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In Brief

VFW Halloween costume party

Culver's VFW Post 6919 will host a Halloween costume party Friday, Oct. 28, starting at 8 p.m., following the Ladies Auxiliary dinner. The event is for adults, and anyone attending in costume will be given a token for a free beverage of their choice. There will be cash prizes for the top three costumes. The Post is located at 108 E. Washington Street. Its website is www.vfwpost6919.org.

Trick-or-Treating

Culver's trick-or-Treat hours will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. Monterey Trick-or-Treating takes place Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Lions Halloween party Oct. 25

The annual Lions Club children's Halloween party will be held in the Culver Elementary School gym Tuesday, October 25. Costume judging will begin at 6 p.m. Games, costume parade, and fun, as always, will be part of the event.

Community meal at St. Mary's Oct. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, October 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library offers free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (each class lasts two hours). These include Microfost Excel (Oct. 21), Microsoft Power Point (Oct. 24 and 28), Microsoft Publisher (Oct. 31 and Nov. 4). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Culver author now offers e-books

The works of Culver author Marcia Adams are now available as eBooks at Amazon.com (Kindle format) or at BarnesandNoble.com (as Nook eBooks). The second book in Adams' "Alexia" trilogy, titled, "Golden Fire," will be
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A cool Culver October

Autumn is in the air in Culver, where Ann Maurer caught a serene and evocative moment (*FAR LEFT) at the public beach at Lake Maxinkuckee, now wind-swept and quiet, and shrouded in the mist of one of last week's rainy October days. At CENTER, a particularly fitting scarecrow for Culver sits on Lake Shore Drive, part of the Chamber of Commerce's annual scarecrow contest, which has the community-created straw men (and women) popping up around town. At RIGHT, as always happens this time of year, Wesley Preschool on School Street paid a visit to the ever-popular Yellow River Farms on nearby State Road 8,** where the children took a hayride to the patch to choose a pumpkin. In the LOWER photo, a glimpse inside the farm's beloved "hay maze," where Charlie Schrimsher, teacher Jennifer Luttrell, Sarah Christiansen, and Brendan Wilson enjoy exploring. The youngsters also took advantage of the farm's long tube slide, corn box, and new addition, the tube swing.

Girls Academy alums converge to celebrate 40th anniversary of founding

CGA 40th anniversary a celebration of togetherness

The Culver Girls Academy's 40th anniversary celebration last weekend was a time for the Academies and its alumni – women and men – and students to be "Looking Back and Leading Forward."

"This is a celebration of 40 years together as one Culver," Dean of Girls Laura Weaser said. "It is the two separate programs that make us so very special . . . and why each is so successful.

"The weekend will be a wonderful opportunity for alumnae to connect by celebrating with our girls, networking among themselves, and cultivating relationships that will continue to grow," said Weaser, who began with CGA as a dorm counselor in 1983 and became Dean of Students in 1996. In 2002, she was named Dean of Girls.

The weekend's program was designed around two major themes which emerged through the numerous alumnae surveys – mentoring current students and networking with one another, as well as with students, Weaser said.

More than 100 alumnae representing four decades took part in the weekend celebration, which began Friday with a keynote address by Dr. Sally Hodder '72 at an all-school assembly in Eppley Auditorium (see accompanying article). Hodder is a member of the first class of 16 girls to graduate from Culver Academy for Girls.

The balance of Friday's formal session involved discussions of

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Renowned CAG grad Hodder recalls Culver experiences

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor
Dr. Sally Hodder's advice for students and alumnae of Culver Academies during her keynote kickoff Friday of the 40th anniversary celebration of Culver Girls Academy included choosing the best course of action with intelligence, even if anger is justified.

Hodder, one of the world's foremost authorities on infectious diseases and the HIV-AIDS epidemic, is a professor of medicine; Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine; and Director of HIV Programs at New Jersey Medical School in Newark, New Jersey, as well as Medical Director of Infectious Disease Practice at University Hospital in Newark. She graduated from CGA
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Culver candidates square off at Kiwanis event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Over the course of its last two weekly (Thursday) meetings, Culver's Kiwanis Club has hosted a "candidate's forum" for the six candidates running for public office in the Culver community in this year's election Nov. 8.

The Culver-Union Township Public Library in downtown Culver is the town's sole polling place, and voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the large meeting room on the lower level of the library. Only residents of the town of Culver are eligible to vote in this election.

David Baker of the club introduced four candidates at the club's October

6 meeting, and the remaining two at the October 13 meeting, noting there are four candidates running for town council this year, but only three positions open. Two town clerk candidates will square off for that position. Each candidate was given approximately six minutes to speak.

Town clerk challenger: Karen Heim
Republican challenger Karen Heim, running



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY
Culver candidates from left to right: Karen Heim, Casey Howard, Ralph Winters, Bill Githens, Ginny Munroe, and Ed Pinder.

against incumbent town clerk Casey Howard, spoke first, explaining she and husband Steve have lived in Culver for the past 17 years and have two students in Culver Community Schools. She is currently the office manager and Plymouth Wesleyan, said Heim, where she juggles many responsibilities. In

the past, she was a freelance book editor and admissions counselor at Culver Academies.

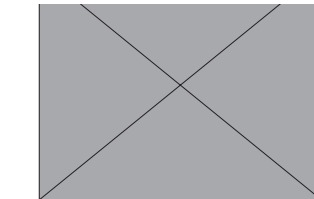
Heim said her top priority if election would be to "manage town finances responsibly."

She noted she has extensive expertise in "all types of (computer) software" and learns quickly. She

criticized handling of the Culver town park's community playground project by the present clerk, noting monies taken in at Plymouth Wesleyan are designated into specific funds, not just a general fund.

"Modernizing" the clerk's office was also a

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in 1972, served on the Academies Board of Trustees for three years, and was named Culver's Woman of the Year in 1996. She also, according to longtime friend and Culver faculty dean Kathy Lintner, "has never forgotten her Culver roots."

Among those memories was an incident Hodder shared with her Eppley Auditorium audience was from 1971, when she and her roommate walked across the porch at Beason Hall, an area not open to female students at the time. Challenged by male students, Hodder's roommate responded with some "adult" language, which landed the girls in trouble at the office of CAG founding Dean Mary Frances England, who told them they had just cause but had chosen "an ineffective way of dealing with what we perceived as an injustice."

"She said, 'Ladies, you need to be smarter.' In my life, when I thought something was so unfair... I often thought

back to those words and reflected on a better course of action," said Hodder, who praised England's toughness and passion for creating a new and effective leadership vision for girls at Culver.

Overwhelmingly, Culver prepared her for a "new world I couldn't picture in my wildest dreams," said Hodder, who also praised Culver's male students of the class of 1972 as "unsung heroes" who were "great supporters" for the girls' academy and remain so today.

"They could not have been more welcoming," she added, "though they knew we were embarking on a new adventure (in launching the girls academy) -- even an experiment."

In "impossible places, mentally or physically" in her adult life after Culver, Hodder said, she pictured the "comforting memory of Culver... acres of green fields or the morning mist rising off Lake Maxinkuckee."

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the lifelong CGA experience with student panelists representing the contemporary school and alumnae panelists relating their post-Culver journey. Afternoon activities included dorm open houses and participatory activities (such as horseback riding, tennis, golf and campus tours) before segueing to alumnae receptions by decades at two locations and a dinner hosted by the board of The Culver Legion, the alumni body, with remarks by Head of Schools John Buxton.

Saturday's session featured the discussion of the preparation, possibilities, and responsibilities of The Culver Network with 1983 CGA graduate Hildy Teegen, Ph.D., as the keynote speaker. Teegen is the Dean of the Moore School Business at the University of South Carolina. She also is the founding director of the Center for International Business Education and Research at The



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CGA 40th Anniversary a lowed by
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ing alumnae discussing CGA networking in business, education, medicine, science, and non-traditional careers, among others. Buxton spoke on "The Power of Coordinate Schools" in Eppley Auditorium. That evening, a reception and dinner honored current and retired faculty members.

Council from page 1

Stallings discussed the potential dangers of the wind turbines, whose 400-foot-plus height would make them visible from Lake Maxinkuckee and the town of Culver.

Acknowledging there are "pros and cons" to the issue, Stallings argued the project would affect the town of Culver.

"We've got a very, very unique spot here (in Culver)," he added. "This town, I think, is flourishing. The issue (is), what kind of impact these will have? Nextera (the company sponsoring the project) says you can't prove that; I say, prove these will make money without government subsidies."

Audience member Grant Munroe said a petition against the project has over 1,200 signatures from area residents; Stallings noted Culver has only 1,400 residents.

"You five (council members) have been elected to represent the people of Culver. If you're not going to take a stand, I think that's fine. I would like to see a vote; I would like to see each of you state your feelings and the reasons why."

Council member Lynn Overmyer said a vote would reflect each member's personal feelings and not necessarily represent the opinions of the town. She also noted the project is outside Culver's limits and thus not within the council's jurisdiction.

"I think people, by signing this (petition), have given you what they feel," she added.

Stallings replied that the project is close enough to affect the town, and suggested Overmyer could "just vote (that you're) present" rather than voting for or against the project.

Mason, in the audience, argued the only affect the project would have on the town of Culver is in the area of visibility, since the noise levels and other problems cited won't directly impact townspeople.

Audience member Margaret Dehne said she felt the council was being put into a bad position, and no member can "state what the rest of the town feels like; you only can give you own opinion."

"But I think we're always put on the spot," said Mun-

roe. "With town-wide trash service, when people say, 'My neighbor did this of that.' These are citizens coming to us with what they think is a city issue. We can debate that all day long."

Council member Sally Ricciardi, noting her personal opinion is that the towers are "ugly," said she's not sure if the matter is a council issue either.

"It's true that, other than the view, they don't actually affect Culver. But Culver is a resort area, and a lot of the draw is because it's a beautiful area. Anything that makes it less beautiful affects us all."

Council member Ed Pinder reasserted opinions expressed at prior meetings.

"I hate them," he said. "If we have a petition from the people in town...that tells us this is what the majority of people in town want, then we should take a position. If they voted for us, I guess we should do what they're asking us to do."

Winters raised questions as to whether recently-circulated photos of Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin -- which suggest a major impact from the towers on the view of the lake shore -- have been digitally altered. He reiterated Mason's point that the noise factor from the towers is negligible, and added the "flashing lights" from atop the towers would become "as ordinary as the lights on top all the water and communication towers."

"Not that it makes it right," he added, "but we're subsidizing a...lot of things. In many cases, if not for initial development subsidies, many answers wouldn't be found. Many industries require to get them off the ground."

Overmyer said the matter is "causing a rift" between friends and neighbors in the area.

Grant Munroe asked if the project is "something that's good for 50 people (land owners profiting from tower placement on their property), but isn't good for 1,300."

"For enough money," Stallings said, "almost anyone can be bought."

"Including the county," added Ginny Munroe.

"I think any issue that comes in this door belongs to us," she said. "We are a piece of the county. I think other or-

ganizations have said what they think. People want to know what we think...we make decisions and get put on the spot all the time. It's not easy to do. We have to do it with other issues."

Budget and other matters

The council also held a public hearing on its 2012 budget, which totals

She praised Culver's "safe" environment to take chances, try new things, and push oneself, and cited faculty mentors such as fencing instructor Capt. Melville Short and others who "embraced the future" (of girls on campus). She told current Culver students the school gives skills, self-confidence, contact with "incredible mentors" and "dear, lifelong friends," but she emphasized each student must find his or her own passion in life.

Hodder quoted earlier Culver graduate, stage and film actor Hal Holbrook, who said of the academy, "There are places on this campus where I have lived and died, and out of that I have found me, and that's what counts."

Hodder's address launched a weekend of special events celebrating Culver Academy for Girls, which would later change its name to Culver Girls Academy, as it remains today.

"'Looking Back and Leading Forward' is an appropriate theme for CGA alumnae and current students to rally around this weekend as Culver pauses to celebrate the founding of the girls school," said Alan Loehr, director of Alumni Relations. "While many schools added a co-educational element to their programs at this time in our nation's history, we are particularly proud that CGA's model for teaching leadership has not only stood the test of the time, it has forged a place among the most innovative and comprehensive of any secondary school in the country."

The celebration concluded with the Garrison Parade Sunday, in which the CGA Flag Detail participated to honor the 40th anniversary.

In conjunction with the 40th anniversary, a special exhibit is on display at the Academies Museum & Gift Shop in downtown Culver honoring Culver Girls Academy.

\$1,820,340, according to town clerk Casey Howard. She broke the budget into its major parts, noting the CCD fund is \$35,000; park \$269,000; street department \$363,000; EMS \$316,000; fire \$179,000; police \$367,000; and clerk \$290,000. She explained the 2012 budget represents a \$10,000 (or .6 percent) increase from 2011.

Approved was Moore Concrete replacing a sidewalk outside Culver's EMS garage facing Lake Street, at a cost of \$1,757 with the town's assistance in the work. Council members discussed problems with the company's work during the South Ohio Street paving project over the summer, so the vote included a requirement of supervision of the project by town representatives. Winters abstained from the vote.

The council also approved Kimberly Irsa as Culver's newest full-time EMT, filling a position left vacant for some weeks following the passing away of EMT Doug Ratliff.

Howard reported she re-advertised to fill the Culver town manager position around October 5, and seven resumes have come in since then.

The council also voted to adopt an ordinance designating certain areas of Culver as flood plains, and approved Howard writing letters -- pending a look-over from Munroe -- to property owners where abandoned appliances and tires have sat on their properties.

Audience member Bill Githens said he felt the council needs to be more proactive than reactive on town issues such as junk sitting in yards, which he said audience members have been talking about for long periods of time.

Approved was Munroe signing of a letter of support for major renovations to the Forest Place senior living apartments, where funding is being sought to bring up standards in efficiency, ADA accessibility, and improved sidewalks, ramps, and landscaping.

Council also approved requesting Culver police allow leniency in parking at an Ohio Street home where a resident is suffering from ALS and may need special accommodation to park as needed.

Defending town manager decisions

In closing comments, Pinder expressed frustration at criticism directed at the council at its previous meeting over delays in replacing Culver's last town manager, who departed in April. Pinder said council members poured through 54 resumes, narrowing down the list of potential candidates over a number of special meetings. When candidates hoped to be hired for the job fell through, Pinder said the council opted to work with Howard and utilities manager Bob Porter to keep town projects moving.

"From the feeling last meeting, they weren't doing a good job," he said. "I don't agree with that whatsoever; they did a heck of a job for us. The glitches (in projects) we had would happen whether we had a town manager or not."

"We worked hard as a council and were tired," he added. "Give us time to breathe! We've advertised for a town manager. We will do the best we can."

Winters expressed agreement with Pinder's comments.

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Tenative agreement on teachers’ contracts, 2012 budget among school board topics

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

"Twas the night of the meeting and all through the house, not a laptop was showing not even a mouse." Culver Community School's board of trustees have gone high tech and eliminated reams of paper documents as well as individual laptops at their monthly meetings. All pertinent data is now stored on individual I-Pads and instantly accessible at the touch of a finger.

Brad Schuldt, superintendent, announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Culver Teachers Assoc. (CCTA) for the 2012 contract year.

"The teachers deserve credit for understanding the corporation's financial position," Schuldt said.

He thanked members of the negotiating team including board members and representatives of the CCTA for their work in reaching the agreement. The board unanimously approved the one year contract as presented. The contract provides that there will be no incremental raises (these are based on years of service by the teachers); there will be no across the board raises; there will be no additional annuity contributions and finally, there will be an increase of individual contributions to the insurance package. Schuldt advised that contracts can not go beyond the bi-annual year so discussions can be opened again in 2012 for 2013 as the 2012 contract is for one year only.

The next item to be approved was a "tax neutrality" resolution. Schuldt explained that in 2004, the corporation

had to borrow money to buy out the teachers' retirement fund. The provisions are that taxes can't be increased to satisfy the loan but must be repaid by existing funds. The loan payment will continue to be made from the Capital Projects Fund as in the past.

Speaking of the budget, the trustees have approved a budget of \$7.2 million for 2012. This is a reduction of \$1 million from 2010 when the budget was \$8.2 million. The rate for the General Fund is advertised at .49 and is expected to be reduced to .39 similar to the 2011 budget.

Schuldt updated the board on funding and enrollment figures. The total ADM figures for last year showed a total of 1,018 students and the enrollment for 2011 stands at 950, a decrease of 62 students. Schuldt estimated 35 to 40 students may have chosen an alternate school. With five grant funds being reduced to zero dollars, the total funding loss is \$558,000.

A total of \$9,000 was raised by the John Nelson Golf Outing. The funds are split between the John Nelson Scholarship fund and the Athletic Department.

Schuldt shared some interesting statistics of the recent graduation class. Approximately 32 percent are college bound, 3 percent are attending a two year college course, technical school accounts for another 24 percent, military is at one percent, 37 percent are going into the work force and the remaining will be apprenticed to a trade.

As of January 1, 2012, the school will no longer be self insured if a program with Kankakee Valley Insurance

Bank & Trust is accepted, Schuldt announced.

Comments by individual board members included Jim Wentzel, board chairman, who thanked the negotiating teams for the teacher's contract and noted that it was "tough" to work with the decreasing funds available.

Ken VanDePutte thanked organizers of the John Nelson outing and also Carin Clifton, cafeteria superintendent, for receiving an excellent rating from the board of health.

Ed Behnke said he hoped that future years looked more promising financially and said he was pleased at the response of students to the I-Pad program.

Jack Jones also thanked the negotiating teams for their hard work. Marilyn Swanson reported on one of the programs offered at a recent conference attended by the trustees. The subject addressed was Bullying, and Swanson said it was important that adults get involved in an anti-bullying program.

Ryan Sieber also said he was impressed with the program on the issue and with the overall conference experience.

Dave Cooper, newest member to the board, expressed his thanks to the teachers.

"A great corporation, and thanks," Cooper said.

Schuldt said that he had file folders from each school, Elementary, Middle and High School, filled with the guidelines for the bullying issue. He will work to consolidate the information into a final document for the trustees to review or revise as needed.

Library news

CUTPL Thusday Tech Time on browsers

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library’s Thursday Tech Time will compare the pros and cons of various web browsers during its Oct. 27 session, which starts at 6 p.m. at the library.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology.

Sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions!

Cemetery statuary photographer at CUTPL

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, is honored to offer a presentation by Hoosier photographer John Bower titled "Guardians of the Soul: Indiana’s Remarkable Cemetery Sculpture," on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Bower is an outstanding Indiana photographer with seven popular books (Lingering Spirit, Guardians of the Soul, 2nd Stories, After the Harvest, Silent Workplace , Journey’s End, and The Common Good) to his credit—and an eighth in the works. He has been named an Indiana Artisan, and had received 4 Individual Artist Grants from the Indiana Arts Commission. John has photographed all across the state, and he is a popular public speaker.

In this beautifully unforgettable presentation, with images from his book, Bower introduces Indiana’s spectacular, but little known, cemetery statuary. According to the Association for Graveyard Studies, his “stunning” photos “capture the sensitivity of the original artists who chiseled and sculpted these exquisite statues so many years ago.” Come along, as John takes you through Victorian-Era garden cemeteries, to gaze in wonder at marble, limestone, and granite angels, children, soldiers, saints, and more—even horses, lions, and dogs! The program is free and open to all.

For more information, contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Jonathan Gaskill via e-mail at jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us or by dialing 574-842-2941. You also can view a full calendar of library events at www.culver.lib.in.us.

New museum director hopes to involve all ages in Culver history

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

The Center for Culver History’s new museum director thinks Culver is an amazing place with an amazing history, and she hopes to celebrate its history and people by way of her work there, through a variety of exhibits and activities.

Rachel Meade started at the museum in late August, joining acquisitions specialist Steve Metzger at the Center, located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library at 107 N. Main Street. Meade is no stranger to Culver, though. She’s been coming since she was a baby to the house her family bought on the east shore some 35 years ago (prior rented in town). Her Academy as did her herself spent many those summers have mer camps, where program. She also itself, in its children Culver, Meade much my favorite little, I dreamed about thought I’d have a job ver. It’s such a unique elements.”

Meade studied both lege, “so this is a “I’m really excited members and getting She also hopes to Rachel Meade.

community members people involved at the museum.

There are a number of projects in the works at the museum, Meade notes, but the small staff doesn’t have time to do them on their own. She’s hoping community volunteers of all ages will get involved. The Center, she adds, is also always happy to have loans or donations of local scrap books, photo albums, and artifacts. It’s hoped there will be free classes on family history and oral histories through the People’s University, come this spring.

“We hope to have more variety and changes in the museum,” adds Meade. “But that depends a bit on having extra hands and volunteers.”

Another project Meade is enthusiastic about is a brief video history of the area, currently in the works. Footage of the town and lake areas shot from the water will be interspersed with historic images to tell the story of life in the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area in the past, from the railroad to steamboats, to hotels, club houses, and more around the lake.

Every time a new visitor comes to the museum, Meade says, they seem surprised at what they learn about Culver’s rich history.

“There’s so much history still remaining that you can explore,” she points out. “We have the resources to do that here...if you have an interest in your home or business, we can help you figure that out. If people have histories they want to make sure are preserved for future generations, it’s great to have people coming in just



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history and journalism in col-good fit,” she says.

about talking to community their stories.”

utilize the knowledge of local and would like to get younger

Halloween history exhibit, kids’ event coming to museum, library

The Center for Culver History, the museum and research center of the Anti-quarian and Historical Society of Culver, will showcase Halloween fun from Culver’s past in its newest exhibit starting this Friday, October 14, and running into November.

According to museum director Rachel Meade, the exhibit draws from various sources, including vintage editions of The Culver Citizen, to look back at community events such as the Lions Club’s annual Halloween parade, private parties which dominated the holiday in the 1920s and ’30s (and before), and varieties of costumes and pranks. Photos, cartoons, and other memorabilia help tell the story.

The Halloween fun also coincides with an event headed by library youth head Ali Gaskill in the library’s children’s room upstairs on Saturday, Oct. 29, starting at 10 a.m.

The library’s children’s Halloween party will include crafts, costumes, fun and spooky stories, and a tour of the museum’s exhibit.

For more information, call 574-842-2941.

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., Oct. 20: Pork loin, broccoli, black eyed peas margarine, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

Fri., Oct. 21: Cream of broccoli soup, chicken pasta salad, crackers, fruit cup, dessert, and milk.

Mon., Oct. 24: Beef strips with peppers, rice, beets, bread, peaches, desserts, and milk.

Tues., Oct. 25: Hamburger steak with onions, creamed corn, spinach, apricots, bread and margarine, and milk.

Weds., Oct. 26: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, green beans, pineapple, and milk.

Thurs., Oct. 27: Chicken and sausage jambalaya, breaded okra, sliced pears, bread and margarine, birthday cake, and milk.

Fri., Oct. 28: Split pea with ham soup, carrots, crackers, hot peaches, and milk.

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Culver area wind turbines: the multi-million dollar question

While debates have raged on both sides as to the proposed placement of some 60 wind turbines in Marshall and Fulton Counties, it seems to me some of the discussion at last week's town council meeting (see cover story this issue) concerning the matter may have helped clarify a few points which have grown gradually sharper in my own mind over the months of controversy over the project.

Someone could certainly argue with me on the following point, but I'd suggest many of the points both *for* and *against* the project don't affect a large number of people and also constitute poor arguments for or against a *legislative* vote one way or another. And a legislative vote is what will, of course, decide the "yay" or "nay" on the project itself, if it's formally proposed, in the form of the Marshall County BZA's vote at some point down the road.

Instead, the crux of the debate ultimately centers, I believe, on two primary points of contention:

1. Where and when is the line drawn between the legitimate right of individuals to make profit from a business decision, versus the right of the general public not to be negatively impacted by that decision; and

2. DOES the proposed wind farm project actually negatively impact the rights, or the well-being of the public or the general area?

THE COUNCIL'S DILEMMA: As a people, we Americans have always been protective of the rights of individuals to make a profit. However, we've also historically aimed for a sense of fairness with regards to the public good, as well.

The tension between the two was at the fore during last week's council meeting, in which the council was once again asked to follow the lead of the park board in formally condemning the project for its potential harm to Culver.

Evidence of sharp disagreement between individual council members once again prevented a consensus that a vote should even take place, and the disagreement boiled down to that question of individual rights to make money -- in this case, that of the company proposing the project (Nextera), but more pointedly of local farmers and land-owners to profit off their land by leasing it to Nextera to place wind turbines there -- versus the potential harm to the broader community. Opponents of the project have characterized that harm as its effect on the area as a tourist attraction and in driving down property values (alongside what they see as abuse of federal subsidies they argue are likely to dry up sooner than later).

The argument, by the way, that council members can't make a decision or vote one way or another without some kind of referendum of public opinion strikes me as having little bearing one way or the other. Council members are elected by the people, for the same purpose as *all* elected officials in a representative democracy such as ours: their job is to use their best judgement to make decisions they feel will be best for the collective. That's what council members do with every vote, at every meeting, twice a month.

But that old debate about the rights of individuals to make a profit, as opposed to the rights of the collective not to have to live with what they might find unpleasant about some business decisions, rages across America daily -- you can read, watch, and listen to it regularly.

So there's point of contention number one: the rights of whom over whom.

SHOULD THE COUNCIL VOTE AND WHY? Which brings us to point number two: *do* these trubines in fact constitute the mess their opposition claims? The first point is really contingent upon the second, isn't it? If they aren't as bad as their opponents claim, then there really is no debating land owners have a right to make a profit by

their placement near Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee.

As an aside: the primary argument some folks have made *against* a governing body like the town council taking a vote for or against the project revolves around two facts: first, the turbines won't be within town limits, so the council has no jurisdiction over them; second, such a vote would be a purely symbolic gesture, since it has no legislative muscle behind it.

However, those favoring a council vote say that the wind farm can and likely *will* have a negative impact on the local economy and area property values, which of course would impact the town and its people. Second, they

say that while a vote of "no" to the project carries no legislative weight, it might send a message to those on the county BZA weighing the matter (this, incidentally, is what the park board -- which also has no legislative say in the project, officially -- formally voted against it).

So in effect, we're back to the individual versus collective rights to free will matter.

THE ARGUMENTS INA NUTSHELL: Let's clarify the arguments (and I'm not really addressing those issues raised which would likely only affect only a *few* people in close proximity to the towers, such as claims of visual "strobe" effect, noise problems, danger from malfunction, and even bat and bird kills).

Those in favor of the project claim it's a "win" not only for the individual land owners, who stand to make tens of thousands annually (or so it's assumed -- to my knowledge, there's been no specific number made public). There will also be a hefty sum paid to the county at the outset of the project.

Further, Nextera has pointed out that, while this area will not benefit in terms of "clean" energy generated by the turbines or lowered utility rates (energy will be diverted elsewhere instead), there is the collective "win" of knowing we're part of the broader solution of cleaner energy -- specifically, at least a marginal reduction in the burning of coal to produce electricity.

Opponents are opposed for a myriad of reasons, but again in sticking to the theme of impact to the *whole community*, the main arguments against the turbines center around their visibility on the lake -- thus potentially affecting the influx of tourists who come here to enjoy the natural beauty of the area -- and their potential to drive down property values.

Some have framed the debate in the context of "the wealthy lake people don't want this but the poor farmers do, and the far *less* wealthy townspeople are largely indifferent."

However, I don't think that paradigm really works. Besides wrongly assuming that no farmers are wealthy, if the petition circulating the town, and the chatter on social networking sites and around town is any evidence, there's a very large contingency within the "town" hotly opposed to the wind farm, though there are certainly many who are not, as well.

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT? Regarding the reduction of property values, anyone tempted to rejoice in the opportunity to stick it to "those rich blankety-blanks on the lake" should be aware of the deeper meaning of the reduction in property values, which is the

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Name that Culver 'citizen'



Last week's Mystery Citizen, Anne Duff, produced more reader response (and more free parking in downtown Culver!) than most Mystery Citizens I can recall, which is probably testimony to the high regard she's held in by people across the board in the Culver area, both in "town" and the Academies community where she taught art for so many years. It helps that her childhood photo is a dead ringer for the

look of daughter Susanna, known by many Culverites as well!

Among this week's "winners": Judy Sawhook, Theresa Burns, Andy Burns, Ginny Munroe, Julie Bess, Cindy Riester, Carey Flora, Shelli Overmyer Arriaga, Lynn Overmyer, Charles Bayless, Connie Van Horn, Emily Watson, Kay Tusing, Joan Bess, Barbara Shaffer, Judi Burns, Eleanor Swanke, Tony and Cathy Zurbrugg, Eleanor Swanke, Verl Shaffer, Judy Patton, and Chet Marshall.

This week's Mystery Citizen is also well known to many. She's been a part of many local governmental bodies (and Citizen, Anne Duff, then (left) still serves on one), as well as and now. ABOVE LEFT: This

surrounding area in more organizations and through more endeavors than I can begin to list here.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, or call the editor at 574-216-0075.





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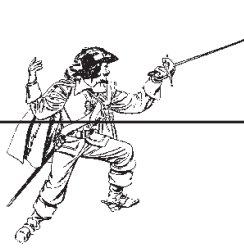
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SPORTS



Culver grad Wendall Bean to be inducted into Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame



GREEN BAY, Wisc. — Culver Community graduate and longtime Whitewater High School wrestling coach Wendall Bean will be among five individuals inducted into the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association George Martin Hall of Fame at the hall’s annual induction ceremony November 4.

Bean is a 1975 graduate of Culver Community High School, where he excelled as a three-sport athlete in cross country and track as well as wrestling. He earned a wrestling scholarship to William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, but, after being named Male Athlete of the Year at the college, decided to continue his wrestling career elsewhere, ultimately deciding on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

After a redshirt year, Wendall captured a spot in the varsity line-up and went on to qualify for three NAIA National Tournaments over the next three years. He graduated in 1980, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in physical education.

Bean began his teaching and coaching career in 1980-81 at Whitewater High School as a physical education instructor and assistant coach. After four years as an assistant, Bean took the helm as the head wrestling coach in 1984-85. During his 23-year tenure as head wrestling coach, Whitewater High School teams compiled a combined record of 206-94, captured 14 regional titles, two sectional titles, one Southern Lakes Conference title, two SLC Western Division titles, 46 team championships and made appearances in 10 WIAA Team Sectional Tournaments and two WIAA Team State Tournaments. Whitewater teams finished first or second 92 times in dual or individual championships during his 23-year span as head

wrestling coach. In addition, he coached 41 individual state qualifiers/place finishers and 43 individual SLC champions.

A WWCA member since 1980, Bean served for 10 years as the District Six representative from 2000-01 to 2009-10. In addition, he has assisted the past six years with the organization and operation of the WWCA Annual Fall Clinic and authored the Aspiring Officials Program, a WWCA initiative for the WIAA to recruit and assist potential wrestling officials. More recently, Bean has taken over the helm as Clinic Chairman.

In addition to the WWCA, Bean has been involved in many other endeavors within the Wisconsin wrestling community. He was selected to co-coach the Southern Lakes All Stars vs. West Germany (1987) and the Southern Wisconsin All-Stars vs. Northern Illinois All-Stars (1990, ‘91, ‘92), co-directed the Fort-Whitewater Developmental Camps (1984-90), coordinated a Badger State wrestling regional (1986-90), was clinician for the Warhawk Wrestling Camps (UW-Whitewater 1978-98), directed the Wisconsin Granby System Wrestling Camp (2003-08), coordinated and directed UW-Whitewater’s Mid-States Wrestling Classic (1985-1995, 1998-present), assisted with the development of the Middle School Elite AAU program (2006) and currently serves as president for the UW-Whitewater Wrestling Alumni Association.

Bean continues to stay actively involved in coaching as the Whitewater Middle School wrestling coach, a position he has held since his retirement as the high school head coach in 2007. He is also liaison to the Whitewater Youth Wrestling Club and has become very active in recent years as a WIAA wrestling official.

The WWCA induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with the association’s annual Fall Clinic at the Hotel Sierra and Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisc. Nov. 4. Tickets for the event are priced at \$36 and can be ordered from the fall clinic chairman, who happens to be Bean himself, at 262-473-8003.

Eagles win CMA CC Regional

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Last year, the Eagles fell a heart-breaking four points shy of a regional championship on their home course. On Saturday, they wouldn’t be denied.

Led by Leopoldo Burguete’s winning time of 16:35, Culver Military Academy claimed the team championship with a score of 56, while Plymouth finished seventh with a score of 184, and Triton was 10th with a 254 team tally at the CMA Boys Cross Country Regional.

Culver Girls Academy finished second behind a strong Eastern squad with 50 points to the Lady Comets’ 35, while Plymouth earned a third straight New Prairie Semistate berth with a 122 for fourth place, and Triton’s Alexandra Kann placed 11th individually to go two for two in semistate berths in her sophomore year with the Trojans.

CMA’s top five all finished in the field’s top 25 en route to the title as Wes Hibbard placed sixth behind Burguete, Landrum Neer was 20th, Alejandro Velasco was 21st, and Harris Allen finished in 24th as the Eagles outscored second-place Rochester 56-65.

“We were expecting Logansport to be a little closer, but Rochester really ran well today,” said Culver Academies Head Cross Country Coach Michael Chastain. “It was a good battle with them. We had to move up some in that last K to really make sure that we had it.”

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Culver Academies win boys, girls CC sectionals

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Leopoldo Burguete came on strong at the finish to win the individual boys championship and lead Culver Military to its fourth straight team sectional championship, while Culver Girls Academy placed six runners in the top 15 to breeze to its eighth straight title at the Culver Academies Cross Country Sectionals Tuesday.

Freshman Libby Read led Plymouth to a second-place finish in the girls team standings, meanwhile, while Triton’s number two and three runners stepped up to help the Trojans claim fourth place in the boys team meet, the Pilgrims survived in the fifth spot out to Saturday’s CMA Regional, and Triton’s Allie Kann placed eighth to advance individually to this weekend’s CGA Regional meet.

Saturday’s Culver Academies Regionals open with the girls race at 10:30 a.m. The top five boys and girls teams and top 15 individuals in each race at the Culver Academies meets will be joined by Logansport qualifiers Logansport, Oak Hill, Western, Northwestern and Kokomo in the boys meet and Eastern, Oak Hill, Northwestern, Logansport and Western in the girls run.

Burguete, affectionately known to his coach as ‘Polo’, overran Northfield rival Caleb Augustus in the final 300 meters to earn the individual sectional title in a time of 16:41. The championship is nice, but it wasn’t necessarily his goal, says Burguete.

“I told myself I was go-

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Culver rallies past OD in 5

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — With sectionals fast approaching, the Lady Cavaliers wanted to grab some momentum this week.

So far, so good.

Culver rallied back from a 2-1 deficit with wins in the fourth and fifth games to hand visiting Oregon-Davis a five-set defeat, 21-25, 25-19, 16-25, 25-13, 15-12, at home Monday.

“We’ve been needing a win. It’s been awhile, and the girls knew that they could do that,” said Culver Head Volleyball Coach Amanda Minix.

“We’ve got three games this week, and we’re hoping to get three wins before we go into sectional. We’ve got the bye at this year’s sectional and it’s here, so we’re looking forward to that.”

Culver knew to expect a close match af-

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PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Community’s Ali Overmyer digs the ball while Samantha Howard looks on during a volleyball match with Oregon-Davis at Culver last week.

ter falling to the Bobcats at the Oregon-Davis Early Bird Tour-

Cavs ride big 3rd quarter to conference win at LaVille

Culver scored 14 points in the third quarter to take a 28-12 advantage over host LaVille, and the Cavaliers held on for a 41-26 Northern State Conference win Friday.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for Culver, while beleaguered LaVille finished the season winless.

Kevin Hogan scored on runs of 2, 29 and 51 yards for the Cavs, while quarterback Collin Stevens scored on runs of 3 and 7 yards as Culver outrushed the Lancers 410-251 yards. Stevens went 2-for-8 passing with one interception and a 6-yard touchdown completion to Sam Hissong in the fourth quarter. Stevens also finished with four PATs in the win.

Andrew Hostetler ran in a 14-yard keeper for LaVille’s first score of the night, and Tim Wicks scored on a 4-yarder to keep the Lancers within two at 14-12 at the half.

Levi Lucas broke away for a 72-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, and Cody Timm ran in a 2-yarder and the two-point conversion — LaVille’s first in four attempts at the game — for the Lancers’ final score of the night.

Culver improves to 5-4 with a 4-3 NSC finish, while LaVille closes out the regular season at 0-9.

The Cavs travel to Tri-County for a Class A Sectional 33 opener next week, while LaVille travels to Northfield in the opening round of Class A Sectional 35.

• CULVER 41, LAVILLE 26
At Lakeville

Sports briefs

Football

Culver Military pitched a shutout at Fairfield Friday in a 35-0 regular season capper.

On their opening drive, the Eagles marched 74 yards in 14 plays capped off by a Ralph Laux 4-yard touchdown run to take a 7-0 advantage with Diego Herrera’s ensuing PAT and set the tone for the game.

Laux scored again on a 3-yd run with 3:47 to go in the third quarter. Aramonti Phillips scored on a 12-yarder in the second quarter, Caleb Jadrich scored on a 6-yard pass from Hayes Barnes — who went 6-for-8 for 56 yards passing in the win — with 22 seconds remaining in the first half, and Pierre Byrne went on a 27-yard tear for Culver’s final score of the night at the 11:51 stop of the fourth quarter to bring the score to its final margin with Herrera’s fifth point-after kick of the night.

The Eagles and Fairfield both move to 4-5 on the season. With its second straight win, CMA enters Class 3A Sectional 17 play next week at Knox.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 35, FAIRFIELD 0
At Goshen

Volleyball

Culver took a win from visiting Westville in an extended five-game match Thursday, 17-25, 25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 21-19.

Aspen Kitchell finished with 16 kills and six assists, while Samantha Howard had 12 kills, five aces and nine assists, and Ali Overmyer and Kalee Miller finished with

23 and 19 digs, respectively for Culver, which moves to 8-18 with its second five-set win of the week.

The Lady Cavaliers will play the winner of Triton-Marquette Catholic at their home sectional in a semifinal Saturday at 11 a.m.

• CULVER 3, WESTVILLE 2 (17-25, 25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 21-19)

Culver Girls Academy dropped a match with Plymouth Sectional foe St. Joseph’s 25-13, 25-17, 25-17 at the Academies Thursday.

Katy Bjornson finished with six kills, while Pita Navarro and Torrie Christlieb had five and four, respectively, for the Lady Eagles.

Emily Gilland led her team in setting with 17 assists to complement five digs and an ace, while Andrea Lin recorded 21 digs and an ace. Christlieb finished with three blocks, as did Emily Rich, while Navarro and Bjornson each had two for CGA, which falls to 24-6 on the year.

The Eagles will play Jimtown at the Plymouth Sectional Thursday at 6 p.m.

• ST. JOSEPH’S 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-17)

Culver Girls Academy beat Argos in a lopsided volleyball match at Argos Tuesday, 25-9, 25-8, 25-9.

Leading the Lady Eagles in hitting were Katy Bjornson with nine kills and Torrie Christlieb with seven. Emily Gilland served up a whopping 12 aces to complement 24 assists for CGA, while Andrea Lin put five digs to target, and Christlieb and Pita Navarro each finished with two blocks.

The Eagles improve to 24-5 with the rout.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, ARGOS 0 (25-9, 25-

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reduction in property *taxes*...which means a reduction in funding to schools, libraries, public services, and the like. So, like it or not, as the wealthiest property values go, so goes public funding, and that includes money flowing to the township and county, not just the town.

THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION: The multi-million dollar question, then, is whether placement of the wind turbines really *is* likely to affect tourism and property values (and I should point out that tourism is certainly a *county* matter as well -- it's hard to deny that Culver Academies and Lake Maxinkuckee are two of the top, if not *the* top, tourist attractions in the county, drawing scores of people from out of state and even out of country).

And let's face it, none of us really knows if the wind farm will affect property values and/or tourism in a significant way. It is, undeniably, a gamble...a crapshoot.

What obviously troubles some people is that it's a pretty huge crapshoot.

If wind farm proponents are correct, their placement will be a nice boon to the county's coffers and those of some land owners in the area. There might be some hurt feelings from opponents, but no real, lasting negative impact.

Proponents are gambling that Nextera can and will live up to its promises, including full removal of the towers should the project prove itself *not* economically viable, or should the company go under. They are also, of course, gambling that the turbines will prove to be something everyone can live with seeing, and *won't* negatively impact property taxes or tourism.

And, it's a gamble that's going to be pretty hard to reverse, once the decision is in place -- and the towers are in place as well.

Readers waiting for the *Citizen* editor’s “official” stance for or against the project, at this point in time, at least, are going to be disappointed (not that I think that many readers really care what the editor thinks all that much!).

Instead, I’m trying, at least, to clarify the real crux of the issue as I see it. And that, to me, does boil down to the question of whether the project will have a tangible impact on the local economy (tourist or tax based). Some may mull the matter over and conclude it doesn’t. My hope is simply that everyone, in Culver and in Marshall County as a whole, is taking the time to give serious thought to the implications of the project, good and bad, and be 100 percent sure before taking a position.

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“(Burguete) did a nice job, he took control in the last kilo, which was very, very nice, and he looked like he had more left in the tank, which he’ll definitely have to use next week at the semistate. I was extremely pleased with Wes Hibbard. Wes has not been running particularly well, and the first part especially, he looked really good. That helped us out significantly up there.”

In the girls race, meanwhile, Eastern twins Bethany and Brittany Neely went one-two, respectively, and four of the Comets’ top five placed in the top 10 to lead their team to victory over CGA, which fell short of a regional title after its sectional championship Tuesday.

Taylor Stuewe led segments of the race before finishing in fifth, while Olivia Martinez was eighth, Hannah Buggeln was 12th, Kacie Hermanson finished 13th, and Sarah Jamieson was 15th in a race that saw huge scoring gaps between Eastern and the Lady Eagles in the first two team spots and the rest of the field.

“We knew Eastern would be very good, and we know that they would place probably one-two and then maybe even one-two-three, and they came pretty close to it,” said Chastain. “The only hope we thought we had was to put a bunch of people in between their third and fourth and fourth and fifth runners. We did pretty well with that; they’re just better than we are.”

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nament early in the season, and Monday’s contest didn’t disappoint.

The Cavs took the initial lead in game 1 but gave up five straight points at the tail end to succumb to the Class A Sectional 51 foe Bobcats 25-21 before returning the favor by putting away the final five points of the second game for a 25-19 win. Oregon-Davis seemed to grab the match momentum with a convincing 25-16 win in the third game, but once again Culver battled back in game 4, grabbing an initial 6-2 lead and cruising to a 25-13 win. A pair of aces by Aspen Kitchell and five straight service points by the senior propelled the Cavs into the lead late in game five, and an OD misserve sealed the reprisal win for the home team.

“We knew tonight would be back and forth; we played them earlier in the year at the Early Bird Tournament over at their place and they beat us in three, and those three were close. The girls came in ready to go,” said Minix.

“They were getting on the floor tonight making a lot of good plays, hustling. We had a couple blocks tonight that we usually don’t have. For them to get down a game and then be able to come back in those last two, we had a couple good serves, and I told the girls we can’t let the other team get five or six points off one server like we have in the past. Tonight I don’t think we did. They got a couple, but we were able to fight back.”

Culver had a little help from OD in the final game as the Bobcats recorded three misseives, two attacking errors, four passing errors and a net violation to drop the game and the match.

“Same names as usual — Samantha and Aspen, those are our big girls that we go to,” Minix said. “The girls know that if we need a kill or a good serve, they know that those two girls are our big girls. They also help lead the team; they’re all over the floor, they’re obviously setters, they’re wanting every ball that they can get that they’re supposed to be getting.”

OD was led by Jessica Moore’s 11 kills, while Alysha Salyer recorded five kills, five aces and 16 digs, Ashley Taylor had five aces and 15 digs, and Lincy Jones recorded five kills with a match-high 24 digs.

• CULVER 3, OREGON-DAVIS 2

ing to finish this strong,” he said. “It doesn’t matter what place I’m in when I finish, I want to give it my best. I’ve been practicing with my coach on turnover, so I increased my turnover and made it faster. I tried to keep it up until the end, and it paid off. I was pretty happy with the result. It was a hard race; it was a very good race.”

“Polo’s been running pretty well most of the season, and it was good to see him kind of challenge somebody at the end,” said Culver Academies Head Cross Country Coach Michael Chastain. “The way Caleb pulled away in the last two or three K I thought that was the way they’d stay, but Polo came back, so it was nice to see that from him.”

CMA’s top five all placed in the field’s top 15 on their home course Tuesday to finish with 35 points ahead of runner-up Rochester’s 44. Wess Hibbard placed sixth, freshman Landrum Neer was eighth, Alejandro Velasco placed 10th, and Harris Allen was 14th for the Eagles as they claimed their fourth straight team title.

“The boys looked reasonably good. They looked a little sluggish, but we’re hoping they’ll run a little bit better on Saturday because at least Logansport I know and maybe somebody else is pretty good on the other sectional. So we’ll have to compete harder,” Chastain said.

“Landrum Neer, our freshman, is running better. He didn’t run tremendous today, but he did pick up some spots in the last mile today. If we can get him and Alejandro Velasco a little bit faster and moving up in the pack earlier on Saturday, it’ll help.”

While Burguete came on strong at the end, Culver Girls Academy sophomore Taylor Stuewe, who has struggled with a leg injury much of the season, faded in the last stretch of the race to finish second overall with a 19:57, 25 seconds

Culver Community’s Tatum Schultz runs at the Culver back of meet champion Jen-Girls Academy Cross Country na Halderman of Northfield. Sectional last Tuesday.

“Taylor Stuewe has been



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Culver Community’s Tatum Schultz runs at the Culver back of meet champion Jen-Girls Academy Cross Country na Halderman of Northfield. Sectional last Tuesday.

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Blessing of Culver area pets

Fr. Thaddeus Balinda, pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, blesses a dog owned by parishioner Leesa Sexton, right, as part of the traditional pet blessing in honor of the feast of St. Francis, earlier this month. A number of pets, from dogs and cats to smaller creatures including a hamster, were on hand for the event.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Showcasing Culver to statewide group

More than 50 participants from around Indiana took part in a recent tour, sponsored by the Indiana Humanities Council, of several successful Hoosier communities to examine their culture, arts, and redevelopment successes. Among them was Culver, where *Citizen* editor Jeff Kenney led a bus tour around Lake Maxinkuckee and the town, concluding with a presentation at the town park by Chamber of Commerce president Dawn Brockey, right, and town council member Ralph Winters, center. To his right is tour leader Paul Munoz of Hamilton County.

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theme in Heim’s talk. Noting the deputy clerk will soon retire, she suggesting postponing a replacement hire for three to six months to streamline and consolidate the office, suggesting online credit card payments for residents, as well as internet-based services such as building permits, beach passes, boat slips, and the like. She suggested utilizing Facebook, Twitter, and other internet-based portals for updates and dissemination of information.

Heim said the clerk’s office overcharged one of its biggest customers by \$40,000 “and knew about it -- it’s not professional.”

“Culver is a great town (and people have a) very positive image of Culver,” she said. “I want to make sure people have the same image of the town government.”

Town clerk incumband: Casey Howard

Democrat Casey Howard told the audience she’s presently in her sixth year as clerk, and has passed all three of her audits to date. She explained the state checks town budgets and requires reports by designated times through the year.

Howard said the town hall has advanced technologically over the past six years, much of which has been the work of the clerk and town council, though she added there’s more to be done. Residents may pay bills by credit or debit card, and computer systems and software have been upgraded, she noted.

The town is currently engaged in some \$3 million in town projects, she said, much of which is grant money the clerk is responsible for administering. She also explained the clerk must attend many meetings pertaining to grants, town council, and other boards and commissions.

Howard said it’s impossible for the clerk to be in the office eight hours daily, particularly with the many meetings she must attend, so the deputy clerk position is a crucial one.

Addressing the park project matter, Howard said donated funds to the project were monitored by the State Board of Accounts and were not placed into the town’s General Fund. The fund-raising committee itself made some errors, she added, “but we worked the best we could at the town hall.”

Responding to an audience question, Howard said the clerk’s annual salary is \$43,300, and the town manager’s (negotiable) salary is \$53,300.

Town council incumbant Ralph Winters

Democrat Ralph Winters, an incumbant council member, noted he and wife Barbara have lived in Culver since 1977, though they moved here from Monterey and so are “lifelong residents.” He earned his bachelor’s of science in Ag Engineering from Purdue University; he also spent four years with the Army Corps of Engineers and the couple owns a farm at Monterey. Winters described his community service through Kiwanis Club, the Marshall County Housing Authority and Community Resource Center of Marshall County, Culver’s Board of Zoning Appeals, plan commission, and 13 of the past 15 years on the town council, of which the last six were consecutive.

Winters said the council has worked hard during the past

15 years to upgrade Culver’s sewer, water, and streets. He noted Culver has the lowest tax rates in Marshall County and its water and sewer rates are in the bottom quartile of similar sized communities in a 50 mile radius.

Asked about recently-debated delays in the council’s hiring of a replacement town manager for Culver, Winters said, “I wish I knew,” adding “it took an unbelievably long time before the council went through (all 54 resumes it received for the position).”

Town council challenger Bill Githens

Republican challenger for town council Bill Githens said he’s presently a member of the Union Township advisory board, a position he took over from John Benedict when the latter was elected to county council.

“I’m a successful businessman and a problem solver,” Githens said. “I’m not a politician. I’ll give you an answer, not a runaround. You may not like (the answer), but I’m an open book.”

Githens said he’s running for council because he feels the council “needs to be more transparent and proactive, rather than reactive.”

Specifically, Githens criticized the length of time the council has spent in replacing the town manager, overruns in the budget from higher-than-expected amounts of sludge removed at the town’s sewer plant, and “ongoing problems” pertaining to replacement of curbs and other paving-related matters on Ohio Street last summer. He also suggested a closer relationship between the township advisory board, township trustee, town council, and clerk treasurer, as well as greater efforts to protect local fire and EMS services.

In response to audience questions, Githens said he backed Jeanetter Surrissi in her bid for town clerk. He said he didn’t know fellow Republican Heim -- who became the party candidate at the recent Republican caucus -- was running when he initially chose to support Surrissi.

Also in response to a question from the audience, Githens said he didn’t think the council should involve itself in discussions about the controversial proposed wind farm in Marshall County, citing the project’s location outside the town limits. Asked why the township board doesn’t take a position, Githens said landowners’ decision to place a wind turbine on their land is “an individual choice.”

Town council incumbant Ginny Munroe

Republican incumbant council member Ginny Munroe stressed the amount of study she’s undertaken since joining the council, to understand the specifics of relevant issues in Culver.

“I believe that when you are studying an issue that affects Culver, you keep one thing in mind and that is, ‘What is best for Culver?’” she said, “even if it means you disagree with council members, the clerk, your cousin, your neighbor, or, as I have done in public, your husband.”

Munroe discussed changes she helped usher in to the

council, such as work sessions to study issues and work through them. She also detailed changes in the community undertaken during her four years on the council, including acquisition of three major grants, a project list, a paving plan, a sidewalk plan, and more. She said she voted for the transition to a townwide trash service and doesn’t regret the decision.

Integrity and accountability, said Munroe, are critical for council members, “even if you must stand alone.”

Addressing the overcharging of Culver Academies discussed by other candidates, Munroe discussed the origins of the error in damaged equipment, adding, “when I believed we had to take responsibility...and figure out the right way to credit the Academy, I actually had to fight for that belief (and) I did. I did my job...I wasn’t popular for having done that because there were those who didn’t think we needed to fix our mistake.”

She added she believed fellow candidate Ed Pinder shares her commitment to integrity.

Town council incumbant Ed Pinder

Democrat Ed Pinder acknowledged not all current council members agree on every issue, “but we come to the conclusion we think is best for Culver.”

He noted he’s older than the rest of the council and brings some experience as a result. He also stressed the importance of all present council members being reelected.

“We get along so well,” he said. “I think we do a good job for Culver.”

He praised Munroe as current president of the council, noting Winters is valuable for his technical knowledge of the innerworkings of many areas of town.

“Maybe I’m kind of a calm person on the council to sit in the seat and make decisions,” he added.

Pinder called for Howard’s reelection, pointing out the longtime deputy clerk will be retiring soon. “If we lose both, can you imagine what a mess we’ll have?”

He recalled the council spending a year “cleaning up the mess” left by a short-lived clerk hire during the early 1970s.

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Culver concert represented a decade of dulcimer for local musician

On a bright crisp fall day in 2000, Marcy Prochaska was driving across Virginia to pick up a bright and lovely new thing: a hammered dulcimer of her own. In celebration of that anniversary, she presented a concert Sunday in the Legion Memorial Building on the campus of Culver Academies.

The hammered dulcimer is a hollow, wooden trapezoid supporting many strings; like on a piano, notes are produced by hammers striking the strings. A dulcimetist holds the hammers instead of using a keyboard to activate them (a smaller, distant relative, the mountain dulcimer, is played by plucking or strumming). The sound is a little like piano, a little like harp, a little like guitar, and yet not quite like any other instrument – resonant, rich, clear, luminous.

It was in college that Prochaska first saw and heard a dulcimer. Tim Seaman was playing in a church service, and she was captivated both by the shimmering sound and the dancing of the hammers. After acquiring her own dulcimer, Prochaska says she was privileged to study with Seaman, who, besides teaching tunes and techniques of all kinds, provided the warm encouragement of treating her as a real musician from the beginning.

Music has been part of Prochaska’s life from the beginning. She wrote her first “song” at the age of three, on the black keys of the blue piano in her parents’ basement.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Marcy Prochaska

There were also children’s choirs at church, a brief stint with viola at school, hand bells, organ, guitar -- beginning in late high school -- a fabulous semester of harpsichord in college, and more choirs and other singing.

Prochaska found (much to her surprise) that the dulcimer fit her more naturally and intuitively than other instruments she’d tried. For one thing, there are just two hammers to manage instead of ten fin-

gers. Also, it’s well-suited to visual learners: most scales involve identical patterns and spatial relationships, and

Bottom Line Training wants Culverites to “Maintain, Don’t Gain” during holidays

The Bottom Line Training Co. in Culver hopes to help area residents manage those holiday pounds, part of its "Maintain, Don’t Gain" program running Oct. 31, 2011 through Jan. 1, 2012. During that period, each team or individual will weigh in once a week at Bottom Line, 232 S. Main St., Suite D, in downtown Culver. The goal, says Shaina Lampton of Bottom Line, is to maintain your weight during the busy holiday season. If the individual or team can maintain their weight, each will be entered into a drawing.

Initial weigh-ins will take place October 26 through 29, and the cost is \$10 per person. More details will appear in upcoming editions of the Citizen. For more information, call Lampton at 574-842-2400 or shaina@bottomlinetrainingco.biz.

Culver school observe National Chemistry Week

October 16 through 22 is the American Chemistry Society’s National Chemistry Week, and in observance, local retired chemistry teacher Darrell Beach made sure Culver Elementary School was one of few in the area at which each student received one of over 500 informational items on the occasion. This year’s week recognizes the 100th year since the Marie Curie Nobel Prize. The theme is “Celebrating Chemistry -- our health, our future!”

Beach notes chemistry teachers at the Culver Community High School and Culver Academies were also given informational materials to observe the week. More information is available online at ACS.org.

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available by Thanksgiving and will include American Indian history. In this second story of historical fiction, Lake Maxinkuckee and Indianapolis girl Alexia has a teenage friend, Luke, who is a Patowatomi Indian.

Town manager applicants sought

The town of Culver is seeking applicants for the position of town manager, a position responsible for leadership work as the administrative head of the town, under the direction of the town council and working with the town clerk. Performance must be in accordance with Indiana statutes and the town council’s initiatives. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university program in public administration, business management,

engineering, or other relevant field is desirable. Previous experience as a town manager or assistant manager or at least five years of equivalent experience and training is a plus.

To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to: Clerk Treasurer’s Office, Ginny Munroe, Town Council President, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN 46511, no later than November 2.

Leaf pick-up

The Town of Culver will begin leaf pick-up the week of October 17. All leaves must be placed in the ter race not in the street. Please separate your leaves from the sticks and brush. Pumpkins, rocks, etc. are not acceptable debris

for pick-up. Leaf pick-up will continue through December. The leaf crew will move from the north end of town to the south end of town and then repeat. All questions should be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 between 8a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$1 per bag book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold a special, \$1 per bag book sale Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shopper may bring their own bag if they wish and fill it with great books.

Purses sought for cancer-related fundraiser

The first fund raising event for Hello Gorgeous! which treats cancer-fighting women to a spa event with new attire and more, will take place Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Michelle’s Head-

quarters, 114 N. Main Street, in Culver. The Great Purse Extravaganza encourages the community to donate lovingly used purses to be re-sold the night of the event. The items may be dropped off at Michelle’s, the Culver Coffee Company, and Elizabeth’s Garden between now and Dec. 2. The Dec. 9 event will include wine, cheese, and sweet treats “with some pampering surprises planned.” Questions may directed to 574-842-2662.

Deputy clerk sought

The Town of Culver is seeking a full-time position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. This position is responsible for assisting the Clerk-Treasurer in the efficient completion of he or she’s duties as the Town’s chief fiscal officer and is the primary clerical employee in support of the Town’s utilities. This position serves under the direction of the elected Clerk-Treasurer. Please submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the Town of Culver, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline to receive these letters is Friday, October 7.

Seasonal workers needed

The Town of Culver is accepting applications for two seasonal workers to assist the street department with leaf and brush pick-up. Applicants must be willing to work in all weather conditions and must be 18 years of age with a valid driver’s license. If interested, please submit an application no later than Friday, October 7 at the Culver Town Hall, 200 E Washington St, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Library board meetings rescheduled

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library’s board meetings have been rescheduled for the remainder of 2011. The next three will take place Tuesdays, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13. The normal board meeting schedule will resume in January, 2012, at which time the meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of every month. All board meetings will take place at 7 p.m..

Leaf raking reminder

Citizens are reminded not to place raked leaves for pick-up in the streets, but instead to place leaf piles in their yards at street side. Leaf piles should not be mixed with piles of sticks and other debris.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Muslim Arab Anti-Semitism

Why it makes peace very difficult - almost impossible

Anti-Semitism has often and rightfully been called the longest hatred, the oldest prejudice. It has plagued Europe for a very long time and has, over the centuries, brought untold suffering to the Jewish people. Its most deadly expression was the Nazi Holocaust, which caused the death of 6 million Jews and extinguished ancient civilizations in much of Europe. So terrible, so evil were those events that anti-Semitism was shunned and repudiated by the civilized world.

What are the facts?

Anti-Semitism is integral to Muslim culture. But while anti-Semitism has indeed been shunned by the civilized world, things are quite different in the Muslim/Arab world because anti-Semitism is an integral part of their religion and culture. The Muslim countries are the only places in the world in which anti-Semitism is publicly endorsed and where it flourishes. The Koran abounds in anti-Semitic statements. An expression of that hatred toward Jews is imbued in Muslim children from an early age. It is the fate of Jews in Muslim lands. For centuries they were tolerated, but only in the submissive capacity of “dhimmis” – second class citizens. They were subjected to countless humiliations, bizarre rules of conduct and clothing and in many cases to assaults and pogroms. When the state of Israel was founded in 1948, hundreds of thousands of Jews in Muslim lands had to flee for their lives or were driven from their homes, where they had lived, in most cases, for centuries. When Israel emerged victorious from the 1967 Six-Day War, virtually all of the remaining Jews were expelled – from Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Morocco. In those countries, virtually no Jews remain today. The vast majority of them wound up in Israel where they and their descendants form a large part of the population and are fully integrated, of course. Compare that to the Palestinian refugees, who, mostly at the urging of their leaders, fled the nascent Jewish state in 1948. Their descendants, who have now miraculously increased to 5 million, still live today in miserable refugee camps at the dole of the world – mostly of the United States, of course.

Adolf Hitler’s book *Mein Kampf*, which is prohibited in Germany, is, in Arab and Farsi translations, a perennial best seller in Muslim countries. So is the fraudulent invention *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The Muslim world is the only place in which those scurrilous books are readily available. A recent Egyptian television series of 41 installments, based on the “Protocols,” was a huge success in the Muslim world.

Holocaust denial. Holocaust denial is a favorite topic in the Muslim world. The president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmood Abbas (a reputed “moderate”) wrote his doctoral thesis with this title: *The Other Side: The Secret Relationship Between Nazism and the Zionist Movement?* In some regards, Arab Jew-haters are even worse than their infamous predecessors. For all their terrible deeds, the Nazis never denied their crimes, nor did they encourage their children to emulate them. That is, however, standard practice in the Muslim world. To kill Jews, to become a martyr, is the highest goal and promises immediate access to a paradise of unbelievable pleasures.

Many people believe that the existence of the state of Israel is the cause of this hatred and that Muslim anti-Semitism would disappear if the Jewish state would disappear. But that is not true. As former “refusenik” and Jewish Agency Chairman, Nathan Sharansky, has said: “The Jewish state is no more the cause of anti-Semitism today than the absence of the Jewish state was a century ago.”

Hatred of Jews is an integral part of Arab/Muslim culture and did not come about with the creation of the Jewish state. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, at that time the highest Islamic authority in that part of the world, was a staunch and steadfast ally of the Nazis, a trusted accomplice of Hitler. He personally raised SS Waffen troops among the Bosnian Muslims and promised the Nazis that he would fully cooperate with them in the extermination of the Jews in the Middle East. That was in the 1930’s – 50 years before the creation of Israel. One shudders to imagine what the Arabs would have done to the Jewish residents of the area if the Nazis had come out victorious in World War II.

Israel has tried for over 60 years to come to terms with its Arab-Muslim neighbors. But it is difficult to make peace with those who think of them as sons of pigs and apes. In the words of Hezbollah’s secretary general, Hasan Nasrallah, who declared: “If we searched the entire world for a person more cowardly, despicable, weak or feeble... we would not find anyone like the Jew.” How can one make peace with such people, with hatred like that?

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