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Canine care, (nearly) anywhere

ABOVE, LEFT: Culver's Anne Johnston (with furry friend) in front of the mobile pet grooming clinic she's taking 'on the road' to area pet owners as part of her new business, Sudsy Dogs. SEE STORY BELOW.

In Brief

'Fantasticks' onstage Monday

The musical, "The Fantasticks," performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, will be onstage as part of the Huffington Concert Series Monday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eppley Auditorium at Culver Academies. Tickets 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.

Balanced school calendar presentation March 12

A presentation on the possibility of a 'balanced calendar' schedule for Culver Comm. Schools will be given at a special meeting Weds., March 12 at Culver Comm. High School, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Little League registration dates

Culver Little League registration will be held at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library on the following dates: Friday, March 7 (3 to 6 p.m.); Saturday, March 15 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); Thursday, March 20 (5 to 7 p.m.); and Saturday, March 22 (noon to 3 p.m.). Registration is for boys and girls co-ed t-ball and pitching machine, boys baseball, and girls softball. Those with questions may contact Donna McKee at 574-216-6180, Crystal Keller at 574-216-0771, or Bill Moise at 574-225-0638.

Friends seeking youth books

The Friends of the Culver Public Library will hold a book sale in April and are in need of children's and young adult books to help with the

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Doggie care to go

Culver's Johnston turns love of dogs into area's only mobile grooming service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Anne Johnston of Culver describes herself as "addicted to dogs," and she's channeling that addiction into a new service she hopes will fill a need and make life easier for dog owners in the area...and, of course, help feed her addiction at the same time!

Johnston has launched Sudsy Dogs, a mobile dog grooming service (and as far as she knows, the only one serving this area) which not only offers a fully equipped grooming shop to residents in the Culver area, but is also available in the areas of Plymouth, Argos, Bourbon, Knox, North Judson, Winamac, Rochester and all points in between.

The "mobile" aspect of Sudsy Dogs, she explains, not only adds convenience for the human pet owner, but greatly reduces stress for one's canine friend as well (the service is limited to dogs, by the way -- sorry, cat owners).

"I do everything a grooming shop does except leave your dog in a cage all day to dry," notes Johnston, who adds that dogs utilizing Sudsy Dogs will receive "specialized, one-on-one attention from start to finish with no interruptions -- something a grooming shop simply can't offer."

A stay-at-home mom for the last few years (readers may remember husband Jack Johnston's children's book, "The Ice Cream Hotel," originally conceived for the couple's daughters and published in 2012), Anne Johnston says she hoped to find a career which "didn't involve sitting at a desk and staring at a screen. I wanted something enjoyable that would keep me active, and the schedule needed to be flexible enough so I could continue to care for my kids and aging parents. One day my husband showed me a picture of a mobile grooming van, and after a little research I knew I'd found the right business opportunity.

"Ever since I can remember there's been a dog in my life," she adds, noting that it's not uncommon at family gatherings for four-legged attendees to outnumber two-legged.

However, Johnston had no formal grooming training, though many in Culver will likely recall the family's Alpacas of the Shire farm, started in 2003 and eventually growing into a herd of 40 alpacas which Johnston helped shear annually (the Johnstons made "the difficult decision" to sell the breeding herd in 2007, though they kept three favorite alpacas).

So Johnston began searching and landed at a dog grooming academy in Kokomo, taught by one of Indiana's only Master Groomers, Christine McDonough, an experience which Johnston found she loved and which thus confirmed she was on the right track with her idea for a business venture.

She's clearly excited about her new "mean, green, mobile grooming machine" van, which includes a custom-built hydrotherapy tub which easily accommodates any breed size, and a fully adjustable table with a unique "bridging" feature which allows pooches to simply walk from the tub to the grooming table.

The van is heated and fully self-sufficient with power and heated water (so customers needn't worry about Johnston needing to hook anything up to their own utilities, and there's even a 50 gallon tank for the dirty bath water).

An on-board generator provides all the electricity, and the van is air-conditioned in the summer and warm in the winter.

"So as long as I can make it through all the snow I can be grooming," she points out, meaning winter is little obstacle to her being able to groom (though she shares most of the community's readiness for spring to arrive nonetheless!).

Customers do need to be home for the first groom, during which Johnston will get to know both dog and owner and any special needs or requests. After the first groom, though, as long as she can access the

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CRC helps facilitate unprecedented STEM program for area students

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Thanks in part to matching funds from the Culver Redevelopment Commission and other sources, Culver area youth -- along with those throughout Marshall and five other counties -- will be eligible to participate in the regional STEM Education Initiative offered through Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs

Linda Yoder, director of The United Way of Marshall County as well as the Marshall County Community Foundation, addressed Culver's Kiwanis Club last month regarding the initiative, on which United Way and the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation partnered as regional sponsors.

"You need to stake a claim in the success of these proj-

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CRC will match local donors' STEM dollars

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is offering to match any local individual, organization, or entity wishing to support Culver Community Schools' efforts to facilitate the new STEM-based program outlined in the accompanying article on this page -- no matter how small the

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Goodbye REAL Meals

ABOVE, RIGHT: As reported in last week's *Citizen*, Culver's REAL Meals nutrition program met for the last time on Friday, following news that funding cuts and a lack of participation had led to its being cut after 21 years here. Current site director Cecelia Moroni sang Michael W. Smith's "Friends are Friends Forever" (pictured in the LOWER PHOTO) as past volunteers and participants gathered to mark the occasion.

Council paves way for new park appointment, considers land annexation, visitor's center funding

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The several weeks' delay in filling the two vacancies on Culver's park board -- which has left the much-debated board short of a quorum for most of 2014 to date -- appears to be nearing an end, after an announcement and action taken at the Culver town council's Feb. 25 meeting.

Council member Bill Githens announced that Union Twp. trustee Jerry Greeson had appointed Bob Osborn to fulfill the township slot left vacant due to the resignation of park board member Kathy Hart last year. Osborn, owner of Osborn Seed in Burr Oak, has been involved in a variety of community endeavors over the years, including several years as president of the Culver Public Library board of trustees.

Council member Ginny Munroe then reported she had received a letter from the desk of Culver Community Schools superintendent Vicki McGuire, who requested -- on behalf of the school board -- to appoint someone not currently serving on that board, to fill the school board's appointment to the Culver park board, a position left vacant when school board appointee to the park Ed Behnke's tenure ended at the end of last year.

McGuire's letter also acknowledged that the school board is aware the town must amend its current ordinance in order to make it possible to appoint someone not on the school board, to the park board.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger explained that Culver's ordinance currently requires that the school board appointee be a current member of that board, though he said the town ordinance simply duplicated what was once state statute on the matter. More recently the state has changed the ordinance to allow someone not serving on the school board to be appointed to the park board.

Clevenger affirmed the council should hold a public hearing, normal procedure when changing an ordinance, before amending the rule.

The council voted to allow Clevenger to change the wording of the ordinance ahead of a public hearing on the matter, with council member Ed Pinder abstaining from the vote.

In other park-related discussion, park board member Rhonda Reinhold said she was "a little disturbed" by the heated public hearing regarding the park, held the previous week.

"A lot of things were thrown out that were just simply not true," she said, adding the park board held four executive sessions prior to the dismissal of superintendent Kelly Young, a response to some residents' allegations that the board's decision had been hasty and without prior consideration.

Reinhold read an abbreviated version of a statement from the park board emphasizing the board wants to bring the park's buildings "back to the state they deserve to be," and "bring the children back to the park where they belong," as well as to hire a full-time superintendent who will bring "top-notch" programming to the park.

The beach lodge's locks were recently changed, added Reinhold, who cited a large number of keys to the building floating around the community. Changes in locks will also preclude people using the lodge's meeting room accessing other portions of the building.

She also clarified that a letter notifying the cancellation of Culver's REAL Meals program was dated Feb. 7 and apparently took some time to reach the park board; she said she didn't receive it until late the previous week. She said she spoke to the director of REAL Services in South Bend, which made the decision, and he affirmed the closure of the local program was unrelated to the park board's decision and impending temporary relocation of the pro-

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Pritz crowned Snowcoming King

By Shakkira Harris, CCHS

This year's Culver Community High School Snowcoming King was Nick Pritz, escorted by Emily Hammond. Pritz was crowned last month before the Cavaliers took on the Laille Lancers. Also representing the Senior Class were Jacoda Anderson escorted by Courtney Littleton and Michael Skiles escorted by Shakkira Harris.

Representing the Junior Class were Alex Anderson escorted by Kena Dulin and Preston Hansel escorted by Kailey Heise. The Sophomore Class was represented by Cody Valiquet escorted by Jenna McCarthy and Everett Krueger escorted by Alicia Large while the Freshman Class was represented by Troy Bolts escorted by Madi Diaz.

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in The Caval Crier, Culver Comm. High School's monthly newspaper, and is reprinted here by permission of Crier editor Sam Mellott-Shoffstall and faculty sponsor Vickie Benner.

LEFT: CCHS senior Nick Pritz was crowned Snowcoming King with his escort Emily Hammond.

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dog and payment is arranged, customers needn't be home.

Typically, she notes, prices are 15 to 20 percent higher for the convenience, though prices are determined individually, based on the type of dog and its fur, among other factors.

Mobile grooming, she says, is often the only alternative for older pets with health issues, or dogs whose temperament prevents them from visiting a grooming shop.

"Mobile grooming is very different from a vet's office or shop where dogs are dropped off," explains Johnston. "A shop typically takes in multiple dogs on a given day and grooms one while the first one or two are drying. That allows the groomer to groom more dogs which in turn keeps the

price down. I bring the salon to your driveway and groom your dog one-on-one from start to finish."

Sudsy Dogs may be contacted by phone at 800-285-5658 or via the business' website at www.sudsydogs.com.

RIGHT: A peek inside Sudsy Dogs' fully equipped mobile pet grooming lab-on-wheels.

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gram for beach lodge renovations.

She was told by the director that REAL Meals nutrition sites require at least 10 in attendance daily to stay open, and Culver has fallen well short of that mark for a long time.

Reinhold also noted the deadline for first payment for the park's pier slips was being extended to the end of February due to a one-week delay in pier slip contracts being mailed.

Githens complimented Munroe on her handling of the public forum the previous week, and audience member Jean Rakich thanked the council for holding the meeting.

New annexation for Culver?

Discussed was a vote by Culver's plan commission to expand Culver's limits to include tracts along the east side of State Road 17, south of State Road 10. The land in question would extend from the southern intersection of SRs 10 and 17 to Mill Street on the south, including the former site of Boetsma's home furnishings store, among other properties.

Town attorney Clevenger said annexation would be much simpler if the property owners in question agree, and he cautioned the town to consider the costs involved in extending town water and sewer service to the area.

Audience member Kevin Berger explained the motive for the move had come from ongoing discussion that more areas are needed for the possible creation of subdivisions and other housing options in the Culver area. He also said Commonwealth Engineers recommended using vacuum pumps or small lift stations so the cost of bringing water to the area would be fairly low. He added the notion of extending boundaries was part of the discussion feeding into Culver's comprehensive plan endeavors last year.

He noted the plan also gives the town more control of development at its borders in the future. He emphasized the effort isn't meant to exclude further conversation, but is only a preliminary effort so as not to "surprise" the council if and when the plan commission moves ahead.

Water bills adjusted for freeze-preventing 'trickles'

Council members approved town manager Dave Schoeff's request to allow the town to adjust the water bills of those who register with the town that they're leaving their water "trickling" in order to prevent more pipes from freezing, a proliferate problem in recent weeks in Culver (more than 15 properties have experienced frozen pipes to date).

After researching other communities and consulting with Umbaugh accountants, Schoeff suggested the town examine typical water usage for registered households and bill them according to that amount, ignoring any excess

water used in "trickling." The cutoff date for the move is March 19, unless weather dictates a longer period. Feb. 12 was set as the start date for the period.

Visitor's center discussion

The council approved a request by George Duncan of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver to install an awning canopy over the entryway to the new location of its history museum and in-the-works Culver visitor's center, which he said is hoped to open in late April.

Noting the museum relocated Oct. 30 from its previous home at the Culver Public Library to a space currently undergoing renovation in the southwest portion of the First Farmers Bank at Jefferson and Main Streets, Duncan shared a drawing of the canopy with council members.

Duncan pointed out permission had not yet been granted by the bank nor a formal decision made by the visitor's center committee to install a canopy -- which would extend from the bank's Jefferson Street entrance over the sidewalk -- but that instead he felt council permission was a prerequisite to any future requests. The council approved the request pending the bank's approval.

Council opted to table Duncan's second request, for \$7,500 to assist in funding the center, something first brought up to council last year.

The museum for the first time will encounter rent and utility costs due to its move to the new site, said Duncan, though the AHS will cover those costs. The visitor's center currently has an \$11,790 budget for 2014, he added, and has received a \$5,000 grant covering operations costs from the Marshall County Visitor's Bureau, which could be requested on an annual basis.

Duncan said it's planned to request funds from Union Township and private donors towards the \$11,730 budget shortfall. The Marshall County Community Foundation has provided a start-up grant towards renovation of the space.

He affirmed, in response to council member Lynn Overmyer, that it was hoped that some funding of the visitor's center could become part of the town's annual budget.

Munroe asked if the Chamber of Commerce and Culver Redevelopment Commission had been contacted for funds, which Duncan said had not formally taken place, though CRC president Kathy Clark, in the audience, said the CRC can't put funds towards operational costs.

Audience member Susie Mahler asked if the community as a whole will be engaged in steering the visitor's center, and audience member Carol Saft, of the visitor's center committee, explained that committee was formed in December and included representatives of the town, Culver Academies, the Chamber, and the service clubs and other organizations in Culver.

The council agreed to a work session March 11 to discuss the matter further.

CVS approval and other matters

The council formalized a matter discussed recently at a work session, at which John Fulkerson of the Hamstra Group asked for an easement for CVS Pharmacy on Ohio Street to make the alley west of its building one-way, with plans for a drive-up pharmacy window opening to the alley. As part of a major interior and exterior renovation of the store, the company would also pave the alley as well as the town-owned parking lot south of the store.

Mahler emphasized that local merchants -- who she explained purchased the south lot to give to the town for municipal parking -- not lose the ability to park there and that the lot not be used as a dumping ground for snow plowed from CVS' main lot.

Munroe affirmed those concerns had been agreed upon during discussion with Fulkerson, and added that a small enclosure would be added outside existing dumpsters at the site, for aesthetic improvement.

The council's approval included language allowing for Schoeff to negotiate specifics of the agreement with Hamstra to the town's satisfaction.

Approved by council was \$2,333.04 for equipment to facilitate IV drilling into patients' bones, as requested by EMS director Brandon Cooper, part of required upgrades towards new state-mandated criteria going into effect this summer.

Cooper also noted January was an unusually busy month for the service, which answered 37 calls including nine in town, 20 in the township, seven in Monterey, three to Miller's Merry Manor, and six to Culver Academies.

Approved also was \$2,975 to buy a new water heater to replace one which died at the fire station, at the request of fire chief Terry Wakefield. Council member Overmyer abstained, expressing a wish that the purchase could have been made from a local company rather than Edge Mechanical, which had the lowest price of those Wakefield researched.

Also approved was \$1,175 for New Age Construction to replace the broken stairway to the water heater. A plan to fund the department's new fire truck, as outlined at the previous council meeting, was also formally approved as drawn up by Clevenger.

Council approved, on all three readings, an ordinance required by the State of Indiana aimed at assisting law enforcement in fighting theft by requiring precious metals dealers to register locally and with the General Assembly.

A number of bids were opened for the town's recently-replaced street truck, with Ricky Salary's \$6,000 bid coming in highest. Council approved the bid with the caveat that the next highest bid of \$3,850 could be accepted without separate approval, if the \$6,000 didn't come through.

Town clerk Karen Heim's request for approval of \$26,045 for workman's compensation insurance. She noted -- with appreciation expressed to town employees for their safety efforts -- that the town's safety rating has improved to a good level, making lower cost insurance possible.

Utilities manager Bob Porter, responding to a query from Pinder, said the freeze cycle will have to end before crews can repair the growing number of potholes appearing throughout town of late.

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Obituaries

Marcia Joy Otteman

Jan. 28, 1961 – Feb. 22, 2014

CULVER — Marcia Joy Otteman, 53, of Culver, passed away on Feb. 22, 2014 at home.

She was born Jan. 28, 1961 in Chicago Heights, Ill. She was recently employed at Park N Shop in Culver.

Marcia is survived by her mother Joyce Flynn of Steger, Ill.; sister Kathleen (Mark) Hansen of Crete, Ill.; brother Bryan (Carlla) Flynn of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; husband Delmar Otteman of Culver; sons Bradley, Brandon, and Austin Otteman of Culver; daughters Amanda Otteman and Aimee Rivera of Culver; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Marvin Flynn and sister Deborah Theisen.

A time of gathering with the family was held at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014 from 1–5 p.m. There will be no funeral services. Interment will be private.

Memorials may be sent to the Marcia Otteman Memorial Fund, 14166 S.R. 17, Culver, IN 46511.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

8th grade orientation March 18

The guidance department of Culver Community Schools is planning a high school orientation meeting for all eighth grade students and their parents. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Important registration information will be provided concerning your child's high school career. All parents and their eighth graders are encouraged to attend.

Parents interested in applying for the 21st Century Scholarship should arrive between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to fill out the online application. You will need income information and social security numbers for student and parent to apply.

As students enter high school, decisions regarding future study at Culver Community High School must be made. The various plans of study and courses to be offered next year will be described. The procedure to be used in selecting courses and the policy for schedule change requests will be outlined. Other items that will be discussed include the 21st Century Scholars Program, the Indiana Core 40 requirements, and the Academic Honors Diploma.

Parents are asked to use the main entrance in the Culver Community Middle School. Please call 574-842-5690 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. with questions.

New art exhibit draws from cultures of Americas, Asia, Africa



On view at the Crisp Visual Art Center's Wolfe Gallery, on the campus of Culver Academies, is a small selection of paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpture from various cultures of the Americas, Asia, and Africa.

Drawn mainly from the Culver Art Collection, several works are on view for the first time at the Academies.

The exhibition is clearly related to the school's teaching mission and begins at the door by asking two questions: What are the connections that link all human cultures? What threads weave the fabric of humanity? Though no easy answers are provided, visitors will be drawn to consider works spanning several centuries. They range in purpose from a clearly functional 1st-century Chinese footed-spade coin to the purely aesthetic, magical, 20th century oil and tempera Love painting by an unknown Latino painter from Chicago. Some, like several of the ten 19th century Japanese woodcuts, celebrate public figures of the time while others, such as the 18th century scroll known as the 100 Children Painting, were traditionally displayed in the private bedrooms of young married couples.

While visiting the gallery visitors might, while looking at the various cultures, easily recognize the difference between the realities depicted in these artworks and their own personal story. The show, however encourages resisting the urge to stop here. We may not see ourselves in the life of the Persian Princess resting with her friends in the 18th century manuscript illustration or the 20th century South African embroidered tapestry of village life but within these "Visual Voices," much more awaits discovery. The exhibition encourages the viewer to spend time with these artworks and take a moment to rest and reflect on the common threads that bind us, one to the other; to discover, through the simple act of visiting an art gallery, what connects us to the fabric of humanity.

The exhibition in the Wolfe Gallery will be on view until June 1. Currently the Deer-Zink Gallery is also exhibiting a general selection of paintings and sculptures from the Culver Art Collection.

Interested individuals, classes, or groups are encouraged to call Robert Nowalk at 574-842-8278 to arrange a gallery visit or tour. Open Gallery Sunday hours at the Crisp Visual Art Center will begin April 1.

Library news

"Bald Eagles in Indiana" program at CUTPL March 17

Marcia Caine, a local Bald Eagle enthusiast, will be at CUTPL to speak about bald eagles in Indiana. The program will be held Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room. Marcia, a retired nurse who had always been a backyard bird watcher, became interested in bald eagles five years ago after sighting one in the Peru area. Marcia's talk will feature the history of the bald eagle in Indiana, as well as some of the best places for bald eagle sighting.

For more information, please contact Laura Jones at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology classes in March, Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes include: Windows 8 Help (March 3 and 7), Mobile Devices (March 10 and 14), and Technology Training (March 17, 21, 24, and 28). Technology Training includes hands-on exercise with answers to your questions, feel free to bring smartphones, laptops and other devices.

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 Celebrates One Book, One County

During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will be celebrating "One Book, One County," a county-wide program encouraging the community to read and discuss the same book. Marshall County's 2014 selection for "One Book, One County" is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline.

CUTPL has multiple copies and various formats of "Orphan Train" available for checkout, so that all of our patrons have the chance to read it. Stop by the library to pick up a reading guide and a book. CUTPL will host a book discussion led by Reference/Adult Services Librarian Laura Jones on Saturday, April 19th at 1:30 PM in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public. There will be numerous other county events that are also free and open to the public during the month of April. To view a complete listing of events, check the library's website, www.culver.lib.in.us. For more information, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

Free rides to income tax return filing assistance

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host IRS certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, who will offer free tax return filing appointments Wednesdays from March 5 through April 9. This free program is sponsored by the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Appointments will be one hour long, and available times are 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The appointments will take place in the small meeting room on the lower level of the library. To make an appointment, please stop by the circulation desk or call the library at 574-842-2941.

On each Wednesday that taxes will be prepared, the Marshall County Community Cab will be providing free transportation to the library for the tax preparation. To schedule a (free) ride, patrons should call 574-936-9904.

Please bring the following applicable items to the appointment: Photo ID for you and your spouse, Social Security card for you and your spouse, your 2012 tax return, Social Security statements, and any pertinent tax related forms that you have received. Some restrictions do apply.

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financial contribution, until they reach a total of \$10,000. Expenses may include new computers, software, or other equipment needed in support of implementing Project Lead the Way's program, which are not covered by grant funds.

For more information, or to set up a donation, contact Kathy Clark or the CRC at 574-952-2963 or k.clark6094@sbcglobal.net.

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sale's success. Please check your bookcase and drop off at the lower level of Culver-Union Twp Public Library.

Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, March 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Wesley seeks nursery worker

Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver is looking for a responsible and energetic nursery worker on Sundays from 8:30 11:30, and Tuesdays 6 to 7:30, \$15 per hour.

Report water 'trickling' to prevent pipe freeze for bill adjustment

With the frost level in the area reaching over three feet in depth and a thick snow cover, Culver has experienced an influx of calls about frozen pipes. The town is asking that all water utility users open a faucet to trickle water to avoid frozen pipes. Those planning to leave their faucet trickling are asked to contact the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 so the town can document for any potential adjustments in water bills. The date range for adjustments has been set as Feb. 12 through March 19, though the latter date could be extended as needed.

If you discover frozen pipes, please contact Town Hall so we can document those as well. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Culver Police plan strong presence to deter drunk driving this month

Culver, IN - Just as basketball is stirring up a great deal of activity this March, more than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies are planning to launch action of their own. Beginning Friday, February 28, police initiated a major enforcement effort to crack down on impaired and dangerous driving.

The increased enforcement effort, which lasts through March 23, encompasses St. Patrick's Day and many March sporting events.

Culver Police recommend these easy steps for a safe March and St. Patrick's Day:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin.
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.
- If available, use your community's sober ride program.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local police.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take the keys and help that person make other arrangements to get to where he or she is going safely.

Wang on Olivet College dean's list

OLIVET, Mich. — JiaBei Wang of Culver was named to the Olivet College 2013 fall semester dean's list.

To make the dean's list, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Letter to the editor

Community input sought on Visitor's Center at March 12 mtg, beyond

Dear Culver citizens,

The Culver Visitors Center Committee has been formed but we need more input from members of the community. We are in the process of writing a mission statement, creating a logo and tag line for the Center, purchasing the technology needed at the Center, creating a brochure just for the town of Culver indicating businesses, lodging and restaurants, and developing an accounting system to keep track of the tax monies and grants awarded to the Center and the expenses incurred.

If you have skills to help accomplish these tasks, the committee will be meeting on Weds., March 12, 2014 at the Lakehouse Grille banquet room at 12:00 noon. Hopefully this time will allow you to purchase your own lunch and have a working lunchtime. Please plan to attend and help create the new Visitors Center for Culver!

Those who cannot attend but would like to serve on the committee, give input, or volunteer in any way, are encouraged to contact Carol Saft at cssaft@att.net or call 574-250-3900.

Carol Saft
Culver Visitors Center Committee

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If these walls could talk: 634 Lake Shore Drive

It's been a while since we've had occasion to continue our ongoing series of virtual 'walks' through buildings of note from Culver's past to today, and this week we've stepped next door from our last stop, to 634 E. Lake Shore Drive, the home for just over a decade now of Culver Coffee Company. The building's location is notable, too, because CCC owner Dawn (Minas) Brockey's husband, Larry, operates his insurance company out of the storefront to the west -- (hopefully) a convenient arrangement for a couple!



ABOVE: The Outdoorsman store as it appeared at the former 634 Lake Shore Drive, part of today's Culver Coffee Company.

As longstanding Culverites will recall, 634 actually represents the melding of what were, for many years, two separate storefronts -- in fact, when Culver Coffee first opened, it's hard to believe only its easternmost section (over half of which is occupied by everything except a small handful of seating options for its customers) comprised the entire business. Dawn realized this, of course, and expanded into the space to the west a few years after opening...but more on that later.

We won't repeat our last installment's chronicling of the longstanding Hayes Restaurant which occupied space taken up by the former 623 and, alternately, 642 Lake Shore Drive (that is, the western portion of today's 634...the section of Culver Coffee with the large aquarium!), though by 1937, Sanborn Fire Maps show it as a vacant lot.

A note in The Culver Citizen in Nov. 26, 1947, notes

that a sports store was opening opposite the town park. The business was known as the Culver Sports Center for several years, though by April of 1955, the business had a "grand opening," much touted in The Culver Citizen, as The Outdoorsman.

"After eight months of extensive remodeling, enlarging and scores of improvements," noted the March 13, 1955 edition, "The Outdoorsman, Culver's only exclusive sporting goods

store, is emerging as one of the most modern and best stocked retail establishments in Northern Indiana."

Owned and operated by Charles and Jane McCafferty, the opening of the establishment was a week-long event which included the presence of Ken Jackson, "ace fly expert of the Beco Company," who was on hand to dish out "confidential" advice on fishing.

"While waiting your turn to get the inside dope from the visiting experts, the McCaffertys will be serving refreshments with their cordial compliments and good wishes," it was added.

All the hoopla aside, the McCaffertys' tenure at The Sportsman was short-lived. In August, 1957, it was announced that the business was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Motts of Syracuse, Indiana.

In January, 1969's LaPetite Bakery opened at 634 Lake Shore. See Walls page 6

Stress

Many of us grew up perplexed by the story of the "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." The details of her tragic life made all of us wonder how she ended up in this predicament. Her biography reads like this:

*There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
 She had so many children; she didn't know what to do.
 She gave them some broth without any bread,
 Then whipped them all soundly, and put them to bed.*

If any person suffered from the stress of daily life, it was this old woman. She lived in sub-standard housing. She apparently bore the responsibility of raising many children all on her own, allowing mounting pressure to exasperate her motherly instincts. Food was scarce. Angry and impulsive behavior toward her children escalated to the point of near abuse. And finally, the sordid enemies of isolation and depression slowly invaded her life, excusing her to sadly sweep her problems off to bed, too exhausted to deal with them any longer. Depressingly, her day would begin the same way the next morning.

Stress and anxiety are normal and natural consequences of life. We all endure personal issues, large and small, on a daily basis. Hopefully, we are strong enough to handle them when they come individually or during the times when they arrive in bundles.

First of all, some amount of stress is necessary and beneficial to us. Many place stress on their bodies to perform better in athletics. We all generate high anticipation for meaningful and goal related events, causing angst and pressure. It's all part of life. Whenever I feel mounting pressure crouching at the door of my life, I attempt to identify the sources of my stress. I look closely at my attitude and habits. Managing stress is all about taking charge of my thoughts, emotions, schedule and the way I deal with problems. We must not blame other people or fool ourselves into thinking we are the only ones who have unique sets of circumstances. Rather, we must view stress as an entirely normal part of life on earth. Sometimes we must learn to say "no" and limit our responsibilities. Other times we may need to begin the process of:

- Adapting to stressors and accepting the things we cannot change.

- Managing our time better by sticking to commitments and using a calendar to keep us on track.

- Reframing our problems, viewing them from a more positive perspective rather than fuming.

- Looking at the bigger picture, asking ourselves how important of a matter this will be in a month or year. This frames the amount of energy, endurance and emotional investment required. Is it really worth stressing over? If the answer is no, focus your time and energy elsewhere.

- Learning to forgive. Accept the fact that we live in an imperfect world and that people make mistakes. Let go of anger and resentment. Free yourself of negative energy by forgiving and moving on.

- Treasure the love and support of family and friends.

- Exercise plays a key role in reducing and preventing the effects of stress. Make time for at least 30 minutes of exercise six days per week. Aerobic activity, especially performed outside, releases pent up tension.

- Well-nourished bodies are better prepared to handle stress. Eat as many colorful foods as possible, and enjoy indulging in your favorite sweets from time to time, too.

- Meditation and reflection are necessary for sanity. When we robotically go through life without time to reflect, we miss connecting conclusion statements about our existence on earth. Our lives are not simply comprised of "to do lists". We must also ask the why questions surrounding our lives, too. Yoga, tai chi and other similar movements help center us. Philosophy, soothing music and poetry are helpful antidotes to sadness. And, sacred scripture provides powerful insight and perspective to every issue we face.

Perhaps the old woman in the shoe could not have changed every circumstance in her life, but she could have changed at least one, her attitude. If so, her biography could have read like this:

*There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
 She had so many children, she had to make do.
 She gave them some broth without any bread
 Then hugged them all tightly, and tucked them in bed.*

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Culver downs Bremen on Senior Night

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Culver grabbed a fast start at the close of the regular season.

The Cavs jumped out to a 36-19 lead over visiting Northern State Conference foe Bremen and held on for a 70-50 Senior Night win over the Lions at home Friday night.

“I couldn’t be any more excited about the start of the game, just with the focus that the kids had on both ends of the floor,” said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. “That’s one of the things we’ve been fighting the last month. We’ve been in a grind, and I know everybody’s schedules have been chaotic, but we’ve had three games the last two weeks and most of those were on the road. It was good to get home and get back to a comfortable atmosphere.”

“That’s been the thing that we’ve been lacking the last few games — that focus with all five guys on the floor at the same time,” he continued. “We’ve had some great individual performances in the last few ball games but just not consistent performances, and I thought we shared the basketball tonight.”

Culver saw not one or two players in double figures but five.

Jacoda Anderson paced the game with 17 followed by Trent Elliott’s 15, Everett Krueger’s 13, Jordan Sanders’ 11 and Preston Hansel’s 10 as the Cavs dished out 16 team assists.

“We’ve got five kids that are capable of going in double digits, obviously, as they did tonight, but we haven’t had that,” said Elliott. “I just thought we played very unselfishly. We had good shot selection; we were able to make that extra pass tonight and didn’t settle for the 3 or the 15-footer. We executed, got the ball down inside multiple times and had some success there.”

Bremen was led meanwhile by Joey Adkins’ 15. Lions head coach Ryan Eakins wasn’t enamored with his team’s start at Culver, but he like the way they battled in the second half.

“They came out and they hit a couple of shots that we didn’t think they were going to hit. A lot of our guys just



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ABOVE: Culver’s Jacoda Anderson slam dunks as Bremen players look on during a Senior Night game in Culver last week.

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BELOW: Culver Community’s Jordan Sanders gets in the paint against a Bremen defender during last week’s game.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
100.”
• CULVER 70, BREMEN 50
At Culver

have to get a lot smarter at understanding the game of basketball. Our basketball IQ is one of the things that has to improve as much as anything,” he said.

“I’m really proud of these guys for the way they played the second half. They could’ve given up in the second half in the last game of the season, and they didn’t. I was truly pleased and proud of the way that they battled.”

Culver paid tribute to its seniors on Senior Night, and Coach Elliott had glowing things to say about his trio of upperclassmen after the game.

“I just couldn’t be any more pleased for our three seniors tonight,” he said. “Jordan Sanders puts up 11, Trent has 15, Jacoda has 17. What a great evening for our seniors. Those fellows have put a lot of time into our basketball program, playing AAU basketball since they were in fourth grade. Coaching my son obviously it was a special moment this evening. I’ve been very blessed to be able to have that opportunity and to teach and coach in a community that’s been very supportive of that.”

Bremen closes out the regular season at 3-17 with a winless 0-7 NSC mark, while Culver moves to 13-7 with a 3-4 NSC tally.

Culver plays host to a six-team Class A sectional field and will face LaCrosse Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by a game between OD and South Central. The winner of Culver-LaCrosse faces Triton Friday at 6:30 in the early semifinal.

“Getting the sectional on our home floor, we’re very excited about that. It’s just the comfort of home you can’t beat, that’s for sure,” said Elliott. “It’s an open field. There’s no doubt that Triton’s a well-coached, experienced ball club in tournament play and they’ll be the team to beat. But Argos has done some positive things, and Coach Snyder has his ball club doing some positive things. We hope that we’re going to be right there



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ABOVE: CMA’s Elijah Miller (no. 5) was high scorer for his team with 20 points during Thursday night’s Senior Night game. Here he drives for his shot as (from left) Mishawaka’s Jacob Schmatz (no. 23), Jacob Garner (25), and Don Miller (1) look on. CMA’s Eljay Murray is visible in the background.

Eagles beat Mishawaka

Culver Military Academy earned a 50-42 win over visiting Mishawaka at Culver during Thursday’s Senior Night game.

Elijah Miller scored 20, while Devonte Campbell finished with 14 for the Eagles.

Dan Mitchell finished with 14 points for Mishawaka, and Trey Stoops had 10 in the loss.

• CULVER MILITARY 50, MISHAWAKA 42
at Culver

Cavs nips Satellites

Culver Community handed host South Central a narrow 43-42 defeat on the road in Union Mills in a make-up game Monday.

Trent Elliott finished with 18 points, Everett Krueger scored 12, and Jacoda Anderson chipped in 11 for the winning Cavs.

South Central was led by Mark Richards’ 18 points.
• CULVER COMMUNITY 43, SOUTH CENTRAL 42
At Union Mills

Academies students strengthen Special Olympics bond

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Andrew Peterson, 20, of Indianapolis, is an athlete. He lettered in cross country all four years at Pike High School. He is one of the best 1500-meter runners in the nation in his classification. He said “I found my voice” when he realized that he may not be as fast as others but nobody could run farther. He is now training for a national competition in Princeton, N.J., this summer.

Peterson is a Special Olympian. He spoke to the students at Culver Academies Feb. 26 as part of the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s partnership with Special Olympics. The partnership developed when the 18 members of the IHSAA’s Student Advisory Committee went searching for a way to develop as servant-leaders. Amber Cowell ’14 (of Culver) is the private school representative on the student panel.

The advisory committee’s goal is to increase the aware-

ness of Special Olympics on two levels. The first is to have high school athletes at the IHSAA’s 410 member schools engage in mentoring, coaching, and raising funds for the Special Olympics.

The second is to raise the level of awareness among the general public, and especially the children and families who could benefit from the Special Olympics, its events, and the 11,000 participating athletes throughout Indiana.

Peterson spent six years working with a speech therapist and 10 years with a physical therapist. While in school, he was called names by some students and completely ignored by others. They “would walk by me like I didn’t exist,” he said.

But his speech therapist refused to let him give up. “She believed in me,” he said. “She made me practice. It shows what a huge difference one person can make.”

And his physical therapy began to pay dividends as he started to move his arms and legs “more in sync.” Then he discovered running and “found my voice. So many people focused on what I couldn’t do, not what I could do. I showed them.”

Peterson’s father learned about the Special Olympics when Andrew was 13. Now, seven years later, Andrew wishes he had found out about it earlier. “It gives the athlete the chance to improve and compete with others of our abilities,” Peterson said. “And show everyone that we are not a nobody but a somebody.”

Special Olympians have the opportunity to try 20 sports and “be included and be accepted” in a community of other athletes. Quoting the Special Olympics’ oath, he said, “Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the at-See Olympics page 6

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tempt.”

Peterson is now training for his chance for a gold medal in the 1500 meters at the Special Olympics national competition in June. And, he is considered a legitimate contender.

“I don’t want your pity,” he said. “But I need your respect – the respect that all people with disabilities deserve.”

Culver Academies has served as the host for the Marshall-Starke Special Olympics for several years, with students serving as official timers and judges. But Cowell, Kelsi Carr ’14 (Kitchener, Ontario), Josephine Schott ’15

(Newport Beach, Calif.), Varun Devatha ’15 (Springfield, Ohio) and others are working to gather enough students so each competitor can be paired with a student when the games are conducted in April.

The group is also promoting the national “R-Word” campaign. Students, faculty, and staff have been taking the pledge “Spread the Word to End the Word.”

The goal is to end the use of the word retarded. Peterson said during his speech that he hoped Culver would set

“bullying is never – and I mean never – welcomed here. Remember the lasting impression you can make on me and my fellow athletes.”

This article appears courtesy news.culver.org.

Walls from page 4

"Culver is indeed fortunate to have another new business located here," wrote the Citizen's Oystroby. Mr. and Mrs. Garry Lozier, the business will be operated by Sue McCombs and Gloria Banks and will be open six days weekly from seven to five. A complete line of sweet rolls, pies, cakes and bread will be featured and special orders will be taken."

It was noted that Mr. Lozier's parents were in the restaurant business at Mentone for a number of years and he himself had a bakery at the time in Bourbon "where the goodies will be baked by an experienced baker and sent to Culver daily." Lozier also owned the Lon Construction Company in Plymouth.

"Culver has been without a bakery for several years and this new store will surely be a welcome addition to the community."

The easternmost portion of today's Culver Coffee Company was for years associated with the old Culver name of Shively, dating back at least to 1934 when it was reported that Clyde Shiveiy had purchased the former Swigart Building on Lake Shore Drive near the depot, where he opened a general repair shop. The following January, the Citizen reported Shively had returned from taking a course in the care and repair of electric refrigerators at the Frigidaire school at Dayton, Ohio.

In March, 1947, Clyde Shively was said to be tearing down his building ("next to the express office") and planned to replace it with a cement block building with a brick front for his Speciality Shop business. Clyde and his wife Genevieve (formerly Warner) were listed as operating the specialty shop there between 1952 and 1957.

In an interview later published on the Culver Public Library's website, Ellen Poppe described moving to Culver in 1957 from South Bend and buying Clyde Shivley's appliance and bottled gas store, as well as a house at the corner of College Avenue and Forest Place.

"After 30 years in business, we sold our store to the Culver Insurance Agency," she said, "and our appliance business to Bennett's, who still run it."

Indeed, Al and Ellen Poppe were household names in Culver through 1986, having moved to larger quarters at 634 Lake Shore Drive in Nov., 1960.

"The new location," wrote the Citizen, "which will enable the Poppes to better serve the public, was formerly Mrs. McCafferty's Art shop...Mr.and Mrs. Poppe, dealers in G. E. appliances, invite old customers and new to visit their store during their grand opening where all merchandise will be sale priced."

In Feb., 1968, Jack Spencer, of Spencer Gas, Plumbing and Heating, announced the purchase of the LP Gas Business from Al Poppe.

"A large capacity bulk plant south of Culver enables Spencer Gas to offer complete liquid petroleum gas service," explained the Citizen, which added that, "Mr. Poppe will continue his appliance and service business as before."

Emil "Bud" Runhow bought out the business in 1972 and moved it to a building on Main Street.

The Shively name once again appeared on Lake Shore Drive when, in the late 1980s, Dan Shively operated an appliance store at the site.

In 1990, longtime Culverite John Sage purchased the building and began renovating it towards a move from their former business site at 114 S. Main Street, where the business had operated since 1984 (Mr. Sage's insurance work dated back to the 1970s as an agent for Prudential Life).

Sage's insurance company operated out of the site until May, 2002, after which 1998 Culver Academies grad Dawn Minas (now Brockey, as mentioned earlier) saw the "for sale" sign, which she said (in a 2008 story in the Culver Citizen) left her contemplating her dream of a "Starbucks" style business in Culver.

In December, 2003, the Culver Coffee Company opened its doors -- or really, in those days, the single door on the eastern portion of the combined building it occupies today.

Minas took a gamble the following year, during the depths of a very slow winter, and wound up selling more than 5,000 heart-shaped teacups via mail order, which helped underwrite the growth of the business into the next store west.

The expansion included a massive renovation and the addition of several tables, a small meeting room in back, plenty of space for an expanded selection of merchandise, and the ever-popular comfy couch and large aquarium.