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In Brief

Chili supper for pantry Friday

The Culver Lions Club and Culver Council of Churches will present their annual chili supper this Friday, Feb. 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the train-station depot on Lake Shore Drive. "Pinder's recipe chili" will be featured as the main course of the meal, and all proceeds will benefit Culver's food pantry.

CBC hosts 'Courageous' screenings

The Culver Bible Church will host a free showing of the movie "Courageous," Sat., Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. The two-hour film brings hope to families who have no hope, and centers on five men's need to be the spiritual leaders in their home that God requires them to be. CBC is located at 718 S. Main St. Call Pastor Dan at 574-842-3056 with questions.

Club Fair Feb 4

Culver-Union Township Public Library invites all to attend its annual Club Fair Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can meet with representatives of 16 local clubs and organizations from the Culver area as a "one-stop-shop" for contacting almost every club or group you could ever want to join or know more about. For more information, contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

VFW Valentine's dinner Feb. 10

VFW 6919 Ladies Auxiliary 6919, Culver, welcomes you to bring your "Valentine" for a pre-Valentine dinner Friday, February 10. A dinner of stuffed pork chops, baked potato, salad, and dessert will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cost \$9 per person.

Plan Commission seeks members

The Plan Commission for the Town of Culver is seeking members. Letters of interest should be sent or delivered to Karen Heim at the Town Hall, 200 E. Washington St., Culver IN 46511. The Town Hall is open from 8-4 Monday through Friday.

The deadline for letters of interest is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14.

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Serving the servants

Culver's Lions Club continued its decades-old tradition of honoring those who serve within the Culver community by way of its annual awards night, during which Jeanette Geiselman — currently serving through REAL Meals daily — and Ward and Esther Miller, whose The Painter and the Poet captured local scenes and flavors in word and on canvas for decades. Geiselman was honored as Citizen of the Year, while the Millers were feted as Organization of the Year, in a fond farewell to the Millers, who have retired to Winona Lake (though they're quick to point out they'll be regular visitors here). Pictured TOP LEFT, Lion Jim Harper, right, presents a bouquet to Geiselman. BOTTOM RIGHT: Lion Marilyn Kelly (center), who introduced the Millers, pins a corsage on Esther Miller, left, while Ward, right, looks on. LOWER LEFT: Geiselman, Harper, Kelly, Esther Miller, and Ward Miller, with awards in hand. SEE STORY BELOW.

Geiselman, Millers honored at Lions' annual community awards event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver Lions Club's annual community awards night proved as memorable an event as its predecessors last Wednesday, when Jeanette Geiselman was feted as Citizen of the Year, and Ward and Esther Miller's Painter and the Poet as Organization of the Year.

Lion Marilyn Kelly introduced the Millers, noting she and Esther "go way back," having shared meals, parties, and child-rearing.

"I watched her talent grow," said Kelly. And then into her life came a very special gentleman with a way with words. They've become a big part of the community."

Kelly described the Millers' earlier years selling Esther's art and Ward's poetry — often in combination on prints and in publications — at festivals around the state and country, prior to opening their first Painter and the Poet Gallery on

South Main Street.

"Women like to rearrange the furniture," joked Kelly, "So they moved four blocks to the north" to a new locale before settling on their final Culver facility, The Painter and the Poet, which closed in late 2011.

"Esther has painted pictures of many of the buildings around that no longer exist," added Kelly, referring to Esther's watercolors of landmark structures in the area. "We're lucky to have these records of them."

Accepting the award, the Millers acknowledged their move last year to a retirement community at Winona Lake, though Ward emphasized the couple is "not far away. We come back often."

"And to think this all started at age 59," laughed Esther, who accepted a bouquet of flowers from Kelly.

Introducing the Citizen of the Year was Lion Jim

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Ice fishing tournament, family winter fun still hoped for Feb. 10

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

To set the record straight, the national ice fishing tournament planned for Lake Maxinkuckee will be held the weekend of Feb. 10, rather than 17 as reported two weeks ago in this newspaper. What hasn't changed is the format of the event, or organizers' hopes there will be enough ice on the lake to make it happen. Contrary to what had first been understood, it's not certain that the more than 100 teams participating in the North American Ice Fishing Circuit event (which is co-sponsored by the Culver Chamber of Commerce and Marshall County Visitor's Bureau) will bring rod and reel to the lake, regardless of ice. If Maxinkuckee is still liquid, the fishing tournament may well be off.

However, Chamber president Dawn Brockey and vice president Tony Sellers hope Culverites can still plan on an outdoor event for children and families at the park, regardless of the tournament's fate.

The Chamber-sponsored kids' events are a tie-in to the kids' ice camp scheduled by the NAIC as part of its ice fishing tournament. Sellers hopes activities can include a snowman building contest (with prizes provided by local businesses), among other offerings. Those events will center around the beach lodge in Culver's town park, on Lake Shore Drive, and will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and run through noon. All carnival-related events are free and open

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Relay 2012 poised to put Culver over the half-million mark

Changes to this year's event outlined

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's hard to believe this April 20 weekend will mark the fifth annual Relay for Life in Culver, but organizers assured community members at a recent kickoff event at the train station-depot, that indeed it is.

Coming off of a total of \$138,000 raised for the American Cancer Society

at last year's student-led event, that puts Culver on track to top the half-million dollar mark this year (the grand total for the previous four is \$490,000).

No one who's been paying attention, however, thinks the only accomplishment of these events is strictly monetary. Instead,

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Pictured at the Culver Relay for Life 2012 kickoff event last month are, from left to right, Chris Sheppard (adult supervisor for Culver Academies' Relay committee), Academies student chair Marin Barnes, Marshall County American Cancer Society rep Trisha Metz, student co-chair Larissa Landis, team development chair Chloe Morches, and commu-

Cancer Society rep: Relay funds have local impact

Most area residents know Culver's Relay for Life raises funds for the American Cancer Society. Many aren't aware, however, of the services the ACS makes available to any and all battling the disease, in this area and around the country, says Marshall County's ACS representative, Trisha Metz. There are also some common myths about the organization she hopes to clear up.

For example, says Metz, the ACS does not receive any money from cancer treatments.

There's plenty of information at the organization's website, www.cancer.org, but Metz calls attention to some specific information, such as the toll-free number cancer patients may call (800-227-2345) to coordinate

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Legality of park board appointment questioned at council meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A Culver town council vote Jan. 17 to leave parks and recreation board member Patty Stallings on that board didn't close the matter. Instead, debate over the matter was very much alive at last week's (Jan. 24) council meeting, and may be decided with finality at the Feb. 8 meeting.

As was the case Jan. 17, the controversy centered on Stallings' party affiliation, since four of the park board's six seats must be evenly split between Democrats or Republicans.

Stallings, a registered Republican in the 2004 and 2010 primaries, agreed to switch parties when she was appointed to replace departing Democrat Ed Pinder Jr., who left the po-

sition mid-term last year. Some audience and council members argued Stallings voted in the Republican caucus in November and campaigned for Republican candidates, and therefore should not have been reappointed when registered Democrat Rhonda Reinhold had asked to serve on the park board in Stallings' stead.

A majority of council members, however, voted to keep Stallings on the board, at the Jan. 17 meeting.

During the citizen input portion of the Jan. 24 meeting, park board president Leroy Bean asked council members why the town is "running with an illegal board you guys created."

"This is nothing personal," added Bean, ask-

ing the ramifications of the imbalanced board should the town apply for a park-related grant, or in other contexts.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger said he wasn't sure the board was technically illegal, though he conceded town statutes call for four evenly split members, with two additional members appointed by various other entities, though without the requirement of political balance.

Council member Lynn Overmyer said party affiliation takes a back seat to the quality of a board member's performance, but added the council should uphold any requirement of balance; council president Ed Pinder agreed.

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Community, coffee and (trivia) questions

Some of the Culver community's finest duked it out (intellectually, at least) at a Coffeehouse Trivia Night held last month at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive.

Various businesses and entities each sponsored a team at \$100 per team, for a total raised of \$800, which will support the 2012 Rotary Quizbowl State Championship, to be held March 3 at Ancilla College (sites.google.com/site/rotaryquizbowl/), according to Phil Blessman, event organizer and Culver Academies Quizbowl coach. The Plymouth Rotary Club has been sponsoring this tournament at Ancilla for the past three years.

Scores were: Culver Public Library over Culver emergency services, 365-185. Culver Elementary over Culver fire department: 350-150. Culver Elementary over Culver Public Library, 310-280. Culver emergency services over Culver fire department, 255-235. Culver Elementary over Culver emergency services, 295-160. Culver Public Library over Culver fire department, 410-100. Final Standings: Culver Elementary 3-0; Culver Public Library 2-1;

Culver emergency services 1-2; Culver fire dept. 0-3.

Pictured here, front row, left to right: Curt Mosier and Kimberly Irsa (emergency services), Jon Gaskill (Culver Public Library), Phil Blessman; second row: Millie Sytsma (emergency), Todd Shafer (Culver Elementary) Missy Trent (Elementary), Emily Dible (library), Andrew Baker (library), Jim Faulkner (library); third row: Rhonda Kinney (elementary), Ron Cole (emergency), Ken VanDePutte (fire department), Tim McCarthy (fire), Bob Cooper, Jr. (fire), Pete Peterson (fire).



PHOTO/JACK JOHNSTON

Stopping off to pick up a bite

Jack Johnston captured this remarkable sequence of photos of a bald eagle swooping up a meal (presumably a large fish) from the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee, off the south shore of the lake recently. Besides the distance and motion of the bird, snow flurries are also obscuring the view a bit. Several bald eagles have been spotted in recent months on the lake, presumably including a pair who have long resided near the public landing on the west shore.

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Harper, who described Geiselman's having grown up in Rochester, but having had "the good fortune to marry a Culver native in October, 1953. This was a real plus for Culver. From this union came three children Don, Mike, and Lisa, three grand children Sarah, Josh, and Aaron, and a great grandchild Brayden."

Harper described Geiselman's church homes of Grace Church of Culver, Calvary Temple of South Bend, Glory of Zion (by way of the internet), as well as her interest in gardening, knitting, crocheting and working puzzles.

"By far the most important to her," Harper added, "is what can be done to help others."

Geiselman, explained Harper, has served Culver's VFW Women's Auxiliary, volunteered for the Hospital Auxil-

iary, served as an officer in the Homemakers Club (now defunct), and launched the back pack program of Culver, which has since been willed to the Culver Lions Club. She was also chosen as parade marshal for Culver's Lake Fest.

"She has delivered Meals on Wheels, rang the bell for the Salvation Army (and) her latest endeavor is assisting at Real Services (Real Meals). Some would say (Real Meals site director) Ruth Walker could not function without her assistance. If transportation is needed to Real Meals, she is ready and willing to provide same."

A grateful Geiselman joked she's refrained from joining the Lions Club out of fear "you'd give me back the back-pack program!"

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starting with the very first Relay in 2008, the all-night fundraiser combined a powerful presence of support (for those battling cancer) and memorial (for those lost to it), with the remarkable accomplishment of bringing together the diverse sub-communities of the Culver area towards one goal all can agree upon, whether "town," "Academy," or "lake."

Last year's Relay represented a departure from the past in that poor weather forced it indoors, to Culver Academies' multi-purpose building. This year, says Marin Barnes — who has been involved with Culver Relays since she was in 8th grade — the event will be both indoors and outdoors. Laps walked, as well as the ever-important luminaria ceremony, will be indoors at the multi-purpose, while a host of activities will take place in the adjacent field just outside. And, she says, there will be a special component — to be announced — to this year's luminaria ceremony, in which hundreds of paper bags, adorned with names of those fighting, or lost to cancer, are lit during a silent, darkened lap in their honor.

Dropping temperatures overnight had long been a drawback to past years' outdoor setting, something Barnes says will be alleviated, as was the case last year, by keeping the walking indoors.

According to Trisha Metz, regional American Cancer Society representative, feedback on last year's indoor setting was "wonderful."

So, says Academies student co-chair Larissa Landis, organizers polled Academies students, who appreciated the action outside, while adults in the community were in favor of the indoor setting. So, says Barnes, the group agreed to a split.

While activities are still in the planning stages, Metz says the regular roster of fun inflatables will be housed out-of-doors, as of course will be the fireworks display called off last year due to inclement weather (that is, if weather this year permits).

As in years past, events will begin Friday evening, and teams will continue to walk laps, in relay form, throughout the night until dawn.

Metz does want to stress one point this year: since it's illegal in Indiana for the American Cancer Society to en-

gage in a raffle or game of chance, no monies from such activities, however well intentioned, may be accepted by the ACS. Organizations with a license to hold raffles and the like may do so, but only in their own name, after which the group may choose to donate monies to the ACS if they wish.

As is the case with virtually all participants, this year's student and community leaders have personal reasons to invest time, effort, and money into Relay for Life.

Barnes recalls the death, from cancer, of Vickie Russell, a coworker of Barnes' mother Corey, just a few months before the first Relay. Additionally, Barnes' sister Katie was part of the first Relay committee in 2008.

Landis, an Academies senior, has been participating in Relay events since she was eight years old, though she says as a little girl she didn't fully understand what she was doing in the events. However, when she came to Culver and say a Relay booth, she immediately joined, and has participated all of her four years in Culver (last year marked her 10th year in Relays overall).

Barnes and Landis were joined at the event by Academies junior Chloe Morches, team development chair for the event.

Also present at the kickoff was Karen Easterday, who celebrated her 10th year cancer-free, last September.

"I am so thrilled with Relay," she says, noting she participated in Relay events with her church in Rochester before Culver's event, and will "continue to participate forever."

Landis points out the uniqueness of Culver's Relay: among its other notable qualities, Culver's is one of very few such events organized and run by high school students. It's also very much the "little Relay that could."

Landis notes Culver's event raises more money than the vastly larger city of South Bend Relay.

Metz points to the outstanding accolades and support given the event by members of Culver Academies' board of trustees, and, she adds, the "impact it makes on the leadership, for the youth, and on the community."

Those interested in participating or supporting Culver's Relay for Life may do so online at relayforlife.org/culverin.

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rides to and from treatments, as well as to counsel struggling patients.

Live human beings, she notes, are on call 24 hours per day, though the busiest times of day are between 2 and 4 a.m.

"That's because your husband or wife is sleeping and you're totally alone," says Culver cancer survivor Karen Easterday.

"That's also why we Relay overnight. They need to know we are going to support them all the time."

Callers to the 800 number can also receive a health manager kit at no cost, and those crossing state lines can be aided in finding free or discounted lodging in quality hotels near their destination.

"Especially in a community like Culver, where many people have relatives outside of town, it's helping those people too," says Metz. "We're absolutely proud of that."

Easterday recalls having to stay in, and commute from Culver to, Indianapolis for some time in 2009, when she underwent physical therapy three times per week there for cancer-related ailments. The ACS made rides to and from her therapy three times per week, free of charge.

"That was an incredible help," she adds. "It was \$20 to take a cab each way. It was wonderful."

Metz responds to occasional comments in this area that funds given at Relay leave the community and have little local reach.

"We are a nationwide organization," she acknowledges. "We will never hide that; we are proud of it. And there are organizations out there that will help pay your heat bills — Marshall County has those. That's not what the American Cancer Society does, but it pays for the research that is saving lives in your community. Your neighbors are taking medication funded by the dollars that you raise (at Relay)."

Among the ACS' other offerings is Look Good, Feel Better, which helps fit wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments, while also donating skin and hair care products to them.

"One of the other great things about being nationwide is that we don't run out of money near the end of the year," Metz explains. "The problem is, we don't get

enough people calling us.

"If anyone comes to you facing cancer," she adds emphatically, "you have to get them to call us. We have a lot of untapped resources. They come to Relay as a survivor and say to us, 'I wish I knew about that when I was going through it.' A lot of times you need to sit down with somebody to make that call."

There's a common misconception, Metz points out, that funds given 40 years ago to find a cure have simply been squandered away fruitlessly. However, there is not one cure for cancer.

"There are many kinds of cancers and many kinds of cures. It used to be breast cancer was not survivable — my grandmother died of it. But today it comes down to early detection. If it's caught early, there's a 98 percent survival rate."

Chemo therapy and radiation is completely different than in decades past, she adds, and the quality of care overall for cancer patients — who in the not-too-distant past were often essentially told to go home and die, has "dramatically improved."

With current unhealthy American lifestyles, cancer diagnosis rates will certainly climb, but Metz notes today there are more people surviving cancer than ever before in history.

"Eat healthy, get plenty of exercise, don't use tobacco, and use sunscreen," she adds. "Two out of three cancers are preventable."

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Heartbeats and Footprints

By DANA NEER

Several years ago, I applied to be a participant in the weekly television show *Survivor*. Disappointingly, I was rejected. Two requirements were submitted to CBS – a daunting 15-page questionnaire teaming with up-close and personal inquiries regarding life’s most embarrassing or revealing moments. And secondly, a one minute video designed to showcase bold and daring clips, with the intent of proving myself worthy to be a player on the show. I selected five scenarios for my video.

One of the clips took place in Chicago, in February, in Lake Michigan. Crawling out onto 10-foot-thick frozen waves, nearly 75 yards off shore was daunting. Tying a rope around my chest and jumping off the ice into infuriated 40 degree water was dull-witted (I deeply apologize, Mom). Atrophy and loss of breath are shocking reminders of that historical moment in my life, but actually, freezing water can be an important part of your life, especially when applied properly while recovering from hard workouts or injury.

Ice baths or cold baths are tremendous for people of all ages, but especially high school/collegiate athletes and older adults who workout or compete at strenuous levels. But why subject yourself to ice baths? They are freezing! Ice/cold bath recovery, when practiced appropriately and regularly, will speed up the recovery process as well as improve overall athletic performance. Yes, it is chilling and uncomfortable at first, after all everyone hates cold showers, but an ice/cold bath right after an intense exercise session can actually do wonders for your body.

After an intense practice, game or race our muscles experience micro-trauma. These are small tears in the muscle fibers that are perfectly normal, but cause soreness and inflammation. Cold water will stimulate muscle cells to start repairing muscle tears, constrict blood vessels, reduce swelling and flush waste products like lactic acid (that heavy exhausting feeling in your arms and legs.) Then, with re-warming, increased blood flow speeds circulation, and in turn, improves the healing process. The discomfort associated with sitting in cold water scares off many people. I admit that after hard exercise I would rather reward myself with a hot shower, but sometimes I need discipline to take care of injury prevention details. Here are a few tips to make the ice/cold bath a little more tolerable.

1. Fill your bathtub with water at tap temperature (cold bath) or tap water and ice at approximately 55 degrees (ice bath). Supply enough water to submerge the areas of soreness. If it is just your legs that hurt, fill enough to cover hips on down.

2. Prepare yourself mentally to sit in the tub. Make yourself a cup of hot chocolate or tea and collect some entertaining reading material to help the next 15 minutes pass by quickly.

3. Enjoy a hot shower afterwards, followed by stretching and a good meal. You may actually become semi-comfortable after a few minutes, but the real benefits come a bit later with the feeling of rejuvenation and recovery.

Research indicates that ice/cold baths help repair sore and fatigued muscles allowing athletes to continue training at high levels. Please remember that passive recovery is not an effective way to rid soreness. In other words, sedentary living slows the healing process while stretching, light movement and icing permit blood flow to hurry along the healing process. Many athletes I know who take cold baths on a semi-regular basis actually perform at higher levels because of quicker healing and improved blood flow. Practice this technique slowly and steadily for a few months and determine how water therapy can help improve your health.

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If these walls could talk: 109 S. Main Street
Culver history corner



The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver

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It’s been sometime since this once-regular feature graced the pages of The Culver Citizen, though several readers have asked about it and suggested it be continued (something your editor always had in mind, so long as there are more buildings to mine for history, left in Culver!).

Space has been one factor getting in the way of carrying on “If these walls could talk,” but I must admit I was frustrated to realize how little I knew about the early years of

the following building, yet how sure I was the answers lay just around the corner.

I refer here to 109 S. Main Street, which today is technically the southernmost portion of Diva gifts (whose northern annex occupies what was once 107 S. Main).

Depending on their age, Culverites will remember this building alternately as Strader’s, Quality Grocery, Oberlin’s, or even Country Cousins Antiques (I do!). If that doesn’t ring a bell, the words “meat locker” just might. For whatever reason, invariably people remember the longtime meat locker space rented out to residents, and occupying part of the back end of the store. But that’s getting ahead of ourselves.

Building owner Fred Karst told me the place was always a grocery, and Sanborn Fire maps as early as 1906 bear this out. By 1914, it’s listed as “D.G.,” a dry goods store, and the 1920 Culver High School yearbook (then The Maxinkuckee) lists it as Osborn & Miller Grocery. We also know a dentist’s office occupied the upstairs, into the 1930s.

By 1939, Ben Oberlin was touted as proprietor of Oberlin’s Grocery and Market, as well as the Ben Franklin store of the same name (the latter store, built in 1934, occupied what is today Michelle’s Headquarters, across Main Street and to the north a block). The 1939 Culver Citizen tells us Oberlin moved to Culver in 1929 or 1930 “to engage in the retail food business,” so it seems safe to assume he took over the store at that time. Oberlin was busy in the Culver community, as treasurer of the Boy Scout troop committee; treasurer, “sergeant-at-arms, and vice com-



PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
ABOVE: 109 S. Main as an IGA Quality Grocery in the early 1950s. BELOW: The store in 1976, as the Culver High School band marches past. Note the phrase, “Locker Plant” at the top of the photo, indicating the locker was still in use at that time.



mander of the American Legion post and vice president of the Chamber of Commerce as well as a member of a number of committees.”

We don’t know what inspired Oberlin to do so, but the May, 1940 Culver Citizen notes planning was underway to open cold storage lockers at Oberlin’s grocery. By August, they were open for rental to the public. In June, 1943, “after several weeks of preparation, Oberlin’s Grocery and Market will inaugurate its new self service system,” according to the Citizen, which doesn’t spell out the specifics of that system.

Sometime in the 1940s, Virgil and Sylvia Strader bought the grocery. Some Culverites will likely remember the January, 1958 excitement of ammonia fumes emitting from the grocery, the result of problems with the meat lockers there — the damage was repaired and Culver remained safe.

By at least 1952, the store was known as Quality Grocery, a name it retained into the late 1970s, though in the 1952 Culver phone directory, it’s an IGA store (as it is in the photograph here), which could be spiraled off into a separate article entirely on the strange comings and goings of the IGA brand in Culver, the last of which was Alford’s, in the building today occupied by Park N’ Shop.

The Straders, according to Sylvia’s obituary, operated Quality Grocery for more than three decades, selling the store in the early 1970s. Jim and Shirley James operated the grocery — which in 1977 advertised its specialization in top quality meats — into the late 1980s.

By the early 1980s, Quality Grocery exited the building and shut down, part of the end of an era in Culver: that of small, localized groceries serving the community. For much of its existence, the grocery shared downtown Culver with at least one (sometimes two) other groceries, including the A&P across the street to the north and the onetime IGA (late Park N Shop) on East Jefferson, not to mention Lakeside grocery uptown (on Lake Shore Drive — for years operated by the Onestis) and even a grocery or two in the village of Maxinkuckee, on the east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. In fact, arguably the only businesses more proliferate in Culver during a great deal of the 1900s were gas stations.

Into 1986, Thelma Hodges was joined by several other ladies — including Mary Allen, Ruth Shanks, and Bea Fisher, among others, in opening Country Cousins antiques at the site. One Country Cousins alum was Ruth

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Where in the world is *The Culver Citizen*?

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Once again, a thoughtful reader has submitted a photo of your hometown newspaper on its wide and varied travels around the state, country, and world.

Do any readers recognize the locale *The Culver Citizen* visited in this photo? Readers who guess the answer are entitled to free entrance into the Culver beach for a refreshing swim, throughout the month of February.

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Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Our Mystery Citizen last week, Mike Overmyer, has been on the ground floor of so many organizations and their worthy efforts, naming them all would be impossible, though Lions Club, Lake Fest, and Maxinkuckee Players are among the most visible. He’s also — along with wife Connie and Jim Balmer — at the helm of a highly successful entrepreneurial endeavor: JMC Engineers on Main Street.

Among those correctly identifying Mike: Anna Nether, Kay Tusing, Marizetta Kenney, Ed and Lora Pinder, Phyllis Lindvall, Chuckie Strang, Trent Bennett, Wanda Miller, Mary Lou Wise, Jeanette Geiselman, A.G. Clyde, Jum Taber, and Betty Voreis.


Our Mystery Citizen this week is a longtime Culver

resident who’s been involved in several local organizations, though many in Culver may know her even better through her husband, a longtime local businessperson and all around “character.”

Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



BELOW: Last week’s Mystery Mike Overmyer, then (left) and now. ABOVE: This week’s Mystery Citizen.



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Sports from page 5

Schultz each put up 10 in the loss.
• OREGON-DAVIS 52, CULVER 42
At Culver

Boys hockey
CMA teams split with Shattuck St. Mary’s

Culver Military’s prep squad gave up two goals in the final period to lose a 4-2 game to the number one-ranked team in the nation with a loss to visiting Shattuck St. Mary’s, while CMA’s NO. 7-ranked U16 team handed eighth-ranked Shattuck a 5-2 loss.

121 Culver Legals				
Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2011				
Governmental Activities				
Local Fund #	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash Jan 1, 2011	Disburse- ments	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2011
1	Cumulative Fire	\$291,951.75	\$52,642.72	\$7,500.00
1101	EMS	\$100,000.00	\$75,042.13	\$123,969.81
2	Fire Fighting	\$164,007.72	\$18,901.57	\$67,792.00
3	Park And Recreation	\$12,613.39	\$18,194.54	\$17,840.00
4	Rainy Day	\$117,726.80	\$4,310.35	\$10,000.00
5	Township	\$241,285.69	\$75,164.89	\$55,221.31
6	Township Assistance	\$84,391.98	\$15,605.39	\$14,113.34
	Total All Funds	\$1,011,977.33	\$359,861.59	\$296,436.46
	\$1,075,402.46			

121 Culver Legals				
Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana Detailed Receipts 2011				
Governmental Activities				
Cumulative Fire	General Property Taxes		\$28,476.31	
	County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)		\$15,342.96	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$1,233.97	
	Sale of Investments		\$100,000.00	
	Sale of Capital Assets		\$7,500.00	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$89.48	
	Total Cumulative Fire		\$152,642.72	
EMS	General Property Taxes		\$56,062.74	
	County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)		\$15,342.96	
	Financial Institution Tax distribution		\$22.44	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$2,429.39	
	Sale of Investments		\$100,000.00	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$1,184.60	
	Total EMS		\$175,042.13	
Fire Fighting	General Property Taxes		\$72,080.66	
	County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)		\$15,343.08	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$3,123.50	
	Sale of Investments		\$100,000.00	
	Transfers In		\$28,128.81	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$225.52	
	Total Fire Fighting		\$218,901.57	
Park And Recreation	General Property Taxes		\$12,241.59	
	Financial Institution Tax distribution		\$3.56	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$571.26	
	Earnings on Investments		\$5,190.09	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$188.04	
	Total Park And Recreation		\$18,194.54	
Rainy Day	Earnings on Investments		\$4,310.35	
	Total Rainy Day		\$4,310.35	
Township	General Property Taxes		\$57,535.47	
	County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)		\$11,369.04	
	Financial Institution Tax distribution		\$16.74	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$2,684.92	
	Cemetery Receipts		\$1,850.00	
	Sale of Investments		\$100,000.00	
	Refunds and Reimbursements		\$825.00	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$883.72	
	Total Township		\$175,164.89	
Township Assistance	General Property Taxes		\$14,689.91	
	Financial Institution Tax distribution		\$4.26	
	Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution		\$685.51	
	Refunds and Reimbursements		\$0.07	
	Other Taxes/0217			
	- Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax CVET		\$225.64	
	Total Township Assistance		\$15,605.39	

Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana Disbursements by Vendor 2011				
Fund Name	Category	Paid To	Amount	
Cumulative Fire	Capital Outlays	Town of Culver	\$7,500.00	
		Total Cumulative Fire	\$7,500.00	
	Services and Charges	Town of Culver (EMS Contract)	\$95,841.00	
		Total EMS	\$95,841.00	
	Services and Charges	Town of Culver (Fire Contract)	\$67,792.00	
Park And Recreation	Services and Charges	Town of Culver (Park)	\$17,040.00	
		VFW	\$350.00	
	Services and Charges	Golden Ages	\$450.00	
		Total Park And Recreation	\$17,840.00	
	Capital Outlays	Town of Culver (EMS Building addition)	\$10,000.00	
Rainy Day	Capital Outlays	Town of Culver (EMS Building addition)	\$10,000.00	
		Total Rainy Day	\$10,000.00	
	Personal Services	Indiana Department of Revenue	\$757.58	
		PERF	\$1,868.12	
	Personal Services	Bobetta Ruhnow	\$849.16	
Township	Personal Services	Constance Van Horn	\$849.16	
	Personal Services	William Githens	\$849.16	
	Personal Services	Jerry A Greeson - Wages	\$8,520.00	
	Personal Services	Joyce Greeson - Wages	\$2,400.00	
	Personal Services	Internal Revenue Service	\$5,932.32	
Township	Supplies	ANCO	\$13.94	
	Supplies	Boyce	\$383.31	
	Supplies	First National Bank of Monterey	\$44.00	
	Supplies	Postmaster	\$88.00	
	Services and Charges	AJs Lawn Care	\$728.00	
Township Assistance	Services and Charges	Allied Waste Services	\$130.41	
	Services and Charges	AT&T	\$1,938.66	
	Services and Charges	Bar MM Feed Supply	\$38.50	
	Services and Charges	Greeson & Greeson CPAs PC	\$425.00	
	Services and Charges	Howard Carlisle	\$35.0	
Township Assistance	Services and Charges	Indiana Township Association Inc	\$800.00	
	Services and Charges	IOOF - Cemetery	\$800.00	
	Services and Charges	Jerry Greeson - Reimbursement	\$5,480.39	
	Services and Charges	Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$1,478.00	
	Services and Charges	Marshall County Treasurer	\$10.50	
Township Assistance	Services and Charges	Marshalls Lawn Care	\$11,055.00	
	Services and Charges	Masonic Cemetery Board	\$1,000.00	
	Services and Charges	Miller NorCen Insurance	\$2,590.00	
	Services and Charges	Raymond Morrison	\$59.44	
	Services and Charges	Joyce Greeson - Rent	\$3,600.00	
Township Assistance	Services and Charges	The Pilot News Group	\$476.66	
	Services and Charges	Zion Cemetery	\$800.00	
	Capital Outlays	Ikon Office Solutions Inc	\$1,221.00	
	Total Township		\$55,221.31	
	Services and Charges	Jill Pippenger	\$120.00	
Township Assistance	Services and Charges	Leroy Bean	\$200.00	
	Township Assistance	AT&T	\$468.35	
	Township Assistance	Culver Express	\$438.00	
	Township Assistance	Culver Masonic Cemetery	\$300.00	
	Township Assistance	Culver Mobile Home Park	\$400.00	
Township Assistance	Township Assistance	Culver Water Utility	\$879.29	
	Township Assistance	David Bigley	\$242.00	
	Township Assistance	Hicks Gas	\$400.00	
	Township Assistance	NIPSCO	\$5,930.98	
	Township Assistance	North Central Coop	\$400.00	
Township Assistance	Township Assistance	OCWEN	\$200.00	
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	Township Assistance	Plaza Measows Apartments	\$200.00	
Township Assistance	Township Assistance	Plymouth LP Gas	\$637.96	
	Township Assistance	REMC	\$1,488.26	
	Township Assistance	Rick Kersey	\$135.00	
	Township Assistance	Rochester LP Gas	\$200.00	
	Township Assistance	Starke County Coop	\$200.00	
Township Assistance	Township Assistance	Walmart	\$215.30	
	Total Township Assistance		\$14,113.34	

PART 9 - CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Marshall County
I, Jerry A. Greeson, Trustee of Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Jerry A. Greeson, Township Trustee
Telephone: 574-842-4260
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Union Township at its annual meeting, this 23rd day of January , 2012.
Bobetta Ruhnow Union Township Board Chairman
OPTION 1
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 23rd day of January, 2012.
Union Township Board:
Bobetta Ruhnow, Connie Van Horn, Michael Overmyer

Oliver Janzen scored both of CMA’s goals in the prep loss on a pair of assists from Tyler Ledford.
Derek Shatzer made 19 saves in goal for the Eagles.
Five different Eagles scored in the U16 win for Culver, as Roy Radke, Ryan Coutler, Colin Raver, Austin Surowiec and Jack Billings each netted goals. Billings finished with an assist and a dual assist in the win, while Radke also recorded an assist.
• SHATTUCK ST. MARY’S 4,
CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 2
At Culver

121 Culver Legals	
NOTICE OF A HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES	
Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Culver are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held on February 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Town Hall to implement Ordinance 2012-01, modifying fines for offenses commonly cited by the Culver Police Department. All interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of the ordinance is on file at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 200 E. Washington St. Karen Heim Clerk-Treasurer February 2, 2012 CC0780	
LEGAL NOTICE	
Notice is hereby given that the Culver Community Schools Board of School Trustees will receive sealed proposals until 3:00 p.m., Thursday February 16, 2012, at the Administration Building, P. O. Box 231,700 School Street, Culver, IN 46511-0231 for the following. The Board of School Trustees proposes to sell to the highest bidder the following two (2) buses, (please list a quote on used bus): One (1) Used School Bus: #08-2001 Int Navistar chassis with 66 - Passenger Blue Bird Body.- Vin. No: 1HVBBABP11H392356. Mileage: 136,145. Engine: 444E. Automatic Transmission. Tire Size: 295/75R22. Chassis and Body is in excellent shape. One (1) Used School Bus: #15-2001 Int. Navistar chassis with 66 - Passenger Blue Bird Body . Vin . No : 1HVBBABP31H392357. Mileage: 142,254. Engine: 444E. Automatic Transmission. Tire Size: 225/70R22.5. Chassis and Body is in excellent shape. The used equipment will be released to the purchaser only after new equipment has been delivered. The purchaser agrees to accept the equipment in the condition as is, A deposit to ten percent (10%) of the selling price will be required of the successful bidder if the used equipment is not taken as a trade-in by the successful bidder of new equipment.	
The Board of School Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids or proposals. The bids will be awarded Monday, February 20,2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Administration Building. Culver Community Schools Board of School Trustees Jack Jones, Secretary February 2,9, 2011 CC0820	
NOTICE TO BIDDERS	
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PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ
Culver’s Mikella Hardy (no. 44) tips the ball away from West Central rebounders in the first half of a Jan. 26 seesaw game in which Culver prevailed 33-30. From left: Alisha Tanner (WC no. 21), Hardy, Marissa Hamilton (WC no. 31), Justine Kruger (WC no. 11).

row wins in two of three relays and went one-two in the dive and the 50 free to trump visiting South Bend Adams 97-89 in a dual swim meet at The Academies Thursday.
Zach Grant and Jingyuan Liang finished first and second, respectively, in the 50 free for the Eagles, while Mauricio Cohen and Harris Allen finished one-two in the dive.
CMA’s 200 medley relay of Grant, Sam Curtis, Bryan DeVries and Leopoldo Burguete out-touched Adams by just .01 of a second. Burguete, Grant, DeVries and Jorge de la Vega beat out their Adams counterparts in the 400 free relay by a little better than two seconds to close out the meet with a win.
• CULVER MILITARY (HS Varsity) 3, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 1
At Culver

Girls hockey
CGA rallies past Gilmour
Culver Girls Academy netted three goals in the final period as CGA handed visiting Gilmour Academy a 3-2 loss.
Gracen Hirschy cut Gilmour’s lead to one, and she assisted the game-tier from Meghan Grieves, who scored the game-winner on an unassisted goal with 8:53 to go in the contest.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, GILMOUR ACADEMY 2
At Culver

Boys swimming
CMA trumps Adams
Culver Military won just six events but claimed nar-



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Girls Academy’s Lauryn Robinson swims the 400 freestyle relay during a dual meet at Plymouth last week.

CMA swims at last meet at PHS pool
By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military Academy handed Plymouth a 113-69 defeat and Culver Girls Academy topped the hosts 138-41, at the final meet at the PHS pool Jan. 19 at Plymouth.
It was fitting that the Culver Academies were present in the last hurrah at the Plymouth pool, since — with several meetings between the two squads each year, at the Pilgrim Relays as well as at dual meets and the Warsaw Sectional — arguably no other team has closer ties with the facility and PHS. The Eagles have even offered to help out the Plymouth program in the interim as it attempts to raise funds for a new pool.
“We have swum against Plymouth since I’ve been here, so that’s 25 years,” said Academies head coach Major Tom Duckett. “I know that their coaches are sad that this pool is going away, and they’re going to fight tooth and nail to keep the program alive. We’re going to help them. The age group program is going to be over at our pool in May, and we’ve offered to let them host some meets in our pool. Plymouth is a good program; it should not go away.”
Thursday’s send-off at Plymouth was the first meet back for the Academies after a long break as the boarding school took four weeks off for the holidays.
Led by four-event winners Lauryn Robinson and Rory Byrne, the Lady Eagles still managed to go one-two in 10 events and win all but the dive competition, and the Eagles sewed up the top two spots in five events while winning eight total events paced by three-event victors Leopoldo Burguete and Jorge De la Vega.
“We take prodigious holiday breaks. We’ve had a total of four weeks out of the water between Thanksgiving and Christmas while other teams were in the pool. If I were to make a prediction going ahead, I’d be foolish,” said Duckett.
“It depends how they get through the breakdown and taper process. Every year I’m utterly terrified on whether we’re going to be able to pull it off sectional or not. At this point, our performance here, we’re anywhere from five seconds off the norm in distance events to about one or two seconds off in the 100.”
Plymouth’s girls team was led by Holmquest, while Lauren Page finished second in the backstroke and third in the individual medley, and Megan Senter finished third in the 500 free with a season-best 5:58.72.
Only two weeks remain until both Plymouth and CGA enter the Warsaw Girls Sectional Feb. 2.
It was a felicitous farewell to the pool and to the team’s seniors, and one that even the competition’s coach couldn’t begrudge.
“I’m glad to see they won the last relay,” said Duckett as he departed the facility for the last time. “As it should be.”
Girls meet
• CGA 138, PLYMOUTH 41
At Plymouth
Boys meet
• CMA 113, PLYMOUTH 69
At Plymouth

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Gov. Daniels on 1-to-1 in classrooms, Right to Work bill

By Lydia Beers, staff writer

PLYMOUTH — During a meeting with *Pilot News* editorial staff Friday morning, Indiana governor Mitch Daniels addressed the rise of technology in public schools, saying that he approves of it as long as students are still reading.

“Nobody really knows what the effects of these technologies will be,” said Daniels. “I think we know the discipline of reading is very important, and always will be. I don’t care how (information) is delivered, but I do hope our young people will always be reading, and reading critically.”

This discussion came from a question from *Pilot News* correspondent Carol Anders, who pointed out that all students in the Plymouth School Corporation will have computers next year (currently, middle and high school stu-

dents in Culver all have computers).

Daniels was also asked for his stance on the newly proposed creationism bill. If passed, the bill would give Indiana public schools the option to include the creationism viewpoint as part of science courses. Daniels said he hasn’t taken a close look at the bill yet, but added that he doubts it will be passed.

On the hot debate over the recently passed right-to-work bill, Daniels said that he believes naysayers will realize their concern was a false alarm quickly. The bill will allow employees the freedom to choose whether or not to belong to a union contracted with their employer and also takes away a union’s ability to force all employees to pay union dues. Daniels and other political leaders have expressed concern that businesses considering a presence in Indiana have pulled out because Indiana is not a right-to-work state.

Culver Academies students are ‘Fencing for a Cure’

When Culver Academies’ Desirae Major ‘12 (Olathe, Kan.) was a sophomore, a senior on the fencing team talked about using the sport as a way to raise funds for charity. It would also be an interesting way to complete the senior service project. The best way, it seemed, would be to host a tournament with registration fees going to charity.

Major, who is a nationally-ranked saber fencer, thought it was a great idea at the time. But the tournament never got off the ground.

Now, Major, fellow senior fencer Elaine Wang (Taipei, Taiwan) and Danya Lopez-Garcia (Torreon, Mexico) are breathing life back into this unique fundraiser with proceeds going to the Relay For Life of Culver. They will be conducting the Fencing for a Cure tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4.

“We thought we would see this through,” Major said, with the hopes that other fencers will continue the tournament in the coming years.

“We all know someone who has had cancer,” Lopez-Garcia explained, “and we had a passion to do something about it.”

Wang said the girls believe that every



Desirae Major

person who fences has also been personally touched by cancer in some form another. “It is a common cause. Everyone’s life has been affected by it in some way.”

The six-weapon (men and women’s epee, saber and foil divisions) open tournament has no age limits. The girls have already connected with several high schools in the Great Lakes-Midwest region and are contacting clubs, too. Individuals not affiliated with a team can also enter, they said.

The tournament will be conducted in the Steinbrenner Recreation Center on campus. People can register by going to askfred.net. The cost is \$15, but people may donate more if they would like. The girls are hoping to draw 75 to 100 fencers for the event.

The general public is also invited, Major said, adding it is a great opportunity to watch a fencing tournament if you have never seen one. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. with fencing to start at 9:30.

The tournament is one of the first events this year to help Relay For Life of Culver. Relay For Life is scheduled for Friday, April 20.

Friends of the Culver library meet

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library met last month and discussed, among other topics, upcoming programs for 2012.

The Friends will host an April 11 library staff appreciation luncheon with a spring theme. April 27 and 28 will mark the group’s first book sale from the year, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Outside planters at the library are now decorated with a Valentine theme, thanks to Rita Mason

The Friends will not meet in February or March, and the next meeting will take place Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m.

Library director Colleen McCarty addressed the Friends, noting the Teen Book Club at Culver Comm. High School has requested hardcover copies of the book “Hunger Games,” for this session.

Library IT staff member Andrew Baker gave a presentation on expanding library public relations, including scheduling information, on more social networking venues (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and YouTube).

Discussed also were possible future programs, including local author signings.

The Friends currently has 45 members including five lifetime members.

Council from page 1

Council member Ginny Munroe said comparable situations exist on other boards, pointing out some local Democrats changed party affiliation in order to vote for a local candidate in a county-level election. She added there’s no precedent for forcing an incumbent member from a board due to a letter of interest in the position from a new individual.

“It’s really hard to tell who’s a Republican or Democrat in this town,” said Munroe. “Patty had Democrat signs in her yard, and so did I.”

Munroe is a registered Republican.

Pinder said he wasn’t sure if the council could rescind its already-made vote on the matter.

Attorney Clevenger asked what Stallings’ response might be, should she be forced off the board, given the existing vote to leave her on. However, he said, “If your inclination is to reconsider the matter, I think you could probably justify (a reversal in position).”

Marshall County commissioner Kevin Overmyer, in the audience, noted elected officials should default to their oath of office to “uphold the law of the land.”

Munroe pointed out there has been no primary yet, to prove or disprove whether Stallings will indeed change her party to Democrat.

“Then I can just change to a Democrat to vote one way or another?” asked Lynn Overmyer.

“People do that,” replied Munroe. “It’s their civil right to change their party. She hasn’t had a chance to change her party yet.”

After more discussion, the council agreed to table the matter until its next meeting.

Town manager search

In other discussion, Pinder updated the audience on the search for a new town manager for Culver, noting at a meeting earlier that same evening, council agreed to contact six candidates they selected, to see if any are still interested in the job. If nothing comes of that pursuit, the position will be re-advertised.

Come Alive Outside

Attorney Clevenger will draft a resolution which could make Culver the first designated “Come Alive Outside” community in the United States.

That decision came after a presentation by local landscaper Tony Sellers, who described the “Come Alive” initiative in terms of rampant obesity and reduced time spent in nature among American children and families. As he has done on behalf of other local organizations, Sellers described a meeting of landscapers in Chicago during which Come Alive Outside was discussed as a community

initiative to encourage and foster outdoor activity through various avenues.

So far, said Sellers, one community in Canada has been formally designated a Come Alive Outside community, signaling its commitment to the ideals of the program.

He said events such as winter carnival activities associated with the ice fishing tournament planned here over the Feb. 10 weekend exemplify the initiative.

“We’re trying to create a movement,” Sellers explained, noting more information can be found on comealiveoutside.com, on which Sellers himself has been featured on webinars with other groups and individuals.

“For me, it’s a way to give back,” he added. “It’s not a charitable organization. It’s, ‘What does the park need, what will it cost, and how will we pay?’ I’ve met with (park superintendent Kelly Young), asked the schools, and there’s the Culver Boys & Girls Club. Our goal is to create more events.”

Pinder noted Sellers’ enthusiasm “is catching,” in discussing drafting the resolution.

Grant options for Culver

Grant writer Shannon McLeod discussed with council its next move in light of changed federal regulations regarding income surveys, in order to qualify Culver to be eligible for planning grant monies for which the town had sought to apply.

She said a door-to-door survey of more residents would cost about \$2,500, though she could not guarantee that the results of the survey would put Culver in eligible status. However, she said she thought Culver would score well otherwise in such grant applications, as trends tend towards funding communities which can prove ongoing stability, as opposed to impoverished and dying communities. She also said grant funding in general has been cut, though a recent federal stimulus package did go through.

Overmyer suggested McLeod research comparable communities to Culver, to discern the likelihood of receiving such funding, before proceeding.

MCEDC visits, other matters

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation executive director Jennifer Laurent also paid the council a visit, discussing the mission of the organization to increase local business profitability, adding the MCEDC’s “true, day-to-day focus is on business retention.”

Visits with area businesses have shown a primary challenge facing them is identifying people with skills or trainability, and a dearth of options for training people, Laurent noted.

She described Culver as “a hotbed of entrepreneurial en-

Culver’s Surrisi appointed City Attorney

Plymouth Mayor Mark Senter has appointed Culver’s Sean Surrisi as City Attorney for the City of Plymouth. Surrisi will replace Nelson Chipman, who has accepted an appointment as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Marshall County. He will be sworn in on March 1, 2012.

Surrisi was born in Indianapolis and moved to the Culver area at age 11. He is a 1995 graduate of Culver Community High School and a 1999 graduate of DePauw University, where he majored in studio art. Surrisi went on to receive his law degree at Valparaiso University in 2005.

Surrisi worked in his family’s former restaurant, The Edgewater Grille, for several years as the kitchen supervisor and also owned JS Surrisi Gallery, a Culver based art gallery featuring Indiana artists, from 2001 to 2003.

He has worked the last six years as an associate attorney for Anderson, Agostino and Keller in South Bend, where he pursued a diverse workload of civil litigation and transactional matters with an emphasis on insurance coverage disputes. As part of a twelve attorney firm, he handled a wide variety of other civil cases, including work on behalf of some governmental units within St. Joseph County.

“I’m excited about the job and the opportunity to help the mayor achieve all of his goals in his second term,” Surrisi said.

Surrisi is married to his high school sweetheart, Jeanette, and they have a daughter, Abby, an 8th grader at Culver Community Middle School.



Sean Surrisi



sites, and Emmons has noted the cost is significantly less than access via fibre optic cable.



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Going up....

Downtown Culver has a new addition in the form of this tower, placed last week at the Ohio Street site of Culver Academies IT software division. The tower is part of a cooperative discussed last November by Larry Emmons, Technology Director at the Academies. The school last year joined the Midwest

Network loop, which runs from Culver to South Bend and beyond, and provides 200 megabit-per-second internet access to the Academies campus. The addition of the Ohio Street tower not only connects that building to the campus network, but opens up the loop for local businesses and other entities wishing to join the network. Discussions have already been underway to open up the network to businesses and others in Plymouth and other Marshall County

ergy (which) attracts people who are creative...this town has such an identity that we celebrated in our marketing materials for Marshall County. We definitely consider Culver an asset.”

Laurent also recognized Culver’s Kevin Berger, in the audience, who serves as chair of the MCEDC.

Approved on first reading was an ordinance modifying fines for various offenses in the town of Culver, as drawn up by Culver police chief Wayne Bean and Clevenger. A public hearing on the ordinance will take place Feb. 14.

Bean told the council his department was recognized last month following its participation in a task force in spring and summer, alongside other departments in Marshall County, for a pilot policing program. The departments, he said, split a \$7,500 equipment grant, of which Culver’s police force received \$1,500.

Resignations

Pinder read a letter from Bill Cleavenger of Culver, resigning his position as a member of Culver’s plan commission, and withdrawing his name as a possible member of Culver’s redevelopment commission.

Near the close of the meeting, Pinder announced his resignation as president of the council, though he will continue to serve as a member. Pinder cited the amount of extra work associated with the presidency as primary reason. A new president and vice president will be chosen at the next council meeting.

History from page 4

Mackey, who would open up her own antique dealership, “The Collectors,” across the street. That store just closed up shop last year, but certainly outlasted the store which gave it its start. From 1986 into the ‘90s, Celebutante Hair Designs, under Rod and Laura Caudill, held court at 109 S. Main. Throughout these changes and up to today, an apartment was available for rent upstairs.

The shop was later Interior Views, a home decor establishment operated by Chris Landskron, until around 2004, when Charles and Christina Privett opened Shoreline Specialties, which closed its doors in 2007.

Sue McInturff launched gift shop Diva in March, 2007, later expanding into the northern store, whose history we’ll examine in our next installment. And while those meat lockers are gone, today they’re much warmer, and hold office space for Diva management.

Next time around, we’ll delve into the storied history of Diva’s northern half, where you may well have enjoyed a chocolate phosphate or two.

Culver Kiwanis Corner

A monthly feature, underwritten by Culver’s Kiwanis Club, highlighting the talents and perspectives of Culver Community High School students and their school experiences and news. The Kiwanis Club is a global service organization dedicated to helping youth. Culver’s club meets at noon weekly at the Culver Public Library. To join or learn more, contact president Russ Mason at 574-842-2656.



Sophomore Harris looks to modeling future

By Breanna Powers
Culver Comm. High School

Entering into high school, students have a lot of pressure to get good grades, test well, and get involved. There are many reasons to do well in all of these areas, but often times students who excel both in school and outside of school don’t get recognized. Shakirra Harris is only a sophomore, but is the perfect example of a student who does both good in school and in activities outside of school.

Harris, who turned 16 Dec. 19, grew up in Logansport until she was 4. She moved to Culver where she joined soccer in first grade. When she turned 6, she got into modeling jobs in Chicago. When asked how it felt to model at the age of 6 Harris said, “It was fun, being able to go everywhere that I went at that age and experience it, was good!”

Through her years in school she continued to play soccer and do small modeling for magazines.

Entering high school, Harris got involved in the CAVS and Spanish club. She also participates in soccer and may join track this year. She did play basketball but quit so she could go further in her soccer career.

The decision to quit basketball wasn’t easy, but Harris’ involvement in IIFSA was important. The IIFSA (Indiana Invaders Futball Soccer Association) is a



Shakirra Harris

travel league soccer team. Harris has practice every Thursday night in South Bend and games Sunday and Monday night. Being in IIFSA has helped Harris develop as a soccer player.

“You get more experience with better more experienced players, going to all the cities the coaches know more than the coaches here, sorry Coach Jacobson,” said Harris about being in IIFSA.

This is not the only activity Harris excels in. When she was 14 she called in about a contest on the radio to go to New York and audition for JRP (John Robert Powers) for the beginning stages of IPOP (International Professionals of Performances) and won.

When she got to New York there was a talent manager from MMG (Model Management Group) and IPOP. She originally auditioned for singing and monologue but her talent manager wanted her to model for her agency.

Harris continues to model but her top priority is to attend college and to pursue acting. She wants to attend DSU, NYU, or Valpariso University and major in psychology, and continue her soccer career. Her family has influenced her greatly in doing well in school and working towards her dreams.

Harris said, “There’s more than just Culver. I’m glad this happened to me in my life, because I know I’m set when I graduate and what I want to do with my life.”

Culver’s Duckett honored by 101st

The famed 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment (the “Curahees”) of the 101st Airborne Division today honored a local educator for his service to the Regiment. In ceremonies at Fort Campbell, Major(Ret) John T. Duckett, III of Plymouth was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

The DMOR designation is awarded to past and present soldiers whose services to the regiment and the nation have earned them the respect of their peers. It recognizes exceptional military service as well as accomplishment and service later in life in support of the 506th Regiment.

The presentation was made by COL Sean Jenkins, Commander of the Regiment, and the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, CSM William R. Hambrick Jr. The award certificate reads:

“In recognition of his special place in regimental continuity, tradition and esprit de corps, by Order of the Secretary of the Army, Major (R) John T. Duckett is granted and assigned the distinction of Distinguished Member of the 506th Infantry Regiment.”

Duckett was recognized for his service while serving as an infantry platoon leader and company commander for B Co., 1/506 Infantry in Vietnam and for his subsequent support for the Regiment and its soldiers as Chairman



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Maj. Tom Duckett

of the Board of Directors of the 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment Association since 2006. He also served with the 1st Air Cavalry Division and 3rd Infantry Division before retiring from the service. His decorations included

the Bronze Star (V), Purple Heart, Air Medal (3), Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), the Combat Infantryman’s Badge and Master Parachutist (1 BS) wings. The award noted his leadership of the Association during a period of rapid expansion, his work with active duty troops of the 506th after they were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan; his tireless efforts enhancing unit morale and providing support through his leadership in the Association and his efforts to provide for needs for individual soldiers wounded in action and the families of soldiers killed in action.

Following his military service Duckett, who holds a Master’s Degree from Syracuse University, went on to a successful career in education. He currently serves as Chairman of the Leadership Department and swimming coach at The Culver Academies. He lives with his wife, Julia



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From left, Adam Freymiller (‘13), Jonathan Weitgenant (‘12), and Andrew Van Duyn (‘12) celebrate their upset win over #9 DCC at Loyola Academy’s Ultima Quizbowl tournament by hoisting John Van Duyn (‘14).

Quizbowl team ranked in National Top 50 for first time

The Culver Academies Quizbowl team competed at the elite Loyola Ultima Tournament Jan. 21, facing eleven teams ranked nationally in the top 90.

The Eagles defeated all teams ranked below them, and were also able to knock off number nine Detroit Catholic Central and number 25 IMSA B. Culver’s quality wins moved them up two spots in the national rankings, allowing them to break in to the top 50 first the first time.

Culver’s overall record improved to 43 wins and 14 losses. As the fourth highest scorer, Andrew Van Duyn made the tournament All-Star team with a scoring average of 88.2 ppg. Full results and stats can be accessed here: www.ihssbca.org/statistics/2012_Ultima/2012_Ultima_Uber_standings.php.

Academies Quizbowl team falls just short of championship

The Culver Academies Quizbowl teams competed at the 23-team Culver Quizbowl Tournament on Saturday. The Varsity A team won their first nine games to advance to a best-of-three games final against also undefeated national #9 Detroit Catholic Central. After losing the first game of the final, the national #50 Eagles were able to defeat DCC in game two before falling just short in game three of the Championship. Culver’s overall record improved to 53 wins and 16 losses. Andrew Van Duyn was the tournament MVP as the highest scorer with 146.2 ppg. Full results and stats can be accessed here: naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3929 (varsity) and naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3930 (JV).



From left, Head Coach Phil Blessman, Jonathan Weitgenant (‘12), Ellery Sever (‘13), Andrew Van Duyn (‘12), Adam Freymiller (‘13), Wilson Wu (‘12), and Franklyn Ndubuisi-Obi (‘13) celebrate their upset win over #9 DCC at the Culver Quizbowl Invitational Saturday.

Culver Elementary Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for December.

Kindergarten: Aiden Rivera (Teacher: Amy Bonine), Cecilia Hill (Heather Overmyer), Maggie Smith (Stephanie Smith), Alexis Roberts (Jean Urbin), Dakota Lindsley (Janna VanDePutte).

First grade: Brent Keen (Andrea Berndt), Elizabeth Binion (Kelly Dickerhoff), Addison Pohl (April Jefferies), Kaitlyn Stacy (Becky Risner), Chloe Danti (Kim Morrison).

Second grade: Zeke Gearhart (Jean Ahlenius), Alexandra Forest (Tina Bailey) Ryan Sheets (Cindy Master), Alex Zehner (Lisa Moise), Aiden Rivera (Terri Zechiel).

Third grade: Sarah Lowry (Valerie Cultice), Noah Risner (Jill DeSalle), Hannah Branson (Rachel Rife), Jessica Pietsch (Carrie Tharp).

Fourth grade: Breanna Poull (Stephanie Alva), Ryan Tompos (Leslie Shepard), Erin Renneker (Alicia Cotner), Jake Fisher (Chris Renneker).

Fifth grade: Kate Heim (Pam Craft), Alyssa Bailey (Gayle Kinzie), Brandon England (Raeanne Stevens), Sydney Clingerh (Steve Young), Bobby Jewell (Kelly Young), Blake Thompson (Mike Elliott), Kate Renneker (Suzanne Hollis), Meghan Owens (Kinney).

Sixth grade: Reilly Reinhold (Bryan Albright), Collin Knowlton (Adam Huber), Dylan Lewandowski (Todd Shafer), Emily Fisher (Missy Trent), Kaitlin Moore (Julie Cowen), Caleb Weinkauff (Carol Jackson), Christian Zakhi (Joyce Lyman), Danny Cook (Arvelo), Dylan Lewandowski (Hollis).

Culver Middle School Students of the Month

Culver Comm. Middle School has announced its students of the month for December

7th Grade: Cheynne Powers (Teacher: Peggy Arquette), Steven Franklin (Bianca Ash), Garrett Reinhold (Eugene Baker), Brennin Betts (John Browder), Jefferey Littleton (Cristyn Cottone), Josh Krsek (Jason Crittendon), Amanda Morrison (Diane Derrow), Daniel Blocker (Cheryl Geik), Aaron James (Julie Kitchell), Tanner Hoffman (Shane Lowry), Collin Retschlag (Donna Schwartz), Elanna Reavill-O’Toole (Andy Thomas), Erin Bendy (Nicole Treber), Collin Retschlag (Ashleigh Trumble).
8th Grade: Anne Nowalk (Saundra Bailey), Brianna Overmyer (Eugene Baker), Anna Tompos (Cristyn Cottone), Brandon Sellers (Diane Derrow), Ellen Bowman (Scott

Eckert), Andrea Bermudez (Ashli Faulkner), Brianna Overmyer (Amy Gearhart), Jennah McCarthy (Chad Hollenbaugh), Cecilia Kenney (Shane Lowry), Anne Come-lla (Julie Perkins), Mitch Elliot (Donna Schwartz), Carrie Cook (Chris Stevens), Tevin Jones (Andy Thomas).

8th grade: Marisa Howard (Peggy Arquette), Teeno Hite (Saundra Bailey), Cody Fisher (Eugene Baker), Malik Guerra (Cristyn Cottone), Jenna McCarthy (Scott Eckert), Tevin Jones (Ashli Faulkner), Abby Surissi (Chad Hollenbaugh), Carrie Cook (Shane Lowry), Gary Braasch (Julie Perkins), Aaron Becker (Donna Schwartz), Cecilia Kenney (Chris Stevens), Jennah McCarthy (Andy Thomas), Brianna Overmyer (Ms. Thomas).

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Public Library will continue its session of free computer classes, held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. Sessions for February and the first two weeks of March include:

Internet for Beginners (Feb. 6 and 10), Email for Beginners (Feb. 13 and 17), Microsoft Office Overview Part I (Feb. 27, March 2), Microsoft Office Overview Part II (March 5 and 9). 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.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

Texas Hold-em tournament at VFW

Culver’s VFW Post 6919, located at 108 E. Washington St. in Culver, will host a Texas Hold-em tournament Sunday, Feb. 12. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$45 buy-in (no re-buys) with 10,000 chips. 25 percent goes to the house and 75 percent to the pot. Those with questions may call 574-842-3886.

TOPS meets Wednesdays

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 Plymouth St., Culver Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Weigh in from 3:30 to 4 p.m.; meeting is 4 to 4:30 p.m. Use the main door to the

east and go down stairs.

Hamman art exhibited at CUTPL

Artwork by award-winning Phyllis Hamman of Monterey will be exhibited through Feb. 6 upstairs at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

Those interested in purchasing Hamman’s work may call 574-542-2376. Those interested in exhibiting their own art at the library may contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941.

Early Culver religion display at Museum

The Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library, downtown Culver, is featuring an exhibit on Culver’s religious history featuring photographs, documents, and artifacts from Culver’s churches, past and present. The museum is open from Tuesday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vonnegut fund grant cycle coming up

The Marshall County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2012. Organizations should visit www.marshallcountycf.org for an application. Grant applications are due by 4:30 p.m., February 1, 2012. Applicants must be organizations with

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

Chocolate Jamboree Feb. 9

A “Chocolate Jamboree” will take place Thursday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Life Care Center of Rochester (827 W. 13th St.). The area’s finest chocolate creations will benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. This event is free to the community, and a free-will donation allows a vote for your favorite mocha masterpiece. Call 574-223-4331 with questions.

Adult basketball at Middle School gym

The Culver adult winter basketball program continues from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym, Sundays until March 18. The cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season. As always, please bring your good sportsmanship, and do not bring your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

New Citizen email address

A reminder that the *Culver Citizen* is transitioning its email address to culvercitizen@gmail.com. Please update your address books.

Also, “friend” the *Culver Citizen* on Facebook — and visit culvercitizen.com — for the most current updates and information.