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In Brief

CBC hosts Nat'l Day of Prayer service

Culver Bible Church will host a prayer service for the "National Day of Prayer" tonight, May 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them as they pray for our community and country. For more information, Pastor Dan Huhn can be contacted at 574-842-3056.

Spring leaf pickup

The town of Culver will pick up leftover autumn leaves throughout the town during the week of May 2 through 6. Residents are reminded not to place leaves directly in the roadway, but confine them to their yards. Questions may be directed to the town hall at 574-842-3140.

Pie sale this wknd.

The Ladies Society of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver will offer home-baked pies after each Mass this weekend, including Saturday's 4:30 p.m. service, as well as Sunday's 7:30 and 11 a.m. services.

Lions flea market, breakfast, bake sale Saturday

The Culver Lions Club's annual Spring Fest, including a pancake and sausage breakfast, bake sale, and flea market will be Saturday, May 1 at the railroad station in the town park. Breakfast is from 6 to 11 a.m., the bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m., and the flea market from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Max Players auditions Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Players will hold auditions for "Nunsense - the Mega-Musical" Saturday, May 7 at the Culver High School choir room. Auditions will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1-4 p.m., and 5-9 p.m. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice and read from the script.

Kiwanis-Collins-Marina bass tournament May 7

The Culver Kiwanis-Collins & Co.-Marina team charity bass tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee will take place Saturday, May 7. Entry fee is \$70 per team if the entry is received by April 15 (\$80 per team if paid the day of the tournament). Tournament hours are from legal sunrise (6:30 a.m.) to 2:30 p.m. Weigh-in and release of fish will begin at 2:30 at the Culver

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Doss says good-bye

ABOVE LEFT: Culver Town Manager is bid farewell by Tom Kearns of the Culver Tree Commission last Tuesday at Doss' final Town Council meeting before departing for West Virginia. He leaves the town richer by more than \$1 million in grant-funded improvement projects. SEE STORY BELOW.

Lions laud Dehning, other students

ABOVE RIGHT: Culver Comm. High School senior Cassandra Dehning, left, accepts the \$1,000 scholarship conferred annually by Culver's Lions Club to a specially-selected graduating student, at the Club's annual senior awards banquet last Wednesday night. SEE STORY BELOW.

CITIZEN PHOTOS AND LAYOUT/JEFF KENNEY

Lauded members of CCHS '11 recall year of 'love, loss, excitement, and anticipation'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Lions Club once again gathered its members alongside graduating seniors from Culver Community High School and their families to treat them to a catered meal and celebrate their accomplishments by way of the Club's annual senior awards banquet, held last Wednesday, April 27 in the CCHS cafeteria.

After a well-received round of songs from the school's jazz choir, accompanied by pianist Ann Bigley and directed by Diane Derrow, Student Council President Mark Maes took to the podium to review the past year, which he described as one of "love, loss, excitement, and anticipation."

Maes praised the freshman IGNITION program, in which upper classmen mentor incoming freshmen, with teachers assisting, to help the younger students segue into the school. He also recalled fondly the Student Council's remarkable success in raising funds for area Make-A-Wish youngsters, first a Marshall County boy for whom the Council raised over \$3,000 last year, and this past year two ill Culver children, for whom the Council raised more than \$10,000.

"We're very proud of that," said Maes. "We couldn't have done it without everyone's help."

He noted two representatives from the Make-A-Wish foundation came to a Student Council meeting recently and expressed their pride in the students, pointing out CCHS is in the top five among associations its size to raise that much money.

CCHS students also banded together to fund-raise for Culver's Relay for Life, Maes explained, adding the school choir opted to perform locally at Relay and forego the ISS-MA competition downstate.

The 2010-2011 school year was certainly a watershed one for local sports, and Maes discussed several aspects of the school's successes, including the improved records of both the boys and girls soccer teams, the strong showing of the football team (with whom Jeremiah Harvey was named All-State), the 14-8 record of boys basketball team, the second best in CCHS history, and of course the historic season enjoyed by the sectional and regional championship girls basketball team, who set a new school record.

So, too, did Jeremiah Harvey, who helped put Culver on the map as its very first state champion wrestler. Maes explained Harvey has already broken discus and shotput records in track and field so far this spring.

Maes also noted freshman Caleb Dehning was the first Culver student to make it to state finals in speech team.

On a more sober note, Maes lamented the loss of late CCHS business teacher Mike Schwartz, whom he said "will be greatly missed by all of us," and whom he he said helped cultivate a remarkably successful Business Professionals of America program at the school.

Maes was one of many award-winning students to speak with anticipation of the senior trip to Florida the following day as well.

Senior class President Jaclyn Bauer also addressed the audience and wistfully described her class' ascent from "the noisiest and most disruptive" freshmen class -- as described by some teachers, she

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Council bids Doss fond farewell

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A grateful Culver Town Council bid a fond farewell to Town Manager Michael Doss last week, as he prepared to leave Culver for his native West Virginia immediately following the April 26 meeting.

Doss told the Council and audience, "I can't say how much this town has meant to me over the last couple of years, personally and professionally."

Noting Culver residents and Council members were "very welcoming to me" when he first arrived in Culver, Doss praised the Council and Town Clerk, among others.

"Everybody has a really good head on their shoulders, and we made some really good strides here. I've learned something from you and I think you've learned something from me. I will take that with me. I really appreciate that."

Just prior to the close of the meeting, Council members took their turns to praise Doss.

"It's hard parting with people," said Council President Ginny Munroe, "but we can...celebrate the accomplishments he gave to the town. He's raised the standard for the kind of town manager we hire. We have a really tough job ahead of us (replacing him)...we are so proud of what you did in two years' time, and grateful."

Council member Ed Pinder said he "about cried" when Doss announced his impending resignation.

"I've told you before its been enjoyable working on the Council," he said, "but doing so with Michael was even better."

Council member Ralph Winters echoed Pinder's comments, adding, "He taught me a lot -- I'm going to miss him."

Member Sally Ricciardi expressed appreciation for Doss' handling of some of the town's legal work, among other things. "I really appreciate that and wish him all the best," she said.

Council business included a vote to cease sewer billing to Culver's Inn by the Lake bed and breakfast in a manner consistent with a hotel or condotel, rather than as similar bed and breakfasts are billed in town.

The vote was a follow-up to the previous meeting, in which Inn owners Nick and Gina Hnatusko challenged the fairness of the billing. Council members noted the Inn's sewer line has a 3/4-inch line and should be billed as similar properties. Besides voting to change the billing, the Council



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Honorees at the Lions Club senior awards banquet last week included: LEFT PHOTO: Department award winners (front row, left to right) Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Levi Bennett, Teresa Daugharty, Cassandra Dehning. Back row, Jessica Hominger, Candice Lehmen-Dilts, Mark Maes, Colton Measels, Rene Porter, Alex Shaffer, Kyle VanDePutte. RIGHT PHOTO: Organization Presidents included (front row, left to right) Kaceigh Ahlenius, Nicolette Banfield, Jaclyn Bauer, Mark Maes. Back row, Brian Nelson, Jessica Pettit, Jeremiah Ray.

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

VFW event helps feed hungry

Members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 and its Mens and Ladies Auxiliary raised more than \$2,000 for Culver's Food Pantry recently with their annual community fish fry. Pictured (front row, left to right) are Dave McKee, Mens Auxiliary President, Leroy Bean of the Food Pantry, Margaret Dehne, Ladies Auxiliary President, Dick Young, top ticket seller, and Tom Schmidt, Post Commander. Back row, Chuck Dilts, Culver EMS Director, and Mike Grover, Culver Fire Chief (the EMS and Fire departments assisted in ticket sales for the event).

Correction

In last week's (April 28) edition of the Citizen, the date of an open house for the new Bottom Line Training Company fitness facility at 232 South Main in Culver, was incorrectly printed. It should have read May 7. The Citizen regrets the error.

New lawn care regs aim to help keep lake clean

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

In the ongoing effort to keep Lake Maxinkuckee vibrant and healthy, Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council Director Kathy Clark wants area residents to know about recent legislation concerning lawn care.

For those wondering what relevance the grass outside your house or cottage has on the long-term life of the lake, Clark says it's all about lawn fertilizers -- specifically phosphorus -- and the potential damage it can do by killing the "good" plants that help a body of water and its natural biology healthy.

"It's not just our lake," she points out, "it's our watershed. If you apply phosphorus-laden fertilizer to your lawn, it can run off into the lake or a (lake-tributary) creek and cause algae blooms. Everybody is concerned about blue-green algae -- we have a small amount in our lake. If it grows, it will smother the oxygen in the lake and can kill good plant material that fish eat. It takes over things and can even kill dogs and other animals which drink the water.

And while Clark is quick to point out the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee community is "head and shoulders above others" in terms of eliminating common phosphorus sources from the watershed -- thanks to area golf courses, schools, and some lawn care companies going officially phosphorus-free -- news of legislation put into action by the office of Indiana's state chemist is still welcome. She says Indiana has hired more inspectors to uphold the legislation.

Tony Sellers, whose Sellers Landscaping is one of the area entities to go phosphorus-free, explains the change.

"For a commercial (fertilizer) applicator there's a Category 3B. Anybody applying maintenance materials for turf management must be a licensed applicator. That includes fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides. The homeowner doesn't have to be licensed (to apply such materials). But if you're hiring anybody, he should be a Category 3B license-holder, or work for a company where his supervisor has it."

Clark and Sellers encourage residents to inquire of their lawn care service before anything is applied.

"It's up to the homeowner to verify their lawn care guy has the proper licensing regarding fertilizers," says Clark. She explains there's some debate between factions who want to see phosphorus banned entirely as a safety measure for lakes and rivers in Indiana, and those who feel it

can have its place when used properly. She notes many large fertilizer vendors, including "big box" stores, are moving away from phosphorus-containing products.

Sellers and Clark agree homeowners should have their soil tested every few years as the only sure-fire means of knowing what it needs to make for healthy grass and plant growth. The Purdue Extension office in Plymouth should have sample bags and soil testing forms, Sellers notes, and Purdue has "turf tips" to help homeowners navigate the matter. Many homeowners, he adds, just need to be educated about their lawns, and purchase the proper amount of fertilizer for the size of their lawn, and their soil type.

"Nobody knows what their property needs without a soil test," he says. "You have to do it before you start a fertilizer program. There are times when we do need phosphorus...when fertilizer is properly applied, there's no proof it runs off your turf. But there are lots of issues there with sidewalks and slopes (causing phosphorus to run into the lake or watershed)."

He also notes a thick, healthy lawn reduces any harmful runoff into the lake.

Clark explains food crops often need phosphorus added, but "lake-friendly" farmers such as many in the Maxinkuckee watershed, know to put 30 feet of grass along creeks and other tributaries to the lake, to avoid seepage of phosphorus into Maxinkuckee's waters.

Clark also emphasizes the need to keep large amounts of grass clippings and leaves out of Culver's streets. Not only is doing so complying with Culver's municipal ordinances, it's also preventing any harmful chemicals -- including fertilizers and pesticides -- from washing off the leaves and clippings and down storm drains into Lake Maxinkuckee. She's seen lawn care companies violate the ordinance more than once.

Clark hopes popular trends towards people desiring to be "green" will help the phosphorus problem "take care of itself" in the next several years. Sellers points out that the more people shop with such concerns in mind, the more prices will go down.

"The thing that's holding back being 'green' is the cost," he says. "We all think it's a great idea, but can we afford it? But if everybody does it, pricing will go down."

More information about state licensing requirements, and lake health with regards to phosphorus, may be found online at the office of the state chemist, at www.isco.purdue.edu.



PHOTO/CCHS YEARBOOK STAFF, COURTESY TINA STACY

A pie in the face to fight cancer

Culver Community Middle School math teacher John Browder, right, was "pied" by seventh grade student Margaret McKinnis as part of CCMS teachers and students' efforts to raise funds towards fighting cancer via Culver's Relay for Life last month.

Two major events were part of the effort: a "Walk-A-Thon" for which students solicited pledges and donations to walk in the CCMS gym from for two and a half hours on April 8. Nine teams totaling 48 participants joined the effort and raised \$1,167.28, according to high school teacher Tina Stacy. Also taking place were "Penny Wars" in order to throw a pie in Browder's face. Several teams held bakesales in the community to raise money with the 7th grade and 8th grades raising more than \$1,000 each. McKinnis threw the pie in the Middle School gym April 15.

Arrest report

Camron M. Parker, 24, Culver, was arrested May 1 by the Culver Police Department for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol .15 percent or more.

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said -- in a long time, but which went on to a number of notable accomplishments. She described the class' winning homecoming float the previous year, as well as the record-breaking Sports Spectacular win, the first for a junior class, the same year, among other victories. Discussing the girls basketball team's victories, Bauer lauded their directing their enthusiasm towards Jeremiah Harvey immediately following their last win, to celebrate his state title victory, praising "their selfless actions chanting Harvey's name after their victory."

CCHS counselor Brenda Sheldon, who conferred awards on the students, said Culver's Lions Club "is the essence of small town values," and described this year's winning students as "great kids."

Winners included:

Kaceigh Ahlenius, daughter of Peggy and Frank Ahlenius, winner of the Journalism award and the National Honor Society President (she plans to attend the University of Indianapolis to study Exercise Science and to be a therapy assistant.

Clarissa Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, winner of the Art and Business awards (planning to attend Indiana University Bloomington).

Nicolette Banfield, daughter of Brett Banfield and the late Christina Diaz, BPA President (bound for Indiana/Purdue University, Indianapolis).

Jaclyn Bauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bauer, Senior Class President given the Science award (Purdue University, West Lafayette)

Blake Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bennett, recognized with the Spanish Award (Purdue University School of Technology).

Levi Bennett, son of Kathy McCarthy and Scott Bennett, given the Building Trades Award (Vincennes University)

Jacob Cavazos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonny Cavazos -- who was unable to attend the banquet -- recognized as the CAVS Club President (and headed to Ivy Tech, South Bend campus)

Teresa Daugharty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Daugharty, recognized with the Yearbook award (Indiana University South Bend)

Cassandra Dehning, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. K.C. Dehning, recipient of the English and Math awards (Indiana University Bloomington)

Jessica Hominger, daughter of Robert Hominger, for the Choir award (Ivy Tech Community College)

Kirsten Lawmaster, daughter of Rhonda Ahlenius, Art Club President

Candice Lehman-Dilts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dilts, given the Drama award (Ivy Tech Community College)

Mark Maes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maes, Student Council President given the Drum Major award (Ball State University)

Colton Measels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hamman and the late Brad Measels, Journalism award (Purdue or Ball State Universities)

Brian Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mahler, French Club President (Manchester College)

Jessica Pettit, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Manns, Spanish Club President (Purdue North Central)

Rene Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Porter, Family and Consumer Science Award (Arizona School of Massage Therapy)

Jeremiah Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey, Science Club President (University of Southern Indiana)

Alex Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaffer, given the Social Studies award (Manchester College)

Kyle VanDePutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken VanDePutte, recognized with the Band award (IUSB).

Lion Don Freese also awarded the Club's annual \$1,000 scholarship to Cassandra Dehning, whom he described as a member of the National Honor Society and Academic Superbowl, BPA class officer, part of the Chorus, a Hobie Ambassador, member of the Student Council, soccer Rookie of the Year and Most Improved Player, track runner, and Teacher's Assistant.

Freese, a substitute at the school, described Dehning's taking the initiative to assist almost every student in her Spanish class recent, and described her as having "a lot of maturity and an excellent work ethic."

Lions Club President Barbara Winters said the scholarship "represents a lot of pancake flipping" and added the Club is "proud to support (the schools) and all other youth activities in this community."

Climbers bring inspirational story to Culver

Climbers Timmy and Sean O'Neill brought their unique, entertaining, and enlightening stories of ascending sheer cliff faces and rock formations, including El Capitan in California and Castleton Tower in Utah, to Culver Academies April 20. The twist that makes the tales extraordinary and transcendent, though, is that Sean is paralyzed from the waist down and makes the ascents with his brother without the use of his legs.

The two spoke at Eppley Auditorium on The Academies' campus before an all-school assembly. The presentation was part of the Vaughn Family Outdoor Leadership Series. Funded by the generosity of the

Robert C. Vaughn family (Robert CMA '74, his wife, Fallon, and their children Robert Jr. CMA '06 and Browning CGA '08), the Vaughn Family Outdoor Leadership Series was established to introduce Culver students to adventurers and explorers who share their outdoor experiences, challenges, and passions.

Sean was paralyzed in 1993 after breaking his back in an accident during a "leap of faith" from a bridge in Memphis, Tenn. That forced, to say the least, a change in perspective for the brothers.

"Sean is the one who was paralyzed, but I wanted to relieve that paralysis, take away that paralysis," Timmy said.

When they decided to try, and ultimately succeeded, at climbing together, Timmy said that "it allowed me to be



ACADEMIES PHOTO/GARY MILLS.

Sean O'Neill, who is paralyzed from the waist down, and his brother Timmy O'Neill visit with Culver Academies students and faculty following their presentation at an all-school assembly recently.

free by accepting my brother's limitations." And by understanding those limitations he was able to go beyond thinking about them to understand what Sean's capabilities are.

After some practice climbs on an old water tower, the brothers drove from Pennsylvania, where they are originally from, to Wyoming, to scale Devil's Tower National Monument, a 1,267-foot monolithic rock formation.

"We both realized we'd bitten off a large endeavor," Timmy said. But the only way to go was up, and go up they did, giving Sean the distinction of being the first paralyzed person to climb Devil's Tower. Other climbs followed, with the El Capitan ascent being at the top of the achievement list. After that first and subsequent climbs, Timmy traveled around the country giving solo talks about the brother's adventures. Sean came to one of the Q&A sessions and they found people were really interested in the introspective answers Sean had to their questions. So much so that Timmy realized he was "only telling

half the story."

So now the brothers speak together about their experiences when they can, not only to teach audiences about overcoming limitations, but also to show how everyone can realize their own capabilities, and those of others.

"You're in a pressure cooker scenario when you're up there (on a climb) for several days," Timmy O'Neill said. "You're tired, you're highly uncomfortable, there's fear -- 'Can Sean make it? Will he overheat? Will my mom be mad at me if he dies?'"

"(When) you're hanging on the side of the wall... We're all disabled up there. We're connected by (ropes), you can't get around so much. It levels the playing field."

In the end, Timmy says, they end up with an inspiring message of overcoming adversity.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

CULVER — Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes in May. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. and will last two hours.

These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. Students that have their own laptop computer can bring it to the classes.

Classes for May include: Microsoft Office Overview Part I will be held Monday, May 2 at 6 p.m. and Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m.; Microsoft Office Overview Part II will be held Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. and Friday, May 13 at 10 a.m.; Microsoft Word will be held Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. and Friday, May 20 at 10 a.m.; and Microsoft Excel will be held Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m. and Friday, May 27 at 10 a.m. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit its website at www.culver.lib.in.us or email abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St., Culver.

Local student accepted into USNA summer seminar

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) invited a select group of approximately 2,250 young men and women from around the nation and internationally to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar program this year. Summer Seminar is a fast-paced experience for high achievers who have completed their junior year in high school and are considering applying for admission to USNA after graduation.

Conor Kelley, a student at The Culver Academies, Culver, will participate in the 2011 U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar program.

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. Each student will attend a six-day session and experience a part of USN A life.

Founded in 1845, the Naval Academy is a highly competitive four-year undergraduate institution that prepares young men and women morally, mentally and physically to become officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Birth - Paul



Christopher M. Paul and Jamie A. Richie, Culver, announce the birth of a daughter born April 8, 2011 at 2:35 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Galaxy Korynn Paul weighed 7 pounds, and 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by sibling Chloe Lauryn Draper.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Patricia Richie, Plymouth. Paternal grandparent is Sandra K. Paul, Hamlet.

Death notice

Bickel
Hershel D. 'Pete' Bickel
April 24, 2011

CULVER — Hershel D. "Pete" Bickel, 84, of Culver, died at 2:50 p.m. April 24, 2011 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by sons: Richard Bickel of Knox, Michael (Bitha) Bickel of Knox, James (Nancy) Bickel of Rochester, and Robert Bickel of Nappanee; and daughters: Betty (Harry) Busam of Plymouth, Elsie (Dale) Morgan of Okomogee, Olka. and Patty (Art) Justice of Owosso, Olka.; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

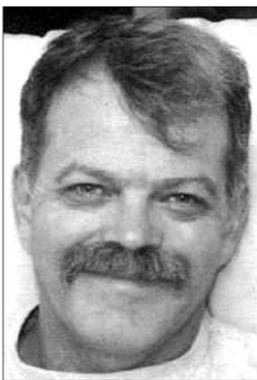
Burial will follow at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

Obituary

Clifford Duane Schlabach
Oct. 10, 1949 — April 19, 2011



DUNEDIN, Fla. — Clifford Duane Schlabach, 61, of Dunedin, Fla., passed away April 19, 2011, in the presence of his loving family following a courageous five year battle with cancer.

He was an avid photographer and his beautiful photography, good humor and free spirit will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Cliff was born to Albert and Kathleen Schlabach Oct. 10, 1949, in Kendallville, Ind. His father preceded him in death

and his mother survives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He spent his formative years in Columbia City and Culver, Ind., before moving to Albuquerque, N.M.. He was a resident of Dunedin for 19 years.

Cliff served his country honorably during the Vietnam War in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971.

Also surviving are his wife, Kristine; son, Casey James Schlabach; daughter, Sabrina Lynn Schlabach, all of Dunedin; brothers, Daryl (Dona) Schlabach of Largo, Fla.; James (Sharon Donnelly) Schlabach, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; sisters, Carolyn (Dennis) Pollock, of Winter Haven, Fla.; Gerry (Randy) Burkett of Culver; Cathy (Bill) Keller of Monterey, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or services. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Cliff's name to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Avenue, Auburndale, FL, 33823.

The family is grateful to the Good Shepherd Hospice for their kindness during his illness.

Community calendar

Thurs., May 5
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 National Day of Prayer service, 7 p.m., Culver Bible Church

Fri., May 6
 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., May 7
 Lions Club Spring Fest, 6 a.m. - noon, Culver train station-depot

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Maxinkuckee Players auditions, all day, Culver High School choir room (see Briefs for schedule)

Kiwanis-Collins bass tourney, all day, Lake Maxinkuckee (see Briefs for details)

Sun., May 8
 Mother's Day

Mon., May 9
 Knitting group, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Town of Culver hydrant flushing, all week
 Culver Redevelopment Commission, 4 p.m., town hall

Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building (may be moved to high school cafeteria due to audience size, this meeting only)

Tues., May 10
 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

Weds., May 11
 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver history program, noon, REAL Meals, beach lodge

Hooked on Books discussion group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Maxinkuckee Singers concert, 7:30 p.m., Grace church

Thurs., May 12
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

REAL Services menu

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

Thurs., May 5: Parmesan chicken, lima beans, Italian bread and margarine, fruit, dessert, parmesan packet, and milk.

Fri., May 6: Pork burger, yellow kaiser bun and dijon packet, macaroni salad, corn and black bean salad, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

Mon., May 9: Smoked sausage, bun, sauteed peppers and onions, peas, potato salad, apples, and milk.

Tues., May 10: Chicken salad wrap, Italian pasta salad, Italian pasta salad, chips, fruit cup, cookie, and milk.

Weds., May 11: Meatloaf, baby bakers, sour cream, green beans, rye bread and margarine, pineapple, and milk.

Thurs., May 12: Grilled chicken, multigrain bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

Fri., May 13: BBQ pork, bun, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert, and milk.

Swim for Kids Sake `11 seeks volunteers, sponsors

The second annual Swim For Kids' Sake open water swim will be held August 27. Those interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering are encouraged to contact Mallory Mead, Race Director, at 317-997-6753 or mallory.mead@hotmail.com. The greatest area of need for volunteers is for safety and support craft and pilots. For more information, and to view results, visit the Swim For Kids' Sake website at swimforkidssake.com.

The first annual Swim for Kids Sake was held in Lake Maxinkuckee June 12, 2010 and raised \$3,235 for Riley Children's Hospital and for pediatric brain tumor research. The committee once again thanks the volunteers, sponsors, and swimmers for the suc-

If these walls could talk: 202 South Main Street

Today's Lakeside Auto

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

We continue our series of semi-regular journeys through Culver's past as we look at the lives of historic buildings in the Culver area. For now, we're strolling down Main Street's east side in down-town Cul-ver, making our way south.



H.L. Werner between 1911 and the early 1920s, standing outside the jewelry shop that doubled as his home, at 202 S. Main.

This week we pay a visit to 202 South Main Street (the east side of the street at the southeast corner of Main and Madison Streets), today's Lakeside Auto, owned by Steve McDaniel.

Traveling back in time, the spot was apparently home to a barber and cobbler, circa 1906 (say the Sanborn Fire Maps) and the Sutherlin Jewelry Store prior to 1911. In 1911, Howard L. Werner journeyed to Culver that year and was initially uninterested in starting his jewelry business here, wrote son John in his "Memoirs of One John Howard Werner" (the book is a fascinating read for its extensive account of the early 20th century in Culver, and may be read online at www.fulco.lib.in.us/genealogy/Tombaugh/Family%20Books/Pdf/Werner%20Memoirs.pdf). However, John Schilling of the State Exchange Bank talked him into opening up shop here, and that year he brought his wife and children to town to live in the back part of the building, the front of which became his jewelry shop.

"The store that my Dad bought consisted of one room about 18 foot square with a hard coal burning Base Burner heating stove," wrote John Werner. "It had two showcases for the display of the merchandise (and) a doorway with a curtain over it that led to living quarters part of the building. This consisted of a combination dining room, living room, and kitchen leading to a small enclosed back porch with sink and a water well hand pump."

A stairway led up to the kids' two bedrooms, he continued, and of course there was no indoor plumbing at the time. Werner paid \$10 a month rent, he also recalled. He claimed to have purchased the first electric washing machine in Culver, and, wrote John, "I see no reason to doubt his claim since he had two sets of twins born only 16 months apart and that made a lot of washing."

Around 1920 or 1921, according to the memoir, H.L. Werner rented a small store across the street in the next block to the north. His jewelry shop held court above today's Cafe Max for decades, but that's a different building for a different article.

Sally Ricciardi, whose father Charles would later purchase the building, believes it was simply a private residence during the ensuing years. An article in the March 15, 1944 Culver Citizen confirms what she says: Charles Ricciardi purchased Culver Cleaners at what is now 116 N. Main (the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council at the corner of Main and Washington Streets) from John Drnek. The same year, says Sally, her father started the new concrete block building at 202 S. Main, the house having been razed by this point.

Charles Ricciardi was born in Italy in 1896 and immigrated to the US in 1920, arriving in Culver from Chicago in the early 1930s, purchasing the current Ricciardi house circa 1933, according to Sally. He had an interesting connection to the Werner jewelry store: he married one of those twins of H.L. Werner, Mary Werner, in September, 1944, the same year he bought the cleaning business (Mary happened to be a twin sister to your editor's grandmother, Martha).

And so, located at the site of his wife's early childhood, Charles Ricciardi made Culver Cleaners a family business, running it until August, 1977, recalls Sally. He had originally opened it with his brother-in-law, Louis DeAngeles,

though DeAngeles left the business shortly after it opened.

"All the (Ricciardi) kids pretty much worked in it at different times," recalls Sally, who adds her older sisters Betty and Lucinda usually waited on people at the counter, while she handled a lot of the pressing. Brother Ed helped with building maintenance. She remembers playing in the fur vault in the building's basement (which current owner Steve McDaniel says is still there), complete as it was with a fumigation system in it to protect the furs.

Charles Ricciardi continued his tailoring work (prior to opening the business, he'd been a tailor at Culver Military Academy) at his home after his retirement at age 82. Sally says he continued tailoring until about a month before his death in August, 1984.

The building, meanwhile, he sold to Robert "Bob" Healy, who operated it as an auto parts store into the 1980s. Bob Healy ran the auto parts business at 108 S. Main (last home to a Chinese buffet, today an empty store front) starting in 1962, according to Steve McDaniel,

prior to moving into 202 S. Main in 1977. Bob's son Rand Healy took over the business during the 1980s (many will recall Dean Neff working at the store). All this time, it was known as Culver Auto Supply.

On December 17, 1992, Steve McDaniel and wife Cindy purchased the store from Rand Healy and changed the name to Lakeside Auto Supply.

Steve had been a manufacturing engineer in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, though the couple had been regularly visiting Cindy's family on the lake, the Randolphs, since the 1970s (Cindy's brother Steve was a businessman in Culver as well, the owner for a time of the Entertainer at 202 North Main Street).

Steve says the opportunity to buy the auto parts business gave his family a chance to move to Culver. "I don't miss the traffic, the taxes -- I don't miss Illinois at all!" he laughs.

He notes the building is essentially the same as when he bought it (Sally Ricciardi notes the formerly flat roof became a pitched roof sometime after her father sold it, but otherwise appears as it was).

Next week, we'll stroll south to an area with some interesting and varied history, on the same side of the street. Until then, we'll see you around town.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

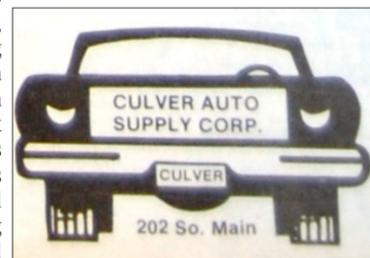
Last week's Mystery Citizen, Jim Peterson, is best known locally as the President of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, an organization he helped found in 1993 (though he's been frequenting Lake Maxinkuckee for decades now). The editor believes *no one* contacted me with a correct guess! Thus, the promise of free parking in downtown Culver will have to be dangled before us all for one more week.

Catching up on earlier business, omitted last week was correct guesser Barb Quivey, who recognized Jessica Saunders.

Hopefully we'll all fare better this week, in identifying our Mys-

tery Citizen. He's native Culverite and a familiar face to those frequenting a particular institution here.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



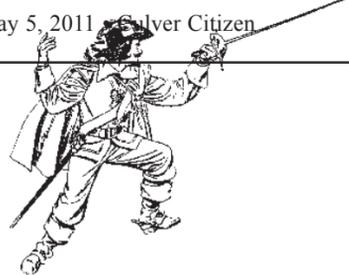
Culver Auto Supply advertisements like this one from 1984 were staples of the Culver newspaper and phone book during the days the Healys owned the shop.



202 South Main Street today, as Steve McDaniel's Lakeside Auto. CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Jim Peterson, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.



Sports



CCHS takes 3rd, CMA 4th at county tourney

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Even with repeat Marshall County Golf Tournament titles and a veteran roster with everyone back from last year's state finals-qualifying squad, Triton wasn't taking any chances.

The Trojans got in a practice round at Mystic Hills Friday, then went on to defend their Marshall County title at the Culver course Saturday, easily beating second-place John Glenn by 30 strokes with a tourney-record-setting 304 in spite of gusty winds and a saturated course.

Culver Community placed third, meanwhile, with a 339 just five strokes back from Glenn, while Culver Military's JV squad turned in a 365 for fourth place, Bremen finished fifth with a 366, and LaVille placed sixth with a 370 team score.

Luke Dunfee turned in a 78 for Culver, good enough for fourth overall on the leaderboard tied with Bremen's Taylor Fanning, while CMA's JV was led by Bailey Roubos' 87.

"I thought they did very well given the conditions," said CMA JV coach Karen Rudd. "It was incredibly windy, and we had two guys out who hadn't played yet this year, so I was happy with their scores."

Fanning's 78 fell short of the senior's own expectations, while the rest of the team struggled with mental errors at the meet and only Fanning's and Jordan Sinclair's scores broke 90 as Sinclair turned in an 85.

• MARSHALL COUNTY MEET At Mystic Hills (par 71)
TEAM SCORES: TRITON 304, GLENN 334, CULVER 339, CULVER MILITARY 365, BREMEN 366, LAVILLE 370
TRITON (304): Quentyn Carpenter 73, Taran Kennedy 76, Ryan Rapp 80, Chandler Slone 77, Griffyn Carpenter 78.
GLENN (334): Connor Berkebile 79, Tyler Prentkowski 79, Adam Anspaugh 90, Michael Schmeltz 86, Austen Hayes 98.
CULVER (339): Zach Duplay 85, Trent Elliott 83, Luke Dunfee 78, Joe Krsek 93, Cody Peterson 113.
CULVER MILITARY (365): Bailey Roubos 86, Ben Sharff 96, Zach Allyn 96, Tim Thompson 87, Carl Ardissono 106.
BREMEN (366): Taylor Fanning 78, Jordan Sinclair 85, Thomas Manges 105, Kevin Woodyard 112, J.J. Shaffer 98.
LAVILLE (370): Zach Gurtner 83, Cam Gurtner 92, Zach Hostetler 99, Dominic Lewinski 96, Zach Young 102



CITIZEN PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Community's Trent Elliott prepares to putt during Marshall County Golf Tournament play at Mystic Hills in Culver Saturday.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Military Academy's Bailey Roubos watches his putt during Marshall County Golf Tournament play at Mystic Hills in Culver Saturday.

Sports briefs

Baseball

CMA stays unbeaten

Culver Military outfit visiting Elkhart Christian 12-5 and wasted few chances in a 12-5, five-inning win Thursday at The Academies.

Max Terhar, Brian Espiritu and James McGing all doubled for the Eagles, while Trent Kolden tripled in the win to move the team to 5-0.

CMA is back in action at 3 p.m. Saturday at Washington Township.

• CULVER MILITARY 12, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 2 (5 innings)

At Culver

ECA: 011 00 — 2 5 1

CMA: 420 06 — 12 12 0

Colt Vessells (W) and James McGing; Nathaniel Haase (L) and Austin Curtis.

2B: Max Terhar (CMA), Brian Espiritu (CMA), McGing (CMA), Dalton Lemert (ECA).

3B: Trent Kolden (CMA).

Record: CMA 5-0.

Softball

Triton shells Culver

Triton scored 13 runs during a big second inning and coasted to a 35-3 Northern State Conference win over Culver in five innings at Triton.

The Lady Trojans shelled the Cavaliers with eight extra-base taps and a total of 16 hits, including a home run by Alexia Paysen and two doubles apiece from Katie Claxon and Sabrina Kaufman.

Mallorie Jennings moved to 7-6 with the win inside the circle and Triton improved to .500 both on the season and in the NSC at 8-8 overall with a 3-3 conference mark.

• TRITON 35, CULVER 3

At Bourbon

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CMA players to continue careers

LEFT: Two Culver Military Academy football players will be continuing their careers at the collegiate level. Seniors Juwan Brescacin (left) and Tom O'Neill will play for Northern Illinois University and the University of Chicago, respectively.

Brescacin set three single-season receiving records this past fall, earning CMA's Most Valuable Player award. He also set three career receiving records, was named to the Indiana Football Coaches Association's 3A All State team, and was selected to play in the North/South All Star game.

Unfortunately, Brescacin will not be able to participate in the game since he will be enrolling at NIU on June 12. An NCAA Div. I school, NIU finished with an 11-3 record last fall and just missed being ranked in the final BCS top 25 poll.

O'Neill earned the CMA Offensive MVP award last fall as well as being named to the IFCA Academic All State team. His leadership and competitiveness were crucial to helping the 2010 Eagles overcome numerous challenges. O'Neill played both quarterback and receiver for CMA during his career. He expects to play slot receiver for the University of Chicago, a DIII program, next fall.

This spring, Brescacin and O'Neill join nine other CMA graduates who completed football drills.

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Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in. Those with questions may email volkerts@msn.com or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

Scrapbooking at Market Basket

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S.R. 17, Culver, will be hosting all day scrapbooking the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Attendees can bring their own supplies, lunch, and \$5. Drinks will be furnished. For more details call Kathy Meek at 574-842-2145.

Celebration of Minix May 14

The community is invited to please join the friends and family of Paul R. Minix in celebrating his life with a carry-in dinner Saturday, May 14 at the old Bass Lake Fire Dept (S.R. 10) at 4 p.m. eastern time. Bring a covered dish or dessert. Contact Sarah Minix at 574-225-2205 or Donna Minix at 574-216-7007 with questions.

Community meal at Grace May 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Monday, May 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.

Maxinkuckee Singers

here May 11

The Maxinkuckee Singers will present their spring concert, "Makin' Music -

2011," in at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver. The show is free to the public with a freewill donation accepted. For further information call 574-546-4230.

Truck keys found

A set of Toyota truck keys found on Academy Road in Culver may be picked up at First National Bank of Monterey's Culver branch at 1049 Lake Shore Drive. Call 574-842-5142 with questions.

Community garden volunteers needed

Planting at Culver's community garden will begin Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. Continued planting times will be Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a.m., Friday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. All times are weather permitting. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to bring gardening tools and join the gardeners, or those without tools may use organizers' extras. Questions may be directed to Connie Richie at 574-542-4810, Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329, or Cory Barnes at barnesc@culver.org.

VFW scholarship fund-raiser May 14

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a smoked chicken dinner, part of its Culver Community High School scholarship fund-raiser, at the Post at 108 East Washington Street. Baked beans and chips are included in

the meal, but availability is limited, so get tickets now. The dinner takes place Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per dinner. Tickets are available behind the bar.

Farmers' Market opens May 14

The Culver Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open from May 14 through October 8, each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets, across from CVS, the market features fresh produce, plants, fresh flowers, herbs, local honey and sorghum, eggs, meat, processed jams, salsa and pickles, baked goods, and an assortment of handmade crafts.

Chairs for Charity artists sought

Anyone can create a chair to be auctioned at this year's June 12 Culver Tri Kappa "Chairs for Charity" event. Drop off chairs from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27, at 922 Lakeshore Drive (the corner of Lakeshore and Academy Road). The chairs will then be on "parade" at Culver businesses until the event. The event will be held in the Culver Academies' Dining Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information please email chairs@deadlinedriven.com, call Rhonda Anderson at 574-842-2169, or Chairs chairman, Judy Sawhook at 574-842-2861.

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Culver: 0 0 0 12 — 3 7 3
Triton: 3(13)6 3x — 25 16 1
Mallorie Jennings (W, 7-6), Katie McPherson (4) and Katie Claxon, Allyson Brown (4); A. James (L) and A. Overmyer.
2B: Brown (T), Claxon (T) 2, Sabrina Kauffman (T) 2, Shelby Steinman (T), Hannah Downing (T), Brewer ©.
3B: Alexia Paysen (T).
Records: Triton 8-8 (3-3 NSC).

Girls tennis

Plymouth loses close battle with CGA

The Lady Pilgrims and the Eagles split sets on three courts, and Plymouth dropped a competitive 3-2 match to regional rival Culver Girls Academy at home Saturday.

Kelly Hoeffler came back from a first-set loss to beat Angelina Garcia 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2 singles, and Shannon Elliott and Lindsay Renz trumped Jessica and Andrea Simon in

three sets at No. 1 doubles for Plymouth, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

CGA's Paulina Cano topped Meagan Barron in three sets at 3 singles, winning a 7-4 tiebreaker in the opener before dropping the second set 6-4 and putting Barron away 6-3 in the third set to swing the match in favor of the Eagles.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, PLYMOUTH 2 at Plymouth
SINGLES: 1. Ioanna Aguilar (C) beat Erin Kinney 6-0, 6-1; 2. Kelly Hoeffler (P) beat Angelina Garcia 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; 3. Paulina Cano (C) beat Meagan Barron 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-3.

DOUBLES: 1. Shannon Elliott-Lindsay Renz (P) beat Jessica Simon-Andrea Simon 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; 2. Sonia Shen-Natalia Lopez-Vanez (C) beat Marissa German-Chelsea Thoden 6-4, 6-1.

Records: Plymouth 7-2, Culver 2-2.

JV score: Plymouth 11, Culver 6.

CGA falls to St. Joe

Culver Girls Academy took a 5-0 loss at the hands

of visiting South Bend St. Joseph's Friday at The Academies.

Ioanna Aguilar rebounded from a 6-0 loss in the opening set of No. 1 singles to force a tiebreaker in the second set but ultimately fell 7-3 in the tiebreaker.

Natalia Lopez-Yanez and Sonia Shen also forced a second set tiebreaker before succumbing 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) to St. Joe's Kaley Sexton and Abby Watkins

at 2 doubles.

• ST. JOSEPH'S 5, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0

At Culver

Singles: 1. Jessica Rink (SJ) beat Ioanna Aguilar, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3); 2. Darby Mountford (SJ) beat Anly Garcia, 6-2, 6-1; 3. Michele Fredlake (SJ) beat Paulina Cano, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: 1. Elle Harding/Bridge Veldman (SJ) beat Andrea Simon/Jessica Simon, 6-0, 6-4; 2. Kaley Sexton/Abby Watkins (SJ) beat Natalia Lopez-Yanez/Sonia Shen, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

Girls track

CGA's Neer takes 3rd

Culver Girls Academy

senior Waverly Neer finished third in the girls 3,000-meter run Thursday evening at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Running in the high school girls championship race, Neer clocked 9:22.32. The winner, Haley Pierce of Wilmington, Del., finished in 9:16.35.

Neer's time is so fast that if the race had been a full 3,200 meters, she could

have become the first Indiana girl ever to break the 10-minute barrier.

Boys golf

Culver beats OD

Luke Dunfee and Zach Duplay shot a pair of 41s, and Culver beat Oregon-Davis 176-244 at Mystic Hills Thursday.

Tren Elliott shot a 43 behind Dunfee and Duplay, while Joe Krsek carded a 51 to round out the Cavaliers' score.

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also agreed to reimburse the Gnatuskos for the extra fees charged them since the increased rate took effect last summer.

A resolution was also adopted deeming the observation in Culver of Arbor Day on April 29. Tom Kearns, of Culver's Tree Commission, told the Council 25 new trees have been ordered for planting in town this year, including redbud, maple, and honey locusts. Several trees have been marked for removal or trimming around Culver, he added, noting not all will be replaced since some are too close together. Planting will likely begin by June, said Patty Stallings of the Commission.

The Council approved a new agreement with the engineering firm handling its downtown streetscape improvement project which will increase the cost of the project from \$76,000 to \$89,200 (of which the town will pay 20 percent). Winters suggested the Council be "extra vigilant" with the project, noting the move made him "question the competence" of the firm, for not discovering the

need for historical compliance and other matters which led to the increased cost.

Passed on final readings was an ordinance to place a four-way stop sign at the corner of South Ohio Street and Hawkins Court, as well as funds for 1,100 square yards of paving (at \$8.75 per yard) to complete a strip of paving on South Main Street between Davis Street to just south of Tampa Street, where water and sewer are being extended west for the Garden Court senior living facility being built there.

The Council approved purchase of a parcel of land near Culver's wastewater facility, from Marshall County at the cost of one dollar. \$4,576 was approved for replacement of a backup pump at the Madison Street sewer lift station.

An interim salary was discussed for Street Department head Bob Porter, to help compensate him for the addition of many hours of certification. Munroe said the town receives "many letter of compliment because Bob is who he is in that role. He's really been a gift for all of us."

CCHS honor roll

Culver Community High School has announced its term 2 grading period 1 honor roll

Grade 9
A honor roll: Kevin Dehning, Timothy Wireman
A/B honor roll: Dylan Bennett, Donald Clark, Trenton Elliott, Grace Lorenz, Megan Lyczak, Kayla Shaffer, Kennedy Thomas

Grade 10
A honor roll: Allen Betts
A/B honor roll: Erin Bau, Micah Budzinski, Marena Fleury, Cody Klimaszewski, Tucker Schultz, Collin Stevens

Grade 11
A honor roll: Kalee Miller
A/B honor roll: Aspen Kitchell, Cally Jo Anne Klaus-ing, Joseph Krsek, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Vansky

Grade 12
A honor roll: Cassandra Dehning
A/B honor roll: Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clarissa Baker, Jacylyn Bauer, Zoe Bauer, Ashley Cox, Teresa Daugherty, Lakesia Green, Zachary Loehmer, Mark Maes, Benjamin Newman, Paige Norwich, Whitney Sanders, John Shaffer, Lindsey Van Horn, Kyle Vandeputte

Culver's best

Culver Elementary School has announced its Culver's Best for March.

Kindergarten: Tabatha Tapia, Connor Craig, Brent Keen, Alejandra Chantea

1st Grade: Lilly Brown, Lilly Bradley, Cody Winkler, Savannah Hisson, Lizzie Pugh, Jordan Porter, Zoey Coble

2nd Grade: Brendin Richard, Ethan Coyle, Makaila Caudill, Samantha Evans, Jane Wright, Abbie Johnson, Destiny Garza

3rd Grade: Sheyenne Craig, Brittany Young, Brittany Young, Gabriel Sherman, Trista Fritter, Kacie Atkins

4th Grade: Maranda Otteman, Sarah Stefan, Dakota Bennett, Morgan Waldrop, Bailey Howard

5th Grade: Danny Cook, Mackenzie Barnhart, Macee Strycker, Shilo Guerra, Emily Bradley, Angel Moore, Lucas Vela, Malachi Griffith

6th Grade: Scott Jones, Trista Vela, Zack Siebenhaar, Erin Bendy, Gabby McCarty, Vedrana Stefanic, Mandy Morrison, Betse Ellert, Matt Markovitz

CES Students of the Month

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

Kindergarten: Craig Beadin-Boyd (Amy Bonine), Trisha Jefferies (Heather Overmyer), Rylee Clingler (Jean Urbin), Shane Shuman (Janna VanDePutte).

First grade: Charles Carrillo (Andrea Berndt), Keynan Jones (Kelly Dick-erhoff), Adrian Schouten (April Jefferies)

Second grade: Trayden Schrimsher (Jean Ahle-nius), Damian Byers (Tina Bailey), Jimmie James (Carrie Tharp), Trayden Schrimsher (Terri Zechiel), Kaleigh Kephart (Rhonda Kinney)

Third grade: Lily Hayes (Valerie Cultice), Emma

Krueger (Jill DeSalle), Des-tiny Bajer (Rachel Rife), Donovan Ziaja (Mike El-liott)

Fourth grade: Austin Otteman (Stephanie Alva), Tihana Stefanic (Leslie Shepard), Michael Crum (Alicia Cotner)

Fifth grade: James Fagan (Gayle Kinzie), Virginia Wood (Raeanne Stevens), Shelby Swafford (Steve Young), Ryan Guard (Kelly Young), Shilo Guerra (Jas-son Crittendon)

Sixth grade: Josie Ross (Bryan Albright), Brandon Havron (Adam Huber), Al-lie Harris (Missy Trent), Matthew Markovitz (Kris Arvelo), Garrett Reinhold (Kim Morrison), Cheyanne Powers (Joyce Lyman), Josie Ross (Julie Cowen)



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Shidler says good-bye

Culver residents stopped by late last week to bid farewell to Cindy Shidler, Culver's Postmaster for almost the past eight years (she's been a postal employee for 25), who worked her last day on Friday. Presenting her official retirement papers is Randy Stines, Manager of Postal Operations for Northern Indiana.

Shidler's temporary replacement at the Culver branch is Phil Thomas.