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In Brief

Sidewalk sharing prigram apps open Saturday

Applications for the 2016 Culver sidewalk program will be available beginning at 8 a.m., Friday, April 1 at Town Hall. Completed applications for the program will be reviewed in the order they are received. You will need the measurements for sidewalk, curb or combination you are replacing in order to complete the application.

Culver Youth Baseball sign ups Saturday

Culver Youth Baseball sign ups will take place Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Culver Public Library. No registrations will be taken after April 8. More information (and sign up forms) is available at www.facebook.com/culver.league.

Culver Young Farmers breakfast Saturday

The Culver Young Farmers are hosting a "Farmer's Share Breakfast" for the community Saturday, April 2, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church. The cost is the price a farmer would earn from the meal \$0.49. Those who bring a canned good for the food pantry eat for free. Served will be scrambled eggs, sausage links, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy (sorry, no carryouts).

Van Herk live at Cafe Max Saturday

Cafe Max, having just completed improvements to the interior decor, is hosting an evening of acoustic music Sat., April 2, from 7 to 10 p.m., featuring local musician Chad Van Herk. Cafe Max is located at 113 S Main Street in downtown Culver.

Free meals for kids during spring break

Culver Community Schools will participate in the SFSP Food Program during the school's spring break/intercession period. Free meals will be made available to all children 18 years and under and to persons over 18 years who

Easter week in Culver

ABOVE: Local students celebrated the Easter holiday during the days leading up to Sunday, including (UPPER LEFT) a visit to Culver Elementary School from the Easter Bunny, with assistance from members of the Culver Beard Club (the club also sponsored the annual egg hunt in Culver's town park Saturday afternoon). LOWER LEFT: Wesley Preschool students also focused on Easter, learning the meaning of the holiday and taking time for some Easter themed crafts. Pictured here, from the 4-year-old class, are (from left) Addy Maverick, Emma Pazin, Eli Smith, Deegan Workman, Finn Pretzel, Mikey Posner, Holly Good, Carter Stotler. Ben Nowalk captured the ominous view at LOWER RIGHT* from Lake Maxinkuckee's west shore Thursday. In spite of mixed forecasts, both Good Friday and Easter Sunday proved calm, weather-wise, with Sunday exhibiting sunshine and mild temperatures for most of the day.

Council takes steps to dissolve park board

April 14 meeting would make the town park a municipal department under council authority

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It may not have come until the end of the meeting, but the surprise of last week's Culver town council meeting — at least to many in the audience — was its decision to hold an April 14 public hearing on the topic of repealing the ordinance establishing Culver's Parks and Recreation board, a move which, if passed, would dissolve that board entirely.

The move came after council member Tammy Shaffer noted how well Culver's EMS service has been functioning the months since that department shifted from operating under a volunteer board, to becoming a formal depart-

ment of the town, much like the police or street departments.

Shaffer, noting she had served as a park board member herself for ten years, suggested the hearing.

"I feel the (park) superintendent should be reporting to the town manager and (the park should be) working like the rest of the departments in town.

The council, in approving Shaffer's move by vote, agreed a special session would be preferable to handling the matter during a regular park board meeting. With that in mind, a public hearing was scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, with plans to hold the meeting in the Culver Pub-

lic Library to allow more seating for potential attendees from the public.

Council president Ginny Munroe affirmed Shaffer's comments.

"We've had a lot of great volunteers on the park board," she said, "but it's time to look at the future of Culver and how we operate it."

Munroe also suggested the meeting be conducted similarly to a meeting about the park held at the depot in Culver a few years ago, with time limits set for each member of the public wishing to speak.

In response to an audience query, Munroe affirmed that repealing the

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Park receives planning grant, survey results announced

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Residents of Culver want their beach lodge to become more of a community center, the town park to offer vibrant programming for multiple ages and interests, keep green space at the forefront of the park's planning, and find various ways to fund the park's ongoing operations, according to 2015 community surveys.

The four priorities listed above emerged at the top of results from last year's survey relating to Culver's town park, and were recently made available to The Culver Citizen, alongside the board's tentative five-year master plan, by park board member Rhonda Reinhold.

The information comes in the wake of the board receiving word that a planning grant for which the park applied last year has been approved. Last year's surveys were conducted as part of the requirement for that grant, which will provide \$15,000 "to review options for, consider the feasibility of, and estimate potential construction costs for turning the beach lodge (or a portion of it) into a community center for year-round use," says Culver town manager Jonathan Leist.

The funds were granted under the category of "community center feasibility studies" by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, or OCRA.

Survey data was gathered by various means in

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Culver Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan community input session April 13

The Lake Max Trail Committee, in coordination with the Town of Culver, will hold a public input session in the large meeting room of the Culver Union Township Library, 107 N Main Street, Culver, on Wednesday, April 13 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. to solicit public input on the creation of a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for Culver and the surrounding area, including Lake Maxinkuckee.

The purpose of the meeting is to collect citizen input on planning the route, trail design, and the role of bicycle and pedestrian transportation in and around the town of Culver, both short term and long term. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend. The Culver Town Council recently hired Troyer Group as a planning consultant to help develop a master plan for bicycle and pedestrian facilities to better connect Culver and the surrounding area. Mike Reese and Jonathon Geels, Landscape Architects, and Chris Waidner, Professional Engineer, from Troyer Group will be directing the input session on behalf of the town and the trail committee.

For more information, contact Jonathan Leist, town manager at 574-842-3140.

Students seek Max Move/CBGC efforts to unite Academies, town communities

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The annual Max Move fitness/community event returns to Culver Sat., April 23, and while its various elements established in recent years will continue, organizers hope community support and relationships will be ramped up by a new twist.

That twist lies in the fact that a group of Culver Academies students has gotten involved in taking Max Move to the next level by virtue of the event's status as part of an Entrepreneurial Studies II class offered at the Academies through its Ron Rubin School of the Entrepreneur.

"The class took it on because (Max Move founder

and Culver Academies Wellness Director Dana) Neer was not getting the attendance he wanted," says class member Jacob Hare. "Our goal is to bring some new life to the event and reach a bigger audience."

Part of the hoped-for audience are more students and faculty of the Academies, says fellow class member and organizer George Cruickshank. He adds that part of the current angle for Max Move is to involve those not able to attend the high-profile Lake Max Triathlon, which takes place each August and thus eliminates involvement from many Academies students and faculty.

Another goal, says class member Andrew Bishop,

was to have Culver Academies students interact more with students from Culver Community Schools and the Culver community at large.

Certainly a primary tie-in with that goal is Max Move's role as a fundraising event for the Culver Boys & Girls Club, something initiated for the first time as part of the event last year, when a check for \$5,000 was presented to the club by Max Move organizers.

For the uninitiated, Max Move encourages families and individuals to walk, jog, or run together around Lake Maxinkuckee, starting at Culver Academies'

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Pine wood Derby winners

Culver Cub and Boy Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby recently, with winners pictured in various categories.

TOP LEFT: Youth Open Class winners. From left, Natalie Marek (Judges Choice - Design), Thomas Lawson (second), Charley Schrimsher (third).

TOP RIGHT: Cub Scout winners. Tyler Pohl (Judges Choice - Design), Gabe Hinsey (first place), Logan Forest (second), Jack Carroll (third).

LOWER LEFT: Boy Scout winners. Mason Cormican (Judges Choice - Design), Carson Cormican (first), Connor Craig (second), CJ Cormican (third).

LOWER RIGHT: Adult Open Class winners. Clayton Cormican (Judges Choice - Design), Tim Marek (first), Chuck Robbins (second), Estelle Mcendarfer (third).

Thanks to Kristine Cormican for providing information.



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the Culver area late last fall, and according to a draft of the master plan approved by the park board (but awaiting formal approval by the State of Indiana), involved written surveys as well as town hall-style meetings to which community members were invited.

In all, 28 questions with multiple choice and fill in the blank options were presented in the written survey. A third of the questions were about the beach lodge building and what should be done with its three levels.

“Response was across the board and fit the basic make-up of our community with 22 responses from 20 to 40 year-olds, 25 responses from 40 to 60 year-olds, and 46 responses from 60 years and above,” reports the master plan draft.

Of respondents, 45 did not have children at home, four had one child, 11 had two or three children, and three had four or more.

The written survey garnered 91 responses from the general population of the community.

Student opinions included

In addition to the written surveys, public sessions aimed at educating the community about the five year plan and gathering input from residents were held in November of last year. A special session with Culver’s town council also took place last fall, regarding park planning.

A particular, added emphasis was also given to inclusion of students in the Culver Community School district, which covers portions of four counties. The draft plan notes that one of the park board’s aims is to get children back to the park.

According to the plan draft, 272 students completed and returned the survey, including 155 who reside in Marshall County, 52 in Fulton County, 40 in Starke, and 25 in Pulaski.

Among results were 155 students in favor of enhancing the beach area with zip lines; 85 in favor of doing so with

water slides; and nine in favor of “water spouts tied with water pads.”

“The most desired activities (among CCSC students) were ice skating, outdoor movie, bonfires and storytelling, DJ/karaoke, and paintball wars,” adds the document. “The most desired teen center/beach lodge activities were movie nights, video games, music and dances, fitness, and dance/athletic classes. Also requested was a great concessions/food area.”

Input of community in general

The draft plan says the results of the general population (i.e. adult community member) survey “were in line with what most of the Culver residents had to say in the public hearings (aimed at gathering community input). The biggest issue(s) across the board (were) the beach lodge, programming, and green space.”

Among “pluses” listed at the park currently were the view from the beach lodge balcony, Lake Maxinkuckee itself, and “the potential of the Culver Park System to bring a better quality of life to residents.”

The desired changes at the park included upgrades to the beach lodge, the need for programming, and more direction and identity for the park as a whole.

According to the document, “an overwhelming number of people were in agreement” in their responses at the November public meetings, regarding the need for an architect to reconfigure the park grounds; renovation of the lodge’s four restrooms; programming should be at the top of the five year plan; and that the park board should move forward with repairs using the budget.

Common themes emerge

The master plan draft cited four “common themes” emerging from the collective data of the written and “in-person” surveys, both student and adult: the need for the beach lodge to become a community center “in more than just a name” (says the plan: “it needs to look and function like a place that a community wants to spend their time in”); “programming of all kinds and ages is an absolute must if the park system is going to be successful,” “green space is at a premium and we will have to use a lot of different tools to add to our beautiful lakefront park”; and, “with the reduced tax support, we must focus on new ways to pay for the upgrades, programs, and expansion. This will have to take priority.”

Some interest is also mentioned in the plan draft, in community members starting a “Friends of the Park” organization to assist in fund raising and other efforts.

The five year master plan, which Reinhold says was developed primarily by herself with fellow board member Patty Stallings, was approved by the park board but awaits official review and approval by the State. Other park board members listed in the draft include Bob Osborn, Tom Kearns, and Tammy Shaffer (since the draft was created, Shaffer left the board and Jeff Payne was appointed to it).

Park draft master plan highlights pivotal historical dates

Given the current possibility of Culver’s town council repealing the ordinance establishing the park board (at a public hearing scheduled for April14), the park’s five year master plan draft includes an interesting historical breakdown regarding the park (with a few additions from *Culver Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney):

- 1876** The first printed mention of two parcels of land composing what is now the park area.
- 1880** Al Toner and the Vandalia Railroad extension build a station just west of Lake Maxinkuckee (the railroad itself was completed to Culver in 1884).
- 1914** One of two shelter sheds built in 1884 on the east and west sides of the Vandalia Railroad station was moved from the depot to the east side of the park and later, in 1936, the WPA moved the second shelter to the west side of the park, both to be used as picnic pavilions.
- 1920** The original Vandalia Railroad station burned down (the current brick station was completed in 1925).
- 1935** The town of Culver bought Vandalia Park for \$6,500 from the Vandalia Railroad, which included 3.2 acres of “Bunker Hill” (the ridge along the “park” side of the current Papa’s Restaurant parking lot) and today’s water tower property (this purchase did not include the railroad station).
- 1937** The WPA completed the current beach lodge/community center. The Culver bath house opened with beds to rent on the main level and refreshments in the lower. The name was changed to the Culver Beach Resort.
- 1939** The Culver town board had a large pier built with slides and diving boards.
- 1948 - 1968** William and Margaret Washburn became the first part-time park superintendents.
- 1965** The Town of Culver established the “Park Fund” to be separated from other town funds.
- 1966** The Culver park board was established.
- 1976** A grant-funded major renovation of the park and beach lodge took place.
- 1979** The Town of Culver purchased the depot and adjacent property for \$42,500.
- 1980** The Culver park and recreation board was given the power to buy and sell, budget, and hire employees in an attempt to make the park and park board more self-sustaining.

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Library news

Free computer classes in April

Free computer classes at CUTPL continue on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., in April. They include Microsoft Word (April 4 and 8), Microsoft Excel (April 11 and 15), plus Smartphone and Tablet Training (April 18, 22, 25, and 29). Microsoft Word and Excel classes cover basic operation of Microsoft Office programs. Smartphone and Tablet Training offers instruction and answers questions on the many function of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices.

Classes are free and open to the public and patrons are encouraged to bring their own computer, smartphone, or tablet if possible. These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Poetry Month includes writing camp, special events throughout April

Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate National Poetry Month with activities throughout the month of April. National Poetry Month was started 20 years ago by the Academy of American Poets.

Camp NaNoWriMo, a set your own writing goals program based on National Novel Writing Month in November, will meet on April 5, 12, and 19 at 5 p.m. in the small meeting room at the library. Adults and teens interested in creative writing are encouraged to come in during this time, work on their writing goals, and workshop with other attending writers. On Tuesday, April 26, Camp NaNoWriMo participants and all poetry fans are invited to gather at 5 p.m. in the library's large meeting room for a no judgment Poetry Reading/Slam. Participants on the 26th are encouraged to perform their original poetry or bring a favorite poem to read and share with the group.

Culver-Union Township Public Library will also celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 21. On National Poem in Your Pocket Day, library patrons are encouraged to stop in and select a poem, carry it with them, and share it with others throughout the day. Poems will be distributed nationally throughout the day with events in parks, libraries, schools, workplaces, bookstores, and on social media using the hashtag #pocketpoem.

For more information on Camp NaNoWriMo or National Poetry Month activities, please contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us.

Arts and crafts all day April 4

Miss Jill and Miss Erin will host a day of arts and crafts Monday, April 4 starting at 11 a.m. Attendees may arrive anytime between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public.

“Fancy Nancy” program April 2

Join Miss Jill in the Children's Room at the CUTPL on Saturday, April 2 from 10 to 11 a.m. for a Fancy Nancy Tea Soiree' (that's fancy for party).

Included will be storytime, crafts, and a healthy snack, Fancy Nancy style.

Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P. to Jill Gavlick at 574-842-2941 or jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us by Monday, March 28 to save your place at the table. Don't forget to look "Fancy!"

This program is free and open to the public and all children are welcome.

Family storytime and crafts April 9

The Culver-UT Public Library will host family storytime and crafts on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m., in the children's area of the library. Regular storytime and crafts take place every Tuesday morning at 10:30, and are always free and open to the public.

Library's long-range plan survey ready for public input

The Culver Union Township Public Library is seeking the community's help. The library has just ended its year-long Carnegie Library centennial celebration during which it took a look at CUTPL's past; now the library

is turning eyes toward its future. As part of the planning process a short survey has been developed. It's accessible online from a link on the library webpage at www.culver.lib.in.us, and is also available in paper form at the library. The survey will help to write the library's new long-range plan.

Residents may view the current plan at www.culver.lib.in.us/doc/long-range-plan.pdf. To assist in developing a vision of the library's future, the library is interested in reading and hearing the public's ideas about CUTPL, and what services/materials/facilities residents would like to see at the library.

Those who take the survey will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Kindle Fire HD 10. The library is also looking for volunteers to participate in our discussions about the library's future goals. These "focus groups" will take place in August.

Cloud storage at Thursday Tech Time April 21

Thursday Tech Time at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library for April will take place April 21 at 6 p.m., and will focus on cloud storage. Offered will be a comparison of various cloud storage services; attendees can learn about creating their own private cloud storage solutions.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

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

Exercise for seniors at the library

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class for seniors meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Carnegie Room and features easy, seated exercises.

For more information on this or any other adult library program, please call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at dthomas@culver.lib.in.us.

Spring adult coloring at the library

Looking for a break from all that spring cleaning? Dust off your colored pencils, markers, or crayons and join us for Adult Coloring at Culver-Union Township Public Library. It's a relaxing, stress-relieving and fun way to get together and spend an hour or so. The library provides the coloring sheets and colors, but feel free to bring your own. Sessions take place Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and/or Thursdays at 10 a.m., and are free and open to the public. Contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Family of man killed in Leiters Ford incident files lawsuit

The family of a man killed in a Leiters Ford bar two years ago has filed a lawsuit regarding the incident, according to our reporting partners at WSBT.

Tony Coleman died in what appeared to be an unprovoked attack from Zachary Clark, 30, who was charged with aggravat-

ed battery and involuntary manslaughter for Coleman's death. Clark pleaded guilty to both counts last week and will be sentenced April 12.

Coleman, age 38 died from brain hemorrhage after Clark struck him in the back of the head late on May 25, 2014 at the Leit-

Obituary

Diana Boots Pierce

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La GRANGE PARK, Ill. — Diana Boots Pierce, 69, died peacefully at her La Grange Park home on Saturday, March 19, 2016, surrounded by those who loved her.

Born Sept. 18, 1946 to Helene and George Boots, she grew up in Culver and spent a lot of time at her Aunt Ellen and Uncle

Arlie's farm in Rochester, a place she loved. She graduated from Culver Community High School in 1964 and Ball State College.

Diana is survived by her wonderful husband Tom Pierce, her son Douglas Martin of Riverside, Ill. and daughter whom she shared a special bond, Kelly McGinnis and her husband Ryan McGinnis of La Grange Park, Ill. and her stepchildren Marc Martin, Patrick Martin, Colleen Martin and Vicki Silber. As well as her nieces and nephews James Boots, Karen Boots, Ronnie Boots, Gary Boots, Suzanne DeBartolo and Elizabeth Boots-Deak and many great-nieces and nephews. Diana was preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers, George A. and Ronald Boots. Diana will be greatly missed by all of those who love her, her family, her friends from Seasons' Hospice, her neighbors and her girlfriends "The Crazies" with whom she shared a 35 year friendship.

Her time on Earth may have been cut too short, but she will live on in the hearts of all of those she touched. Memorial Visitation was Tuesday, March 22 from 3 - 8 p.m. at Dreschler Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Family and friends gathered Wednesday, March 23 at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park for a 10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass. Interment Private. Donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation

50th anniversary - Hartman

Leo and Marjorie (Bollenbacher) Hartman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Pretty Lake Church

Community Hall, Plymouth, from 2-5 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to come help them celebrate.

They were married on March 27, 1966 at Indiana Chapel United Missionary Church, Bremen, by Rev. Ernest Neufeld.

They have four children: Roger and Becky Hartman, Ann and Zsolt Vegso, Mark

Hartman and Mike Hartman.

They also have two grandchildren: Daniel and Brian Vegso.

Leo has farmed all his life. Marjorie worked at Miller's Merry Manor at Plymouth and Culver.

The couple requests no gifts.

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Furniture: Serpentine front dresser; spiral leg drop leaf table; ant. vanity; lift recliner; drop leaf table; lg. corner cupboard; marble top chest of drawers; Jessie French & son piano; claw foot piano stool; keepsake chest; table & chairs; rockers; drop leaf checkerboard stand; lounge chair; love seat; wicker patio set; oak mirror; multiple recliners & chairs; other misc. items too numerous to mention.

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HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

The Indiana bat — whose territory actually covers several states — is a tiny insect-eating machine. A misunderstood and often mistreated creature, it’s only a few inches long and barely weighs a 1/4th of an ounce, but one bat can eat thousands of bugs a night in its five to ten year life span. It eats mosquitoes, but crop pests and other bugs as well. And how does it catch its prey? Bats use echolocation to navigate the night sky and feed. After emitting a high-pitched signal with their mouths, they listen for the echo, which allows them to zoom in on the bug’s location. As they fly, they are constantly mapping their route by sound.

I had never heard a bat’s radar in action until one evening last week. Curled up on the couch with my nose in a book, I began to notice a faint clicking sound coming from the next room.

My daughter came downstairs. “What’s that sound?”
“I think we’ve got a visitor,” I said, closing my Kindle and wedging myself farther back into the couch cushions. “I’m texting Dad.” Thumbs flying, my daughter sent a series of messages to my husband, who was at a church meeting:

There’s a scary noise coming from underneath the furniture and Mom and I are afraid to look at it.

It sounds like a snake.

Or a mouse.

It could be the aliens.

My husband texted back: Srsly?

By this time, the bat was clicking its tiny head off from behind an ottoman, either trying to get its bearings or sending out a distress call to its batty friends, I suspected. My two cats — obviously having one of the best nights of their lives — had it pinned down. Only one percent of bats have rabies, but I was glad that I had had my cats vaccinated even though they don’t go outside.

We happen to live just across the street from our church, so my husband walked home and heroically removed the bat. Pulling back the ottoman, he tossed a towel over the bat, scooped it up and set it on the front porch. (I was hiding behind the couch during this process). The bat leapt back into the night, probably feeling very relieved to be free of us, but most likely not as relieved as we were to be free of it.

Not birds, not mice, though they resemble both, bats are their own unique species. In fact, their order name is Chiroptera, Greek for “hand-wing,” because the bony structure of their wings resembles human hands. They are actually more closely related to humans than they are to mice. They are fascinating creatures, though I would prefer to observe them in their natural habitat, not my living room!

Marianne Peters is a writer, environmental educator, and director of the Marshall County Solid Waste Management District.

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are enrolled in a state-approved education program for the mentally or physically disabled. There is a charge for adults of \$1 for breakfast and \$3 for lunch. Meals take place through April 8 at the Culver Comm. High School and elementary cafeterias. Contact Carin Clifton, CCSC food services director at 574-842-3391 ext 3113 with questions.

Baked potato supper April 8

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a baked potato supper Friday, April 8, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive. Th price is \$8 adults and \$5 children 12 and under (purchase tickets at the door). All proceeds go to Blessings in a Backpack of Culver. Carry-outs are available. Included are a baked potato and all the “fixins,” pies, cakes, coffee, and lemonade.

deVillier exhibit at Moontree MoonTree Studios & Gallery in Plymouth will host an exhibit of Culver area artist David deVillier, whose work is represented in galleries and in private collections across the country. The exhibit, entitled, “Epigraphs/Epistles and Epiphanies by David deVillier,” closes April 9. Moontree is located at 9638 Union Road in Plymouth.

Public hearing on park April 14

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Culver are hereby notified that a public hearing will take place at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 14 in the Carnegie Room of the Culver Union-Township Public Library, 107 North Main Street, Culver, on repealing the ordinance establishing the Culver Park and Recreation Board. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Culver Relay for Life April 15

Culver’s annual Relay for Life will start Friday night, April 15, at the Multi-purpose building at Culver Academies. The event raises money for the American Cancer Society, and area individuals and groups are encouraged to register to participate, which can be done online at relayforlife.org/culverin.

Community meal at Grace April 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Friday, Aprils 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.

Wesley Preschool open house April 16

Wesley Preschool will hold its spring open house Saturday, April 16 from noon to 1 p.m. EST, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St. in Culver. The program is accepting applicants into its 3 year old program (Tues days and Thursdays, \$100 per month) and 4 year old program (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, \$120). School hours will be from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. Interested parents may come meet the teachers, take a tour, and register their child for the 2016-17 school year.

Culver area history on tap at Brown Bag series

The Marshall County Museum Historic Crossroads Center is hosting a monthly series including “Canals in Indiana” by Chester Gut of Culver (April 8); “Historic and Cultural Sites of Marshall County” by Kurt Garner (May 13), “Musical Memories” with Stage II (including several Culver-based past members of the Maxinkuckee Singers, June 10); “Indiana State Byways Bicentennial Program” by Kurt Garner (July 15); “A Cole Porter Musical Comedy Tour of Paris” (Aug. 12); “Preserving Indiana’s Heritage: One Barn at a Time” by Carolyn Rahe (Sept. 9); “Pure Maxinkuckee Ice” by Jeff Kenney (Oct. 14); “Church Architecture in Marshall County” by Garner and Kenney (Dec. 2). The events are held on the first Friday of each month from 12 - 1 p.m. They are free to the public. For more information contact 574-936-2306.

Blessings in a Backpack tourney April 23

The second annual Blessings in a Backpack Charity Dodgeball Tournament at The ZONE in Plymouth is scheduled for Sat., April 23. Admission fees for area teams wishing to participate in the tournament are \$200 per team of eight, two of whom must be female. The winning team receives its entry fees back. Contact Jim Philips, 574-767-0607, to register. Money raised supports nutritious meals for Culver Elementary and other students in Marshall County.

Beginning band open house April 26

An open house will be held for beginning band students in the Culver Comm. Schools area on Tues., April 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is the sign-up night for 4th graders who will be going into 5th grade band next year, and will take plade at teh Culver Elementary School, 401 School St.

Town-wide yard sales April 29 wknd

Culver’s town-wide garage sale weekend be Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. If you are planning on having a sale and would like to be included on the map, please get your information to Town Hall (clerk@townofculver.org or 574-842-3140) no later than Tuesday, April 26. Maps will be available Thursday, April 28 via Facebook and at Town Hall, Dairy Barn, Osborn’s Mini-Mart and First National Bank of Monterey.

Culver clean-up May 14

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a town wide clean up

day Saturday, May 14. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Culver residents may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

Poplar Grove rummage sale May 27

Poplar Grove United Methodist Church on State Road 10 in Culver will hold its annual rummage sale on Friday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 28 from 9 to 2. Spring is coming, and therefore spring cleaning won’t be far behind; so if anyone has any items to donate for the sale, please contact Susan Shaffer at 574-952-2688 any time after 4 p.m.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 7, 8

The Maxinkuckee Players have announced auditions for “Beauty and the Beast,” this summer’s theater production. Auditions will take place Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, contact Becky Liechty at 574-952-5117 or bliechty@embarqmail.com. Show dates are July 22, 24, 29, 30, and 31.

Spring band concert May 11

The annual Culver Comm. Middle and High School spring concert will take place Wednesday, May 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.m at the Culver Comm. High School auditorium, 701 School St. in Culver. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Laake Max Triathlon registration open

Registration is open for the Lake Max Triathlon, which takes place Saturday, Aug. 13. The course includes a 400-meter swim in Lake Maxinkuckee, 11 mile bike ride around Lake Maxinkuckee, and a 5 kilometer run. There is also a Lake Max Kids Triathlon with various age groups.

This year’s event will again include a live band, a chef-prepared full-course meal, free massages, dry-fit shirts, and post-race energy drinks and beers after the race. All proceeds collected are donated to local service clubs. Early registration costs are \$20 for the youth triathlon. The full triathlon is \$65 for individuals and \$95 for teams. Register online at culver.org/lakemaxtriathlon.

Lake Fest 2016 needs volunteers

Culver’s Lake Fest, slated for July of 2016, is in need of volunteers to continue. Those wishing to assist may sign up for one or more of the many events taking place during the three-day festival. Those interested are encouraged to contact Overmyer at movermyer@jmceainc.com or committee member Trent Bennett at 574-216-7000 or trent@bennettscontracting.net.

Exhibit of photographic legends at Academies

Ongoing in the Crisp Visual Art Center at Culver Academies is the exhibition, “3 American Photographers: Eudora Welty, Alfred Eisenstaedt, and Ansel Adams.” The Welty photographs on exhibition were shot between 1935 and 1942. The Eisenstaedt portfolio was shot at Culver in 1939 for an article in *Life* Magazine. The photo exhibit is free and open to the public on Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Deer-Zink Gallery of the Crisp Visual Arts Center on Academy Road. The exhibit is available by appointment by calling Robert Nowalk, curator of the Academies’ collection, at 574-842-8278.

Monthly library book/bake sales

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold book and bake sales on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the lower level Carnegie Room. Each month’s sale will feature a seasonal theme, with April’s theme will being poetry, and May’s Shakespeare. As always, the organization accepts donations of gently used books and media, which can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

Culver Elementary seeks volunteers

Culver Elementary School is seeking caring adults, men and women, of all ages, to volunteer at the school in a variety of ways during the school day. Those interested in helping to make a difference in the lives of children, please email (bonine@culver.k12.in.us) a phone number and time to be contacted, or call the school at 574-842-3389 and leave a message for Amy Bonine.

Fire dept. seeking new applicants

The Culver Fire Department is accepting applications for new firefighters. Those interested may apply at the Culver town hall, 200 E Washington Street in Culver or call 574-842-3140 for more information.

Culver Comm. Schools’ online shop

Culver Community Schools’ online store may be found at varsityshop.com/ccsc_culver_community_schools, and includes a variety of outerwear for adult men and women, and children from infants on up. Culver Community Schools will receive funds from every purchase to support student programs.

Adult winter basketball at CCMS

Adult winter basketball takes place each Sunday, from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, until April 10, at the Culver Community Middle School. Cost for insurance is \$2 each Sunday, or \$20 up front for whole season. Please bring your “A” game, your good sportsmanship, and not your kids. Questions may be direct ed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

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Local WW2 vet Norris, who shared unusual story of WACs, dies



A local World War II veteran who shared her unusual story with local readers (via The Culver Citizen in 2013) and students (at a Veteran’s Day presentation the following year at Culver Comm. High School), among others, has died.

Lida Belle (Cowen) Thompson-Norris, age 97, of Argos, died March 21 at her residence following a brief illness.

Norris, a 1936 graduate of Culver High School, was one of over 150,000 American women who served in the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during the war, they being among the first women (besides nurses) to serve within the ranks of the United States Army.

In 1945, she married Carroll L. Thompson (who preceded her in death in 1974), then marrying David F. Norris in 1986 (he died in 2011). She was a housewife/homemaker. Carroll and Lida owned TNT Farms and were dairy farmers in Green Township for 25 years. Lida was also a lifelong member of the Poplar Grove United Methodist

Church in Culver.

During the war, she was one of over 200 women assigned to the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Air Force in Britian, which was flying B-24 bombers in missions over Germany.

“Every night each of the 16 bases would send in the number of planes and crews available,” she told the Citizen. “We would teletype that and send it to London, and they would send back how many they expected to send on bombing runs that day.”

She recalled D-Day in 1945 vividly, saying the sky was black with airplanes.

The media, she said, was not always kind to WACs, especially in the years of the war and immediately after.

“There are few of us left to advocate (for WAC),” she told the Citizen.

Funeral services were held March 26 at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church in Culver; Burial was at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery at Poplar Grove, Culver with the United States Air Force Honor Guard and the Argos American Legion Post #68 performing military honors.

CES Students of the Month

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

Kindergarten: Hannah Dolezal (teacher: Amy Bonine), Jacob Ringer (Heather Overmyer), Eli Martinez (Stephanie Smith).

1st grade: Charlie Schrimsher (Andrea Berndt), Scotty Hurst (Kelly Dickerhoff) Savanna Harrington (April Jefferies), Madison Summey (Kelly Young), Joseph Mavrick (Mike Elliott), Seanna Martinez (Teri Zechiel).

2nd grade: Ryane Buschman (Lisa Elliott), Michael Allen (Becky Risner), Dylan Wyrick (Janna VanDePutte).

3rd grade: Braiden Molebash (Valerie Cultice), Chloe Kanschat (Jill DeSalle), Austin Hinsey (Carrie Tharp), Amber Black (Gayle Kinzie), Timothy Woodcox (Lori Nash).

4th grade: Giselle Villegas (Tim Daughtery), Avery Garland (Stephanie Miller), Derek McKee (Chris Renneker).

5th grade: Kevin Bailey (Sara Keyser), Trenton Fritte (Raeanne Stevens), Colin Marshall (Steve Young), Kevin Bailey (Amy Gearhart), Haylie Rizor (Kris Arvelo), Ethan Keller (Rhonda Kinney).

6th grade: Austin Dilts (Jean Ahlenius), Dylan McKee (Pam Craft), Hunter Sickmiller (Todd Shafer), Shianne Moss (Christine Thompson), Emily Heim (Jason Crittendon).

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Naval Building no later than 8:45 a.m. the morning of the event, which actually begins at 9. The event is not a race, but simply a community wellness event, Neer emphasizes.

Families in which parents cannot attend can be assured their children will be well supervised, says Neer. Signs and supervision will be on the roads to notify traffic. Three refreshment stops will be offered along the way, as well as three restrooms. For those who cannot make it around the lake, a bus at the 5 mile mark will take them back to campus. The course is well marked (10 miles) and ends at Logansport Gate on campus with a finish banner.

All participants will receive a custom ordered Max Move bracelet, adds Neer, as well as a warm lunch at the Culver Academies dining hall. Those interested may register by emailing Dana.Neer@Culver.org.

“There’s a sense of two different Culvers,” notes Hare, speaking of the Academies and town communities. “There’s only so much we can do about that, but we’re making sure to take steps to bring them together as much as we can.”

With that in mind, Cruickshank notes Academies students have been “really trying to work with (CBGC) and the younger students there.”

A few times per week, he says, Academies students head to Culver Elementary School, where the club is housed, to volunteer. And while this is far from the first time that’s happened, the hope is to continue to increase such interactions and sustain them moving forward. Hare notes several students from the campus are basing their senior service projects at the club, with Neer — who is also the president of the CBGC board — as a kind of bridge between the two entities.

In fact, CBGC members will address the Academies’ student body at an All-School Meeting on campus prior to Max Move, in hopes of emphasizing the value of the event and participation in it.

Bishop points to a recent meeting with Ryan Smiley, president of the Porter County Boys & Girls Club (of which Culver’s club is a subsidiary).

“We talked about our goals with the Culver Boys & Girls Club,” recalls Bishop, “so they have a clear understanding of what we’re doing and why.”

Hare notes the meeting was a great experience for the students, especially within the context of their classwork as entrepreneurial hopefuls.

“We’re definitely working on the teamwork aspect (of organizing Max Move),” says Cruickshank.

“We hope for a lot of attendance from the community school,” adds Hare. “Mr. Neer will talk to the students and classes (there); hopefully they’ll join.”

Bishop points to the “big party” planned after Max Move at the Academies’ dining hall, at which he hopes students and community members will feel welcome.

Other facets of their classwork have been submitting weekly marketing plans directed to different groups regarding Max Move, explains Bishop, including outreach to Academies parents.

Classwork is also focused on how the actual event turns out, adds Hare.

Alex Kurrelmeier is director of the Rubin School and acts as main instructor, notes Cruickshank, though intern instructor Sean Haseley is overseeing the Max Move project specifically. There are 12 students working on Max Move as part of their Rubin School classwork.


The Rubin School, adds Bishop, is “really attracting a lot of (Academies students),” some of whom have applied



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Students in the Culver Academies course working towards enhancing next month’s Max Move event, with intern/instructor Sean Haseley.

learned business skills in running the Rubin Cafe coffee shop on the Academies campus.

The Entrepreneurial Studies II class focusing on Max Move is a full-term, daily course, the second of four in the Rubin School, says Cruickshank.



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Bible Trivia

— BY WILSON CASEY —

1. Is the Book of Exodus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 3:20, who was credited with being “mother of all living”? Ruth, Sarah, Eve, Esther
3. In Esther 7, who met his death on gallows he built for another man? Herod, Haman, Jehu, Ezekiel
4. Which of these cities was destroyed by fire and brimstone? Jericho, Haran, Paphos, Sodom
5. What charioteer rode to Jezreel to find King Joram? Jehu, Omri, Naboth, Jethro
6. Where did Hagar meet an angel? Prison, River, Wilderness spring, Temple door

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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Eve; 3) Haman; 4) Sodom; 5) Jehu; 6) Wilderness spring

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park board-establishing ordinance is legal and has precedent in the State of Indiana.

And while council members didn’t discuss specific reasons behind the action, it’s a safe bet the move grows from controversy surrounding the board’s handling in recent weeks and months of the process of filling the vacancy in the park superintendent’s position.

During a joint council-park board session earlier this month, four members of the six on the park board explained their rationale for shifting the full-time position to two

part-time ones, with a considerable boost in hourly wages for those staff members. Only after the meeting did council members confirm that one candidate planned to be hired was the son of a park board member, a fact which led to the council revising language in its nepotism ordinance in another part of the March 25 meeting (during which the revision was formally approved on first reading by the council).

Later during the meeting, the council approved Munroe signing a planning grant the park received at \$15,000 towards renovations of its facilities.

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NOTICE OF A HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REPEAL
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Karen Heim
Clerk-Treasurer
March 23, 2016
March 31, 2016 CC1709 hspaxlp

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Notice Of Hearing Culver Town Council April 12, 2016
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Culver Town Council on a proposed new Culver Zoning Map that reflects changes to the current map.
On March 15, 2016 a public hearing by the Culver Planning Commission was held concerning a petition filed by the Jeff And Ronda Justis to properly rezone to Commercial (C-2) from the current zoning of Suburban Residential (S-1) the following parcel:
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The rezoning request was favorably approved by the Culver Planning Commission with a 5-0

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vote.
A public hearing by the Culver Town Council will take place on April 12, 2016 during the regular Town Council meeting to be held at 6:30pm that evening. The public hearing will be conducted at the Town Hall, 200 East Washington Street, Culver, Indiana. All interested members of the public are invited to attend and take part in said public hearing either in person, or represented by an attorney or agent, or present statements in writing either for or against said proposed changes in the zoning ordinance.
Dated this 17th day of March, 2016
Karen Heim
Culver Clerk-Treasurer
March 31, April 7, 2016 CC1386 hspaxlp

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2015 School Corporation Annual Performance Report (APR)

General Explanations

The APR is a report on the performance of schools and school corporations (districts) in your area. The goal is to provide information regarding the progress schools are making to help students become college-and-career ready. Where possible, this report contains three years of data to show trends – not just this year’s results. In addition, the State Average is also shown for comparison purposes. There are additional indicators that are available on the Indiana Department of Education’s Web site (compass.coe.in.gov), including data broken out by different student subgroups, such as race, gender, income level and special education.

The data in this report have been supplied by the Indiana Department of Education and local school corporations. The report provides the most recent data available.

Indiana educators and citizens have developed higher academic standards for all students. These standards are necessary to prepare Indiana students to be successful in life, whether they go directly to higher education or to the workplace. The scores for ISTEP+ are listed under each school to reflect student progress toward those standards. **Note: In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data.** For high schools, you also will see graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who plan to go on to college.

Other important data are provided, such as average attendance rates and indicators of school safety, including expulsions and suspensions. Also included is information about your school corporation, such as how much is spent, on average, for each student; how much teachers are paid; and the percentage of corporation students who are in special education classes or gifted and talented classes.

Definitions (in the order found on the report):

Corporation Level & General School Data	
A-F Accountability Grade	Grade calculated by the IDOE per 511 IAC 6.2-6 and officially assigned by the State Board of Education. For 2014-15, Schools and Corporations were assigned the better of their 2013-14 grade or the 2014-15 calculated grade.
Student Enrollment	Number of students enrolled on October 1 of the school year. Note: Counts for Membership purposes are taken on a different day and may differ.
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	For 2014-15, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2012 and graduated in four years or less without a waiver
College and Career Readiness Rate	The percentage of 2015 four year graduates who passed an Advanced Placement test, passed an International Baccalaureate test, received 3 hours of Dual Credit, or received an Industry Certification. Note: This data are not available for the 2015 cohort at time of publication.
Career and Technical Diplomas	Core 40 with Technical Honors Diplomas
Certified Teachers	Teachers certified to teach as reported by School Corporation (includes guidance counselors and other non-Administrator staff)
National Board Certified Teachers	Teachers who have obtained National Board Certification as reported by the School Corporation. More information can be found at http://ncbce.org/certifiedteachers.org/
Total Expenditure Per Pupil Three Year Average	Amount the School Corporation is spending on average per student
Academic Achievement Expenditures	Direct Classroom expenditures such as teacher salaries and benefits, instructional materials, instructional supervisor, etc
Instructional Support Expenditures	Student Support expenditures such as social work, guidance, health, speech pathology, audiology, school administration, etc
Overhead and Operations Expenditures	Non-instructional operating costs such as corporation administration, accounting, payroll, facility maintenance, facility operation, security, pupil transportation, food SERVICES, etc
Non-Operating Expenditures	Expenditures that are not related to the day-to-day operation such as facilities acquisition and construction, debt service obligations

Teacher Salary Range	Salary range is calculated by reviewing the salaries for teachers as provided by the School Corporation. Teachers must be reported at 100% for 180-195 days
Students in Special Education	Students (including non-public Students) who are receiving special education services
Students in Gifted and Talented Education	Percentage of students enrolled in gifted and talented education programs as defined locally
Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocational Education	Percentage of total instructional hours delivered through vocational education classes
Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	Students who receive free or reduced price lunches due to family income level
Limited English Proficiency Students	Students whose inability to communicate English prevents them from participating fully in a standard educational program
ISTEP+ Remediation Funding	Funding received by the state to provide remedial programs
Alternative Education	Students enrolled and receiving instruction for at least 10 days in an approved alternative education program
Intra District Mobility	Percentage of students who moved from one school to another in the same school corporation
Inter District Mobility	Percentage of student who moved from one school to another in a different school corporation
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	Number of Students per Certified Employees as reported by the School Corporation
Attendance Rate	Average attendance rate for students

High School Data	
Career and Technical Programs	Programs administered through the Department of Workforce Development that offer result in an Industry Certification
ECA Math Standard	End of Course Assessment Math Standard – Algebra I (Passage is Required for Graduation) Pass rates are for first time test takers
ECA English Language Arts Standard	End of Course Assessment 10 th Grade English (Passage is Required for Graduation) Pass rates are for first time test takers
International Baccalaureate	Program of Study offered by some authorized schools that may result in a student receiving a specialized diploma called an International Baccalaureate Diploma. More information can be found at www.ibo.org
AP (Advanced Placement)	Program of Study that offers college level courses and exams to high school students that can result in students receiving college credit
SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)	Standardized test results of which are commonly used in College Admissions. Average shown is for graduating class
Core 40	Basic High school graduation requirements More information on the graduation requirements and types of diplomas can be found at http://www.coe.in.gov/student-services/student-assistance/academic-guidance
Core 40 with Honors diploma	Either Core 40 with Academic Honors or Core 40 with Technical Honors
Percent of Graduates Pursuing College	These data are supplied by the School Corporation when they submit the list of graduates
Graduation Rate	For 2014-15, the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in Fall 2012 and graduated in four years or less.

Elementary/Middle School Data	
ISTEP+	Grade specific exam given to all students. All students in Grades 3-8 are tested annually in Math and English Language Arts. Students in grades 4 and 6 are also tested in Science. Students in grades 5 and 7 are also tested in Social Studies. In 2014-15 Indiana transitioned to a new, more rigorous college-and-career ready standards and a new statewide assessment to measure these standards. Therefore ISTEP results are not comparable to previous data.
I-READ	Exam given to all students in grade 3 to test reading proficiency. Students must pass the exam to advance to grade 4

Contact:

If you have any questions about this information, you should contact your local school corporation or contact the Department of Education at 317-232-9050 or by e-mail at schoolaccountability@coe.in.gov.

CVS changes move forward

The council voted to move forward with an agreement with the Hamstra Group, property owners at the site of Culver’s CVS Pharmacy on Ohio Street.

John Fulkerson, representing Hamstra’s Wheatfield, Ind. office, asked for approval of an easement which would allow a town-owned alley behind the store to become a one-way lane for pharmacy window pickup, as well as ongoing storage of CVS’ trash dumpsters alongside the south end of the building in a town-owned parking lot.

The latter point was debated at some length during the previous council members, with some suggesting the dumpster should be moved to the pharmacy’s lot alongside Jefferson Street, north of the building, instead of taking up parking spaces in the municipal lot. Council members agreed there wasn’t space for the dumpster alongside the street, and placement there could cause street blockage during trash pickup.

In exchange for use of the alley and dumpster area, Hamstra had previously offered to pave, stripe, and plow/maintain the municipal lot, though Fulkerson explained an investigation into the possibility of using permeable material in paving proved unfeasible. Instead, Hamstra offered to build a large, sub-surface tank under the lot to hold enough storm water to handle a 100-year storm event, he said. Paving of the alley would also route rainwater to the tank.

Fulkerson also assured the council that CVS had no designs on making the lot exclusive for use by its own employees. He also noted specifics of engineering the project would come after the easement was town-approved and CVS had approved moving forward with the project. The town would have input on those specs before any action took place. The dumpster area, he added, would be surrounded by a wood enclosure for optimal aesthetics.

Fulkerson also answered an audience member’s concern as to the timing of the

project, assuring that the three weeks of approximate labor time needed would be undertaken during the least busy season for the town, relevant particularly since the municipal lot — which was purchased some 40 years ago by local businesses — is used so downtown businesses’ employees have space to park.

Audience member Susie Mahler, who owns a downtown business, emphasized she felt there was space for the pharmacy’s dumpster on its north side, adding she purchased a house in order to make space for her own restaurant’s dumpster across the alley behind it. She asked the council, if CVS is allowed dumpster space in the town-owned lot, to consider a proposed effort to gravel an area near the town’s lift station at the east end of Madison Street, which would afford an extra seven spaces for downtown parking.

Munroe agreed that town manager Jonathan Leist could investigate the matter.

With council members expressing appreciation that paving and striping the currently gravel lot would notably improve the aesthetics of the area, the easement was formally passed by council members.

Discussed after the vote was the usage status of a municipal lot being developed across South Main Street from the Lake Shore Clinic, with Munroe explaining the clinic is paying for half the lot and will have rights for its customers to use it as well as the general public (since the clinic is only open 8 to 5 each day, other hours will be completely open).

Fluoride reconsideration dropped

In follow-up to another past matter, the council voted not to reopen discussion about adding fluoride to Culver’s municipal water supply, an issue which garnered considerable discussion and debate last year before the council voted to include fluoridation in the town’s new water plant, currently under construction.

Shaffer noted a citizen brought up concerns about the safety of fluoride, as did a few employees, which led council members to contemplate reopening the matter during their previous meeting. While Shaffer said she had her own opinions about fluoridation, she would prefer not to revisit the matter, something echoed by other council members. One member, Joel Samuelson, suggested employee concerns over safe handling of the chemical could be addressed by proper training and implementation of correct safety measures, rather than reconsideration of the matter as a whole.

County tax, other discussion

The council opted to table for further investigation any vote regarding a presentation by Marshall County commissioner Kevin Overmyer requesting council support of a county-based income tax for economic development and local road funding.

Some audience members expressed strenuous objection to the measure, with one — Russ Mason — urging the council to learn more about how funds collected will be spent and might help Culver.

Some discussion took place regarding a proposed contest for local students to help design banners to be placed on Culver street poles, with various options reserved for seasonal use.

Discussed was the potential cost of various numbers of banners, as well as inclusion of banners bearing the recently-formalized Culver Comm. Schools logo, and in what capacity.

Further research on cost will be undertaken and the matter kept on the council’s agenda.

Fire chief Terry Wakefield said tornado siren tests throughout the county revealed problems with some of the township’s sirens, which will be investigated in the near future. He also noted one new application has come in for the fire department, which has been struggling to fill vacancies.

Audience member Jean Rakich thanked the department for sending a representative recently to the Culver Elementary School to help educate students about fire safety and send home a smoke detector with each second grader.

Audience member Lynn Overmyer also praised a quick response from the department recently to what turned out to be a false alarm carbon monoxide leak in her home.

Overmyer also asked how many meetings a council member is allowed to miss, suggesting it’s “kind of bad” that the council has five members, but only four attend regularly.

“I don’t feel the citizens are getting their money’s worth,” she said, adding she knew how much work was required of the position from her own

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Annual



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Culver Community Schools Corp

2015 Annual Performance Report

Culver Community Schools Corp, Culver 5455					
Indicator	Corporation Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	A	A		
Student Enrollment	935	881	860	838	1,046,026
Non-Waiver Grad Rate	73.8	82.5	87.1		82.74
College and Career Readiness Rate	44.7	70.0	N/A		
Number of Certified Teachers	76	65	60		63,167
Number of National Board Certified Teachers	0	0	0		192
Total Expenditure Per Pupil Three Year Average	\$13,464	\$14,394	\$14,018		\$11,052
Percent Academic Achievment Expenditures	47.8	39.4	42.3		48.7
Percent Instructional Support Expenditures	10.5	9.9	8.6		8.2
Percent Overhead and Operations Expenditures	20.4	21.9	26.2		23.2
Percent Non-Operating Expenditures	21.3	28.8	22.9		19.9
Teacher Salary Range - Minimum	\$31,800	\$31,800	\$27,000		\$24,153
Teacher Salary Range - Maximum	\$60,034	\$60,034	\$60,034		\$89,516
Percent of Students in Special Education	13.9	13.5	13.8		14.9
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	14.3	14.0	14.0		14.4
Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocation Education	2.9	3.6	9.6		5.7
Percent of Students Receiving Free or Reduced Price Lunches	58.7	56.2	58.7		49.2
Percent of Limited English Proficiency Students	0.1	0.9	0.8		5.5
Total ISTEP+ Remediation Funding	\$2,869	\$2,555	\$1,941		\$6,000,150
Number of Students in Alternative Education	21	18	27		16,799
Percentage of Students in Alternative Education	2.2	2.0	3.1		2.45
Intra District Mobility	0	0	0		0.5
Inter District Mobility	11	13.9	12.8		11.5

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

The Culver Community Schools Corporation shall maintain the current levels (percentages) between the expenditures for the student instructional expenditure categories and the other expenditure's categories as described in IC 21-10-3-4 for the next fiscal year.

Those goals are:

Academic Achievement Expenditures 55%

Instructional Support Expenditures 20%

Overhead and Operational Expenditures 20%

Non-Operating Expenditures 5%

Culver Community High Sch, Culver 5245					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	B	B	B		
Student Enrollment	255	260	251	256	1,046,026
Number of Students in Career and Technical Program	66	76	103		167,961
Percentage of Students in Career and Technical Program	25.9	29.2	41.0		49.15
Percent Passing ECA Math Standard	49.3	44.3	66.7		68.9
Percent Passing ECA English Language Arts Standard	80.3	73.2	77.1		77.9
Percent of Graduates Who Have Passsed Both ECA Standards	73.77	82.46	87.10		82.75
Percent of Graduates Granted Waivers for the ECA	4.3	6.0	1.8		7.1
Number of International Baccalaureate Diplomas	0	0	0		657
Percent of Students Taking Advanced Placement Exams	***	7.7	***		3.9
Percent of AP Test with Score of 3,4,5	***	10.0	***		49.7
SAT Average Score for Graduating Class	910.9	873.0	914.5		987.6
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	47.1	47.6	42.5		45.9
Percent Core 40 with Honors Diploma	21.3	20.0	21.8		37.2
Percent Core 40 Diploma	76.6	74.0	83.6		87.1
Percent of Graduates Pursuing College	72.9	56.0	68.4		78.3
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	8	9	8		13
Graduation Rate	77.0	87.7	88.7		88.9
Attendance Rate	95.4	96.0	95.3		95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	11	3	18		71,716
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	20	18	24		79,014
Number of Students Retained in the 9th Grade	0	0	0		886
Number of Students Who Have Dropped Out	11	4	0		3,607
Number of Students Suspended	48	57	64		90,803
Number of Students Expelled			1		2,886
Number of Expulsions and Suspensions Involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	1	0	3		6,705
Number of Out of School Suspensions	32	28	72		108,934
Number of In School Suspensions	68	77	89		96,792

Culver Elementary School, Culver 5928					
Indicator	School Results				State
	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16	Total
A-F Accountability Grade	C	A	A		
Student Enrollment	517	484	466	444	1,046,026
Percentage of Students Passing IREAD	95.1	89.5	93.3		90.1
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	80.5	77.1	61.7		62.6
* Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	85.5	81.2	70.0		73.2
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	90.0	87.2	50.0		65.2
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	90.0	89.6	70.0		70.4
* Grade 4 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	88.3	83.1	82.9		71.4
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	83.1	89.7	44.2		68.4
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	79.4	75.9	50.0		65.2
* Grade 5 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Social Science Standard	71.8	62.1	62.3		70.9
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	97.3	91.2	53.2		61.9
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	82.7	85.3	59.4		65.8
* Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	80.0	72.1	54.7		66.9
Pupil Enrollment to Certified Employee Ratio	12	12	12		13
Attendance Rate	95.8	95.8	95.4		95.8
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	6	3	6		71,716
Number of Students absent greater than 10% of School Year	36	35	24		79,014
Number of Students Suspended	27	25	26		90,803
Number of Expulsions and Suspensions Involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	1	0	1		6,705
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Carpet Care

By Tresa Erickson

Carpet remains a popular option in flooring, especially in bedrooms where bare feet are more likely. Who relishes the thought of sliding out of bed onto an icy cold tile floor in the dead of winter? Carpet can feel great underfoot but can take a real beating over the years. It is important that you clean your carpet on a regular basis to keep it looking its best. Frequent vacuuming is a must to remove loose dirt and debris. Generally, the more pets and children you have in your household, the more often you will have to vacuum your carpet. Weekly vacuuming may not be enough, and you should always vacuum up messes right away. Tracked-in mud or spilt coffee grounds can easily get ground into the carpet if not removed right away. There are several vacuum cleaners on the market. You want one with enough suction power to pick up a lot of debris. Experts

recommend a top-load vacuum cleaner that will allow the dirt to fall inward. You should empty the canister frequently and change or clean the filters regularly for optimal suction. Regular cleaning is a must to remove any oily, sticky residue your vacuum cleaner misses. Several methods are available. Most experts recommend the multi-step process of steam cleaning. During this process, the carpet is first pre-treated with cleaner and then agitated to loosen the dirt and debris and work in the soap. Finally, it is rinsed and the water extracted. You can steam-clean your carpet yourself, but most experts advise



you hire a professional. Not only will they have all of the right equipment for the job, but they will know how to use it. Shop around for a good service, and when you find one, set up a regular cleaning schedule. Most experts recommend a professional cleaning every 12 to 18 months depending upon the number of people who live in your home and the amount of traffic it receives. Most carpet cleaning services charge by the room. Jobs can run \$100 on up depending upon the number of rooms you have done. Many services offer specials. If the cost is still too steep, you may want to look into renting or

purchasing a steam cleaner. Just be aware that most do-it-yourself cleaners will leave behind cleaning residue that will attract dirt. In between steam cleanings, you may need to spot-clean your carpet from time to time. Purchase a good cleaner and clean up spills immediately. Don't leave the stain to set in. Blot up the excess liquid and clean up the spill according to the manufacturer's directions. Do not rub or scrub the spill. You could cause the carpet to fray and twist. Beyond all of this, what else can you do to keep your carpet in good shape? Take off your shoes and walk around your home in your socks. Ask those who live with you or stop by for a visit to do the same. Limit walking around barefooted. The natural oils in your feet will attract dirt. Give your carpet the care it deserves, and it will last you for a long time.

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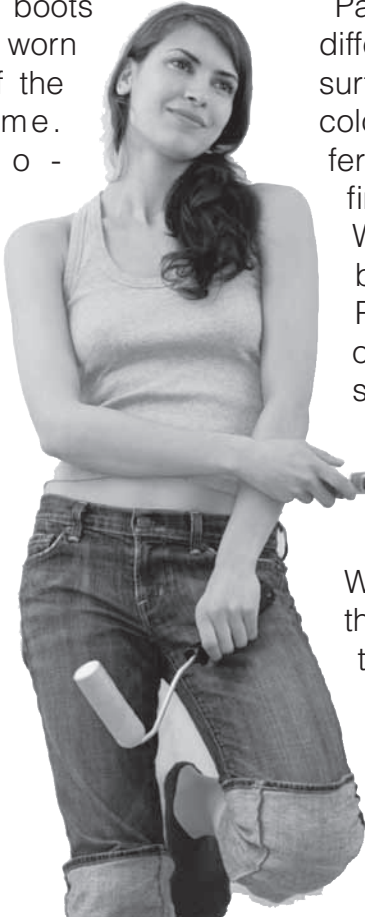
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Hardwood floors are all the rage these days, and most people prefer them au naturel. Sometimes, however, au naturel doesn't work. The hardwood floors may not be in good enough condition to be refinished or be mismatched from various repairs made over the years. In instances like these, the

best option might be to paint the hardwood. In the 1700s, it was not uncommon to find hardwood floors painted white, yellow, red and green. Paint protected the wide planks of wood from the hard-soled boots and shoes worn by people of the time. To -

day, painted hardwood floors are starting to make a comeback, and the key to durability is the layering of thin coats. Three thin coats of paint layered on top of each other will wear better than one thick coat of paint. Painting hardwood floors is no different than painting any other surface. You can paint it all one color or multiple colors for a different look. You can create faux finishes or patterns if you wish. Who doesn't like the look of a black and white checked floor? Painted hardwood floors not only look nice but can solve some design issues. A big geometric pattern can make a small room look larger, while vertical stripes can lengthen a room. When painting hardwood floors, think about color as well as pattern. Consider using various finishes and glazes for unique designs. Love the look of marble but can't afford it? No problem. Hire an artist to create the look of a marbled

floor with paint. For the best results, you will want to prep the floor well. Sand it down with 150-grit sandpaper. Repair all cracks and depressions. Then wash the floor to remove all dirt, dust and debris. Allow the floor to dry and then apply a primer. Give the primer ample time to dry and then sand the floor lightly with 220-grit sandpaper for better adherence. Wipe down the floor again and apply a thin coat of paint with a natural-bristle brush for a smooth finish. Allow the paint to dry for 24 hours and then apply another coat. Repeat twice more and add a couple coats of polyurethane for protection. Otherwise, heavy foot traffic will wear down the paint quickly and give your floors a soft patina. Give the polyurethane six months to cure and apply one final coat. Painting hardwood floors is not for everyone. Make sure it is what you want, because once you paint the floor, removing it won't be easy.



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