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Facilitating frozen fun

ABOVE: It's been some decades since Culver firemen put hose to winter water to make ice skating possible in Culver (for decades that practice, which ended in the early 1980s, took place on a cleared-off portion of the lake at the town beach), but last weekend's chilly temperatures finally did the trick. Under the volunteer direction of Chris Chambers of Culver, and alongside fellow volunteers Ron Beaver, Cheyanne Beaver, and Tom Yuhas, firemen filled the rink -- located at the basketball courts in the town park -- Saturday (LEFT PHOTOS) so that by Sunday it was well on its way to skate-ability (RIGHT), though Chambers noted then it still had more freezing to do and signage to erect before skaters can get started.

In Brief

Spring soccer registration

Spring Culver youth soccer registration is Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culver Public Library. Registration deadline is Jan 31. Forms will be passed out at the elementary and middle schools and can be shared via e-mail request. Contact Herb Newman, 574-250-3367, herbnewmanjr@aim.com or Bruce Snyder, 842-2576 bksnyder@wild-blue.net with any questions.

Friday dinner at VFW

The Culver VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary will serve a roast pork dinner with dressing, choice of potato, vegetable, and dessert Friday, Jan. 24, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Open menu will also be served, and the public is welcome.

Sidewalk snow removal

Residents of the town of Culver are requested to make provisions for clearing snow and/or ice from the walkways on their properties, per town ordinance, which designates as a public nuisance any "...snow or other matter obstructing public ways or causing visual barriers which create vehicular traffic or pedestrian traffic safety hazards." Call the town hall at 574-842-3140 with questions.

CRC, Tree Commission openings

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for two openings on the Culver Redevelopment Commission, a one-year appointment, as well as its Tree Commission. If you are willing to serve, please submit your letter to Town Hall at 200 East Washington St., Culver, IN 46511. Call the town hall at 574-842-3140 with questions.

'Hitchhiker's Guide' at CUTPL

The Culver Union Twp. Public Library's Rita Lawson sci-fi discussion

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Park-related matters continue to be hot topic at town council mtg

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Members of Culver's town council and the audience at the Jan. 14 meeting debated questions of whether to add a seventh member to Culver's park board, as well as whether to hold a "town hall" style meeting to discuss the future of the park.

The reorganized council -- which shifted its presidency to Ginny Munroe and vice presidency to Bill Githens -- opted to table the matter of an additional park board member, something about which they had created an ordinance and even voted on first reading, though finalization still awaits a second and third reading.

The suggestion to add a seventh park board member arose several months ago due in part to the even number of board members (at six) sometimes tying their votes, and the difficulty of the previous board to attain a quorum. Two board members from that period have been replaced since then.

Munroe suggested the decision be put on hold pending decisions to fill two vacant park board positions by the Culver Community School board and Union Township board. Following some discussion, town attorney Jim Clevenger affirmed that the school board appointee to the park board must be a current member of the school board, which the school board will likely discuss at its Feb. 3 meeting.

Audience member John Hephrey questioned the council's decision, citing a heavy workload for the four current park board members.

Munroe responded that council members are "cognizant there are issues with the park board, but we're not ready to add another member."

Hephrey revisited the matter during his report to the council on behalf of the park board, during which he referenced two park board members attending very few meetings last year, something about which nothing was done, he said.

"With all due respect, we would appreciate the help."

Munroe said she was hesitant to add a seventh board member in light of recent controversies surrounding the park board, including dismissal of the park superintendent and activities director in recent weeks.

She went on to note that the council had discussed holding a "town hall" style meeting regarding future direction for the park, last fall, though the meeting never took place. She suggested scheduling such a meeting, something with which council members Bill Githens Sally Ricciardi agreed.

Audience member Sue McInturff, however, questioned what the meeting would accomplish:

"Complaints (about the park board) have been going on in the opposite direction for years, and there was no town hall meeting then, so why now?"

Githens emphasized complaint isn't the purpose of the meetings, and referred to recently-established park board sub-committees seeking to increase professionalism on the park board and at the park in the areas of policy and finance, among others.

"I want to let the committees function," said Githens. "They don't even have their feet wet yet (and) they've probably done more positive work in two months than has been done in years, honestly."

Noting there were calls to abolish both the previous park board from one "side" of a number of issues, and the current park board from the opposite side, Githens suggested waiting to see what the current park board will do before the matter comes before appointing entities.

Ricciardi suggested the town hall meeting be an opportunity for citizens to voice opinions as to what they'd like to see at the park, rather than spend the meeting complaining.

Audience member Mary Hephrey said those attending park board meetings have already voiced opinions on both sides of currently debated issues, though Ricciardi said a regular park board meeting is limited in its capacity for open, lengthy discussion from the public.

Munroe said she had not liked the direction of the park board when she attended its meetings a few years ago, though she said numerous citizen letters regarding the park board have put the council in the position to need a response. She expressed agreement with McInturff.

"I was one of the people pounding on the door (of the park board in the past) saying, 'Why are we operating this way?' We can't win on perception or community division."

She added that the current board is a different group of people than those serving when the call to abolish the park board first began, noting, "I'm not comfortable with abolishing a board because some people don't like the decisions they make. Two years ago, it was a different group of people who didn't like (the previous board's operation)."

Hephrey said he has "a list since 2005 of a variety of things I and a lot of other people felt were very poor decisions, and there's been something major every year. I didn't hear a call for a town hall meeting, and I didn't hear people going to park board meetings (at an increased level). Even after that tragic event (the drowning of a swimmer at the town beach) last summer...nobody called for town hall meetings or attending more park meetings...now we have made a change and a few people don't like it, and I respect that, but why would we have a town hall meeting now?"

"I like Bill's idea," he added. "Give it a year and if we don't perform, kick us out."

Mary Hephrey asked if those calling for abolition of the park board are "involved in the town, or are they (former

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Ice sculptures to be part of Feb. 14 wknd ice fishing, winter event

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It appears likely the weather will cooperate in facilitating enough ice for a second annual North American Ice Fishing Conference national tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee (since the first year's attempt in 2012 was a no-go due to lack of ice), the weekend of Feb. 14 through 16.

One difference this year is the addition of at least the first iteration of a previously hoped-for winter carnival, according to Tony Sellers of the Culver Chamber of Commerce.



PHOTO/INDIANAICESTUDIO.COM

Ice sculptures like those shown above, from the Indiana Ice Studio, are planned to be part of the festivities in Culver the weekend of Feb. 14.

While more events are hoped to be added in future years (and perhaps even yet this year), already on tap are ice sculptors from the Indiana Ice Studio (www.indianaicestudio.com), with individual sculptures, sponsored by local businesses, on display on sidewalks in the downtown and uptown area. Additional special sculptures will likely also be viewable in the town park.

Ice skating at the town park should also be in full swing by then, notes Sellers, making a natural tie-in to the festivities.

As in last year's event, the ice fishing tournament itself -- which is expected to have a \$21,000 payout -- takes place Sunday the 16th, though many

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Culver Comm. Schools retains 'C' grade in state-released ratings

By Carol Anders

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana school corporations have known their accountability grades for the 2012-2013 school year for several months; but the grades were just released by the State Board of Education to the public on Jan. 15. Superintendents were given an opportunity to challenge their grade by using an appeal process. To file an appeal, official paperwork had to be submitted to the state between Nov. 15 and Dec. 7.

The A-F grading system was designed to hold schools and corporations to higher standards. Data used in labeling includes student academic growth, graduation rates, as well as college and career readiness.

Percentages such as the number of students passing or failing ISTEP tests, scores on end of course assessments at the high school level, or increases or decreases in graduation rates are entered into a formula and changed to points. Marshall County school corporations fared very well.

Culver Community Schools showed a slight decrease in points, going from 2.48 to 2.43; but stayed as a "C" corporation.

Argos was given a "B" grade (up from last year's "C"), Triton an "A," Plymouth Schools retained their "B" label, and Bremen School Corporation a "B."

Formulas are used to make determinations of school performances and improvements using data submitted and verified by the school corporations, charter schools or nonpublic schools. Appeals could be based on statistical er-

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New superintendent, board member part of Culver school board mtg

By Rhonda Reinhold and Jeff Kenney

It was a meeting of "firsts" for the Culver Community School board January 13. Besides being the first meeting of the year for the board, it was also the first board meeting for new superintendent Vicki McGuire, who started her tenure Jan. 1, as well as the first meeting for board member Mark Maes.

It was also a meeting marking some endings. Maes replaced longtime former board member Ed Behnke, while fellow board member Marilyn Swanson, who also served a number of years representing North Bend Township, announced her resignation near the end of the meeting.

Swanson began by citing a New York Times article emphasizing the importance of raising children with gratitude (she noted a study showed children raised in homes with gratitude are more likely to have higher GPA's, less depression, and a better outlook on life), and then told the

board and audience she had "enjoyed very much being on this board," but needed to resign due to health issues.

She added she felt board members should attend all called meetings and extra offerings intended for board member enrichment and education.

Several board members welcomed Maes and thanked Swanson for her service.

For his part, Maes said he was "honored and feel privileged to serve. I am here for the students."

The meeting also included reorganization of the board, with Jack Jones chosen as new president, replacing Jim Wentzel. Ken VanDePutte was named vice president and Dave Cooper secretary.

Tom Bendy was retained as corporation treasurer and Harold L. "Sonny" Wyland retained again for 2014 as legal advisor.

McGuire was named Title 9 coordinator.

Bendy reported the school corporation has gained 11 students since its last count in September. He also reported the corporation had appropriated \$6.4 million in spending, though expenses appear to be at \$6.6 million, so there may be a need to dip into the Rainy Day Fund.

The projected revenue for the next four years is \$5.9 million, he added, so the corporation is not quite at its goal, given student decline.

Approved by the board was setting percentage expenditure goals as required by Indiana code.

Also voted was transfer from one appropriation to another to balance the year-end budget.

The board will continue to meet two times per month, on the first and third Mondays of each month, with one meeting per month in May, June, and July.

Appointed was a contract negotiation committee con-

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park superintendent Kelly Young's) good friends?"

Githens suggested informative reports about park board progress, like Helphrey's, could diffuse volatility at a town hall meeting, though McInturff noted a detailed report by Helphrey at a recent park meeting "didn't diffuse anything."

As part of his report to the council, Helphrey said the park board's immediate focus in the next few months will center on completing the new ice rink in the park, sending out pier lease agreements, complete a job search for a new superintendent, address and correct building issues, and purchase a computerized Point of Sale system, among others.

EMS position, decision

In other discussion, Ricciardi explained Culver's EMS changed its by-laws at its November meeting and elected Kimberly Irsa as vice director, duties she has taken on in addition to her regular duties as a full-time, paid EMT. Ricciardi moved to increase Irsa's wages to the equivalent of vice director pay in conjunction with her regular full-time wage, retroactively through December, at \$14.56 per hour, a change of 77 cents.

Audience member Jim Hahn asked if Ricciardi's role as a council member and EMS board member in the matter represented a conflict of interest.

Attorney Clevenger acknowledged state statute indicates an individual can't serve on both boards simultaneously, though Ricciardi is grandfathered in since the law took effect recently.

Ricciardi rescinded her motion, with council member Ed Pinder making the motion instead.

Audience member Russ Mason asked if the EMS doesn't have enough volunteers to pull a vice director from that pool, which he said is where the director and vice director traditionally have come from, rather than from the paid membership.

EMS director Brandon Cooper said a number of director and vice director duties are "just day to day. We thought it best, since the full-timers are here three days a week, to have them take that job (vice director) on."

Ricciardi abstained from the otherwise unanimous council vote affirming the motion, later noting the matter had been brought to her attention as then council president, rather than in her EMS capacity.

Vocational ed program funding for Culver

The council agreed to further consideration of a request by Marshall County Community Foundation executive director Linda Yoder to help fund Project Lead the Way, a national initiative to bring public and private school students into conformity with stem initiatives, which demonstrate workforce readiness in a variety of vocational fields.

Marshall County, many of whose leaders have already committed to supporting the initiative fiscally and in other ways, would be part of a five-county, Northern Indiana cooperative to ensure conformity to the standards. Yoder explained the effort would also address problems in attracting large corporations such as Toyota, which include stem initiatives as part of their requirements for locating

in a given geographic area.

The Corporate Partners for Economic Growth organization has agreed to a \$2 million match to the regional cooperative, each of whose county members must commit to a local match. The result is a reduction to about 18 percent of the cost of the program to schools. Marshall County has been asked for a match of \$252,000.

Yoder further said curriculum can be tailored to the needs of each school to fill voc-ed gaps.

Commitments need to be made by mid-February, she noted, and classes can be implemented by next school year. A Jan. 28 meeting at the School of Inquiry in Plymouth will provide a forum for county-wide leaders to discuss the matter.

Vicki McGuire, recently hired superintendent of Culver Comm. Schools, said schools "everywhere" seem to have Project Lead the Way, though Culver does not.

"I want the students here to have every opportunity that others do," she added.

Year-end reports

Several departments gave their year-end reports to the council, including the Culver Redevelopment Commission, two of whose openings for 2014 were filled by council vote. Munroe, as council president, reappointed existing members Brandon Cooper, Rick Tompos, and Kathy Clark, who wrote letters of interest in serving once again.

The council opted to re-advertise for the other two open positions.

Tompos gave the CRC's report, noting it continued its ongoing downtown project at \$605,000, which included new curbs, sidewalks, and lights; he said the Indiana Department of Transportation paid \$446,000 and the CRC \$160,000. The CRC also added some decorative crosswalks, different street signage, curbing, and lighting in addition to the aforementioned project, at \$106,000. More light poles will be added on Jefferson and Main Streets as well. The CRC paved about a block and a half of Jefferson Street.

Other CRC projects included \$50,000 towards Culver's comprehensive plan and \$6,500 towards the tree commission.

In the area of marketing Culver, the CRC funded production of two award-nominated Culver commercials for South Bend television, with one more on the way, focusing on fall and winter amenities here. Also spent was \$225,000 to reduce debt and save interest on one of the two TIF district bonds. The CRC still has a balance of about \$1.2 million in its account.

Tompos credited Clark for driving many CRC activities in recent years.

Delivering the year-end report for the EMS department, director Cooper noted John Grolick was retained as training officer and Dr. John Restreppo as medical director.

The service includes 10 volunteers, two full-time paid and nine part-time paid staff.

In 2013, the EMS began advanced EMT classes to bring members up to the new, state-mandated standards taking effect in July, with the class ending in mid-March.

Sleeping quarters begin some months ago and attached

to the ambulance garage are now livable and have EMS members utilizing them, he said, and the department has begun the process of purchasing a new ambulance.

In 2013, 342 calls were responded to, which is down a bit from 2012, he noted. Medical calls accounted for 227 of those, and 93 were trauma. The service requested paramedic assistance 41 times; 11 of those times, help was unavailable.

The service covered 1,731 shifts with 910 volunteer hours, 261 full time hours, and 560 part-time. Two volunteer members were promoted to PRN status during 2013.

Cooper added that EMS board meetings will take place on third Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from January to March, after which they will revert back to their regular third Tuesdays at the same time.

During his year-end report, town marshal Wayne Bean said the police department received a \$10,000 donation from the Culver Educational Foundation, for which he thanked Githens, Tompos, and Culver Academies head of schools John Buxton. Githens explained the Foundation has, in the past, donated \$30,000 to Culver's fire and EMS departments each year, but not to the police, though Culver police are responsible for the safety of Academies students when they leave the school's campus.

Githens said he suggested each of Culver's emergency services department will receive \$10,000 from the Foundation.

Bean detailed new cameras and laptops -- replacing laptops more than seven years old -- for police vehicles. The money will be derived not only from the donation, but from funds provided by the county prosecutor's office and \$2,180 derived from the county ordinance violation fund.

The council approved the \$9,000 purchase, which will use no tax dollars.

Other actions, discussion

Appointed to Culver's tree commission was Ruth Tamminga of Culver, who has a background in horticulture. The second of two commission openings -- vacated by Mike Stallings and Kathy Clark -- will be re-advertised.

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Approved was \$2,044.90 to repair the Culver fire department's tanker truck, at fire chief Terry Wakefield's request, as well as \$1,950.51 for purchase and repairs on the department's older grass truck. Wakefield also lauded the community's efforts in donating batteries to the department, an initiative spearheaded by CVS Pharmacy of Culver.

Delivering utilities manager Bob Porter's report was town clerk Karen Heim, who explained Porter had to purchase a 2014 Silverado truck instead of the 2013 model approved last meeting by the council, which was sold before he reached the dealer. As a result, the council approved after-the-fact spending of \$1,801.50, the difference in cost between the two trucks. Also approved was \$1,276 for a replacement salt spreader chain for a town snow plow.

Several claims towards the ongoing west end storm sewer project -- which is two-thirds done, it was noted -- were approved as well.

Also approved was a 2014 contract for attorney Clevenger, with a \$5 per hour increase and small quarterly retainer fee increase as well.

Tony Sellers of the Culver Chamber of Commerce discussed the Feb. 14 through 16 national ice tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee (see article this issue). It was noted fishermen's ATV vehicles are not allowed on town streets by state statute, so Sellers discussed legal options for transporting their equipment to the town park launch site.

Between 50 and 100 attendees are hoped to spend the weekend in Culver, and new this year are "winter carnival" components including ice carvers spending time here over the weekend to create original works relating to local businesses, which council members said should be acceptable on town sidewalks as long as residents can walk around them.

Audience member Ed Pinder Jr. raised the question of whether Culver should initiate ordinances requiring residents to shovel from their sidewalks. Sellers said his Sellers Landscaping company plans to clear sidewalks on at least one side of the street throughout town as a test to see how much time and labor is involved, and it was discussed that the town could consider hiring a service such as his to handle the task town-wide after each snow.

A Feb. 11 work session was scheduled to discuss the matter. A Jan. 28 session is also scheduled regarding disaster response.

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Obituaries

Patricia L. (Wesson) Reilly

Jan. 11, 2014

DELTONA, Fla. — Patricia L. (Wesson) Reilly, Deltona, Fla., age 69, died Saturday Jan. 11, 2014. Mrs. Reilly had taught 33 years for Indianapolis Public Schools, and Bloomfield Public Schools as well as Decatur Township Public Schools. Most of her teaching career was spent in the middle school teaching language arts. She is survived by her husband Jim, her daughter Emily St. Clair both of Deltona, Fla. as well as a brother Tom Wesson of Goshen, his wife Nedra and their son Shawn and wife Kathy Wesson, and Buzz and Kathryn Wasson, three great-nephews (grandsons) William, Bradford and Stephen Reilly of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Reilly was very active in the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ as well as The Florida Conference. Her interest in theater and children allowed her to combine both passions into writing and directing plays. As well she loved constructive sewing, music, reading and writing. A celebration of life was held for Mrs. Reilly at Deltona United Church of Christ at Providence and Tivoli at 11 a.m. Saturday Jan. 18. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Crossroads Theater at Indiana State University, in Terre Haute or the Lovina Wesson Scholarship Fund of the Indiana Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. Arrangements entrusted to Deltona Memorial Funeral Home, Orange City, Fla.

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. 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.

Mon., Jan. 27: Beef and peppers, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, and peaches.

Tues., Jan. 28: Chicken caccitore, noodles, carrots and roll, Jello.

Wed., Jan. 29: Stuffed baker, cheese and taco meat, broccoli, pears, graham crackers.

Thurs., Jan. 30: Breakfast sandwich, hashbrown casserole, yogurt, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 31: Spaghetti, three bean salad, salad and dressing, bread, dessert.

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Library news

South Bend Chocolate Company Feb. 4

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host the South Bend Chocolate Company for a "History of Chocolate" program on Tuesday, February 4, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the large meeting room in the lower level of the library. Get ready for Valentine's Day by attending an entertaining program that's sure to be sweet! Contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

'Rear Window' at book-movie club

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will meet Wednesday, January 8 at noon in the library's large meeting room

downstairs.

The book is "Rear Window" by Cornell Woolrich and the film of the same name stars Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly and was directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Hal Jeffries is trapped in his apartment because of a broken leg and begins to notice unusual activity in the adjacent building. He wonders if a murder has been committed.

Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards. The Culver-Union Township Public Library is located at 107 N. Main Street in Culver. All programs are free and open to the public.

Park board finances clarification

Editor's note: Culver park board John Helphrey has requested clarification of some details of the financial report given on behalf of the board's finance committee which were printed in the Jan. 16 edition of The Culver Citizen. What follows is a summarized version of the report he delivered at that meeting.

The Culver park's 2013 total income was \$262,754.00. Expenses were \$255,795, with a surplus of \$6959. The ending fund balance was \$220,542, including \$33,309 of encumbered funds.

The majority of income was derived from pier space rental \$126,705. Property tax accounted for \$56,680, and the Union Township contract provided \$12,000. Beach passes totaled \$7,200, parking fees \$3449, concession profits were \$36,401 (though that amount is not accurate due to omitting overhead cost and combing revenue with daily beach entry fees, tube and ping pong rentals, etc.).

The total for pier install/removal, pier repair and install, and building improvements amounted to \$58,662.73, which is probably not accurate for pier expenses, according to the report, which continued: "Although all receipts are on file, they should contain more detail for items purchased. If for an event, what event and properly documented into inventory and recap attached to the claim invoice. Work done by contractors should also be more detailed and line items should contain the correct information. A Point Of Sale (computerized cash register and accounting) system will greatly help."

Park salaries and benefits totaled \$97,316, which was 38 percent of total expenses. Excluding the superintendent's and activity director's salary for the summer season, 14 life guards, four maintenance workers and three concession workers were paid \$52,644 for 133 days of work. That included \$3,124 in overtime to the life guards and maintenance workers. Maintenance salaries accounted for \$14,698.

"The superintendent stated that employees are expected

to work 40 hour weeks," says the report. "This seldom happened; thus the supposed need for extra time-and-a-half pay, even when they worked less

than 80 hours over two weeks. The committee recommends improving the time management of the employees, with the superintendent providing the board specific detail on why an employee is not working the required time and why overtime should be paid to an employee."

Park grounds maintenance totaled \$18,255. F&H Decks received \$5,255, Culver Power Equipment received over \$3,000 for maintenance, repair and some new lawn care equipment. About \$4,000 was paid in salary to park maintenance employees for lawn care, and \$6,000 went for sand and gravel (this does not include the maintenance of the parking lot).

The committee recommended the board explore obtaining detailed quotes from three qualified companies for care and maintenance of park grounds, in order to secure a fixed cost with warranties, eliminate the need for lawn equipment, the maintenance of it, and the risk that goes with handling the machinery.

Special events totaled \$10,475.72; the budget was \$5,000 (an additional \$10,565.89 was spent from the Other Supplies line item in the budget).

The park owns 14 pieces of lawn care equipment that is stored. Twelve items are in the pavilion shed, two are in the town garage. Most of the equipment dates back to 2005. There are 29 buoys, only five of which are stored, and several are in very poor shape. The rest of the inventory consists of some old indoor furniture, 8 to ten year old appliances, outside lawn furniture, grills, basketball nets and the piers.

"In order to avoid damage, loss, replacement cost and increased insurance cost, the committee recommends the buoys be stored inside and the piers stored offsite and out of harm's way."

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group will meet 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. For more information, email pwolf@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Community meal at St. Mary's Jan. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Thursday, Jan. 30. On the 30th day of 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.

Naturally 7 in concert Feb. 6

The vocal group Naturally 7 returns to the Eppley Auditorium stage at Culver Academies Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The New York City based group is touring Europe with Michael Bubl . 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.

Children's dance classes move to library

"Dancing with Meagan" classes held previously at the Culver beach lodge each Tuesday and Thursday will continue, but relocated to the Culver Public Library at 107 N. Main Street, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The classes are free and open to boys and girls ages 7-12.

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. 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.

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.

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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.

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If these walls could talk: 624 Lake Shore Drive

By Jeff Kenney

Picking up where we left off in the last installment of our ongoing series of "virtual" strolls through the history of notable buildings in Culver, we're dropping in to visit Larry at today's Brockey Insurance Building at 624 E. Lake Shore Drive, across from the town park.

Our Culver ancestors would have known the entire block, however, as the Hayes Block, which included what is today 624 Lake Shore Dr. and what was 642 Lake Shore Drive.

An April, 1912 report in The Culver Citizen refers to the Bogardus Saloon, occupied by William Hayes, being remodeled with a cellar placed under the bar room and a new front. Three years later, the Hays Saloon was preparing for its June 1 going out of business. It was noted the building would be "turned over to Elkhart parties who will fit it up for a Greek candy kitchen and florist's shop."

The new proprietors happened to have a very similar last name as the previous: they were Charles E. and Bertha E. Hayes, who turned the business into a restaurant in 1915.

In 1919, the Hayes opened with new decor and a \$1,500 music machine, player piano, and a violin, which would furnish music for "the dance hall which Mr. Hayes has just completed."

By September of that year, dances at the Hayes were a weekly feature bringing "a large crowd" to dance "to the music of the Tanner and Garn orchestra."

In Sept., 1920, C.E. Hayes sold the business to Mickel and Mack of Elkhart as owners of the restaurant portion of the operation, though Hayes opted to keep the "fountain business" and dance hall (two years later, the same Mickel and Mack bought Mont Foss' boat house and fleet of boats). By 1924, the business was known as Mickel &

Mack's, a combination restaurant and dance hall.

In March, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Lichtenberger purchased the Mack restaurant. In April of 1929, T. E. Houghton of Plymouth purchased the place (he already owned two cafes in Plymouth). In July 1931, the old Hayes building was being leased to serve as the Palace Theater, which opened in September.

However, the venture was short-lived. A major fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the building at a loss estimated at \$10,000. A grocery store and a soft drink parlor located at each side of the place were damaged by the early December fire.

The lot sat vacant for more than a quarter-century before the fondly remembered (at least by some) Frosty Cream, which at least in 1958 was owned by Howard Porcher. Vicki Lutz Wagner, commenting a year or two ago on a post on the Culver Citizen's Facebook page, recalled working at the ice cream stand, which was then owned by

Henry and Peg Lutes, from 1959 until August of 1963.

By 1965, references in The Culver Citizen show The Chatter Box serving meals at the location for dining in, carry out, or even drive-up ("Everyday Dinner Specials For 75 cents!")

The Chatter Box appears not to have lasted, and by 1974 (or perhaps earlier), the long-lived Hair Kare salon took up residence at 624 Lake Shore. By the mid-1980s, the business was under the proprietorship of Sandra J. Rippey, who ran it until 1999, after

which it operated under the name of Gerald H. and Carol S. (Arndt) Joyner.

By 2005, it was vacant, then briefly home to a summer supply business and the Milady Salon, before Larry Brockey relocated his insurance business there from 103 S. Main Street in 2010.

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A 1913 advertisement for the Hayes Restaurant at today's 624 Lake Shore Drive.



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Honoring MLK

LEFT: Hayes Barnes, of Culver (left) and Emily Hernandez perform a reading during the Martin Luther King Day observance at Culver Academies. Thomas Mayo, a 1975 CMA graduate and director of the Culver Fund, was the featured speaker.

The CMA and CGA diversity councils announced a new campaign, Pass It On, based on the words "Include, Respect, Share, Courtesy, Support, and Appreciation."

37 CCHS students headed to BPA state competition

Culver Comm. High School's Business Professionals of America met with great success Saturday at the BPA district-level competition at Warsaw.

Out of the Culver club's remarkably high number (for a school CCHS' size) of 46 members, 37 students earned their way to the state-level competition in Indianapolis in March, according to the Culver BPA's Facebook page.

Thirty students placed in the top three slots in their respective events, with 12 earning first place honors. Addi-

tionally, student Haley Klimaszewski was elected to be District II President for 2014. Students earning first place included:

Henrik Bill, Katie Blocker, Donny Clark, Keenan Galoway, Hailey Jones, Tevin Jones, Haley Klimaszewski, Grace Lorenz, Alecia Rearick, Summer Turney, Janele VanDePutte, and Kenny VanDePutte.

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Triton sweeps Culver in NSC doubleheader



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Culver's Alex Graham dribbles against a Triton defender during last Friday's doubleheader at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

CULVER — Both Triton's boys and girls basketball teams have finished on the wrong side of some close games this year. Both did a little growing up Friday night.

The Lady Trojans got a big 3 when they needed one from Kylie Mason, and the Trojans got a big performance from Tanner Shepherd as Triton's boys rallied past Culver 64-56, and Triton's girls claimed a 41-34 victory over the Lady Cavaliers in a pair of nip-tuck Northern State Conference classics in a doubleheader at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Triton got a big lift from a wolf in Shepherd's clothing Friday night. Tanner Shepherd's clothing that is. Shepherd shredded the Culver defense for a game-high 35 points, including six of the

Trojans' last eight, and the visitors rallied to a 64-56 victory over the Cavs.

"Shepherd just tore us alive tonight. We had no defensive containment, and he had some good looks and he buried them to his credit. He just played a phenomenal game, broke us down as a team," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott.

Time after time in the back-and-forth nightcap, Triton needed a big play, and, time after time, Shepherd delivered. The 6-1 senior guard's performance included a perfect 11-for-11 finish at the free-throw line.

The also Trojans got numerous big plays from the rest of their cast down the stretch. The two teams swapped leads six times in the contest and were tied on three different occasions, the last time at 51-all at the 3:04 stop of the fourth period.

Free throws were a big part of the final equation as Triton finished 19-of-24 from the line, and Culver went 6-for-8 on its home floor at John R. Nelson Gym.

"The difference was the fouls. We were in foul trouble all night with different kids. They shoot 24 free throws, we shoot eight on our home floor. What a big difference, and that was another key that we talked about," said Elliott.

Another problem for Culver was ball-handling as the Cavs surrendered 19 turnovers to only seven by the visitors.

"The other thing is turnovers. We had 18 or somewhere in there. Just way too many turnovers in a contest like this if you expect to win, and that's where Triton was," said Elliott. "They took care of the basketball. That was one of our keys — you've got to take care of the basketball... But that didn't happen, especially down the stretch."

The loss represented a big blow to Culver's hopes at an NSC title as the Cavs slipped to a 1-2 start in league play.

"The unfortunate part is it's a huge loss for our chance to compete for a championship in the NSC," Elliott said. "Two losses really puts you in the hole there right off the bat. We're sitting at 1-2 right now in the conference, and we've still got some tough competition as well. I'm very disappointed for the loss in the NSC."

While Culver suffered its second loss in three games, there were plenty of bright spots for the Cavs. Jacoda Anderson went a flawless 7-for-7 from the floor on his way to a team-best 19 points followed by Trent Elliott's 16 as the Trojans keyed in on the DII player, and Everett Krueger started his night 4-for-5 from beyond the arc on his way to 15 points.

"Obviously (Elliott's) a great player and you've got to take him away and make somebody else beat you," said Groves. "I thought the Krueger kid and Anderson stepped up tonight and really played well. But we really keyed on (Elliott) and tried to take him away. It was a total team effort. Tanner Shepherd guarded him most of the game, but the other guys were aware of him and helped out. Like I said before, a total team effort, a great win."

"There were some positives. Everett Krueger I thought did a nice job tonight. For awhile they were in a triangle and two and they had two kids on Elliott and Anderson, and we found Everett in the corner and he stepped up and made plays there, and that's huge," said Culver's boss.

• TRITON 64, CULVER 56

At Culver

LADY TROJANS 41,
LADY CAVS 34



PHOTO/SUE GARRITY

Culver's Angella Lewellen fouls Triton's Mallorie Jennings during Friday's opener.

Up 38-34, the Lady Trojans pulled the ball out and forced Culver to foul. Triton held onto the ball until Mason buried a one and one with 23 seconds on the clock to bring the score to its final margin in a 41-34 back-and-forth NSC girls opener at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I didn't think that we played a bad basketball game, we just had stretches where we didn't play very well and shots that we didn't hit down the stretch and they did hit," said Culver head coach Gina Hierlmeier. "The one thing that we didn't want to do was allow Kylie to take wide open shots, and as fatigue set in we just didn't get out on her as aggressively as we would've liked to, and she knocked down shots. So I give them credit for being able to knock down shots and execute their game plan at the end."

As in the boys nightcap, the big finish was a nice confidence-builder for Triton, which has occasionally struggled down the stretch this season. Triton took its final lead on Lauren Hostrawser's putback with 3:12 remaining in the game, and Mason's dagger from the wing helped the Trojans hold off their hosts. Culver's biggest bright spot came at the 52.7-second stop of the second as senior IU East recruit Kayla Shaffer scored her 1,000th point on a driving lay-up. Shaffer finished the night with a team co-leading 12 points to go with a game-high six assists. The main beneficiary of those assists was junior post player Mickella Hardy, who matched Shaffer's output with 12 points to go with a double-double 10 rebounds.

"Kayla obviously is a huge part of this program, and has been a huge part of the program since I've been here," said Hierlmeier. "The thing I keep telling her and telling other people is one thing she's really improved on with our injuries is that more and more people are paying more and more attention to her, she's really finding the open player, which allows our team to be better and allows our post play to be stronger. Even down the stretch when we had Donna (Zehner) burying a couple people and she had some nice entry passes, we just didn't have people finish. Those three players, along with Angela (Lewellen) are very big for the program, and I'm very proud of what they've done this season. I'm just disappointed we didn't get a win tonight."

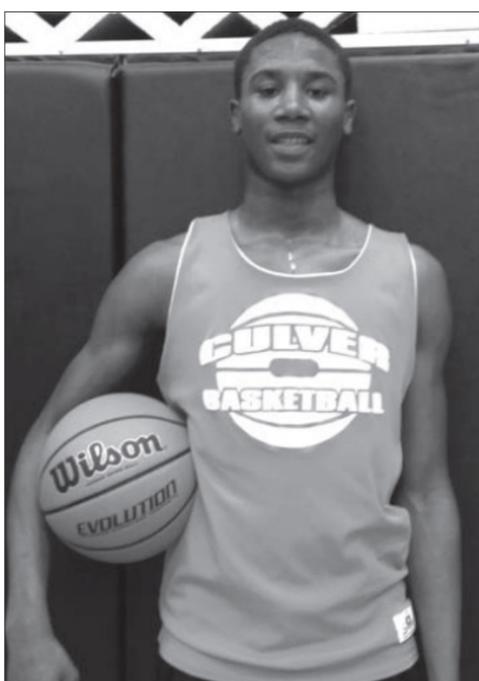
The Trojans and the Cavs have a chance to meet again in the second round of next week's Bi-County Tournament. Culver opens at Glenn, while Triton plays at New Prairie Tuesday with a potential rematch in Thursday's semifinals at LaVie. After that a third meeting could be in the cards as Sectional 51 looms in three weeks.

"This was a good tune-up for the end part of our season," said Hierlmeier. "We start with Bi-County and then we have two weeks until sectional. We're going to play a lot of good teams down the stretch so you want to be in these situations where hopefully you come out on top, but our younger kids learned a lot tonight I think. We haven't been in a close game in awhile, they made some mistakes, and we talked about that so hopefully down the stretch they'll learn from that and they'll be able to get some wins."

• TRITON 41, CULVER 34

At Culver

One on one with Culver's Jacoda Anderson



Q: How long have you been playing basketball?

A: I have been playing since the fifth grade.

Q: I know you have had some injury trouble in the past, but how does it feel to be playing full speed again?

A: It feels great. It sucks being out for so long. It's fun being back out there.

Q: What has been your most memorable moment so far in your basketball career?

A: I can't tell you if that has happened yet. Hopefully, if we win Bi-County and Sectionals, it will probably be this whole senior year for me, just coming back finally.

Q: Who has been your biggest inspiration?

A: My family and friends. The people who have been looking out for me since I've been playing sports period, since second grade when I starting playing football. The people that have been looking out for me ever since then.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time when you're not playing basketball?

A: I like to hang out with my family.

Q: If you had a superhero power, what would it be and why?

A: To teleport. You can always get whatever you want. You can be wherever you want to be.

Q: What are your future plans after this senior year?

A: Hopefully, I can play some college ball somewhere. I don't know where yet since I've been out my whole junior year. It's kind of hard. I have to put in as much work as I can.

Q: I know you mentioned Bi-County and Sectionals, but is there anything else you are looking forward to this season?

A: Winning Conference. That's a big deal for us. I feel like we can win that. Our coaches are all saying, "We all believe that we can win the conference this year." It's up for grabs.

Sports briefs



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Culver Military Academy's Devonte Campbell scores in the Eagles' 56-54 overtime home victory over West Lafayette High School Tuesday. Campbell scored a game-high 25 points in the win.

Cavs bounce back
Culver Community bounced back from its first loss of See Sports page 6

Boys basketball

CMA beats Maconaquah

Culver Military handed visiting Maconaquah a 66-43 defeat at home Saturday.

Devonte Campbell scored 23 points to lead three CMA players in double figures, while Elijah Miller and Rayford Dexter El finished with 14 and 13, respectively. Eljay Murray scored nine, meanwhile.

Maconaquah was led by Ben Stephenson's 10 and Wyatt Hughes' nine.

• CULVER MILITARY 66, MACONAQUAH 43 at Culver

Eagles tear Granger

Culver Military's basketball team dropped 97 points, and the Eagles routed visiting Granger Christian 97-23 Friday night.

Devnote Campbell scored 18 points, Justin Batiz finished with 14, Rayford Dexter El put up 12, Elijah Miller scored 11, and Eljay Murray scored 10 as five different CMA players racked up double figures in the win.

Granger was led by Christian Brill's eight points.

The Eagles move to 6-1 with the win.

• CULVER MILITARY 97, GRANGER CHRISTIAN 23 at Culver

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Ice from page 1

fishermen will likely arrive earlier in the week. Special events are planned for the public and for registered participants throughout the weekend, starting Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. with "Ice Fishing Fundamentals" at the Culver VFW Post on Washington Street.

The event, which is free of charge and open to all, includes NAIFC Pro Staff explaining and demonstrating the basic skills needed and techniques used in ice fishing. Designed for the beginners and intermediate fisherman, the class will provide basic skills used by every fisherman, including knot tying, bait hooking, when and how to use plastics and jigs, sharpening hooks, fish filleting and cooking, frying, and breadng basics.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday evening, four to six NAIFC Pro-staff will each speak for 15 to 20 minutes covering one techniques or piece of equipment in-depth. This portion of the seminar program is geared toward educating fishermen to the world of Tournament Ice Fishing, and is free of charge and open to the public. The goal is to put attendees on the fast track to becoming highly skilled anglers, eventually becoming teachers to their friends and fishers in the local community.

A round-table discussion with NAIFC Pro Staff will take place after the seminar, from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a free Cabela's Kids Ice Camp will take place at the fire station on Lake Shore Drive. Each youth who attends will receive a free HT Enterprises Ice Rod and promotional items for their future ice fishing adventures.

From noon to 1 p.m., parents must accompany their kids for the on-ice portion of this event, with the NAIFC Pro Staff (this is an outdoor event; please dress for the weather).

Saturday evening, registered team members are required to attend a rules meeting from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the train station/depot on Lake Shore Drive.

Late registration is accepted from 5 to 6 p.m. for up to 150 teams for an additional \$20 fee.

On Sunday, February 16, indoor weigh-in takes place at 2 p.m. at the depot.

The public is invited to come watch as the teams weigh in their "catch of the day," and find out which teams will automatically receive an invitation, or did they accumulate enough points to secure their spot for the National Championship.

Last year's event, which included camera crews for national cable broadcast, brought 22 teams to Culver, and that following some thawing which cast doubt as to whether the event would even take place (fishing spots, in fact, were limited, but many of those who did attend gave high marks to the community by the end of the event). It's hoped that this year's much more robust winter weather, then, may bring in significantly more teams, and Sellers points out that each team is comprised of at least two people, giving that much more exposure to local amenities.

A full schedule of events and more information on the

Benn becomes first CMA player drafted by MLL



Johns Hopkins attackman Brandon Benn '10 was selected by the Chesapeake Bayhawks in the fifth round of the Major League Lacrosse collegiate draft on Jan. 10. Benn became the first Culver Military Academy player selected to play at the professional level. Preparing for his senior season at Hopkins, Benn was the 40th pick overall.

Benn has led the Blue Jays in scoring for the last two years.

He is first Hopkins player to score more than 30 goals in two consecutive seasons since 1998-1999 and is carrying a 16-game goal-scoring streak into the 2014 season. In three years at Culver, Benn was a two-time All-American, accumulated over 280 points, and was a member of three state championship teams.

Sports from page 5



CMA's Nick Zalduendo drives to the basket guarded by #12 Kyle Dinn of Moconaquah HS. Nick is a senior from Peoria Heights, Illinois. CMA won 66 to 43 this past Saturday, a home game.

theseason with a 68-55 win over visiting Washington Township at home Tuesday.

Trent Elliott put up 24 points with 13 rebounds, while Everett Krueger scored 15, and Preston Hansel chipped in 11 points with three steals and four assists.

Washington Township was paced by Alex Perez's 16 and 13 points apiece from Nathan Line and Brandon Adkins.

Culver moves to 7-1 on the season, while Washington slips to 7-3.

• CULVER 68, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP 55
At Culver

Eagles edge West Lafayette in OT

Devonte Campbell scored 25 points, Elijah Miller put up 17, and Culver Military edged out West Lafayette 56-54 in overtime at home at The Academies Tuesday night.

The Eagles converted 12 of 17 free throws and won both the battle of the boards, 28-22, and the turnover battle, 11-14, in the win, which pushed the team out to 5-1 on the season in its first game back after a long holiday layover.

West Lafayette was led by three players in double figures — William Mbongo with 16, Trev Parker with 12 and Jared Snoble with 11.

• CULVER MILITARY 56, WEST LAFAYETTE 54 OT
at Culver

Girls basketball

CGA routs Hammond Clark

Culver Girls Academy held visiting Hammond Clark under 20 in a 50-19 rout at home Saturday.

Victoria Christlieb scored 15, Marie Steiner put up 12, and Grace Holzer finished with 11. Jessie Etheridge notched nine in the win.

Hammond Clark was paced by Oshuntique Woods' six points.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 50, HAMMOND CLARK 19
at Culver

Culver wins at Knox

Culver Community's girls basketball team moved to 2-1 in the Northern State Conference with a 53-40 win at Knox Tuesday night.

Kayla Shaffer led three Culver players in double figures with 20 points. Mickella Hardy finished with 17 and Donna Zehner scored 10 points in the win, which pushed Culver out to 11-2 and 2-1 in the NSC.

Knox was led by Sarah Coad's 13 points and Kara Howard's 11 as the Lady Redskins slipped to 6-7 with a 2-1 NSC mark.

• CULVER 53, KNOX 40

At Knox

Knox deals Culver 2nd loss

Culver Community's girls basketball team fell 53-40 in an NSC game on the road at Knox Tuesday.

Mickella Hardy finished with 17 points and Donna Zehner scored 10 points with 10 rebounds as the Cavs worked from in close.

Sarah Coad put up 13 and Kara Howard had 11 for the winners, who moved to 2-1 in the conference and 6-7 overall.

Culver slides to 11-2 with a 2-1 NSC record.

• KNOX 53, CULVER 40
At Knox

Boys hockey

CMA hockey goes 1-2

Culver Military's prep team earned a 5-0 victory over Detroit Catholic Central, while the CMA varsity B team and U16 team both suffered losses at the Academies over the weekend.

Brennan Kapcheck, Mitchell Bauman, Spencer Cage, Matt Donnelly and Karch Bachman all scored in the prep win.

Brian Krupp was CMA's lone scorer in the 4-1 varsity B loss to Fort Wayne Carroll, while Nick Bissonnette scored the Eagles a goal in their 3-1 U16 loss to Detroit Catholic Central.

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 5, DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 0
at Culver

Eagles rout Riley

Jonathan Irving recorded a hat trick, and Culver Military's varsity A hockey team routed visiting South Bend Riley 8-1 on Wednesday evening.

Irving scored two straight goals at 9:11 and 4:36 marks of the second period, then finished his hat trick at the 14:46 stop of the final frame.

Riley Tigrett and Max Lerman each scored twice for CMA in the win.

• CULVER MILITARY (Varsity A) 8, S.B. RILEY 1
at Culver



CMA's Lorenzo Ricks (No. 34) goes up for a shot while Christian Brill of Granger (No. 22, at right) attempts to stop him as teammate Eljay Murray (No. 31), at left, looks on, during Friday night's game against Granger Christian.

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vickie McGuire - a 'Q & A'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Editor's note: Dr. Vicki McGuire was hired in December as the new (and first female) superintendent of schools for Culver Community School Corporation, moving here from Jennings County, Indiana, where she was principal of Hayden Elementary School (a detailed look at her past and present accomplishments and qualifications appeared in the Dec. 5, 2013 edition of The Culver Citizen, and may be accessed online via culvercitizen.com).

What follows is a more personal and in-depth "conversation" with Dr. McGuire concerning her decision to come to Culver and thoughts for the future of the school system here.

How did you get started in education and what motivated you?

I actually spent ten years in the medical field before going into education. I was a Charge QMA (Qualified Medication Aide), meaning I did Nurse Aide work, gave medications, and took responsibility for the facility when the nurse was not available. I then went to work for an optometrist, where I assisted the doctor with anything to do with vision, diagnostic testing or the health of the eye.

While working with the doctors, I decided I thoroughly enjoyed learning and that I would pursue my original dream to be a teacher. My dad had been a recipient of a Purple Heart Award and courses were nearly free for a Child of a Disabled Veteran. It had been a while since I had been in school, but I went for it full force and am so glad I did.

What made you decide to come to Culver as opposed to other directions?

I had begun to search for a superintendent position in Indiana and was willing to relocate in order to do what I so enjoy. I researched Culver Community Schools and found it to be very unique. The lakes are beautiful (even the snow is beautiful), the town is adorable. Actually, the town and surrounding counties (another unique aspect of CCSC) are very similar to my previous district in regards to the small community settings.

After doing my homework on Culver Community Schools Corporation, I felt that they had what I needed and that I could also be an asset for the corporation. I orig-



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Dr. Vickie McGuire.

inally thought my "southern accent" might scare my interviewers away. Luckily, for me, they were gracious enough to consider me as the new superintendent. In my eyes, we are all just people with the same goals for our children, regardless of our social status or accent.

How are the challenges facing Culver's public school system the same, and how are they different than other schools in Indiana?

Note: It also helped that my husband saw several bald eagles, huge groups of deer and turkeys during our first visit to the area. This made it easy to get him to move into the area.

What is your vision in considering and addressing the challenges Culver schools face in the area of enrollment issues, and budgeting?

Enrollment issues are prevalent in many public schools these days. My plans for Culver are to ensure that students WANT to come to Culver Community Schools Corporation. We are a positive group of educators who plan to create an even more "welcoming" atmosphere. I must set the example for staff and ensure that they are then able to pay it forward to students.

I want the schools to be the focal point of the community. We are a small community school that proudly embraces four counties. I invite former, present, and prospective students and parents to contact me so that I can

set up a time to speak with them on a personal basis to determine how we can most individually meet their needs. I am new to CCSC and I WANT to hear their thoughts and concerns.

How are Culver's schools affected by the various broader issues being debated at the state level regarding public education (be it standardized testing, core curriculum, state "grading" of school performances, vouchers)?

The state of Indiana has been in somewhat of a continuous transition for the past several years. State School Superintendent, Glenda Ritz and former State School Superintendent, Tony Bennett have two very different philosophies of education.

With that said, I do believe that all educators must be held accountable for the education of our children. Standardized testing such as ISTEP+ was originally used to determine the needs of students, and teachers used them as a guide to help them remediate. So much now rides on these tests that educators throughout Indiana seem to think only of how to make scores higher.

It is understandable why they do this. The stakes are high but we have to remember, as educators, that students are not numbers and they still need the gentle touch, leadership, and guidance from educators in our schools.

School grades are another issue. There is a formula that is quite lengthy and complicated, in which these school grades are generated. There is much controversy about the accuracy of this system. We are proud of all our children, regardless of how the formula turns out. We have very good schools in CCSC and many caring people.

What do you see as the greatest strengths of the Culver community and its school system?

I believe Culver Community Schools families want the best for their children and are eager to work as a team with school staff to make that happen for "our" children.

What else might you want to add that we haven't covered?

I appreciate you taking time to get my thoughts. Any time I can get to help bring the community and school together is an opportunity I want to take.

A huge thank you goes out to all community and staff for working together during our week of severe weather.

Culver Elementary School honor roll

Culver Elementary School has released its honor roll for the second grading period.

1st grade: Cassidy Banks, Mackenzie June Bauknecht, Brynn Berndt, Ethan Binion, Amber Black, Emma Brown, Vanessa Cadle, Jake Conroy, Zareck Dare, Bethany Rose DeLong, Robert Cole Evans, Kristian Bruce Fairchild, Kaylie Gibson, Madlin Hamilton, Kaden Herrera, Austin Hinsey, Melody Summer Holstein, Jalynn Hopkins, Zoey Hunnicutt, Reyonica Hunt, Donavon Wayne Jefferies, Chloe Kanschat, Tyra King, Daniel Laba, Gage Long, Owen Manikowski, Katherine Marek, Aiden Minix, Braidon Molebash, Connor Moon, Jocuelin Ashley Emily Nystrom, Bryce Personette, Rachel Pietsch, Ashley Nicole Pugh, Adamariz Rojas-Mendoza, Chloe Salyer, Katie Schouten, Tyler Siddall, Annabell Marie Slattery, James Patrick Vanenburg, Mason Lee Wagoner, Kyler Weiger, Peyton Timothy Weist, Olivia Woodward.

2nd grade: Abigail Marie Caudill, Carter Lewis Clingler, Zane Arthur Coble, Faith Daugherty, Megan Taylor England, Chloe Gabrielle Felda, Gwendylan Maree Gilley, Willow Ann Harrington, Seth Hazen, EmmaLee Rae Hillman, Emily Frances Holstein, Tiara LeeAnn Howard, Nora Anne Johnston, Avery M Keller, Brady Christian Kindernay, Lily-Ann Marie Knapp, Arwen Blair Kornblith, Mason Robert Kreischer, Derek Anthony McKee, Mackenzie Metz, Tristan Nickole Nix, Jack A Rodgers, Miah Jordan Shock, Grace Marie Sieber, Aleksander Poe Stacy, Landon Franklin Stevens, Ethan Charles Thompson, Eriahna Nikole Vela, Anessa Ryanne Wireman, Maralee Elisabeth Wyatt, Bryan Aiden Wyrick.

3rd grade: Kevin Ray Bailey, Baleigh Grace Binkley, Devin Jacob Burkett, Jason A Cadle, Olivia Katelyn Compton, Tessa Marie Conroy, Carson Jacob Cormican, Ruth Autumn Counts, Chloe Lauren Danti, Shawn

Thomas Donley, Trenton Wayne Fritter, Kaylee Maxine-Kay Hamilton, Harrison P Hanley, Hunter D Hanley, Alisa Jo Hinds, Gabriella Starr Hopkins, Collin Pierce Hunnicutt, Kali Brynne Kidd, Abigail Grace Kisela, Kenna Ann Kreischer, Merissa MaeRayann Lowry, Ashton E. Macedonio, Ashton Michael Xavier McCarthy, Caleb Mark Miller, Abigail Mia Nufer, Emiliano Robert Ortiz, Joseph Thomas Pizur, Addison Elizabeth Pohl, Benton Sayavongsing, Ches Michael Schrimsher, Aydan Skyy Shaffer, Shane Owen Shuman, Alexander Sorg, Kaitlyn Anne Stacy, Sidney Christine Stamper, Linda Sue Thamm.

4th grade: Ayden Lee Annis, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Savannah Marie Barnes, Zoey Louise Coble, Shanna Daugherty, Matthew Paul Davis, Sydney Sue Denham, Kordelia Fulton, Dayne Kennedy Garbacik, Anna Katherine Gregorash, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Savannah Grace Hissong, Katelynn M McCarty, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Kaydin Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Natalie Mechelle Stevens.

5th grade: Ashley L Burkett, Anthony J Czerniak, Damian R Dunn, Francis K Ellert, Olivia A Gilley,

Joshua P Havron, Olivia Grace Holstein, Kaleigh M Kephart, Jonah M King, Taylor R Lewandowski, Lillian E Proskey, Wyatt M Ringer, Nolan W Shaffer, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Chyna Dawn Thomas.

6th grade: Isabelle J Ahlenius, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Jacob C Fisher, Trista Rae Fritter, Edwin J Holstein, Allan C James, Hunter A Manns, Sophie Elise Michi, Noah Riley Parsons, Erin K Renneker, Dana T Rodgers, Lilly M Sayavongsing, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Owen R Valiquet, Donavan M Ziaja.

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sisting of Maes, Jones, and board member Ryan Sieber, as well as the principals of each school building. A discussion team of Cooper, VanDePutte, and Wentzel, in addition to McGuire and the three principals, will meet with the Teachers' Association.

Sieber was appointed as liaison to the Indiana School Board Association and will attend the fall state conference.

Cooper also praised the school staff responsible for snow removal at the various buildings, at which he said they did "a great job."

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rors, changed in the demographics of student populations, and errors in the data received. Results made public on Wednesday only included Indiana public schools.

When the academic year started in the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board of Education changed the labels for school categories. The new designations are now based on school performance. Prior to the changes, schools were given labels of exemplary, commendable, academic progress, academic watch and academic probation. The state introduced the new methodology that now uses A-F grades.

According to information on the IDOE (Indiana Department of Education) website, the changes were made to help the public assess progress.

Included in the IDOE explanation, is the following: "The new A-F labels improve transparency by allowing parents and community members to better recognize how well Indiana schools are performing and leading students to achieve positive outcomes."

Among Indiana Schools with "F" labels are School of East Chicago with .53 points; Medora Community School Corporation with .15 points; and Indianapolis Public Schools with .96 points.

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Israel: A Light unto the Nations

Those who demonize Israel are either misinformed or malevolent

If that proverbial man from Mars came to visit and read the world's newspapers, especially those in the Arab and Muslim world, he would be convinced that Israel was the most evil nation in the world and the source of all of the world's strife.

What are the facts?

A nation to be emulated. The reality, of course, is that Israel is a nation, a society that should be admired and emulated by many countries in the world. The very fact of how the State of Israel came into being is one of the most inspiring in history. Born out of the ashes of the Holocaust, it has emerged as one of the most advanced, productive and prosperous countries in the world.

The demonization of Israel, assiduously cultivated by the Muslim world, reached a crescendo following Israel's defensive actions in Gaza. Instead of being grateful to the holod Jews for having totally withdrawn, the Palestinian Gazans showed their "gratitude" by almost daily pounding of Israeli towns with thousands of rockets and bombs. After countless warnings, Israel ultimately decided to put an end to this travesty.

When Israel finally did invade Gaza it took the most elaborate precautions not to hurt civilians. As a first in the history of warfare, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets, warning the population and urging it to abandon areas in which military action would take place. The Israeli military made thousands of phone calls urging people to leave areas that would come under attack. But fighting in a densely populated environment is difficult, and loss of civilian life is hard to avoid. Hamas fighters wear no uniforms. It is impossible to tell them from civilians. Is a person who allows a nuclear warhead in his backyard a civilian or a fighter? And how about using schools, hospitals and mosques as munitions depots and staff centers? The base and cry of Israel's demonizers of using "disproportionate force" is totally absurd. The ultimate result, comparing Israel to the Nazis, is freely bandied about by Israel's detractors.

Israel is not an "apartheid state." Another familiar tactic of Israel's vilifiers is to call it an "apartheid state," on the model of former South Africa. But that is so ridiculous, so preposterous, it is hard to believe that serious people can countenance it. The exact opposite is the case. Israel is the only country in its beleaguered neighborhood in which people of all colors and religions prosper and have equal rights. Israel, expending substantial effort, rescued tens of thousands of black Jews from Ethiopia. And it has given assistance and absorbed countless Christian expatriates from Sudan, who escaped from being slaughtered by their Muslim countrymen. Israel's over one million Arab citizens enjoy the same rights and privileges as their Jewish fellows. They are represented in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and are members of its bureaucracy, of its judiciary, and of its diplomatic service.

All over the world, Leftists, including in the United States and, still to see, even in Israel itself, tirelessly condemn and vilify Israel. Why would they do that? First, of course, there is good old-fashioned anti-Semitism. Second, many of those who hate the United States vent their poison on Israel, which they consider being America's puppet in that area of the world. But Israel should certainly get top grades in all areas important to the Left. In contrast to all its enemies, Israel has the same democratic institutions as the United States. All religions thrive freely in Israel. Also, in contrast to all of its enemies, women have the same rights as men. Until quite recently the Chief Justice of Israel's Supreme Court was a woman. One sixth of the Knesset are women. Compare that to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy, where women are not even allowed to drive cars, where they cannot leave the country without permission of a male relative, and where they can be and often are condemned to up to 60 lashes if the "modesty police" deems them not to be properly dressed in public. Gays and lesbians are totally unaccepted in Israel; in the surrounding Muslim countries they would be subjected to the death penalty.

In spite of demonization and vilification by so much of the world, Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations. The State of Israel is the foremost creation of the Jewish enterprise and Jewish intellect that has benefited every country in which Jews dwell, certainly our own country, the United States of America. Second only to the United States itself, Israel is the world's most important factor in science and technology, way out of proportion to the small size of its population. Israeli Jews are at the forefront of the arts, the sciences, law and medicine. They have brought all these sterling qualities to bear in building their own country, Israel. By necessity, they have also become outstanding in agriculture and, most surprisingly, in the military. What a shame that the Arabs opted not to participate in this progress and in this prosperity and chose instead the path of revenge, of blood and of martyrdom. As the prophet Isaiah presaged: Israel is indeed a Light unto the Nations.

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