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In Brief

Community tree lighting, caroling event Dec. 7

The annual community tree lighting and caroling event will be held Friday, December 7, under the auspices of the Culver Youth Community Organization and Knights of Columbus. The event will begin with the lighting of the community tree at 6:30 p.m. at the train station - depot, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. The night will culminate with volunteers caroling at several local businesses in town.

In conjunction with the event, several donation jars will be set out at various local businesses to help raise money to support local families in need over the holiday season. Any individuals or organizations interested in donating to or taking part may contact Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103 for details.

Holiday open houses, carriage rides

Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive, will hold its annual customer appreciation event Friday, Dec. 7 in conjunction with the town tree lighting and caroling (see Brief this issue). Offered will be wine and appetizers, free carriage rides, and live entertainment. Other participating area businesses are also staying open later in conjunction with the event and serving hot chocolate and champagne.

New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host an Internet/Email for Beginners class Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 30 at 10 a.m., two hours per class. Computer classes are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Children's room events at CUTPL

The children's room at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library hosts a creative writing club for kids, grade 3 and up, Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Story times take place Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. (for toddler) and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. (for the whole family). Story times include read-alouds and craft-making sessions in the fully stocked craft room. Thursdays after

O'er the ramparts they watched

ABOVE: Scenes from area observations of Veteran's Day Nov. 11 include: (at LOWER LEFT) Culver's Jim Dewitt, a Pearl Harbor survivor (seated at left) was honored among other veterans at the Plymouth Miller's Senior Living Community at its observation of the holiday. Also pictured (seated left to right) Wayne Zehner - Army; In the back row, John Pasley - Army, Jerry Holcomb - Army, Anna Corbett - Marketing Director, Carl Haag - Navy, Julian Kizer - Marines, and John Hall - Navy. UPPER RIGHT: Culver Girls Academy student Jamie Madison reads "In Flanders Fields" during Culver Academies' annual Veteran's Day ceremony outside the Legion Memorial Building; this year all CGA students wore red poppies on their lapels. LOWER RIGHT: Army Capt. Mark Anderson, a 2004 graduate of the school, discussed his service and the importance of that of others (SEE STORY BELOW).

CMA grad's message to others: dedicate yourselves to the service of others

By Jan Garrison

During the Culver Academies Veterans Day ceremony in 2001, Army Capt. Mark Anderson said "something began to call to me."

Two months earlier, a "routine" Culver day changed his life, he told the audience gathered for the 2012 Veterans Day ceremony at the school.

"That September 11th morning, the world, for so many people, would never be the same."

The 2004 graduate said he "vividly recalls the tears, the raw emotions of my classmates, and remember us coming together at an all-school assembly that afternoon."

He also remembers the launch of the Global War on Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom beginning while he was a student. "I remember being glued to the television watching tanks scream through the Iraqi desert. We sat anxiously, wondering what the fate of those men and women, and our nation, would be. It was this day that an inner voice inside me became more clear. I had decided that I would follow the brave veterans that came before me and dedicate my life to serve this nation."

Anderson, who was CMA regimental commander in his first-class year, found himself a tank platoon leader in 3-69 Armor Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division - the same battalion, men and women he had watched crossing the desert years earlier. When the platoon was called back for a mission in Iraq, "I watched them courageously and willingly leave their loved ones and families in the name of something more. I saw my youngest soldiers, many not much older than you, bravely leave the safety of the United States to protect the freedoms of every citizen."

Anderson said he found "solitude in that desert" as

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CGA adds poppies to Veterans Day wardrobe

"...If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields."

A part of the Veterans Day ceremony at Culver Academies, the reading of "In Flanders Field," by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D., took on new meaning for Culver Girls Academy as each girl wore a red poppy on her coat lapel to honor the fallen and veterans.

The girls were given a brief history lesson in the importance of the poppy by Maj. Tom Duckett, who said he was inspired by one of his students, Taylor Shepherd (class of 2014, from Belle River, Ontario). Shepherd was wearing a Remembrance Poppy on her coat after a trip home. Recognizing the poppy, Duckett

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Council fields concerns over impact of water problems, Academies sewer rate

Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Not surprisingly, Culverites -- especially business owners -- had some questions and concerns over the incapacity of Culver's drinking water for five days ending last week, which led to some discussion at the Oct. 13 meeting of Culver's town council.

Town manager Dave Schoeff explained an old water line and valve were exposed Thursday evening during digging of a trench for a new storm line in front of the First Farmers Bank at Main and Jefferson Streets. The "old method," he said, of restraining a pipe or valve was to use earth, which was moved during the digging process. Water pressure forced the old valve off, resulting in the town's water having to be shut off until around 11:30 that night. By state law, a boil advisory was issued for Culver, which lasted through the holiday weekend and was only lifted around noon on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Schoeff, replying to a question from Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler, noted the state requires two passing water tests for e coli, 24 hours apart, to lift the boil order. No one at the closest testing lab was available Saturday or Sunday, which "put us into a predicament."

Mahler said she researched various labs and discovered at least one which could have conducted the testing over the weekend, though at a cost of over \$300 for the test.

"I spent more than that (in operating the business without use of regular town water) in one day," said Mahler.

Rich West, manager of the Culver Cove, said he was also speaking on behalf of Miller's Merry Manor director Greg Fassett.

"By extending (the boil advisory) from a two day to a five day wait, it put an undue burden on local entities, particularly in a health care setting like Miller's."

West said Miller's has to provide fresh water and ice three times per day to every resident. The Cove, he said, had to turn away potential guests when told of the boil requirement.

"The town water department did a superhuman job in getting the fix done so quickly," added West. "My concern is the extended period of testing (and its) huge impact on businesses and public safety." See Council page 2

Two from Culver injured in accident

A two-vehicle crash the night of Nov. 12 about 5:45 resulted in two Culver men being taken to the hospital.

County Police Officer Joe Giordano investigated the crash on State Road 17 just south of Sycamore Road. His report states that 42 year old Michael Woods

of Culver was traveling south on St. Rd. 17 when he traveled left of center and struck a vehicle driven by 19 year old William M. Burgess, also of Culver.

Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and Burgess was pinned in the vehicle until Plymouth Fire and

EMS personnel were able to extricate him. Both drives were transported to Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth where they were treated for minor injuries.

Courtesy WTCA.

Council, others examine future of Culver's EMS as mandated changes loom

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

As a result of new state standards, Culver's EMS service will make a marked change in 2014; Culver's town council met with members of the service last Tuesday to consider just what that change will look like.

Indiana's new curriculum, according to Culver-Union Twp. EMS director Bob Cooper Jr., mirrors national standards and will go into effect July 1, 2014. Current levels of EMS provider certification -- which include First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Basic Advanced, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic -- will

be replaced with Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, and Paramedic.

Culver's service currently operates at the EMT-Basic Advanced level, said Cooper, who also distributed a handout to council members outlining details. He described the various patient treatments allowed by Culver's level of service.

The new Advanced EMT standards retain the basic skills with the addition of a few skills, but, said Cooper, one very important skill would be lost: that of cardiac monitoring. In-

stead, Culver's service -- if it transitioned to Advanced EMT -- would be limited to use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for cardiac arrest patients.

The new mandate does allow a "bridge" course of approximately 100 hours for existing EMTs, while brand new certifications will have to complete a full course of 175 to 250 hours.

Outlining Culver's three options, Cooper pointed out the Basic EMT level would be easier to recruit for and less expensive, since most of the staff would be volunteer. However, there would be a tradeoff, since EMTs could administer no medications and offer no

advanced airway procedures, IV, or cardiac monitors. Culver's EMS would essentially become a "band aid bus," he said, and would have to rely heavily on other communities' mutual aid for more advanced pre-hospital care.

The Advanced EMT option for 2014 would include limited medication administration, IV access, and blood glucose readings. The department's income would be higher (since patients would be charged more for the care), and there would be less reliance on mutual aid for paramedic assists.

However, hundreds of hours would be required for

training, making recruitment difficult, and paramedic assists would still be necessary. The department would still lack the ability to administer advanced skills such as advanced airway procedures, cardiac monitoring, and pain or seizure medications.

The third 2014 option for Culver would be to become an all-Paramedic service, which would offer the highest level of pre-hospital care possible and far greater patient assessments, advanced airway procedures, 12-lead EKG heart monitoring, and no need for paramedic assists.

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This option would offer the service the highest possible income and the possibility of increased coverage area.

More training would be required, however (625 total classroom hours for certification and 600 hours of clinical time) and the cost would be considerably higher.

It was noted a number of surrounding areas -- including Plymouth, Bourbon, and Bremen -- are currently at Paramedic level. Starke, Pulaski, and Fulton Counties offer county-wide paramedic service.

Of the 144 shifts covered in Culver by the EMS service, 68 are covered by paid personnel, according to the handout.

Culver resident Mike Leonard, a Paramedic and PRN here and in other communities, noted Culver has already purchased Paramedic-level 12-lead "Life Pack" heart monitor equipment.

"It's a tragedy to have to park those and not be able to



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Culver-Union Twp. EMS director Bob Cooper III discusses the future of the service with members of Culver's town council during a recent work session.

use them anymore because the state says you can't," he said, adding the testing made possible with that equipment "is what the cardiologists want (to) see. When we get to the (patient's) house, we slap the 12-lead on and they (cardiologists) expect us to interpret and show that to them. That triggers a response at the hospital and they call the transfer unit and reserve a cath table at St. Joe (hospital). The goal is to have all this happen... with no delay."

The equipment would only be used by Paramedics, explained Leonard, and would become useless in Culver in 2014 unless the local EMS service goes Paramedic.

Council member Lynn Overmyer suggested not having a driver on ambulance runs, reducing run staff from three to two, would save money.

"It does help to have three," said Cooper.

Council president Sally Ricciardi, a longtime member of Culver's EMS service and past director, said back injuries are a consideration when reducing staff to two.

Several members of Culver's EMS who also serve in

other departments, note many get by by having firemen called out to ambulance runs, something presently not happening in Culver.

Councilman Ed Pinder suggested Cooper outline dollar figures to the town with each respective option, which Cooper said he would do.

In response to a question from Chad Becker, in the audience, Cooper -- who recommended going to a Paramedic service -- noted the service currently pays a third full-time person minus benefits. An additional full-timer on 24 to 48 hour schedules could be supplemented with volunteer drivers, and EMTs, allowing the volunteer core to still participate.

"I think the new Advanced service (allowed by the state in 2014) is a few-year Band-Aid," said Cooper. "If you're putting the time, effort, and money into upgrading, let's make it count (by going Paramedic)."

Council member Bill Githens asked if the service could be contracted out entirely. Cooper said it's possible, but Culver would lose all volunteering options and local jobs would be lost. Leonard noted a contracting company "will want enough (money) to make it profitable for them, not just to break even." Bremen, he said, is charged over \$300,000 per year for contracted EMS service.

Ricciardi said Bourbon signed over its ambulances to contracted services for a low initial service rate, but found the rate increasing dramatically the next year.

Githens also thanked Cooper and Kimberly Irsa for representing Culver's EMS in their trip to New Jersey to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy recently.

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West said many people assumed town water was safe to drink 48 hours after the break was fixed, something Mahler echoed in noting vacation homeowners may also not have realized there was a boil order. Mahler, noting one business in Culver chose to continue using town water without boiling, said a lab technician told her "someone could have died" had there been e coli present.

West emphasized the town should follow up the problem with a group assessment of how to better respond to similar emergencies in the future, something council members agreed to do and communicate with citizens about.

Audience member Tom Kearns noted information was disseminated about the situation via the town, individual council members, and the Culver Citizen via Facebook and the internet.

"That in and of itself is a nice improvement," he said.

In other matters, lengthy discussion ensued following Schoeff's update to council members regarding meetings with Culver Academies about sewer rates the school is charged, suggesting a rate study should be conducted on sewer rates in addition to a water rate study.

Schoeff pointed out the Academies was "double charged" for several years due to a clerical error adding an extra testing fee to the already built-in one on the school's bill, amounting to \$150 per month. It was noted the error was discovered during Schoeff's investigation of the Academies' sewer rate.

Also noticed, he said, was the drop in interest rate from five to 2.6 percent on one of the sewer bonds.

The Academies, he said, "doesn't mind paying for the

flow that they use."

It was discussed that the Academies had agreed to do testing for groundwater infiltration in their own system, which -- if discovered -- could help them stem such infiltration and reduce the amount of water they pump into Culver's sewer system.

"They've given up doing that," commented council member Ed Pinder. "They wanted us to cut their rates... we said, 'You check and see what you can do over there (about groundwater infiltration) first.' They haven't done anything. Now they're saying, 'We don't mind paying for that flow, but we want a cut in our base rate.' So this is what they've done; they haven't done what they're supposed to do."

Schoeff distinguished between the base rate customers are billed -- which involves paying for sewer bonds and other system-wide costs, and the rate entities such as Culver Academies are charged for the actual gallons of sewage flowing into the town's system.

"I don't want to hear that the Academy is getting a special base rate just because they're the Academy," said audience member Russ Mason.

Schoeff responded that a special rate hasn't been part of the discussion. Instead, he said, there has been some discussion of the Academies might choose to pay off the town's \$2 million sewer debt. Since debt service amounts to around 80 percent of all customers' base sewer rate, the payoff would result in lowered base rates for all customers, including the Academies.

"(That would) save them money over the course of 50 years, but it's got to be (what's best) for everybody," said Schoeff.

Other discussion included an update from Paul Foster of DLZ Engineers, who updated the council on the ongoing downtown revitalization project in Culver. Contracting company Reith Reilly, he said, expects to be done with concrete and sidewalk work by Dec. 1, and demolition is nearly complete on the west side of the street.

The council signed a voluntary mutual aid agreement as part of Indiana's emergency management District 2, something already signed by Marshall County.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger explained the agreement maps out a procedure designating responsibility of costs or liability incurred when outside agencies travel to another area to assist during an emergency.

"We've worked out a system to take care of each other," he said. "Basically it says we'll be responsible for our people and equipment and (others will do same)."

The council also voted to put out Culver's town-wide trash service for bid after a proposal from Allied Waste, which currently handles the town's pickup, for a three-year contract starting in January, 2013. The proposal would extend the existing three-year contract but with a five percent flat increase from the current monthly rate per resident of \$14.09 to \$14.79. A two year extension would require a six percent increase to \$14.93.

Schoeff, noting Culver has approximately 730 residences serviced by the agreement, said Allied's proposal also calls for language allowing the company to approach the town for an increase in billing, should fuel costs rise dramatically during the contract period. Council member Lynn Overmyer moved the matter be opened for all bidders to enable council to look at various options.

The council scheduled a public hearing for its next meeting in relation to required identification of all intersections in town and whether they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the need to have a plan to implement ramps at those intersections.

Town marshal Wayne Bean told council he is hiring a new part-time office, Chad Dulin of Knox, who he said will be "a good addition."

A work session was scheduled for 30 minutes before the next council meeting to discuss resolution on the matter of longevity pay for town employees, after town clerk Karen Heim asked for clarification on whether part time employees may receive it and under what circumstances.

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'BEAM' for United Way

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Pictured are Culver and other Marshall County students who helped with the United Way Drive One 4 Your Community Saturday, Oct. 27. The kids worked with the United Way of Marshall County and Oliver Ford to raise money for the United Way of Marshall County. Four of the students are from the BEAM group (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) and the other student is from Plymouth High School.

From left: Scott Carmichael (BEAM member from Plymouth High School), Pauline Dagaas (Plymouth High School), Bridget Craft (BEAM member from LaVille High School), Madelyn Strycker (BEAM member from Culver Community High School), and Kayla Shaffer (BEAM President from Culver Community High School).

Kneebone ordination Nov. 25 at Grace UCC, Culver



AnnMarie Kneebone

CULVER — First United Church of Christ, Plymouth, and Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, will conduct the Service of Ordination and Installation Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m. for Pastor AnnMarie Kneebone. The celebration will be held at Grace UCC, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver. The public is invited.

During the ceremony, Kneebone will be ordained as a minister in the denomination by the Northwest Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. Following ordination, she will be installed as the called pastor serving both Plymouth and Culver congregations.

Growing up in the Roman Catholic faith tradition Kneebone felt a call from God at an early age. A gifted dramatist and musician, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Writing for the Arts from Western Michigan University and a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Prior to ordained ministry, she worked in both church and secular organizations to reach out to those who are suffering. From stage-managing the city of Chicago's celebration for World AIDS Day, to joining Katrina Hurricane Relief, to training Christian Peacemaker teams, or to serving as a voice for those whom society has marginalized, Kneebone has poured out God's gifts in her life as a balm for those in need. As a pastor she has worked with small churches in transition, served as pastoral counselor for hospice care, ministered to teens and young adults, led worship and children's church in Chicago area nondenominational, United Methodist, and American Baptist churches, and served on UCC denominational committees.

Born and raised in Michigan, she comes from Elkhart, where she was a member of First Congregational Church (UCC). Her former pastor, the Reverend Anne Cabbage will present the message in the afternoon service.

The Reverend Dr. Eva Buthy, chair of the Northwest Association's Committee on Ministry and the Reverend Dan Barnum-Steggerda will participate in leading the service of ordination along with other area UCC clergy. Pastor Emeritus of First United Church of Christ, and former interim pastor at Culver Grace UCC, the Reverend Dr. Ronald W. Liechty will also participate in the service of ordination.

Following the ceremonies, participants are welcome to share in a meal held in Zion Hall in Grace Church. For further information about the celebration call 574-842-2331. Sunday morning services at Grace Church begin at 9:45 a.m. with education classes following; Education classes at First UCC begin at 9:30 a.m. with worship at 10:45 a.m., broadcast live over WTCA 1050 AM.



Chemistry comes alive

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Participants of all ages got a bang out of the annual Chem-o-ween event at Culver Academies the Saturday after Halloween, during which chemistry teacher and Culver resident Phil Cook (standing at left in the photo at LEFT) demonstrated a number of chemical properties via a variety of animated demonstrations, culminating in a grand finale untested prior to the event: some 1,400 ping pong balls launched from an exploding trash can. Pictured ABOVE, LEFT, Cook shows young Charlie Carrillo (son of department chair Chris Carrillo) a block of dry ice. At RIGHT, Cook's daughter Sophia cautiously prepares to ignite an "explosive" balloon.

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school at 3:30, children and adults are invited to play board games in the craft area.

Santa at Elizabeth's

Opportunities to take pictures with Santa Claus will be available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Elizabeth's Garden, 104 N. Plymouth Street in Culver. Call 574-842-4766 for more information.

Adult basketball at CCMS gym

The Culver adult winter basketball takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym, and continues Sundays (except Dec. 23) until March 10. The cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season. Please pay before you play and bring your good sportsmanship, but not your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Bell ringers needed

The Culver Council of Churches is requesting help in ringing the Salvation Army bell for donation kettles set up at various sites in Culver. All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver and be used in Culver. The weekend days where help is needed are Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23. Please contact Jean Rakich to schedule your time, at 574-842-2725.

Maxinkuckee Singers seek director

The Maxinkuckee Singers are looking for a director to fill the upcoming vacancy. If you are interested in this opportunity

please send your resumes to Mike Overmyer by Dec. 1. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 65, Culver, IN 46511 or emailed to: movremyer@jmceainc.com.

Tri Kappa wreaths available

Just in time for Christmas, Culver's Tri Kappa is selling fresh wreaths and garlands this year. 24-inch wreaths are \$20 and 36-inch wreaths are \$35 apiece. Garland is \$1 per foot (to go around a standard 38 inch door, you'll probably need about 17 feet). Wreaths will be available for pick up December 1. For more information or to place an order, contact Chris Sheppard at 574-276-7438 or Chris.sheppard@culver.org.

Downtown clock donations sought

The fund-raising goal towards Culver's new Main Street clock is at the halfway mark towards total \$8,000 cost of the clock -- which will be installed in conjunction with the downtown revitalization project at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Checks may be made out to The Town of Culver and sent to: Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

TOPS meets Wednesdays

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

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asked Shepherd about it and she recited the story behind it "chapter and verse."

According to Shepherd, the poppies are very popular in Canada. "I do not have a grandfather or another relative that I wear the poppy for," she said. "Ever since I can remember we would wear poppies at my grade school and all through my high school. It was always a really big deal.

"There was always a big ceremony and everyone would wear a poppy to show respect for all the soldiers who died and soldiers who are still fighting for us," she added. "It's a symbol of respect to show that we are grateful for what people are doing and for what people have done for our country.

"When the war was over, poppies grew over Flanders field so that is the symbol that was sought to be appropriate. Every year for a month we wear poppies to show respect.

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the soldiers committed themselves to sleepness of uncertainty. But their pride in "our nation" and their unyielding belief in democracy taught him the spirit of "all veterans, the spirit of service."

Anderson is now assigned to A Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Space and Missile Defense Command at Fort Detrick, Md. He is the commander of a geographically remote satellite control company responsible for providing world-class critical communication and satellite payload control to the president, National Security Council, Joint Staff, Combatant Commanders, deployed U.S. and Allied forces, and various federal agencies.

In closing, he asked the students to take a few moments to reflect on "what it means to be free." And he added that it is important to remember what the Culver experience teaches its students: "Challenge yourself to become a part of something bigger, a part of the solution, a participant, not just a spectator to this exercise called freedom, work to be something more. "Whether you choose to lead soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, a school, a business, or a community, lead with integrity and a sense of selfless purpose. Lead with the spirit of all veterans so their sacrifices may not be in vain." —

Name that Culver 'citizen'



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, John Neidlinger, Mystery Citizen, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen, Clifton.

School grad John Neidlinger, when we did was good timing for just after Veteran's Day: he returned not so long ago from serving overseas in Afghanistan, where he flew a combat helicopter. Recognizing him were Bryce Lindvall, Kay Tusing, Barbara Neidlinger, Jill Neidlinger, and Carin

This week's Mystery Citizen was a longtime businessman in the Culver area, though more recently his work has taken him out of town, often as not.

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




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LEFT: CCHS player Donna Zehner, right, goes up for a shot Nov. 13 in a home game against Winamac. ABOVE: Lady Cavs coach Gina Hierlmeier, right, coaches from the sidelines at the Winamac game Nov. 13.

Winamac hands Culver 1st loss

Winamac outscored Culver Community 28-12 in the second half, and the visiting Lady Warriors handed host Culver its first loss, 44-38, Nov. 13.

Kayla Shaffer scored 17 points, and Tatum Schultz put up 10 points with four rebounds and two assists. Ali Overmyer dished out five assists, and Donna Zehner came down with 10 rebounds for the Lady Cavs in the loss. Winamac saw balanced scoring with three players in double figures as Jessica Schramm, Bethany Brogdon and Stephanie Shorter scored 16, 14 and 12 points, respectively.

• WINAMAC 44, CULVER 38
At Culver

15 Culver Academies athletes ink with DI programs

CULVER — Fifteen Culver Academies student-athletes will advance to continue their sports careers at the Division I level, the school announced on the first day of the early signing period Wednesday.

The school's celebrated lacrosse programs will send nine total athletes on to NCAA DI teams. For the Eagles, Zach Currier has signed with Princeton, Dean Ferris has inked with Ohio State, Dan Ferrell will play for Virginia Military Institute, Alec Johnston will attend Robert Morris, Mason Quinn will play for Quinnipiac, Austin Spencer signed on with UMass, and Paul Westman will matriculate at Bellarmine.

For the Lady Eagles, Annie Morsches inked with Colorado, and Olivia Rabbitt has signed on to be a part of Elon's start-up. In

baseball meanwhile, Kyle Bartelman will attend Columbia, while 2011-12 IBCA Junior All-Star Andrijana Cvitkovic has signed on to play for Dayton.

Grace Hirschy inked with North Dakota's women's hockey team, while Brittany Courteau and Danielle Rassi will compete in rowing at Southern Methodist and IU, respectively.

CMA wrestler Anthony McHugh — who is rated third in the state at 138 pounds on Indianamat.com's preseason rankings — will grapple for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Lady Cavs rebound

Culver Community held host Michigan City Marquette to just five points in the second and third quarters, and the Lady Cavaliers bounced back from a loss to Winamac Tuesday with a lopsided 50-23 win on the road Thursday.

Mickella Hardy had a big night at forward for the Cavs with 13 points seven rebounds as Culver won the battle of the boards 22-13.

Kayla Shaffer finished with 11 points, three assists and four steals, while Tatum Schultz dished out three assists with five steals and six points.

Culver hosts SSectional 51 rival Argos next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. •

• CULVER 50, MICHIGAN CITY MARQUETTE 23
At Michigan City

Lady Falcons down Eagles

Carah Ochs put up a game-high 23 points, and John Glenn held Andrijana Cvitkovic to eight as John Glenn earned its first win of the season while handing visiting Culver Girls Academy its first loss 72-60 at home at The Aerie Nov. 13.

Behind senior guard Ochs, sophomore Kyler Columbia put up 14 points for Glenn as the Lady Falcons' backcourt knocked down nine 3-pointers to trump the Eagles front line for the win. Victoria Christlieb scored 20 points in a productive outing for the Eagles, and Jamie Madison and Alle Baker scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, but it wasn't enough to beat the balanced Falcons as Cvitkovic fouled out at the match-up between Sectional 19 rivals.

Glenn moves to 1-1 while CGA drops to 2-1.

• JOHN GLENN 72, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 60
At Walkerton

Wrestling

Forfeits burn Culver as Knox wins opener

Knox won seven matches by forfeit, and the Redskins kicked off the 2012 wrestling season with a 39-28 win over visiting Culver Community Nov. 13.

Jared Fawley also earned the home team a 5-2 decision at heavyweight. Culver wrestlers claimed wins in four weight classes, three by pinfall and one by major decision in the team loss. Austin Brisette earned a 47-second pinfall victory at 120 pounds. John Ahlenius scored an 18-4 major decision, and Mark Hurford earned a second-period pinfall at 170 pounds.

Matt Hurford, who is ranked second at 182 pounds by Indianamat.com after finishing last season in fifth place at the state finals, won his senior season opener with a 45-second pinfall at 195 pounds.

• KNOX 39, CULVER 28
At Knox

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Culver-based officer demonstrates K9 unit purchased by Lake Max Association

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Lake Maxinkuckee Association meetings might range in specifics, but it's safe to say the Nov. 10 meeting was the first to feature a necktie-wearing canine in search of illegal drugs. The drugs, of course, weren't on any LMA member's person, but were part of a demonstration by Culver's own Brandon Cooper, K9 officer with the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, of the abilities of Arras, the dog the LMA purchased for the department earlier this year, at a cost of approximately \$18,000.

Cooper, speaking at the meeting along with Marshall County sheriff Tom Chamberlin, noted Arras was purchased at Vohne Liche Kennels south of Rochester. He described the dog as a "genius teenager. He's very smart, social, and friendly," a fact in evidence from the dog's cheerful demeanor with attendees at the meeting.

As is common for military and law enforcement dogs, Arras responds to commands in Dutch, which is intended to stifle the abilities of unintended interference with the dog's work by unauthorized humans.

The nearly three year old animal spent five weeks training with Cooper, following Arras' own training in Holland. Part of that training, said Cooper,

involved pairing him with a tennis ball, "so anytime he smells narcotics, he thinks his ball is there. He thinks it's a game when he's searching a car!"

Arras is trained to detect methamphetamines, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and ecstasy, Cooper added, and is always on the alert for those scents. Cooper, then, is "looking for any change of behavior (in Arras, to detect drugs)."

That's handy given that, according to Cooper, "we have a huge meth problem here in Marshall County." He also noted the convergence of US 30 and 31 here makes the area home to "major corridors, east-west and north-south."

By state statute, Cooper explained, officers with probable cause -- including Arras' detecting a scent -- may search a vehicle. The dog's ability pertains to what's known as the "stew theory," he said.

"You walk into your grandma's house and she's cooking stew; you just smell stew. (Arras) can smell each ingredient, so he can pair narcotics together."

Cooper affirmed that a K9 officer like Arras is "an ex-



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Marshall County police officer Brandon Cooper discusses county police dog Arras as Dusty Henricks of the Lake Maxinkuckee Association looks on.

cellent tool," pointing out ongoing costs include paying handlers, vet bills, grooming, and food. Arras is on a holistic dog food diet high in protein and with no grain. He goes through a \$54 bag about every two weeks.

Arras is Marshall County's first K9 officer, said Cooper, noting there are three such dogs across the county: one under the auspices of the Sheriff's department, one with the Plymouth police and one with Bremen. Arras just took part in his first school search Bourbon, he added, and though no drugs were found, "it shows the kids we're out there."

Following his presentation to LMA members, Cooper demonstrated Arras' abilities with a sampling of several items, including a white, powdery substance many assumed was illegal drugs but turned out to be a common household item. Instead, Arras detected traces of narcotics in a cell phone.

Arras will even ignore meat and dog food when on the job, Cooper said.

Cooper, who lives on School Street, shares his home with Arras, and the two are available for searches "24-7," he noted.

"Most people are surprised he's so friendly," said Cooper. "The old-time police dogs were bite dogs. (He's) something we can use to bring the community together."

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Boys hockey

CMA routs St. Joe 7-0

Culver Military scored five goals during a third-period outburst and Charles Miller tallied 17 saves for the shutout in a 7-0 rout of visiting South Bend St. Joseph's. Phil Kreuser scored twice with an assist, while Corey Taylor and Gavin Walker both had a goal and an assist. Dom Meloni,

Logan Badalich and Matt Moody also scored goals in the win, and John Eansor recorded two assists.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity A)
7, S.B. ST.
JOSEPH 0
At Culver

Girls swimming

CGA wins opener vs Judson

Culver Girls Academy's

swim team dove into the 2012 season with a dominant 126-38 win over visiting North Judson Thursday night at home.

The Lady Eagles swept the top spot in all events and went one-two in eight different races, including the 200 free and 400 free relays.

Lauryn Robinson won the butterfly and swam the

third leg on CGA's winning 200 medley relay, Rory Byrne won the individual medley and swam the opening leg for the Eagles' winning 200 free relay team, and Josephine Schott won the 500 and opened for her team's winning medley relay team.

Maeve Kline, Sarah Jamieson, Eberle Miller, Anna Zaccaria and Olivia

Cripe were also winners in individual races for the home team.

North Judson was led by Madison Osborne's and Caitlin Dvorscak, who finished seconding the 100 free and breaststroke, respectively, and on Judson's second-place medley relay team.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY
126, NORTH JUDSON 38
At Culver



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