in general -- to get online. Our generation is accustomed to get online to get information, not to get on the phone or go downtown. We’re programmed to get online for that info.”

So, she says, she sees one way she can help small businesses is in offering them an affordable online presence, “to get their image or logo up, and a picture of their store, so they could be found online. It’s really hard (otherwise) to offer that at a price they could afford, and the time for busy business owners to learn what it means to get online -- I wanted to create something easy for them, so I created this platform.”

She sees I Heart Culver (which follows on the heels of I Heart Plymouth, launched earlier this year) as a means towards that end in Culver, as well as “a great tool for nonprofit organizations, civic groups, and churches in the community. There are so many events and things going on in this community. I hate it when people say, ‘I live in a small town -- there’s nothing to do. To the contrary! You just don’t know what’s going on.”

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