



PHOTO/ANNIE LYNCH-MAKOWSKI

Winter hush

ABOVE: Reader Annie Lynch-Makowski of Culver shared this haunting image of the pre-thaw snow on Jefferson Street at Heritage Park via the Citizen's Facebook feed, one of several reader-captured images of last week's storm.

The Culver Citizen



Thursday, January 16, 2014 Vol. 121 Issue No. 3 50¢
Serving Culver • Lake Maxinkuckee • Monterey since 1894



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Awaiting some skating

ABOVE, LEFT: The weather certainly wasn't cooperating Monday evening when this photo was taken, but the majority of the installation has been completed for the new skating rink at Culver's park, thanks to the work of Chris Chambers of Culver and volunteers. The rink, obviously still awaiting ice (which will be provided via Culver's fire department), should be ready for skaters once old man winter provides the needed temperatures.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Culver on the air (almost)

ABOVE, RIGHT: Jerry Curtis, station manager for the upcoming Max 98.3, Culver radio station, stands behind the reception counter at the stations East Jefferson Street office (still finishing renovations) in Plymouth. The new station is hoped to be on the air by April (SEE STORY BELOW).

In Brief

New tech at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will meet January 16 at 6 p.m., with the topic being new technology for 2014. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. in January. Classes include Windows 8 Help (Jan. 13, 17, 20, and 24) and Mobile Devices (Jan. 27 and 31). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

CUTPL adult winter reading program

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will hold its Adult Winter Reading Program, "Warm up with Reading," through Feb. 28. Participants earn points for books or audiobooks read or listened to and reviewed, as well as library-sponsored programs or book clubs attended. Grand prizes will be awarded to the top three point earners at the end of the program. For more information, call the library at 574-842-2941 or stop by the circulation desk.

Club & organization fair Saturday

Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a Club & organization fair Sat., Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large meeting room and lower level of the library. All local groups, clubs and organizations are invited to contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us for more information or to reserve your spot.

Park board votes to terminate superintendent

Young discharged at Jan. 8 meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver park superintendent position is vacant after a vote by the park board at its Jan. 8 meeting to end the tenure of longtime superintendent Kelly Young.

The meeting, which was otherwise fairly quiet in contrast to more heated recent exchanges, was near its conclusion when park board president Tammy Shaffer said it had been brought to her attention "and several other people's" that Young had spoken to some town council members about Young's own discomfort with the park board and "the current work environment that we have all been placed in at this time."

She added she had heard discussion of the town council disbanding the park board, and that current controversies have created division in the community.

"I find that hard to work with, from my standpoint," said Shaffer. She also explained a town council member had spoken to some park employees over the past summer who are "afraid to come forward" and that "there have been racial comments and slurs made in their presence and they're very uncomfortable with that."

Shaffer also said some members of the public had been told a wait list is available for boat slip rental at the town park, when in fact no wait list exists. And, she added, "Overall I'm concerned about safety on the waterfront."

Shaffer then moved that Young be discharged from her position, with fellow board members John Helpfrey, Rhonda Reinhold, and Patty Stallings affirming the move by vote.

Shaffer explained Young could continue residing in the beach lodge apartment until the end-of-January date previously decided as the end of her residence there. Park-related papers and keys will be moved to the town hall for storage, Shaffer said.

The citizen input portion of the meeting followed, with audience member Terri Baker, expressing her dismay at the decision, asking if Young had an opportunity to explain her position or talk about what happened.

"This seems so contrary to what seems fair and right in a small town," said Baker, who added she was a member of the park board for 10 years. She asked the board to defend its decision.

Shaffer replied that a town council member in the room could confirm the matters discussed over the summer.

"Someone in the audience asked if Young's file is "clean," to which Reinhold replied, "No."

Further asked if the decision was a surprise to Young, Reinhold said it was not.

Earlier in the meeting, park board attorney Rachel Arndt explained meetings of board sub-committees are not required to be -- and in fact typically are not -- open to the public, though those committees report their discussions and recommendations to the board at public meetings. The question had been asked at a previous meeting if the public was allowed to attend meetings of the recently-established building, finance, and policy committees.

Speaking for the finance committee, board member Helpfrey noted conversations in many areas of the community have recently focused on attracting new people to Culver, with attention often given to empty store-

See Park page 2

New radio station to be Culver-based

Max 98.3 will be county's only FM station

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's been a little over 80 years, but Culver will soon have its own radio station once again, in the form of Max 98.3, which will also mark the return of FM radio to Marshall County, whose present radio offerings are limited to AM frequencies.

The new station's offices will actually be located on East Jefferson Street in Plymouth, with its tower and transmitter also located outside Culver, something general manager Jerry Curtis explains was unavoidable (though a Culver location was sought). However, he points out that the FCC listing for the station is indeed Culver, Indiana, and a local telephone number will accompany local-oriented programming.

In fact, the "Max" portion of the station's name (it doesn't yet officially have its own call letters) was inspired by Lake Maxinkuckee (the moniker is employed in the station slogan, "Maximum music - minimum talk").

The station will actually be a sister station of WKVI radio, which is based in Knox and has been operating since the late

See Radio page 2

Storm led to historic first for Culver Academies

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It may not have been the worst blizzard in living memory (that distinction certainly goes to the great storm of 1978), but the winter storm which hit hardest last week on Jan. 6 and 7 not only made for a memorable experience for many in Culver, it facilitated a historic first for Culver Academies. The school canceled classes due to weather for three consecutive days, the first time in its 120-year history (even in 1978, the school was one of the only ones in multiple states to cancel less than one day of classes due to the blizzard).

Academies Head of Schools John Buxton, who has plenty of far more severe blizzards under his belt as an east coast native, suspects few classes (if any) would have been canceled if the storm had struck even a few days later. The culprit in this case was timing: most of

See Academies page 3

Naturally 7 returns for latest Huffington concert at Academies Feb. 6

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

The vocal group Naturally 7 returns to the Eppley Auditorium stage on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The New York City based group is touring Europe with Michael Bublé. The group has released nine albums and two live performance DVDs. The group's unusual style was even featured in a TED Talk event in 2009.

The men of Naturally 7 perform a capella, but what you might not expect from this vocal group is what else they do — their voices contain multitudes of instruments, from a glorious trumpet to a full drum kit (with a side of turntables). They call it "vocal play" — the art of creating instrumental music with the human voice. It's an evolutionary step beyond beatboxing, which is a solo pursuit — these seven musicians are a tight orchestra.

Naturally 7's sonic range is clear even by reading the member lineup: Roger "N'glish" Thomas is a baritone and rapper; Rod Eldridge handles tenor, trumpet and scratching; Warren Thomas brings percussion, guitar and a third tenor. Baritone Dwight Stewart; tenors Jamal Reed and Garfield Buckley (who also plays harmonica); and bass Armand "Hops" Hutton round out the group.

Naturally 7 wows audiences with a full-band sound created entirely with their own voices. The group sold out its last Huffington Concert Series performance at Culver Academies in 2005.

Tickets for the performance are available through the Culver Academies Theatre Department. People interested in purchasing tickets may do so by calling (574) 842-7058 or emailing Marsha Coven (Marsha.Coven@culver.org). Tickets are also available at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the performance.



See Briefs page 6

www.culvercitizen.com
E-mail: culvercitizen@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/culvercitizen

Culver residents part of reorganized County Council

County Commissioners reorganized as a body for the coming year and voted to retain their current officers for 2014.

Remaining as President of the Commissioners will be Kevin Overmyer. Jack Roose will again serve as Vice President. Overmyer will also remain as the board's representative on the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG).

The Commissioners also re-appointed Kate May of Culver as their representative on the county Alcoholic Beverage Commission and appointed Cliff Berger as their representative on the Marshall County Plan Commission.

Source: www.am1050.com WTCA.

Tulungen named to fall honor roll

ANDOVER, Mass. — Paul R. Tulungen of Culver, a member of the class of 2014, has been named to the honor roll at Phillips Academy for the fall term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Park from page 1

fronts and drop in public school enrollment. Helphrey acknowledged the importance of those matters, but added the park is "the gem of the town" and can help attract more people as well, "if it is functioning as it should be."

"In general it's underutilized, the building and the park itself," he added.

Helphrey then gave a recap of 2013 finances at the park, explaining the park's total income was \$262,754, its expenses \$255,795, with a surplus of \$6,959. The ending fund balance was \$220,542, which includes \$33,309 earmarked for some projects last year which didn't take place (so funds reverted back to the park fund). Income was derived primarily from pier slip rentals, at \$126,705, as well as \$56,680 from property tax draw, \$12,000 contributed from Union Township, and remaining funds from parking fees, beach entry fees, and concessions.

The latter, he said, was reported at \$36,401, which he said is "not really accurate," as it combines actual concessions with beach entry fees and fails to deduct overhead costs. The committee also recommended the superintendent providing a head count of those entering the beach.

Pier-related expenses were listed as \$58,662, which he said were also probably not accurate and needed better line item listings.

The committee also recommended more detail in reporting work by contractors, with Helphrey adding a Point of Sale computerized accounting system would "greatly help."

Salary expenses were 38 percent of the budget, at \$97,316, excluding the park superintendent and activities director salaries, he said. There are 14 lifeguards and four maintenance workers employed by the park.

In the case of some employees who were reported by the superintendent as working 40 hours per week, "it seldom happened," Helphrey added, while others worked overtime at time and a half. The committee thus recommended more detail be provided as to why these were the case.

Around \$18,000 went to park maintenance, including \$5,000 to FH Decks and over \$3,000 to Culver Power for equipment maintenance, with around \$4,000 paid to the park's maintenance staff. The committee recommended the exploring hiring an outside company for park maintenance.

Also recommended was more detail regarding attendance to events generated by the activities director.

It was further recommended that all buoys and piers be

Park activities director clarification

In the Dec. 25, 2013 edition of *The Culver Citizen*, it was reported that the Culver park activities director position was dissolved and eliminated. According to the minutes of the park board meeting in question, which took place Dec. 20, the activities director position was instead put on hiatus for the time being, rather than eliminated.

Culver accident under investigation

A Jan. 10 accident on State Road 10 west of SR 17 near Culver is under investigation after Marshall County Sheriff's officer Les McFarland found a NIPSCO vehicle driven by Ryan N. Misch had apparently been struck from behind by Jonas G. Crispin, damaging to both vehicles and causing personal injuries. Investigation revealed Crispin had a suspended learner's permit through the state of Indiana.

Both drivers were treated at the scene by EMS and transported to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth for treatment.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Department was assisted by Indiana State Police and the Culver Police Department. Wagner's Towing along with Lyon's Towing assisted in the removal of the vehicles.

Courtesy [WTCA am1050.com](http://www.am1050.com).

stored indoors at an offsite location.

Introduced at the meeting were audience members Jeff Payne and Tom Yuhas, who Helphrey said had agreed to join the finance committee to "help straighten out the financial operations of the park." The board formally voted Yuhas onto the committee, as they had done at a prior meeting with Payne.

Tom Kearns, reporting for the policy committee, said Arndt had reviewed the ice rink policy and her recommendations implemented. She will send her recommendations for the park policy manual to the board via email, she said.

The board voted to approve the policy and procedures manual once Arndt's recommendations were incorporated.

It was also reported volunteer Chris Chambers expects to have the ice rink installed, after some incorrect parts had been sent by the company, by the end of the Jan. 10 weekend.

Board member Patty Stallings spoke on behalf of the building committee, which she said has a proposed capital improvement plan and recently toured the beach lodge, finding 38 problems there in need of correction. The committee will next explore cost of improvements and where the funds will come from, she added.

Young, during her superintendent's report, said boater leases are almost ready to go for the coming pier slip rental season.

Following up on an information request at a previous meeting, she reported 147 pier slip renters either reside in, or own property in Union Township, which amounts to 74.8 percent of all renters. Those owning property or living outside the township amount to 24.5 percent, with one slip still available for rental.

The board approved joining the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association, at just over \$300 cost, and paying for Reinhold to attend the IPRA's upcoming conference over the Jan. 16 weekend.

Volunteer Jeff Mansfield updated the board on the status of his research into a Point of Sale system for the park, explaining he had spoken to former Culver hardware owner Dave Beggs regarding Beggs' offer to donate the hardware's POS to the park. Mansfield is waiting to hear back from Beggs regarding specific manufacturer, license agreement, and other details of the system, he said.

Radio from page 1

1960s. This is WKVI's first foray into Marshall County, though the station's news coverage has expanded to include aspects of both Marshall and LaPorte Counties in recent years, Curtis notes.

The new station will be a class A FM station as designated from the FCC, which intends it to serve a local area at between 3,000 and 6,000 watts.

"The Commission really means for these to be local, small market stations," Curtis says, which means among other things that a "city grade" signal must be provided over Culver.

The station will also cover local news, weather, and sports. In fact, while Max 98.3 isn't yet on the air, sports-tothemax.net is streaming online and already carries local and regional sports.

"The FCC determines where a Class A FM station could benefit the whole country," Curtis explains. "Currently all FM listening in Marshall County is done to stations outside."

Though there are transmitters in Marshall County for stations such as KLOVE, the actual signal for the station originates in California, he points out.

"So it was determined by the FCC, and our company saw that Culver had an open frequency. We thought, 'This is right next door; we ought to get in on this.' The FCC auctions off these frequencies to the highest bidder. It's a very complicated process."

Curtis, the general manager at WKVI for the past four years, has been in the radio business for more than 40 years, and was on the air in Indianapolis for 25 years. He's spent most of his career in Indiana, and will host a morning show weekdays on the station. Tony Ross, who has a long history in Marshall County broadcasting, will handle afternoon duties on the station (he's a familiar voice now in streaming local sports).

The evening lineup will be centered around a nationally broadcast music show hosted by former "Entertainment Tonight" personality John Tesh.

Curtis emphasizes the station's schedule -- which covers 24 hours per day -- will include regular doses of county and local elements including news, a community calendar, police reports, and the voices of local figures and talents as well as coverage of local meetings.

Max 98.3 will also have an affiliation with ABC news for regular national news updates, and Network Indiana for statewide coverage. Hoosier Ag today will be a regular feature in the morning rotation, and high school sports will be broadcast regularly as well. Broadcasting is automatically interrupted by news of any weather emergencies via the National Weather Service, and there's plenty of backup redundancy to ensure the station will continue broadcasting in even the most severe weather, Curtis notes.

An online component, probably at max983.com, will include print news, much as WKVI's website already does. Internet streaming of the station isn't allowed by the FCC until regular radio broadcasting begins, but eventually the station will stream online as well.

Curtis says the hope is for broadcasting to begin in April, though everything is dependent on the FCC, so that timeline could change.

In the meantime, he says the idea of the station has been "very well received" by area leaders.

"I think it will be gangbusters right out of the box," he adds. "When people in Marshall County hear local news and high school sports, and then about the pancake breakfasts and stuff like that, I think they'll really go for it."





ALLEN REESE
HEARING AID CENTER

322 N. Michigan ST, Suite C
Plymouth, IN 46563
574.936.8878

Hearing Aids and Earmolds
Comprehensive Hearing Evaluations
Hearing Aid Repair and Cleaning
Hearing Aid Batteries and Supplies
30-Day Money Back Guarantee!

www.arhac.com (574)936-8878

Make bonding with your family a walk in the park!
We offer the latest in hearing aid technology





THE HEARING CLINIC

A Division of Otorhinolaryngology Associates

1919 W. Lake Ave., Suite 107
Plymouth, IN 46563
Located in the St. Joseph Hospital
Plymouth Medical Office Building



Rebecca L. Berger, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology

Complete Hearing Health Care
Specializing In Hearing Evaluation
and The Latest Hearing Aid
Technology

www.hearing-clinic.net

574-936-9200
1-800-992-1891

MacNab services rescheduled



Due to the inclement weather of last week, funeral services for Norma Joyce (Teeta) MacNab, 83, who died Dec. 23, 2013, have been rescheduled from last week to Friday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. in the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to her charity of choice American Cancer Society, 1710 Webster

St., Oakland, CA 94612. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.danerimortuary.com and signing the guest book.



CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Obituary

Julie Marie Goodman-Coale Nov. 8, 1968 – Jan. 1, 2014

CULVER — It is with great sadness to announce Julie Marie Goodman-Coale, 45, passed away the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 at her home in Culver. Julie was born in Garden City, Mich. on Nov. 8, 1968. She was raised in Ann Arbor, Mich. where she attended Huron High School. Julie graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and became a Registered Nurse specializing in the care of neonates and pediatrics. She moved to Culver five years ago with her love and soul mate Richard C Chambers III. Julie struggled daily with a condition known as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSDS), a chronic pain condition. Despite her disability, Julie was able to enjoy many hobbies including sewing, baking, reading, garage sales and thrift stores, kayaking, hiking, and fishing, as long as they didn't interfere with her greatest passion, University of Michigan football. Julie would also volunteer in her community wherever her time was needed. She and Richard would regularly kayak and hike the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee gathering trash to keep the lake clean for others to use and enjoy. Julie is survived by her partner of nine years Richard C Chambers III, daughters Alexandra, Alyssa, Hannah and Olivia, parents Janet Stricklen and Steve Stricklen, siblings Shelly, Robert and Stephanie.

A memorial service to celebrate Julie's life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver. Following the Memorial Service there will be a luncheon for time to share and reflect on Julie's life. In lieu of flowers or gifts please make donations in Julie's name to the RSDSA foundation or the children of WUMC. For more information about donations please contact Richard C Chambers III or Pastor Jacob Juncker of Wesley United Methodist Church. Information will be available at the service.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted in arrangements.

Budding artists

A number of local youngsters fought off cabin fever earlier this month at the second installment of "I Am an Artist," during which each age group painted on canvas from a winter-themed example, under the tutelage of instructor Shelly Schrmisher of Unlocked Creativity and several assistants (PHOTO AT RIGHT). The day's activities included a live performance (with student dancing and percussion accompaniment) by musician Don Baker (PHOTO AT LEFT). The first "I Am an Artist" debuted during Culver Fall Fest last year, and future offerings are planned on a seasonal basis.

'Hitchhiker's Guide' at Lawson sci-fi book club

The Culver Union Twp. Public Library's sci-fi discussion group will meet on Saturday, January 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the purple meeting room located downstairs at the library.

The book for this month is "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams. Attend this book discussion to receive 10 points for our Winter Reading Program.

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together this dynamic pair begin a journey through space

aided by quotes from The Hitchhiker's Guide ("A towel is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have") and a galaxy-full of fellow travelers... Where are these pens? Why are we born? Why do we die? Why do we spend so much time between wearing digital watches? For all the answers stick your thumb to the stars. And don't forget to bring a towel! — Publishers Weekly

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

Culver student nominated for Merchant Marine Academy

Washington, D.C. — Spencer Ragsdale of Culver is among the nominations made by Senator Joe Donnelly Tuesday for admittance to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY.

Out of the 128 nomination requests he received, Senator Donnelly was able to nominate 10 students per academy.

Ragsdale was nominated to attend the US Merchant Marine Academy.

"It is a great privilege to have the opportunity to nominate these outstanding young Hoosiers to our nation's service academies," Donnelly said in a press release. "If accepted, these young men and women will receive a top-quality education and will be prepared for successful

careers as officers in our military. I want to thank everyone who applied for their desire to serve our country."

The individuals chosen were evaluated using a competitive system recommended by the academies. The selection process includes a personal interview by Senator Donnelly's Service Academy Nominations Committee and a thorough review of the applicant's essays, academic records, letters of recommendation, community involvement, character, and leadership experience.

A congressional nomination is not a guarantee of admission. The final decision will be made by the academy itself following a "whole-person" evaluation that considers a candidate's character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals, and motivation.

If you or someone you know is a high school student interested in applying next year or in the years ahead for a service academy, please visit Senator Donnelly's website (www.donnelly.senate.gov) for more information.

Academies from page 1

the more than 800 students attending Culver Academies were on their way back to campus when the storm hit, leaving a great many stranded in hotels or elsewhere, awaiting the go-ahead from authorities to be allowed to travel.



A birds-eye view of Culver Academies' Gignilliat Hall and the Crisp Fine Arts Center (left) on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the aftermath of last week's heavy snowfall.

PHOTO/LEW KOPP CULVER ACADEMIES

The important take-away from the situation, says Buxton, is "how ready people were to step up and do what was needed."

The list of those people is long and varied. It includes the school's facilities staff, who began prepping for the storm -- at the direction of Academies leadership -- as early as Saturday, and helped make the campus usable for those students who arrived before or during the worst of the storm.

Of course there's the leadership itself, whose team came together and put aside personal agendas, says Buxton, "to say, 'What is going to serve the entire community best?'"

"Saturday morning (prior to the storm) we huddled and said, 'How do we handle this? This one's pretty spectacular and it really sounds like it's coming.'"

The willingness of leadership and others to agree, he notes, is one of three main components which brought a complex and challenging situation to a safe and positive conclusion.

Another is the "incredible selflessness of people helping out."

Those include not only faculty and staff themselves, but their spouses, they who assisted in the physical transport of students from airports -- not to campus, as had been initially hoped, but to hotels where chaperones and students alike spent two days waiting out the weather.

Meantime, Academies Communications staffers manned stations 24 hours per day to keep a telephone hotline open for parents, meanwhile keeping track of the various strains of information at hand, from buses (and who was on them) to road conditions, flight schedules to the campus operations necessary to accommodate those students who could return.

The latter component also required some food services staff on hand before, during, and after the storm, to keep the school's Lay Dining Center open and ready to serve.

"The importance of communication was another important

theme which came out of it," Buxton adds. "We were really on target with parents and faculty, and we had to be fluid a little bit. All our offices were helping out -- Security, Communications, Student Life."

"For somebody (like myself) who lives on the grounds and comes from New England, it wasn't that big a deal," he continues. "I didn't miss any time but a lot of us did. I came to work Monday morning and four of the six people who work in this office were here; others were emailing in from home."

He points out that, in keeping with the school's philosophy of care for the whole person, no one was expected to come in unless they felt safe in so doing. Nonetheless, some did risk \$500 fines to come in.

And it may be easy to forget -- whether in the storm of last week, the blizzard of 1978, or future weather events -- that those braving the temperatures and snow early last week in spite of the snow emergency were engaged in much more than simply heading to work to make a day's pay.

Instead, as Buxton notes, "We are a boarding school with students who need to be fed, heated, and kept safe."

WE MAKE SPECIAL PARTS

Lakeside Auto Supply Corp.

Auto Value

202 S. Main St.
Culver, Indiana
842-3658
Serving the Culver community for 20 years

Family Vision Clinic

DR. MARK A. COUTS, O.D.
202 NORTH MAIN STREET, CULVER, IN 46511
574-842-3372

Eye Exams • Insurance Billing • Special Vision Testing
HOURS: Mon., Wed.-Fri. 9:00-5:00 • Tues. 11:00-7:00
Contact Lenses and Large Selection of Fashion and Designer Frames
New Patients Always Welcome!

Accepting VSP, Eyemed, Medicare, Medicaid
See us on Facebook

VISIT US AT FVCCULVER.COM

REAL Meals menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call 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., Jan. 16: BBQ chicken thigh, broccoli, sweet potatoes, bread pudding.

Friday, Jan. 17: Beef stroganoff, noodles, lima beans, wheat, tropical fruit.

Mon., Jan. 20: Chicken/broccoli casserole, mixed veggies, cabbage roll, and oranges.

Tues., Jan. 21: Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, bread, peaches.

Wed., Jan. 22: Chili crackers, baby bakers, green beans, applesauce.

Thurs., Jan. 23: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, wax beans, Texas toast, pudding.

Friday, Jan. 24: Pot roast and gravy, root veggies, corn, dinner roll, angel food cake.

0% INTEREST for 12 months

1939-2014
75th Anniversary Sale

Purchase a Culligan® Automatic Water Conditioner or a Drinking Water Unit

Save Money on Detergents, Soaps & Shampoos or Enjoy Cleaner Triple Filtered Water

No Interest 'till 2015 (upon credit approval)
No Installation (local)

Hurry! Offer Expires 1-31-14

Culligan
better water. pure and simple.®

CULLIGAN SOFT WATER Sales & Service
Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:00; Sat. 9:00-12:00
325 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth
935-3666 • 1-800-325-2503

Locally Owned & Operated Since 1929
Financing Available Upon Credit Approval
Since Culligan dealers operate independently, offers and participation may vary

If it ain't Burr Oak, don't fix it!

My friend Eric Freeman used to say that when he stepped down as Culver Chamber President, he would take on Burr Oak. The title of this post was to be his motto for Burr Oak's renaissance. He thought "If it ain't Burr Oak, don't fix it!" would catch on. Unfortunately for Burr Oak, Eric changed jobs and moved to Indy before he could lead them to greatness.

I drive through Burr Oak daily without giving it much thought unless I'm stopped by a train. The recent hubbub about new NIPSCO line routes and the expansion of the NIPSCO substation adjacent to Burr Oak have had me thinking about it more lately. This is partially due to the county-wide discussions promoted by MCEDC (Marshall County Economic Development Corporation) and how to make our communities more conducive to development. MCEDC is constantly working on a dialogue with Marshall County communities about how to make themselves more conducive to positive development and economic growth. There is a lengthy checklist of what industry looks for, but if you apply some of the big ones to Burr Oak, there is potential.

Rail Access - Check! Burr Oak not only has rail access, but has an existing rail side track - something difficult to obtain and expensive to build these days. Plus getting a new one approved that crosses an existing state highway would be nearly impossible in today's regulatory environment. Norfolk Southern runs as many as 35 trains a day through Burr Oak on this track.

Electric Service Capacity - Check! Just look up the NIPSCO project online to see the amount of power that will be passing through the new substation. (All routes lead through Burr Oak).

Available Workforce - Check! Marshall County as a whole draws much of its workforce from adjacent Starke and Pulaski counties. Burr Oak's location towards the southwest corner of Marshall County and its close proximity to State Road 8 make access to the labor force convenient.

Good Schools - Check! Burr Oak sits between Culver and Plymouth. Plymouth is becoming known throughout



**GUEST
EDITORIAL**
BY KEVIN BERGER

the state as one of the better and most progressive public school systems in the State of Indiana. Culver is home to one of the preeminent internationally known private schools in the nation.

Quality of Life - Check! As MCEDC often promotes, Marshall County in general is a nice place to live. Burr Oak is close to Culver for recreation, restaurants, golf courses, etc. Rural living around Burr Oak is available and economical. Lake shore residences are available in nearby Culver and the Chain of Lakes area including the Lake Latonka development just minutes away.

Highway Access - Semi-Check... Burr Oak suffers from the same perceived negative as the rest of Marshall County - No Interstate access. But look at what they do have... They are on a State highway, within a few miles of two other state highways and within 10 miles of two four-lane state highways. There are 12 million people within 100 miles!

From here, the list becomes spotty. There isn't a water system or sewer system in Burr Oak. While not every industry needs these infrastructures for production, many require them for fire safety. Which brings up emergency services. They would need to be provided by Culver which still remains a mostly volunteer service. There isn't high speed internet service. The recently approved expansion of the Metronet into Plymouth and Marshall County is positive for those area, but expansion into southern Marshall County is at least several years away. Burr Oak proper doesn't have much to offer in the way of commerce, but it is ripe for something to happen.

So, what makes a community thrive or die? As I've listed here, Burr Oak has a lot of positives. In some cases positives that outweigh those in other Marshall County communities. Personally I think it is the drive of community leaders. Burr Oak needs an Eric Freeman with a vision for the community! Every community talks about wanting a strong economy, but few are doing something about it. Communities often rise and fall as community leaders appear and disappear. Many times these leaders are shooting stars. They come on to the scene out of nowhere and burn brightly. To continue the analogy, some of them disappear on the horizon as they are recognized

and drawn to bigger challenges, while others fizzle out when their passion or support disappears. It is unfortunate that communities often don't recognize these forces until they've lost them.

Plymouth had PIDCO (Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation) in the late 50's and through the 60's and 70's. They aggressively pursued community involvement encouraging small investments from people in the community in order to gain broad acceptance of goals. They bought land. Partnered with the city to get infrastructure in place and the pursued and captured new businesses for Plymouth. Unfortunately they have become less of a player and are no longer as aggressively pursuing these opportunities. They are suffering from some mission drift and divided attention. Their name still contains "Industrial" but their website has been renamed "Plymouth Alive" and talks about downtown commercial business pursuits.

Culver also once had an Industrial Promotion Committee as part of the Culver Jaycees. This group was responsible for bringing McGill Manufacturing Co., Inc. from Valparaiso to Culver with a new 60,000 sf facility. (The building is currently occupied by Elkay.) But from all indications, the group fizzled quickly after that first success and the Culver Jaycees as a parent group has been dissolved as well.

MCEDC is attempting to fill the voids left by these groups, but sometimes it is difficult when there is not engaged community leadership. The County Development for the Future meetings that MCEDC has sponsored quarterly is an attempt to foster new stars in each Marshall County community. The biggest success story so far is the Town of Argos and their purchase of 75 acres for future development. They are well on their way to making this a Shovel Ready Site registered with the IEDC (Indiana Economic Development Corporation). Following their example, Bourbon is in the process of annexing additional property for development. Who will be the next community to step up to the challenge?

Kevin Berger is Culver's representative to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, a past member of a number of local boards and commissions, and head of Easterday Construction, on whose blog this article appeared at easterdayconstruction.com. This article also appeared in the most recent edition of the MCEDC newsletter.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Letter to the editor

Culver Clem's cold calculations

Alors! Alors! Dear Scribner:

Culver Clem here to calculate continuing Culver climes. I have been whale watching with Wharton Willie from Canada, third cousin twice removed.

I say pshaw on Punxsutawney Phil's Pennsylvania predictions. Culver's climactic conditions are not conducive to his conclusions. I predict that we will have snow, storms, sleet, and slush until the Spring solstice. I have been pondering this prediction with my usual persistence and pronounce it positively.

Thank you for condolences on the sad demise of Cousin Clarence who was done in by a dastardly Dodge this summer.

**Bobbie Ruhnow
Clem's Amanuensis**

Editor's note: For those who didn't know, "Culver Clem" has served Culver (with a bit of assistance from Bobbie Ruhnow) as resident Groundhog Day winter prophet for some years; the Citizen appreciates Clem's early (and perhaps understandably glum) predictions.



Preschool provides pantry pounds

LEFT: Students at Wesley Preschool in Culver provided over 100 items to Culver's food pantry as part of a "Giving Back"-themed collection in December, according to Wesley director of education Tracy Gordon. Collecting culminated in the preschool's annual Christmas party, which included games, special snacks and activities, and a visit from the historical St. Nicholas.

Subscribe to The Culver Citizen!

Call 1-800-933-0356

Briefs from page 1

Free community meal at CBC

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, Feb. 2, starting at 6 p.m. Since this is Super Bowl Sunday, this will be a soup-oriented "Souper Bowl" meal. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

MCCF grants due Feb. 3

The Marshall County Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the first General Endowment and Ralph C. Vonnegut, Jr. Fund grant cycle of 2014.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Monday, February

3. Final decisions will be made during the March board meeting. Applicants must be organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status or organizations with 501(c) IRS status whose request is charitable in nature for the following: start-up costs for new programs or the expansion of needed programs; one-time projects or needs To be considered for this funding opportunity, use of the application available online at marshallcountycf.org is required as are signatures of the designated officials noted on the form. For more information, contact Jennifer Compton at 574-935-5159 or visit marshallcountycf.org.

Exercise for Seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room.

For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail ljones@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the confer-

ence room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Catholicism and other Christian communities - similarities and differences (Jan. 12); Catholicism and other religious traditions - similarities and differences (Jan. 19); War, pacifism and Christianity through a Catholic lens (Jan. 26); The male, celibate priesthood - does it need to be? (Feb. 2); The Church and same-sex marriage (Feb. 9); Education - public and private schools and the future of America (Feb. 16).

Firemen's Honor Wall ready for bricks

The Culver Union Township Fire Department's Honor Wall, located on the corner of Lake Shore Drive and State Street, is ready to accept community-purchased bricks honoring local firefighters. Active and honor wall bricks can be purchased by individuals, but will be limited to one brick maximum per active member or honoree and department established criteria must be met. For more details or information, or for an official order form, interested persons may contact the department's secretary-treasurer Dave Cooper at 574-952-2809 or dacoop13@hotmail.com.

Community Cab in Culver

The Marshall County Council on Aging, offers transportation throughout Culver via the Culver Community Cab each Wed. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per boarding, with no pre-scheduling required. Those wishing a ride may call toll-free 866-936-9904.

Buying

Gold Jewelry
Diamonds
Sterling Silver
Old Coins

www.johnmarshallinc.com

In Business Since 1965

John M. Marshall's, Inc.
202 South Michigan Street
Key Bank Building, Suite #101
South Bend, Indiana 46601
574-287-1427

Culver takes 1st loss to New Prairie

Trent Elliott dropped 40 points, but it wasn't enough to lift Culver Community to the win as the Cavs fell 71-68 in overtime to visiting New Prairie Saturday night.

Jasen Webb scored 29 to lead the Cougars to their second NSC win. Jacoda Anderson put up 17 points for the Cavs, who suffered their first loss of the season while dropping to 1-1 in conference play.

NEW PRAIRIE 71, CULVER COMMUNITY 68 OT

At Culver
Culver: 15 28 42 54 68
New Prairie: 13 29 46 54 71
CULVER (68): Everett Krueger 8, Jordan Sanders 1, Preston Hansel 2, Trent Elliott 40, Jacoda Anderson 17, Josh Krsek 0; Totals: 17 13-16 68.
NEW PRAIRIE (71): Tyler Weller 0, Jasen Webb 29, Jared Monhaut 7, Luke Ketterer 9, Ryan Citron 0, Conner Scott 0, David Walbring 0, Noah Shail 13, Chad Swain 13; Totals: 13 21-30 71.
3-pointers: Culver 7 (Elliott 7), New Prairie 8 (Shail 4, Webb 2, Monhaut); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 21 (Krueger), New Prairie 17 (none).
Records: Culver 6-1 (1-1 NSC), New Prairie 5-2 (2-0 NSC)

Lady Cavs nearly double up Cougars

Class A No. 10 Culver Community landed four players in double figures en route to a 60-31 Northern State Conference girls basketball win at New Prairie on Friday.

Kayla Shaffer led the way for the Cavs with 17 points, 10 rebounds, seven steals, and six assists, followed closely by Donna Zehner with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Angela Lewellen and Mickella Hardy chipped in 12 points apiece for Culver.

CULVER COMMUNITY 60, NEW PRAIRIE 31

At New Carlisle
Score by quarters
Culver: 17 28 44 60
NP: 7 14 20 31

CMA hockey goes 2-1

Culver Military's prep and U16 hockey teams suffered a pair of setbacks to visiting Shattuck St. Mary's at home Sunday. The prep team fell 4-2 while the U16 lost by a narrow 5-4 margin. CMA's varsity team beat Chaminade 4-3 meanwhile.

SHATTUCK ST. MARY'S 4, CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 2
at Culver
Shattuck St. Marys (U16) 5, CULVER MILITARY (U16) 4
at Culver
CULVER MILITARY (Varsity A) 4, Chaminade 3
at Culver

Culver artist Lawrence a familiar face at Heartland Gallery, beyond

By Evelyn Schwenk
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — Stop in at Heartland Artists Gallery on La Porte Street in Plymouth on a Tuesday, and you might meet a friendly docent with a twinkle in her blue eyes and a ready smile for you.

She's B.J. Lawrence, an artist who loves to rub elbows with other creatively inclined people and who loves to be "in the know" about the local art scene. And Lawrence will be the first to assure you that there's a wonderful, talented group of artists here in Marshall County who welcome and encourage new artists, as she shows you through the displays of artists' work at the Gallery.

Lawrence's favorite medium is watercolor, although she loves to draw and also works in acrylics, colored pencil and crewel embroidery. Crewel is a free-style surface embroidery using a variety of stitches to create a textured and colorful wool painting on the woven fabric background. Lawrence tried her hand at crewel embroidery when her children were small and she was forced to become "crafty", as she puts it. She needed a creative outlet that could be quickly put down or picked up as she cared for young ones.

These days she especially likes to do crewel embroidery in the winter, because the wool is warm and inviting when the outdoors is cold and forbidding. Lawrence has always been into art. She says she doodled a lot in grade school, to the great annoyance of her teachers. Then she took art classes at Logansport High School. During her professional career, Lawrence was a psychotherapist.

Before she retired and came to Culver to live near her sister, she lived in Brown County Indiana, a longtime art colony. Lawrence said she enjoyed the art scene and made artist friends there—she studied their styles and copied bits from them as a way to further her own education about design and texture.

She tried plein air painting (outdoor landscape painting) back then, and



BJ Lawrence of Culver

PHOTO/EVELYN SCHWENK

intends to do more of it this coming summer.

Lawrence calls her home art studio HobbitShire Art, in deference to J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, novels which are the epitome of rhetorical greatness in her eyes. When you meet her you'll quickly understand why *The Hobbit*, with its central theme of personal growth and forms of heroism might serve as inspiration in her creative journey.

She believes in life-long learning and always has a painting in progress and one in mind.

Lawrence exhibits her work locally at Heartland Artists Gallery and at invitational art events, such as Plymouth's Art on the Street and Culver's Fall Festival. She has never marketed her work for sale though, preferring to give some pieces away to friends and family. She intends to leave the majority of her artwork as a legacy to her family; a wonderful and generous way to be remembered.

Plan Your Escape

Grab your besties or your better half, and plan a vacation!

<p>MOTORCOACH TOURS Charleston & Savannah March 22-29, 2014 Broadway in Chicago - Alton Brown LIVE! February 8, 2014</p> <p>TRAIN TOURS Gems of Arizona March 1-12, 2014 Trains of Colorado June 5-13, 2014 Canyon Lands October 4-16, 2014</p> <p>ADVENTURE Northern Lights & Iditarod February 21-March 2, 2013 Yellowstone & Tetons June 11-21, 2014 Washington DC & Williamsburg July 31-August 6, 2014 Canadian Rockies & Glacier Park August 8-18, 2014</p>	<p>Cruises and Air Tours Hawaii Soft Adventure Tour February 3-14, 2014 Best of Italy March 25-April 4, 2014 Tasmania & Australia April 2-14, 2014 Extended tour includes New Zealand April 14-20, 2014 Panama Canal Cruise April 13-29, 2014 Alaska by Land & Sea July 21-August 2, 2014 Authentic Alaska August 6-19, 2014 Affordable Alaska September 2-13, 2014 Rhine River Cruise September 12-21, 2014 Option to include Switzerland September 21-27, 2014 Canada & New England Cruise September 25-October 5, 2014</p>
---	--

edgerton's
travel service, inc.
"Since 1924"

Nishawake/ South Bend (574) 256-2620 or 800-643-4604	Elkhart (574) 294-3651 or 800-311-3437	LaPorte (219) 863-8502 or 811-634-3437	Fort Wayne (260) 497-8747 or 800-871-3437
--	---	---	--

For a reservation form and complete terms and conditions please call your local Edgerton's Travel office or visit www.edgertonstravel.com/grouptravel

MAX MOTORS

QUALITY REPAIR
AFFORDABLE PRICES

590 West Jefferson Street, Culver
(Corner of 17 & Jefferson)

Open M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m. • Sat 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Sun Closed

Automobile

Motorcycle • ATV • Diesel

Repair, Service, Sales, Tires,

Performance Modifications

Snowplowing
Available

Call today! 574-249-2451

Vintage Ford Parts for sale 1930's-1990's & High Performance parts for sale

FREE USED OIL DROP OFF

LIVE OAK ELECTRIC

liveoakelectric.com

842-4776

STEVE ULERY

TROUBLE SHOOTING/
REPAIR
SERVICE UPGRADES
PHONE & CABLE
LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED

