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In Brief

Little League sign-ups

Culver Little League will hold sign-ups at the Culver Union Twp. Library on the following dates and times: Friday, March 8, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 5 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 23, noon to 3 p.m.

Scrapbooking Sat., Mexican Dominoes ongoing

The Culver beach lodge will host a new scrapbooking club, "Beach House Scrappers," Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the beach lodge. Bring a snack and/or drink, your own materials, and inspiration to share. Ongoing at the beach lodge is Mexican Dominoes, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Community Lenten services

The Culver Community Council of Churches invites all to join for community-wide, ecumenical Lenten prayer services Sundays at 4 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church (March 10), and Grace United Church of Christ (March 17). Those with questions, contact Jean Rakich at 574-842-2725.

Hubbard Street live March 12

The Huffington Concert Series continues at Culver Academies with the return of the Chicago-based Hubbard Street II Dance Company Tuesday, March 12, at the Eppley Auditorium on the school's campus. Tickets are available through the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office, or email covenm@culver.org or call 574-842-7058. All seats are reserved seating.

Richey on nutrition March 11

Karen Ritchey, Marshall County Extension Office, will speak on nutrition for Nutrition Awareness Week at Culver's REAL Services meal Monday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. at the Culver beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. Attendees may share a meal prior to the event at noon, with reservations requested (574-842-8878) and a donation suggested, or may attend only the program.

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Winds, not of change

TOP: A member of the audience voices her displeasure during Thursday night's meeting on wind turbines as (BOTTOM PHOTO) County Plan Commission president David Dinius listens. Debated was the Commission's decision not to enact a proposal which would have effectively barred a controversial wind farm in the Culver area.

MC Plan Commission wind ordinance decision causes controversy

By Daniel Riordan
Managing Editor

PLYMOUTH — After being tabled for a month, when presented with an array of additions and amendments to current ordinances, the Marshall County Plan Commission decided not to take any action that would essentially keep wind turbines and farms out of the county.

With attorney Steve Snyder, Syracuse, representing, a group of concerned citizens drafted a series of changes to current ordinances in the county regarding wind turbines.

They ranged from sound issues to setting longer distances from property lines, churches, schools and more.

After more than 2.5 hours of discussion, the plan commission mostly went with the recommendations of Area Plan Director Ralph Booker and made some tweaks to current ordinance without any sweeping changes.

And since the plan commission is simply a recommending body, the final decision will come to Marshall County Commissioners.

Booker said he would try to get the matter in front of the commissioners at their March 18 meeting.

The plan commission did approve suggesting to the commissioners that there be a half mile setback from areas zoned L-1 or T-1 in the county.

There was some back and forth between Booker and Snyder on whether language about municipal areas should be excluded.

Booker contended that the county had no jurisdiction over areas like Plymouth, Culver and Bremen. Snyder contended that when it came to issues like zoning it didn't matter.

The plan commission chose to omit several recommendations from the citizens group like one that would create a half mile setback from a wind system and any residence where one is located.

Several times when introducing proposals, Booker noted that some of the more restrictive ones would essentially make wind farms impossible in Marshall County.

As the commission went through and voted not to give positive recommendations on some of the more big ticket items, the crowd grew loud at times and made sarcastic comments as Booker gave his recommendation.

Things bubbled over when one woman spoke out during the meeting.

Plan Commission President David Dinius stated at the beginning of the meeting that the public wouldn't be heard from.

He cited that the Jan. 24 meeting had public comment. "You can kick me out if you want," said the woman when Dinius told her to be quiet.

After complaining that the See Wind, page 2

Housing and change in Culver

It's no secret the real estate market has changed the makeup of Culver in recent decades. But is the community in danger of becoming a partial 'Disneyland,' where workers arrive each morning and each night exit a largely empty town outside of the summer months. In this week's *Citizen*, we examine the matter from various perspectives, including what, if any, options might create change.

Special edition

Housing costs and Culver: where do we go from here?

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Visit any number of businesses or entities in Culver during the day and observe who's at work there. Chances are by nighttime, they'll have left town.

This includes both the smaller operations here, such as restaurants and retail venues, and the larger: Culver Academies (the largest employer in Marshall County), which employs more than 800; Elkay-Medallion, which employs around 260; Miller's Merry Manor, around 80; Culver Community Schools, nearly 90 certified teachers and staff (not counting a number of non-certified staff members).

The vast majority exit the town of Culver before bed-time, leaving a community whose streets in the non-summer months seem marked by an increasing number of darkened, empty homes.

The problem is not a new one, of course, though it's relatively new in the life of Culver (gaining the most ground in the 1990s and 2000s), and to a large extent it boils down to the housing market here:

home prices are often too high See Housing, page 2

Taking action on housing matters: the pros and cons

Some in the Culver area have attempted to make inroads into more moderate income offerings here. Among these are longtime residents Ralph and Barbara Winters, who in 1999 developed several two-bedroom apartments on the western end of Cass Street. Ralph Winters has also been part of various discussions over the years regarding housing in Culver, as a past member of the town council and other boards and committees.

"As realtors, the acronym P.I.T.I. is used," says Winters. "That's Principal, Interest, Taxes, and Insurance. Affordable housing by the usual criteria is a home in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range. This is a stretch for someone with a \$15 an hour job, unless both mom and dad are working at that rate, with full-time work."

"In Culver," he says, "affordable housing could be accomplished if there were a co-operative land owner and perhaps a housing or infrastructure grant from the state or the federal government. Manufactured housing or trailers is one path to affordable housing, but a few years back the Plan Commission said, 'no new house trailers in Culver.' That attitude would need to change."

"I would be supportive of the See Action, page 10
Culver Council if they chose to

Housing and local business: various perspectives

Local businesses have long lamented the challenges of maintaining a viable income outside the summer months in Culver, and many would love to see a larger year-round population base to help boost sales.

More affordable housing in the area, says Mark Damore Jr., owner of the Lakehouse Grille on Lake Shore Drive, "would help me as a restaurant owner and businessperson in general, and

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Housing: how it impacts schools

Nearly half of the certified faculty and staff at Culver Community Schools live outside Marshall County, and a tiny handful in Culver proper, but superintendent Brad Schuldt points out that, for the school system, "it's not just about employees."

"Families with young children have difficulty finding housing (in Culver); that's a major contributor to our declining enrollment."

More of a contribution, in fact, says Schuldt, than what some might assume are major factors, such as quality of the school or competition from charter schools or state-allowed vouchers.

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LIFT enjoying success and accepting new applicants

Culver's LIFT group is celebrating its second anniversary. Established in 2011, LIFT is Marshall County Community Foundation's (MCCF) first affinity group, and it is an association of volunteer women whose mission is to collectively support the advancement of women in the Culver area. LIFT does this through mentoring, volunteering,



and providing resources to other women.

A donor-advised fund at the MCCF which members contribute to annually

allows the group to support women in the Culver area to succeed in both their personal and professional lives.

Co-chair Joan Bess says, "We want to reach women

who need that extra lift to help them succeed by providing a support system and our friendship. We work with them through one-on-one interactions that can leverage our group's experiences and skills, and, we do that by offering our friendship."

Co-chair Kathy Lintner adds, "Although we do have some ability to help financially, our hope is to provide more than financial resources. We try to provide our collective experiences and talents so that the women we help might gain

what they need to succeed in their own circumstances."

LIFT is an acronym for Lending, Inspirational Friendship Together. Members of the group endeavor to use their skills, talents, and friendship to "lift" other women to success.

Says Bess, "Friendship has proven to be the most important aspect of what we do. To date, we have helped two women by developing relationships with them to learn about their circumstances. We can then assess how we might

use our skills to help. We think we have been able to contribute to their lives through our friendships with them. It has been a rewarding experience for all of us."

LIFT members plan to help more women this year and are encouraged by their successes to date.

Sue Roth, the group's historian, notes, "As a group, we represent a variety of backgrounds. Some of the women in our group are business-oriented, whereas

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"The biggest reason (for declining enrollment) is jobs and housing opportunities."

That decline is one factor in cuts of \$500,000 -- which are likely to result in cutting 7 to 10 teachers' jobs this year, as reported recently in this publication -- throughout the school system.

"One of the things we want to prevent, from both the teaching staff and administration, is that we have a drain of the top quality people from our community because there's no housing here," adds Schuldt.

Due in part, of course, to school consolidation and districting, over 560 of the system's approximately 950

students reside outside Marshall County. Of the 388 of the Marshall County students, well under half live within walking distance of the school, with the numbers seemingly ever decreasing.

In a 2011 interview with *The Culver Citizen*, Schuldt noted housing costs contributed largely to the decline of student population. For the 1988-89 school year, 1,178 students attended Culver schools corporation-wide; numbers peaked during the 1997-98 school year, when the official number was 1,254 (portable classroom buildings and building expansions launched during that period). By 2005-06, the student population was funded at 1,165

students, and numbers remained in the low to mid-1,100s over the next few years. By 2008-09, numbers were dipping below 1,100, and the 2010-11 school year saw recorded students at just 1,018, a reduction of some 200 students from the peak. Additionally, the number of students corporation-wide receiving free and reduced lunches grew to 54 percent of all students in the corporation that year.

While present funding reductions pertain to a number of state-related issues, since school funding is based on student population, reductions of students in the Culver area over the years have translated to growing losses to the corporation's budget.

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for middle and lower middle income families and individuals -- who might be more likely to stay here during the non-summer months -- to afford.

It's an adage often heard by anyone who's sought housing here: the same home selling for less than \$100,000 in surrounding communities -- or even just outside the town of Culver or Lake Maxinkuckee areas -- may be marketed for \$200,000 and higher in the town itself. This is partly, of course, because compared to housing prices in some urban areas within driving distance -- say, Chicago or Indianapolis -- Culver's prices seem cheerfully reasonable.

However, only some of those purchasing homes here from those areas become permanent residents; many, instead, use their Culver abode as a second home for a summertime vacation spot.

The question of Culver's future as regards moderate-income housing is sure to play a visible role in the development of this year's comprehensive plan; it's certainly one of the priority topics for town manager Dave Schoeff.

Schoeff believes an overbalanced focus either on catering to vacationers to Culver or locals misses the possibility of expanding a focus to include both.

He's been involved in informal discussions of buying "blighted" blocks in Culver and seeking out a developer in hopes of constructing apartments or affordable homes, though there's nothing official in the works at present.

"There's money out there," he says, "to give homeowners money to fix their homes up; there are redevelopment commissions that will do that."

Schoeff suggests "thinking outside the box" and considering whether the town itself could "take some risks" by buying properties currently overpriced and not moving, and facilitating development -- whether in the housing or commercial arenas -- as an "investment in your community."

Some of the challenges in staffing versus housing in Culver come down to a "chicken or the egg" equation, adds Schoeff.

"Can I find a good, solid workforce to substantiate what I will bring here (as a potential new business or manufac-

ture)? If I need 50 employees, will I have trouble staffing what I need? So do you bring people and hope to bring industry? Medallion brought industry but it doesn't seem to bring a lot of the blue collar people here (to live). One of our biggest hurdles is housing, so let's fix it. I'm not sure what the answer is, but sitting here on our thumbs isn't it. We have to be creative and find ways to bring people here."

Rick Coffman, plant manager at the Elkay-Medallion factory on Mill Street, acknowledges that "a few" employees there live in Culver proper. The majority, however, do not.

"Being here, you're pulling from the tri-county area, which is part of the economic package for Elkay to come here. On the salaried side, I pulled some different managers and supervisors in from different regions (to work here), including New York and Tennessee. Both would have considered Culver, but it didn't work out because of housing and other factors."

"They loved Culver and the community (but) either housing wasn't good enough, or it was way too expensive."

For Elkay's hourly workers, says Coffman, "it's not affordable for them at all. One thing I talked to the town manager about is, a lot of people I assume would consider living here if they had affordable rentals or apartments."

In that case, he adds, turnover would be lessened and workers' fuel costs reduced.

Greg Fassett, director of Culver's Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, acknowledges "very few" of the approximately 80 people employed at the facility live in Culver.

He feels increased options in affordable housing would "possibly benefit me as an employer," and he says he's "definitely in favor of it."

However, Fassett laments the same challenge that many others do: "If land in Culver is overpriced," he says, "how can you afford to build affordable housing?"

John Buxton, head of schools at Culver Academies, notes that 80 percent of the school's faculty and salaried staff *do* live within 10 minutes of the school, though many

have chosen to live near -- rather than *in* -- town. The Academies' situation differs a bit, too, since the school owns a fair amount of property in Culver (or within block of its eastern limit, adjacent to the campus) specifically designated for faculty or staff housing.

"(Faculty or staff) say, 'I'd love to buy a house in town, but they're asking too much,' so our people go outside of town," says Buxton. "Or, we (the school) have to buy a lot of houses. But we're not interested in owning half the town."

"Just outside of town you can get enormous value -- maybe a third or a half more house for the same price," he adds, noting many faculty or staff members do indeed purchase homes within a few miles of Culver, which also affords them space for a few dogs and horses.

"It's not as though there's not enough housing within 20 or 25 minutes of Culver; the question is, if you're trying to attract people to live in Culver, what is the right kind of housing to put in to attract them? There's not much."

Buxton points to a phenomenon frustrating many in discussing moderate-income housing in Culver: "Everything has a 'golden ticket' mentality attached to it, so that there's the notion that, 'I could be sitting on a gold mine,' even if my house is only worth so much. It's like trolling for the 10 pound bass. There's a higher price tag than there is value, but people are willing to take the risk."

"I don't think that's healthy for the town."

On the other hand, Buxton adds, "I've heard a lot of people looking for apartments, who are trying to downsize, and there's nothing available."

Of the hundreds of hourly employees working at the school, few live in the town of Culver proper, and those who do are often occupying houses they've owned for decades, before prices went up.

Among the faculty and staff living within three or four minutes of the campus, says Buxton, within about a decade that number has gone from around 90 percent to 80 percent.

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commission wasn't listening to the citizens, she took aim at Booker.

"I want to know why you're king," she shouted at Booker.

Dinius and others on the board stated that their job was to serve all citizens in Marshall County and not just some.

He noted that many in the audience were from Culver.

"You complain about noise," said Dinius. "Have you heard the sound your motor boats make? You argue aesthetics. Yet you build bigger and wider homes that block the lake view from others."

Plan Commission member Robert Yoder was outspoken

in his opposition to sweeping changes to the ordinance.

Yoder's contention was that nobody could predict what the technology of wind turbines would be in the future.

The plan commission discussed issues like sound and abandonment issues for wind farms but didn't give any positive recommendations to major changes.

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Death notices

Sheets

Jamie Allyn Sheets
Feb. 25, 2013

WINAMAC — Jamie Allyn Sheets, 39, of Winamac died Feb. 25, 2013 at 3:42 p.m. at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her mother, Carey M. Baugh, Winamac; stepfather, Donald W. Baugh Sr., Winamac; daughter, Melissa M. Bradley, Rochester, Arianna R. Bradley, Rochester, Havana J. Bradley, Rochester; son, Ryan E. Bradley, Rochester; companion, Wayde A. Bradley, Rochester; sisters, Jo E. Nellans, Winamac, Ariel J. Owens, Winamac; brothers, Donald Baugh Jr., Rochester, Patrick L. Baugh, Peru, Jason M. Baugh, Logansport; and step-sister, Concetta Denny, Star City.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2013 at Frain Mortuary, where services followed at 1 p.m. Monday. Private burial will take place at Pro Cemetery, Star City. Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at www.frainmortuary.com

Rhea

Robert 'Dennis' Rhea
Feb. 25, 2013

BOURBON — Robert "Dennis" Rhea, 67, of Bourbon, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2013 at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Rhea of Bourbon; two daughters, Denise Clark of Nappanee and Catherine Ann (Jason) Rinehart of Eugene, Ore.; a son, Robert Dennis Rhea Jr. of Pittsburg, Kan.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his mother, Catherine Rhea of Freeport, Maine; a brother, Rick Rhea of Freeport, Maine; and two sisters, Janine (Hank) Clemmons of Oregon, Wis. and Caroline (Charlie) McLaren of Kelseyville, Calif.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Camp Creek Church of the Brethren in Nappanee. Visitation was Friday, March 1, 2013 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may go to the Camp Creek Church of the Brethren.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen is in charge of arrangements.

Letters to the editor

State Highway planting

Why aren't there any new highway tree planting? Several decades ago hundreds of miles of windbreaks were planted along the major highways. Today the few remaining stretches of state funded plantings are being removed for agriculture or dying of old age.

Have we forgotten the purposes behind these plantings? Besides beautifying the entrance to our cities, they provided many economical benefits. The trees and shrubs slowed the snow from drifting making the snow plow trucks run less often, their roots stopped soil erosion and filter drinking water, the leaves created oxygen and absorb CO2. The environmental and economical reasons go on.

What is stopping this commonsense progress?

Kyle Sefchek
Culver

Seeking knowledge of stray dog

Good Citizens of Culver:
For over a month now, I have periodically seen what appears to be a stray dog running the streets of Culver. It is a brown dog that appears to be a mixed breed. Small to medium size (maybe 30 pounds), very slight.

I have seen him most often near State and Liberty Streets and in the town park. Most recently, I saw him in the parking lot of the Culver Cove. Unfortunately, it is very timid and when I try to approach it, it runs away quickly. I have had my dogs with me each time I have tried this, however, so I'm hoping the stray dog is just afraid of other dogs. I have driven around town and tried to find him, with no luck.

I hate to think of him out in the cold this long without shelter or food. If you have any knowledge of where this dog spends most of his time, please contact me. I would like to see if I can approach him without my dogs and get him to a shelter. At the very least, I could leave him some food and water if I knew where his 'home base' is (if he has one).

If you have any knowledge of this dog, please call and leave me a message (574-250-3142) or e-mail me: tonystraw9@hotmail.com

Thank you very much for your help.

Tony Straw,
Culver

Death notices

Hood

Sandra M. Hood
Feb. 25, 2013

DANVILLE — Sandra M. Hood, 61, of Danville died Feb. 25, 2013 at 7:08 p.m. in Indianapolis.

She is survived by her son, Cody Hood of Letters Ford; daughters, Jessica (Glen) Sutherland of Fort Wayne, Charity Shields of Danville; brothers, Stacy (Lisa) Hartle of Culver, Kenneth Hartle of Royal Center; sisters, Shelly (Joe) Sheppard of Culver, Stephanie Bilby of Rochester, Sue Ellen Sedlacek of Galveston; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday, March 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Odom Funeral Home of Culver where funeral followed at 8 p.m. Monday. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice or to the family.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com

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

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If these walls could talk: 103 S. Ohio Street

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

Continuing our "virtual" journey through the history of various Culver buildings, we're still wandering around notable spots west of Culver's downtown, before heading to another part of town entirely. And, since we strolled by the Culver Post Office last time out, we're now at the door of what is today Culver's only locally-based (if not locally-owned) pharmacy, CVS, at 103 S. Ohio Street.

A great many Culverites, myself included, have to check ourselves lest we call the place "Hook's," its moniker when the doors first

opened in 1974. It was not, of course, always so. For most of the 20th century, the property was home to private residences, once of which, according to Elisabeth (Zeziel) Davis, had been the house of her uncle, Jesse Zeziel, who in the 1920s and '30s operated the Cloverleaf Dairy just west across the alley, in the building today occupied by Hammer's Garage.

A variety of names were associated with 103 S. Ohio prior to Hook's arriving, including in 1960 dentist John Oldham (whose practice was in the basement of the NIPSCO building at Main and Washington Streets; Oldham didn't stay in Culver many years, practicing elsewhere in Indiana before retiring to Georgia prior to his death in 2005). In 1961, Jesse Lore was listed as living there, and in 1964, Harold Eustis. Interestingly, the 1974 Culver phone directory lists the address as home to both Samuel Barnett and Hook's Pharmacy! The latter was presumably a later addition to the phone book that year, the store's first in Culver.

In many ways, the saga of Hook's and its later incarnations is a microcosm of the story of the American small business in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Hook's Drugs was founded as one pharmacy in October, 1900, by pharmacist John A. Hook in Indianapolis. A second store eventually gave way to a large chain of Hook's

pharmacies across the Hoosier State. It was ironic, then, that what had started as a small, neighborhood business would play the role of something of a corporate monolith when word spread in 1973 and 1974 that a Hook's branch was planning to open in Culver.

Kay Tusing remembers her husband, Ron, traveling to Indianapolis as word spread, to attempt to talk Hook's executives into finding another locale for their drug store,

which at the time must have seemed like a "big box" store compared to the two competing pharmacies on Main Street at the time: Tusing's own Mr. T's (the former Culver City Drugs), on the west side of South



Main, and the McKinnis Pharmacy (formerly Rector's) on the east side of North Main. Both locally-owned businesses had operated at their respective sites for much of the 20th century, and there was little doubt that, as the cliched Old Western catch-phrase goes, "This town ain't big enough for all of ya."

Surely changing times and increased mobility had already taken a bite out of Tusing's and McKinnis' business, but the arrival of Hook's certainly had an impact, and the two eventually merged into a competing operation of similar size on Academy Road in 1977. All in all, their endeavor succeeded well enough, since Mr. T's -- even after the death of Rob McKinnis -- continued to draw a hefty local customer base into 1998, when Tusing himself passed away.

It's further ironic, then, that Hook's itself would fall victim to the trend of increasing corporatization in America.

The Rite Aid chain attempted a hostile takeover of Hook's, but was outbid in 1985 by the Kroger Company, though after about a year, the privately-held Hook's-SupeRx took it on. Since the corporation had acquired New England-based Brooks Pharmacies in 1988, a chain of pharmacies operated under that name out east, though under the same ownership as Hook's. In 1994 Revco acquired Hook's, and Culver residents likely remember the big Hook's logo on the east side of the building on Ohio Street giving way to Revco's.

Revco itself once had over 2,500 stores under its belt and boasted over \$2.2 billion dollars in sales. The interested reader may enjoy a visit to [See Walls, page 11](#) Wikipedia to learn all the trials

New Culver history notecards available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society Culver has announced a new series of eight historic note cards. Each card highlights an aspect of the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area's rich heritage -- from sailing on the lake to vintage cottages and hotels, to locally grown produce, to the Black Horse Troop and more. Somewhat larger than the previous cards, they are blank inside and are available in packages containing one of each of the eight cards for a \$12 donation.

By press time the cards should be available at the Center for Culver History, the AHS museum, and will shortly thereafter be available at various establishments around town. Those locations will be announced as the cards become available to them. In coming weeks, cards will also be available for order on line at the AHS website at www.culverahs.com. At the museum, members always receive a 10 percent discount on merchandise.



New with this series of cards is the AHS QR code on the back of each card. Scanning the code takes you directly to the AHS website. Scanning a second code on the card will take you to the website of local graphics designer Angela Ridenour who produced the card images.

Endangered Heritage exhibit at the Center for Culver History

Starting Thursday, March 7, the Center for Culver History will host Endangered Heritage, a traveling exhibit of the Indiana Historical Society. The exhibit seeks to educate local communities and funders about the need for good collections stewardship and gives examples of the dangers to objects in collections and information about the collections care needs of Indiana's organizations.

The Center for Culver History will be displaying some of its own early historic records and photographs with the exhibit. Original archives to be displayed include a 1913 Culver City voting roll, the 1913 Maxinkuckee Yacht Club Record Book, an 1893 Maxinkuckee Church minute book, the minute book of the Culver Women's Temperance Club, and Town Supervisor Reports from the early 1900's.

The exhibit will also include information on how to properly preserve home photographic and archive collections. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 6, and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the museum at culverhistory@gmail.com.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Several readers knew the face of last week's Mystery Citizen, and it's a familiar one in Culver. Not only is Kathy (Clyne) Berindei quite visible downtown through her work with JMC Engineers on Main Street, but she's been heavily involved in Culver's Lions Club, among other endeavors in the community (did you know she first conceived of the Taste of Culver festival, several years ago, for instance?).

Recognizing her were B.J. Lawrence, Lynn

Crist, Jean E Overmyer, Carin Clifton, Phyllis Cox, and Bonita Clyne.

This week's Mystery Citizen is frequently visible in Culver, though many readers may be more accustomed to seeing her husband, who's been involved in a number of organizations and efforts over in recent years here.

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



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Kathy Berindei, then and now. ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.

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Culver loses to Triton in sectional semi

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

CULVER — The Triton Trojans actually extended their advantage and pulled away in the fourth frame for a 44-32 win over host Culver Community in Class A Sectional 51 semifinal action at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Friday.

No. 10 Triton shoots for its sixth straight sectional crown tonight at 6:30 p.m. against No. 8 Michigan City Marquette, an 81-46 victor over Westville in Friday's nightcap.

"We had major foul trouble," Triton head coach Jason Groves, whose team avenged Jan. 11's 46-42 home loss against Culver, said. "Culver plays hard, is well coached, and knows how to defend us; we usually play them three times a year with Bi-County and sectional," he added. "It's a bad matchup for us. We knew it would be a grind-it-out, possession basketball game. We handled it better this game; last game we panicked."



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Micah Budzinski is double-teamed in the low post by a pair of Triton defenders during the Sectional 51 semifinal at Culver last Friday.

Sectional 51 semifinal at Culver last Friday.

Elliott said. "Two things happened: (Triton) picked up the defensive intensity when Clay went out, and our offensive execution didn't pick up."

Yeo returned in the fourth quarter

Triton held a 23-18 edge when Glinge went to the sideline with 6:41 left in the third quarter with his third personal, followed by Yeo a single second later.

Culver junior Trent Elliott, cashing in against a new defender with Yeo out of the game, rattled in a jumper off the dribble in the paint to make it a 23-20 game on the same possession. The Cavs, though, scored just one more bucket over the final 6:31 of the frame against Triton's stingy man-to-man defense and the Trojans carried a 28-22 surplus into the fourth.

"We didn't close the gap like we wanted," Culver head coach Kyle

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Eagles fall to Marian at Sectional

By Rusty Nixon
Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH — It was turnovers — the story of the season — that caught up to CMA in falling to Mishawaka Marian in opening round action of the Plymouth Sectional by a final of 64-39.

"It's the same thing we've dealt with for two years," said CMA boss Mark Galloway. "The kids know this, I know this, it's no secret we haven't had a point guard for two years. The point guard does a lot of things. He can dictate tempo, he can work to get open, he can initiate your offense, so that would help. I think the biggest thing is the turnovers; we've struggled with that all year long."

At the end of the night CMA had 19 miscues but 16 of those were in the first half — a crucial period in the game.

Early in the second quarter the Eagles were within 6 but a simple miss of a box out and a pair of turnovers later it was a new game.

"We're only down 18-13; we missed a block out and (Michael) Whitfield scored and that got them going," said Galloway. "We missed a layup early, we turned it over early and we were still in the game. The turnovers caught up with us."

Whitfield ended the night with 22 points with 16 of those com-

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PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military's Aaron Marshall grabs a rebound over Mishawaka Marian's Michael Whitfield during a Plymouth Sectional game last week.

ing after the missed block out. While CMA struggled

without a point guard, the Knights enjoyed the services of one of the best in

the country, Notre Dame recruit Demetrius Jackson. He ended the night with 17 points and made his presence known in other ways.

"Some of the passes he made," said Galloway. "His vision is what really sets him apart. He could start next year for Notre Dame in my opinion."

Marian coach Rob Berger was happy with another aspect of his team's game.

"I'm really happy with our first half how we played defensively," he said. "I thought we did a really good job putting pressure on the basketball and then rotating out of traps both in the full and the half court, and I think that really set the tone for the game. I was glad to see us come out with energy."

"We have some guys that are capable scorers, if we can play defense like, that we have a chance to do something."

• MISHAWAKA MARIAN 64, CULVER MILITARY 39 At Class 3A Plymouth Sectional

Cavs survive Argos, 58-54

By Dee Grenert Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community's Collin Stevens made a habit of putting himself in the right place at the right time Tuesday.

The senior point guard's crucial steal and game-icing assist, along with his 17 points, allowed the Cavs to turn back a furious Argos rally and escape with a 58-54 win in the Class A Boys Basketball Sectional 51 opener at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Culver advances to a 6:30 p.m. Friday semifinal against five-time defending sectional champion Triton. Competition resumes tonight with Westville and South Central facing off at 6:30 p.m., with Oregon-Davis and Michigan City Marquette to follow.

"We survived, and that's the important thing this time of year," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "All the kids contributed, we just weren't consistent enough to put it away. The good thing is that the kids found a way to win. Collin shot the ball well. He shot with confidence and hit some big shots."

With the clock inside of 10 seconds and Argos trailing 56-54, junior point guard Taylor Ogle's left-handed dribble at the top of the 3-point arc caromed wide out of his usually steady command. Stevens tracked down the ball and dished ahead to freshman Everett Krueger for a basket and foul to seal the game with 4 seconds to play.

"We were running a weave, and we wanted to look to penetrate and kick to an open man on the perimeter; we'd had a lot of success doing that," Argos head coach Doug Snyder said. "It was a little tougher because (starting guard) Dominic (Cataldo) had fouled out, but we felt we had five guys on the floor who could score. We just lost control of the ball. (Ogle) played a great game. I don't fault him for anything. The ball just bounced funny."

"We had one timeout left — a 30-second timeout — and I told Taylor at the previous timeout if he got in trouble to use it, but as far as the last play, I felt like we should just go with it," he continued. "I didn't want to call a timeout and have (Culver) change up defenses; we wanted them in man. We haven't done well this year in situations where we take a timeout to set up a play at the end of the game."

Krueger also figured prominently in the final go-ahead play, See Argos page 12

Sports briefs

Girls track

CGA places 3rd at home indoor invitational

Olivia Martinez won the mile, Kennedy Thompson won the 880, Laura Ma won the 220, and Motunrayo Adenuga won the 40-yard dash as CGA put up 84 points to place third at the Lady Eagles' home indoor meet Friday. Leah Heckaman finished second in the shot put at the meet, meanwhile.

• CULVER ACADEMIES INDOOR INVITATIONAL At Culver

Wawasee won the meet with 115 points ahead of Goshen's 109. Aramonti Phillips won the 40-yard dash for CMA, and Wess Hibbard won the 880. Austin Sheldon took top honors in the pole vault for the Eagles.

• CULVER ACADEMIES INDOOR INVITATIONAL At Culver

Boys hockey

Eagles edge Blues

Nicholas McNabb notched 14 saves in goal, and Culver Military's U16 boys hockey team held off the visiting St. Louis Blues for a 3-2 victory over the weekend. Max Hood gave CMA the initial lead with the only goal of the first period, but the Blues scored in the second period to

leave the two teams knotted at 2-2 going into the final frame.

Dominic Garcia and Karch Bachman, who assisted on the Eagles' first goal of the night, each scored in the third to give the home team a 3-1 advantage, and CMA held on for the win.

• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 3, ST. LOUIS BLUES (U16) 2 at Culver

CMA falls to St. Louis

Culver Military outshot St. Louis 29-26, but the Eagles netted just one goal in a 7-1 loss to the visiting St. Louis AAA Blues over the weekend.

CMA's lone goal was scored by Brock Frazer.

• ST. LOUIS AAA BLUES 7, CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 1 at Culver

Boys track

CMA takes 4th at home invite

Culver Military put up 79 points to round out the field at its home indoor invitational Friday, while



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pursue a project that promoted affordable housing."

Another local businessman who has taken concrete steps to bring more affordable housing to Culver is Kevin Berger, head of Easterday Construction in Culver. After years of seeking out land, Berger helped bring a Garden Court assisted living complex to South Main Street, though he notes that more than a year after opening, the place still isn't full.

"It all feeds together," he says. "If we could get some of the people that work in Medallion to live in Culver, that will help the restaurants, Park N Shop, the tax base. It has ancillary benefits."

"What I'm seeing as the problem, though, is the lake is such a draw for the affluent, that even if we go build stuff and subsidize it, unless you lock them in somehow, why wouldn't (middle income homeowners) flip it and make a profit? It's not just a matter of building something cheaply, but if that's all available, it's a buyers' market."

Berger echoes town manager Dave Schoeff that the town may likely have to make some investment up front. "My experience," says Berger, "is (people) will look for it to be built before they consider moving here."

Berger also points out ongoing infrastructure and other decisions need to be made with commercial development and housing in mind.

"The Culver Redevelopment Commission put that lift station at the end of Jefferson Street to serve the Dicke property there, but look at the next property across the road. Is (the lift station) deep enough? How much more would it have cost to serve the next connection going in? I want to see that in the comprehensive plan: do we want to see industrial-commercial development and low income housing? How will we make it happen? We need more vision...we need to look farther out."

"Communities are either growing or dying," he adds. "There is no status quo."

Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler, who says she was part of the first incarnation of the Culver Redevelopment Commission, notes that a decade or more ago, building



ABOVE: Between Lake Shore Drive and Pearl Street, these are some of the few longstanding apartments presently available in Culver.

a housing development was out of the question, since the town's sewer system was in such poor condition.

Thankfully, after massive overhauls, that's no longer the case, but Mahler asks the question plaguing any discussion of developing moderate income housing -- which many property owners likely ask when considering what to do with their land: "Why would I build moderate income housing when I can make more profit and a higher dollar with ease?"

Are deed restrictions an option?

It will likely come as no surprise that the challenges facing Culver as a community with an increasing "resort" identity are neither new nor unique.

Some resort communities -- including mountain ones, as well as lakeside -- long ago recognized the inherent problems of a community emptying of its residents nightly, and many embraced deed restricted, or so-called "workforce housing," as an answer.

Deed restrictions often set aside a certain block of homes or apartments and then enforce a set of requirements developed within the community itself, rather than by a state or federal mandate. The aim, unlike some federal housing programs, isn't simply to provide housing to the poor or underprivileged, but to limit designated spaces to those gainfully employed and living full-time within the community.

In a 2008 article in the *Los Angeles Times* ("Affordable housing in pricey resort towns," www.articles.latimes.com/2008/feb/17/news/adna-subsidy17), the director of an area housing authority remarked, "This place will turn into Disneyland if we don't have anybody that actually lives here...It's like, 'OK, lights on,' and the whole workforce will just commute in, work here during the day. And then, 'lights out,' and travel back."

School officials, wrote the *Times*, credited deed restriction programs with helping recruit and retain quality teachers and other professionals.

In a 2009 *Aspen Times* article ("Resort towns struggle

with affordable housing," www.steamboattoday.com/news/2009/jan/18/resort_towns_struggle_affordable_housing), success was found in giving developers incentives to build homes with apartments attached, relaxing some building guidelines to help encourage more rentals for local workers.

In fact, the workforce housing concept developed in the ski towns of Telluride and Aspen, Colorado in the 1970s, according to *Wikipedia*, where "a plan was developed to create a secondary and separate 'local worker' housing market which was based on local wages and affordability."

In addition to living and working in the community, beneficiaries of deed restricted housing in Colorado also had to not own a second home in the community, stay there for a minimum period of time, and agree to sell the property only to someone who met the same criteria. Caps were later added to the amount of profit a property owner could make on the same of the home.

A 2012 article on the Affordable Housing Finance website (housingfinance.com/affordable-housing/grassroots-effort.aspx) reported success in providing 24 units of affordable housing in the resort town of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Town officials recognized workers in the community had to live outside the town and commute, noted the article, and so an ad hoc committee was appointed and eventually a "totally grassroots" housing coalition founded. The result was a long process marked by hard work, but overall a remarkably successful venture, with another 24 units in the planning stages.

The good news

The silver lining to the housing challenges in Culver, of course, is what it implies: unlike so many small communities not only in the Midwest but around the country, Culver has utilized its particular resources -- from the presence of Lake Maxinkuckee and Culver Academies, to the retention of a small-town, community spirit -- to not only survive but thrive as a vibrant destination.

John Buxton sums up the essence of the complex relationship between Culver's attributes and its housing complexities: "We're victims of our own success as a little town."

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most of all it would help Culver. We want people that work locally to live locally. It's much easier to contribute to a local economy that you live in, rather than having that debate: should I shop where I live? It's vitally important for long-term stability and growth."

Plus, adds Damore, "Someone on call who lives closer would really help me," though he's quick to point out he's in no way denigrating the excellent work of staff members who reside outside Culver.

"My hope as a business owner in this town is to have my business appeal and be affordable to local customers, not only to visitors in the area," says Dawn Brockey, owner of the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive. "Affordable housing in this area would not only increase the local aspect of our customer base, but also allow us to continue to hire employees who are local-further helping the local economy."

If there's one thing virtually every business owner in the community agrees upon, it's what's reflected in Brockey's comment: "The hardest months are by far the winter, but of course this is when our local customers are the ones that keep our business alive -- and every year we continue to strive to increase our local customer base and let them know they are appreciated."

But while Susie Mahler, owner of Cafe Max in downtown Culver, is in favor of more affordable housing in town, she's not convinced it would contribute noticeably to the success of many local businesses.

"We as business owners appreciate the limited business we get from locals," she says, "and we understand that they need to stretch their dollars as far as possible, but we as businesses can't compete with McDonald's and Walmart. But that's why we rely so much on the business from



ABOVE: The downtown Culver business district. BELOW: An aerial photo by Gary Shaffer of the "uptown" business district on Lake Shore Drive.



tourists."

Mahler says that regardless of what local businesses offer, many year-round residents won't be regular shoppers in Culver partly because, she says, "As a more mobile society we expect more now. People my age

love the idea that we don't have to go very far (to shop and dine). But (the younger employees) at the restaurant would rather drive to South Bend to see a movie, for example, because they like the big stadium seating and atmosphere."

Thus, Mahler says she and some other local businesses concentrate their efforts on attracting a mobile demographic to come to Culver and enjoy its offerings, from

elsewhere.

"How many retired people want to find someplace new to visit? That's what we're going to draw on. We don't need to build up the (business in the) summers, but the other nine months of the year."

That's much of the reason, she says, for many local businesses' efforts towards filming commercials, producing mailings, websites, social media, and coming up with festival ideas to increase traffic here in the off-season.

However, she adds, "More people living in Culver cannot hurt us; it raises the tax base and would bring in people to fill the (public) school. But do I think it's going to help the merchants? No...Culver is more resorty."

With regards to local dining, especially, there seems to be a bit of a chicken or egg conundrum, as reflected in Rick Coffman's point that, "There seems to be a bit of a 'Where do you go for lunch' problem (among Elkay-Medallion employees each day). There's Subway (on Lake Shore Drive), but even that's a little limited. Two hundred and sixty people *should* be a big boon for the town, especially at lunch time."

He notes Culver's VFW delivers lunches to employees every Friday, but for many at the plant, time in particular prohibits a sit-down meal at many Culver eateries.

It does seem possible, then, that a larger middle-income population base might facilitate a bit of diversification in local business' offerings, to accommodate the specific needs of an increased, year-round populace.

Peggy Pinder, a familiar face as waitress at the Lakehouse Grille (and its predecessor, the Edgewater), is one of those local employees who does live in Culver year-round, and she feels increased options in moderate income housing "definitely would benefit the local businesses."

"I love it," she says, of living and working in town. "It's convenient, of course, and there's no driving at night. If they call me for extra shifts, I'm usually available."

She and husband Ed Pinder Jr. bought their home south of downtown in 1987, and she acknowledges most middle and lower income families and individuals "can't afford housing now. It's ridiculous."

For her part, Pinder says she's more likely to shop in town, "especially with the price of gas. We do most all our grocery shopping at Park N Shop. I maybe drive to Plymouth once a week, and we do eat in town more than a lot of people."

Pinder also wonders whether a strong focus on sales and "deals" during the fall and winter months might help invigorate sales at local entities.

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Blood drive March 12

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Tuesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Culver Academies gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. Come to donate and receive a t-shirt and a Red Cross pin!

Schoonover is artist of the month

Culver-Union Township Public Library welcomes Jim Schoonover as artist of the month for February. Currently featured is a mix of his artwork, including watercolor, oil, enamel, pen and ink, and cartoons. For more information, contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

'One Book, One Town' March 16

During the month of March, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate "One Book, One Town," a county-wide program whose 2013 selection is "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. Additionally, the author, William Kamkwamba, will be speaking at Notre Dame on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The talk will be at the McKenna Center across from the Morris Inn. For more information, please contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to

share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Easter egg hunt March 23

Culver's annual Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, March 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the Culver town park, for ages 2 through 4th grade. The Easter Bunny will be here so bring your camera! The event is sponsored by the Culver park and recreation department.

Beach lodge open for activities

The Beach Lodge meeting room will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for adults to gather for card playing, Dominoes, Scrabble, etc. Bring a snack and come to share some fellowship with others.

VFW bingo returns

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is happy to announce Saturday bingo has resumed Saturdays at 7 p.m. There is a \$500 jackpot, and cards are \$1 each or six for \$5. Hot Ball costs an additional \$1. The kitchen opens 5:30. Come enjoy our fresh made onion rings which are only available on Saturday nights.

New museum director sought

The Center for Culver History has an opening for a new museum director in Culver, a part time position (20 hours per week) paying \$10 per hour. See www.culverahs.com for detailed job description.

Please send a cover letter indicating interest and abilities, resumé, names of three references to P.O. Box 125, Culver, IN 46511.

Troop inaugural exhibit at museum

Ongoing at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, is an exhibit on the 100th anniversary of the first appearance of the famed Black Horse Troop in its first Presidential Inaugural in 1913. Memorabilia, photos, and interactive videos are part of the exhibit. Visit culver.org/museum or call 574-842-8842 for hours and info.

Extensive Tyler art exhibit at Crisp Gallery

The recently-launched Herbert F. Tyler Bequest -- the most generous gift of visual art in the history of Culver Academies -- is exhibit in the Crisp Visual Art Center on the campus of Culver Academies through March 2013. The exhibit features more than 190 pieces of artwork in 10 media disciplines. Galleries are open to the public Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the school year and the second Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Groups desiring a tour should call 574-842-8278. The Crisp Visual Arts Center is located on the south side of Academy Road between Logansport Gate and Eppley Auditorium.

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.

Council updated on stormwater project, comp plan more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In a brief meeting of a Culver town council comprised of only three of its five members, a scoring committee was established to help move forward a grant-funded storm water project for the west end of Culver, which town manager Dave Schoeff said otherwise is "moving right along."

Schoeff noted the town expects to go before the Starke-Marshall County drainage board in mid-March to gain formal approval of the end destination of storm water after replacements. Needed is scoring for the three submitted bids for engineering and inspection of the project. The council voted that Schoeff, utilities manager Bob Porter, and council president Sally Ricciardi (absent at the meeting) comprise that committee, pending Ricciardi's willingness.

Schoeff also reported progress on the town's comprehensive plan, which is planned to be handled by Houseal Lavigne Associates of Chicago, though Schoeff said finalization of the firm's contract was still pending.

Discussed was the need to include particular training in the contract, as suggested by audience member Ralph Winters, who also asked for further discussion of the matter in the near future.

Audience member Jane Grund noted the Lake Maxinkuckee Association board voted to donate \$5,000 towards the plan, and hopes to be involved in planning discussion later this year.

Ed Pinder -- voted temporary council president in Ricciardi's absence -- noted the council had no one yet to appoint to a vacancy in Culver's plan commission. Schoeff also suggested holding off on further discussion or action towards water rate and public transportation studies, as well as a water audit, until Ricciardi and fellow council member Ginny Munroe were back.

Town clerk Karen Heim reported this spring's town-

wide yard sale will take place the weekend of April 26 and 27, with the Lions Club's annual flea market likely the following weekend and the town-wide cleanup May 11.

Heim also said she would be at a treasurer's institute the following Monday through Thursday, with deputy clerk Julie Cowell at the same institute Monday and Tuesday. Charlotte Rakich, she said, will cover the clerk's office.

Fire chief Terry Wakefield said he attended an active shooter event at Culver Academies, sponsored by the Indiana State Police, the previous week, and that he and several firemen took part in a "live, hands-on" practice event along similar lines, sponsored by Pulaski County and held at Monterey Elementary School.

Kevin Berger, Culver's representative to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, updated the council on an event the previous week in Plymouth sponsored by the MCEDC, at which the county's communities were represented.

Berger said the MCEDC is "doing very well with business retention and expansions of existing businesses," but is "rather stymied" by a lack of property available for business development.

"In Culver we have empty industrial land we can't develop," added Berger. "Some properties are not priced at all and some are overpriced. So we're looking at that."

He also said a number of problems cited were similar for each represented community.

"It's mainly an issue of, we can't do anything until you give us something to do. But if you don't give us something to market, we can't market anything."

He noted council member Bill Githens and Rick Tompos of the Culver Redevelopment Commission "have been charged to come back and beat the drum and see what we can do."

'Phantom' at CUTPL book club

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book club, Hooked on Books, will meet Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room.

The book for this month is, "The Phantom of the Opera" by Gaston Leroux.

The group will also be watching the award winning musical Phantom of the Opera based on the novel.

For more information, contact Polly Thompson Wolf at pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main St. in Culver, Indiana. All programs are free and open to the public.

REAL Meals menu

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

Thursday, March 7: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, bran muffin, fruit cup, milk.

Friday, March 8: Salmon burger, bun and tartar sauce, mixed vegetables, salad and dressing, dessert, milk.

Monday, March 11: Meatloaf, peas, baby bakers, sour cream, bread and margarine, peaches, milk.

Tuesday, March 12: Chicken breast, rice pilaf, seasoned cabbage, roll and margarine tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 13: Nutrition Awareness Day!

Thursday, March 14: Turkey Manhattans, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, bread fruit cup, milk.

Friday, March 15: Vegetable lasagna, salad and tomatoes, French dressing, carrots, garlic bread, Rice Krispy treat, milk.

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and recorded 11 of his game-high 16 points in the final 5:37. He also finished with eight rebounds, four assists, and three steals — game-leading totals all.

"We wanted to contain Clay Yeo, and I thought we defended him fairly well as well as (Tanner) Shepherd, their second-leading scorer," the Culver boss said. "It wasn't just one kid, all of their kids contributed to a balanced attack. We had some double teams that our secondary rotation was slow to pick up and we gave up three or four easy baskets that way."

The Trojans, who led from Cody Shively's game-opening basket in the post on, built a 21-9 lead midway through the second quarter, thanks to a pair of triples — one from each corner — by Skyler Reichert and another from Joey Corder.

Trent Elliott finished with a game-high 13 points for the Cavs, who finished 31 percent from the field. Culver senior center Micah Budzinski added eight points, eight rebounds, and four blocked shots.

"First of all I'm very proud of the kids' effort," Kyle Elliott said. "We thought we had to keep it in the 40s to have a chance, and we did. If you're going to beat Triton and do it at tournament time you have to play an almost perfect game."

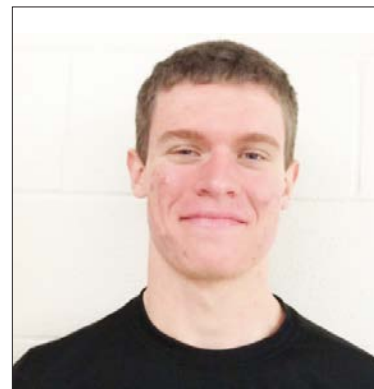
Culver finishes its season at 13-9 and graduates Budzinski, four-year starting point guard Collin Stevens, Tucker Schultz, Kyle Vlach, and Bradley Beaver.

"Collin Stevens and Micah Budzinski are two guys who are four-year starters," Kyle Elliott said. "They've spent countless hours in the weight room making themselves better players, and as a result made our program better. Tucker Schultz, Bradley Beaver, and Kyle Vlach are three other kids who bit into the program."

"I hope we're headed in the right direction, and I know we are because we've had three consecutive winning seasons," he added. "The drawback is that we don't have any championships, and I measure success on the basis of championships. As far as developing players, improving players, and turning out quality young men, we're losing five of them. At the same time, we're excited with what we have coming back."

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Budzinski DAR Good Citizen Award nominee



Micah Budzinski.

By John Ahlenius
Culver Comm. High School

The 2012 DAR Good Citizen Award nominee was Culver Comm. High School senior Micah Budzinski.

Annually the Good Citizen Award is given to a student nominated by teacher recommendation based upon the student's leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism.

Following the nomination for the Good Citizen Award Budzinski is to compete for the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Scholarship among the local, state, and national levels. In order to compete for the DAR Scholarship, Budzinski was prompted to write two essays, list his extra-curricular activities and job experiences, and provide letters of recommendation.

Budzinski said, "Being Culver's DAR Good Citizen and receiving such an award is an amazing honor and opportunity, and I am thankful for such recognition. I am excited to hear from the DAR about my essays and application."

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Kiwanis Club supports diverse missions of Culver nurse, social worker

Deb Stevens, Culver School Social Worker, and Kathy Hermanson, Culver Schools Nurse, recently spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Culver about their roles at the schools, predominantly at the elementary, and the needs of the students.

As the school social worker, Stevens' job is different every day -- actually every hour. She utilizes donated funds in many different avenues, from heating bill payment assistance to purchasing a pair of jeans for a student.

Hermanson splits her time between all three schools elementary, middle, and high), but spends a good bit of it at the elementary. Hers are the more typical nurse duties of dispensing medication and treating the so-often scraped elbow or bruised knee. She too utilizes the donated funds to keep a drawer full of clean socks and underwear for that occasional need. She also works with Family Vision Clinic in Culver to provide eye screening and glasses for those that cannot by their own means.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver has for many years made a designated donation to the Social Welfare Fund. Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 on the ideal of changing the world, one child and one community at a time. This year's Kiwanis theme, "Our Children, Their Future" reasserts that re-



Culver Kiwanis members Trent Bennett (vice president, far left) and Larry Brockey (president, far right) present checks to Culver Community Schools nurse Kathy Hermanson (left) and social worker Deb Stevens, at a recent meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

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solve.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver meets every Thursday in the Culver-Union Township Public Library at noon. To learn more contact Bob Kline, 574-842-2567 or rwkline@fourway.net

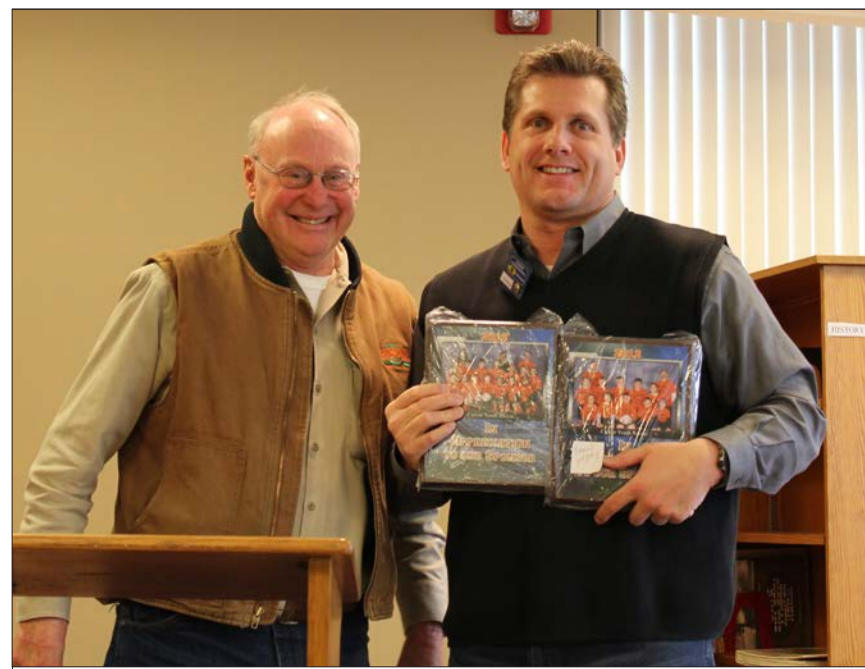
Giving Culver soccer a boost

PHOTO/LARRY BROCKEY

Kiwanis Club of Culver president Trent Bennett presents a check to Bob Osborn, one of the original organizers of the Culver Youth Soccer back in 1990, to sponsor two teams in the league.

Approximately 300 boys and girls participate in the league each year. On game day, it is hard to find an empty field in town, as the league utilizes the soccer fields at the high school, the mixed-use field at the elementary school, and the open ground east of the softball diamond.

The official sign-up has passed, but they are still taking a few late registrations. Forms are available at the school offices or by contacting Lisa James 574-933-4822 lisajames24@yahoo.com. To



learn more about Culver Youth Soccer, visit culveryouthsoccer.org.



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Firemen's memorial making progress

As many passers-by have noticed, the scene at TOP LEFT, depicting Kurt Lucas at work on the new Culver firemen's memorial near State Street and Lake Shore Drive, has given way to the image at RIGHT, which fire chief Terry Wakefield says will be enhanced more, later this spring. He adds that firemen are still discussing exactly how the memorial will recognize firemen, and which ones. The bell, of course, was relocated from the longstanding (now removed and paved over) planter on the south side of the fire station.

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and tribulations of Revco and Rite Aid (potential monopoly and so forth), but to make that long story short, eventually CVS Pharmacy purchased the Revco chain (which included the former Hook's stores) in June, 1997, closing a number of the stores.

Rhode Island-based CVS today is the second largest pharmacy chain in America (second to Walgreens), which will come as no shock to those stumbling into its stores at virtually every city in the Midwest. There are over 7,000 stores in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Rumor has it Culver's CVS building is the oldest still operating in Indiana, which may also feel odd to those who still think of it as something of the "new kid" here. And corporate politics aside, the store has certainly been home to a number of well-known local folks as cashiers, pharmacists, and store managers. It's also fulfilled many a medicinal -- or just plain practical -- needs for Culverites, selling as it does a wide array of everything from cleaning supplies to snacks, office supplies to reading material.

In fact, your editor spent many happy childhood min-

utes (hours?) making use of its comic book rack and toy aisle, as my own children do today (well, minus the comics, nowadays). It was also a popular destination for neighborhood children to save their pennies for baseball cards, a candy bar, or other treat. For some reason, though, the manager in the 1980s insisted we wear both shoes and shirt, right in the middle of summer in Culver, unreasonable tyrant that he was!

Personal Finance class helps students apply real-life skills to money management

By Micah Budzinski
Culver Comm. High School

Due to a growing interest, personal finance is now offered to all Culver Comm. High School students. Taught by Gene Baker, personal finance is a one-term class which offers more of an individual twist to an economy class. Learning how to balance a checkbook, calculate future value of one's principle, and even stock market information are all part of this class.

With so much to learn, students in the class will always have new topics to discuss.

The syllabus has a plethora of valuable information, and Baker feels every student should take his class to learn valuable life skills.

Baker commented, "I strongly encourage all students to take personal finance as well as business math to gain a better understanding of how the economy can affect their financial well being."

Last November the class took a train trip to Chicago to visit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as well as the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

Pyramids of money worth a million dollars, machines showing the difference between coun-



PHOTO PROVIDED
Culver Comm. High School students and faculty at Millennium Park in Chicago, part of a field trip to the Windy City for students in the new Personal Finance class which debuted this year.

terfeit bills and real ones, and pits full of shouting million-

aires were just a few of the sights and attractions.

When the train arrived, the students walked through Millennium Park and stopped to take a picture in front of the large metallic art work known as the Bean. The class then arrived at the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank where a presentation was given, and the students were informed about the history and operations of the bank. After the presentation, a museum was available inside the building for the public to enjoy. The museum visit was cut short as the group had to remain on schedule.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange(CME) was the next stop on the trip. A thorough tour and explanation of the facility was given by a tour guide who lead the class through the building. The guide explained how the CME group works and showed the students the floor and how each pit worked and even explained some of the terminology and hand signals that were used in the business.

The class ended the day with lunch at Giordano's, a pizzeria in downtown Chicago, and boarded the train to return home.

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connecting with a cutting Trent Elliott on the baseline. Elliott drew an Argos foul and sank both charity tosses to put the Cavs up 56-54 with 18 ticks on the clock.

"Everett Krueger made an excellent pass to Trent on a cut with the game tied," the Culver boss said. "Then Collin Stevens had a big steal and led Everett to the basket. Those are the types of plays for a freshman to make late in the game that you have to like."

"We did step up and hit some free throws late in the game," he added. "Collin Stevens and Trent Elliott are our two best free-throw shooters, and we got the ball in their hands down the stretch."

Argos, though, put on quite a fourth-quarter display. Trailing 39-26 heading into the final frame, the Dragons caught fire from the perimeter with Ogle, who scored 16 points in the final 5:41, Casey Johnson, and Brian Snyder draining triples in consecutive possessions.

Meanwhile, Culver deviated from the inside-outside game that staked it to a double-digit lead in the first place.

"Two things happened," Kyle Elliott said. "We were very passive offensively in the fourth quarter, and second, defensively we started to reach and slap. We stopped the clock, put (Argos) at the line, and that extended the game

for them. Credit Argos; they didn't fold when they got down.

"In the second half they were trapping us and we got doubled up inside," he added. "We were very passive and stayed more on the perimeter instead of playing high-low. Credit Argos. They spread us out and forced our kids to make bad decisions."

Ogle's second trey of the quarter — a pull-up jumper from two steps right of the top of the key — knotted the game at 52-all with 55 seconds to go. Ogle, who finished with 23 points, seven rebounds, and six assists — all game-highs — again tied the score with 36 seconds to play at 54-54.

"We hit three 3s in a row and that brought us back," the Argos skipper said. "We were aggressive with our offense. Once we knocked down some shots our defensive intensity picked up. I was very pleased with both ends of the floor. We got down 12, and the kids decided they were not done yet. That shows a little bit of character."

Trent Elliott finished with a team-best 19 points and seven rebounds for Culver. Stevens added 17 points, four assists and four steals. Stevens' 3-for-3 mark from 3-point range forced the smaller Dragons, contending with 6-foot-6

Culver center Micah Budzinski, the 6-4 Elliott, and 6-4 Jacoda Anderson, to step out a bit defensively.

"Stevens, I think, was one of the biggest keys in the game," Doug Snyder said. "We knew he was capable, and there was a l r e a d y one kid we wanted to not help off, but Stevens looked awful comfortable shooting the ball. He was very big."

For the Dragons, Johnson and Ricky Rice Culver Community's Trent Elliott pulls up for a jumper during a Sectional 51 game against eight points Argos last week. apiece.

Argos closes out its season at 5-16 and graduates Rice, Alex Blum, and Derek Smith.

"I look at Alex Blum with a pacemaker, and he'd play his minute or two a game and score four or five points," the Argos head coach said. "He's a great kid with good character. I can think of three games that he scored a basket to tie or give us the lead. He has those memories now, and so do his teammates. He was good for our team. Ricky Rice didn't play last year, but he came back this year and it was great to have him back. He pushed others to play harder. Derek Smith is another who was gone and came back for his senior year. He did a nice job and was a good teammate, like all the seniors. They all did a great job this year."

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others have worked as educators, social workers, or in another industry. Several of the members of LIFT also know what a challenge it is to balance family life with work life and other demands. We draw on all of our experiences when connecting with other women who want our help."

The LIFT group is currently accepting applications from those who might be interested in the group's help.

"If you know a woman who might benefit from our group," says Bess, "we'd love to hear from her."

You can learn more about LIFT and contact the group through LIFT's website at www.culverlift.com. You can download an application from the website. You can also write to LIFT at: LIFT, P.O. Box 105, Culver, IN 46511, call 574-842-2173, or write to LIFTUP2012@gmail.com.

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