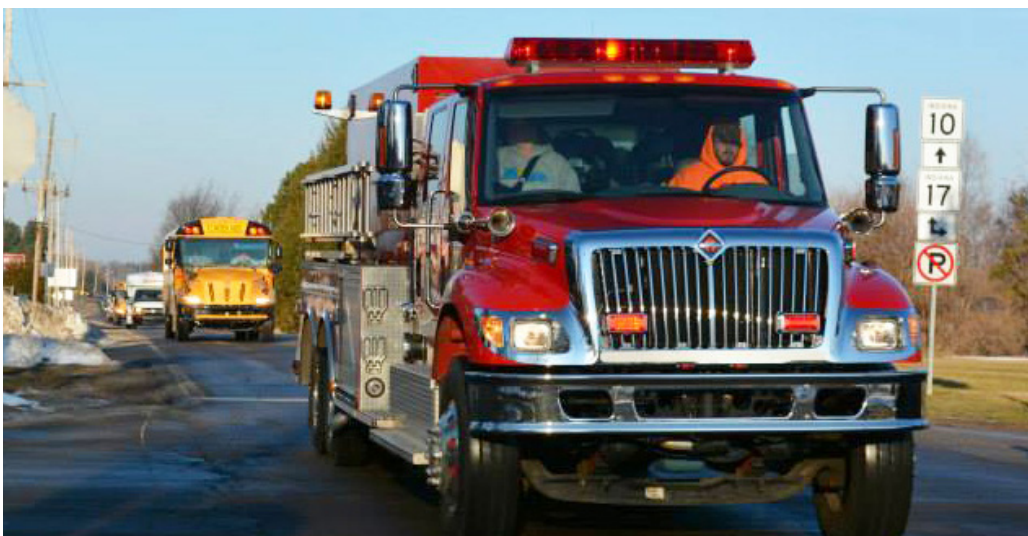


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Winter, 1...Culver streets, 0

LOWER LEFT AND UPPER RIGHT: Culver isn't unique in this respect, but residents have been dodging some of the worst potholes in recent memory as a result of the freezing and thawing winter roller coaster of recent weeks and months. These photos were taken at each end of College Avenue, though few streets were left unaffected.

A grand prosession

LOWER RIGHT: The Culver Cavaliers may not have taken home a regional victory Saturday, but praise has poured in for an amazingly fought, nailbitingly close game. The community's support was evidenced by, among other things, an escort to Bourbon by some of Culver's emergency services vehicles, seen partially here at the intersection of State Roads 10 and 17. MORE COVERAGE BELOW AND ON PAGE B1.

In Brief

Park board date, location change

The regular Culver Park Board meeting has been moved from Wednesday, March 26 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. The location also has been changed to the Culver Beach Lodge, 819 E. Lake Shore Drive.

Little League registration dates

Culver Little League registration will be held at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library on the following dates: 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.

Community meal at St. Mary's March 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, March 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.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is offering free technology training classes Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Dates include March 21, 24, and 28. 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.

CYCO asks Culver to 'go green' for Logan Center

Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO) is sponsoring a "Culver Goes Green" campaign to raise money and awareness for the Logan Center in South

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Park board discusses hiring process for new super, building renovations

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's park board looked to some major decisions for 2014 at its first formal meeting in weeks, involving the hiring of a new park superintendent, major renovations to the park's beach lodge, enhanced lifeguard training, and more, at its March 12 meeting.

After a reorganization which retained Tammy Shaffer as board president, Patty Stallings as vice president, and Rhonda Reinhold as secretary, Shaffer distributed a sheet requesting audience members to sign up ahead in order to participate in citizen input (though she emphasized anyone who wished to make comments by the end of the meeting could do so even without signup), and requested comments be limited to three minutes. Board members also welcomed Union Township appointee to the board Bob Osborn, in his first voting capacity.

Regarding plans to fill the vacant park superintendent position, Shaffer said the board has received resumes, applications, and letters of interest. She queried other board members as to whether they wished Culver's town council to weigh in, something met with some resistance from Stallings and Reinhold. Stallings suggested the board knows what it needs more than the council would.

Audience member Bill Githens, also a member of the town council, touched on the interview process used by that body and affirmed the council likely wouldn't want to weigh in on the superintendent hiring process.

The board voted to set a deadline of March 31 for further resume submissions, something they will advertise.

Beach lodge renovations

Representing the park's building committee, Russ Mason said 28 needs had been identified on the park's property in four categories: safety and security, protection of the property, efficiency and functionality, and visual enhancements.

Several items had been identified as critical, including the state of disrepair of the chimneys in the lodge's lower level; leaks in the building's roof; the concrete deck surrounding the beach lodge (which Mason said is "in dire need of repair" and causes flooding in the women's restroom during heavy rains); and leaks in the two window wells on the north side of the lodge.

Mason said the committee had not identified costs for the needed repairs yet, and he said the deck could be either repitched to redirect flowing water, or completely replaced. Audience member Tom Kearns suggested a surround with windows could also be considered on the deck.

It was discussed that placing the park on the National Register of Historic Places to qualify the beach lodge for possible grant funding.

Stallings said board members hope to make the

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Variety of options on table at park work session

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After a hiatus of several weeks, the newly-enlarged (thanks to the addition of Union Township appointee Bob Osborn) Culver park board met for the first time last Wednesday, discussing a wide range of issues during a lively daytime work session and a lengthy evening board meeting.

During the work session, the two most prevalent matters were the future of various piers at the park, as well as repairs to, and future use of the beach lodge building. Discussion of both topics included plenty of audience suggestions and ideas.

Board members addressed three pier concerns: the state of the courtesy pier at the east end of the park, a local merchant-supported dock aimed at facilitating short-term boat parking for those boaters wishing to visit local businesses. Board and audience members discussed whether a new or enhanced pier could be more stable and accommodate more parked boats, possibly by adding a perpendicular section to create an "L" shape.

More vexing was the future of the much-debated public fishing pier installed last spring. The hybrid stationary and floating pier was the center of controversy after initial installation problems, the lack of a contract with the installer, and difficulty securing a contractor to remove it at the end of the season.

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Culver falls in OT regional heartbreaker

By James Costello
Sports Editor

BOURBON — In games as close as Culver Community's regional showdown with North White, outcomes are decided in inches.

Alex Graham's missed corner 3 was tipped once, twice, three times towards the rim in a hopper underneath the Culver basket, but the ball ultimately rattled out in a heart-breaking 70-69 overtime loss for the Cavaliers.

The Vikings eventually lost out in the Triton Regional championship to Marquette Catholic 79-49.

"You can't leave with nothing in that close a ballgame. You've got to make sure its a positive outcome on those possessions, and that's what it came down to," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott.

"We got back into overtime, got the shot we wanted, got the offensive rebound, just couldn't get the ball to fall."

Perhaps the game's most important momentum swing

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Winter weather again shuts down Culver Comm. Schools, creates other issues

By Diona Eskew and Lois Tomaszewski
Staff Writers

MARSHALL COUNTY — Just like every snowflake is unique, every winter storm has the same properties. Last Wednesday morning's version involved heavy wet snow, almost two dozen slide offs on county roads and another snow day for Culver Community -- and all Marshall County -- students. Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin reported 21 reports of vehicles sliding off the road on the county's slick roadways.

These were within a 12-hour period, from midnight to 12:40 p.m. A major roadblock occurred around mid-morning on State Route 17 in the area of Sage Road when a vehicle slowed down to a stop and became stuck on the roads, causing a semi-truck to become stuck run out of fuel while waiting.

But it wasn't just the roads that reinforced winter's grip on the region. Power outages were reported by Marshall County REMC and NIPSCO. The power outages were also likely responsible for the loss of the phone system for the Sheriff's office and 911. The systems were restored by afternoon. Prior to that, all calls to 911 were automatically re-routed to Kosciusko County, and the instant connection that was still available to both departments, the radio and cellular communication, allowed Marshall County to quickly respond to all calls. The phone line issue was on Century Link's (the provider for the county phone service) end of the service.

Culver Kiwanis Club receives grant for new cyclo-cross event this fall

The Culver Kiwanis Club hopes to add another community event to the area's roster this fall, and they've received a Marshall County Tourism grant to help the process along.

The club is planning a cyclo-cross event for Sunday, Oct. 19 (that's the Sunday of this year's second annual Culver Fall Fest), as the first manifestation of an annual fund-raiser for its local scholarships program.

For the uninitiated, cy-

clo-cross bicycle racing, usually held in the fall or winter, involves participants riding multiple laps around a short course. The ride, however, isn't merely a paved circle, but mixes in grass, dirt, rising and falling elevations (often steep ones), and obstacles forcing riders to dismount, carry, and circumnavigate the challenge before hopping back on their bicycles.

The sport, well established in Europe and

growing in popularity in the U.S., allows riders to change bicycles as needed during the race, and may involve a "pit crew" of friends or family members holding spare bikes.

The Oct. 19 event is slated to take place on presently undeveloped land owned by Culver Academies and located on Queen Road, across the road from the former Academies airport. Club volunteers have been discussing the options

of either constructing the track themselves, or bringing in an outside organization to do so.

According to Kiwanis president Larry Brockey, the club lost sponsorship for its annual bass fishing tournament two years ago, forcing it to cancel the event. Since then, members have been looking for something fresh to replace the lost revenue.

"This fits the bill perfectly as it is a new, up and

coming sport that has a big following," says Brockey, who adds that club members Bill Furry and Bob Volkert initially suggested the idea.

The club received word of a \$2,000 grant last month from the Marshall County Tourism Grant Committee, thanks to the work of Kiwanians Kathy Clark and Trent Bennett, who prepared and submitted the grant proposal.

Baked potato supper April 11 will support Gift of Warmth

A baked potato supper will be served at the Culver depot-train station Friday, April 11, with all proceeds going to support the “Gift of Warmth” (endeavor to provide winter wear and heating funds to needy area families). The supper will include a large potato with all the “fix-ins” and dessert and drink. The event will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and will start at 4:30 p.m. and go to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Carry-outs are available. Organizers are making arrangements for a warm evening with no snow!

Sports Spectacular April 4 at CCHS

The 29th annual Sports Spectacular will be held Friday, April 4 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Culver Community High School gym. A "Sports Spectacular" is an evening of class competition that generates fun, enthusiasm, spirit and money. Admission is \$3(everyone must pay). If a student leaves he or she pays to return.

Competition will be in 19 areas and will begin at 6 p.m. with a faculty-student volleyball game. Following at 6:30 are student games including sack race, scooter race, wheelbarrow race, basketball shoot, crab walk relay, jump rope race, ping pong roll, tricycle race, adult tricycle race, take-it-all-off relay, egg carry, dry land swim, tug-of-war, dance contest, posters, tickets sold, attendance. Each class will receive points for level of placement in each event. The winning class will get their graduating year engraved on a plaque that will be placed in the display case. The faculty and administration will act as workers.

The faculty-student basketball game starts at 8 p.m., followed by the dance contest at 8:30. A student dance follows from 9 to 11 p.m.

Severe weather tests Thursday

Marshall County Emergency Management Agency notes that this weekis “Severe Weather Awareness Week” in Indiana.

The National Weather Service, in conjunction with the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Broadcasters Association, the American Red Cross, and the amateur radio community, will conduct a state wide test of the communications systems Thursday, March 20 between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and again between 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. The drill will be initiated by a *test* Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service offices in Indiana, triggering programmed electronic devices.

Outdoor sirens are designed to alert people who are outside that severe weather is imminent and that they should immediately seek shelter indoors. When activated for severe weather, the sirens emit a “constant” tone for up to 3 minutes.

For more information on Severe Weather, including tornados, visit the National Weather Service website at <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/links.htm>.

Council talks frozen water tower, solicitors, water plant grant, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Those wondering about what may have seemed a veritable flood pouring down Lake Shore Drive towards the town park the week before last had an explanation as part of town manager Dave Schoeff's regular report to the town council: a hole was discovered in the town water tower near Lake Shore and College Avenue, forcing the tower to be drained and turned off.

In the process, explained Schoeff at the council's March 11 meeting, it was also discovered that there was six feet worth of ice in the bottom of the tower. The ice, he added, must melt before repairmen can weld the hole and get the tower back into use. In the meantime, Culver's water supply will be derived solely from the second water tower, near the town garage on Mill Street.

In response to audience suggestion that the circulation of water inside the tower's tank should have prevented the ice, Schoeff said if the water weren't moving, all of it would have frozen, rather than just the lower six feet.

"There are a couple of communities in Indiana where repairmen have been out because (the water in the tower) completely froze," he said, adding he was certain there's also ice in the second town tower as well.

In other discussion, town marshal Wayne Bean encouraged residents to contact Culver police if they have any trouble with door-to-door salesmen, who he said are coming out with warmer temperatures. He noted the department received one call and he'd heard several complaints through the grapevine, adding salespeople are required to register with Culver police, regardless of whether they've already registered with the county.

"If we have issues, we will ask them to leave," he said.

Bean also said he received (and accepted) a request from Culver Comm. Schools asking for a police escort to the upcoming regional basketball game in Bourbon, which the team will attend after winning the sectionals the previous weekend.

The council held a public hearing concerning application for a grant to overhaul the town's water plant, located on Ohio Street. Grant writer Shannon McLeod, of Priority Project Resources, referenced recent successful grants to shore up Culver's wastewater treatment plant and west end storm water system, and pointed to the "very old" water

treatment plant as next in line. She said the plant is costing operators and the town money due to ongoing "band aid" repairs, adding the plant was designed to last 40 years but has now reached 60 years of age. A new water plant will be built, she said, which will entail adding on to the existing building and replacing old equipment with brand new.

In total, the project is estimated to cost \$1,525,000, with \$1.1 million in the cost of construction and the remainder in equipment.

The town intends to apply for a grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for \$500,000 of the cost, while the town has applied to the state's Revolving Fund for a low interest loan to make up the rest.

The full grant application will go in May 16, and grant awards will be announced by the end of August, she said.

In reply to audience member Jim Hahn's query, McLeod said the project at present doesn't include a new well for the town, though Schoeff added that a new well "isn't out of the picture. We will try to find other funding options than borrowing (for the well)."

Park appointments, other news

The council voted to formalize the appointment of Bob Osborn as Union Township's representative on the Culver park board, at the suggestion of town attorney Jim Clevenger.

He also presented the council with a draft version of an ordinance allowing the school board to appoint a representative from outside the board's membership, to the park board. A public hearing, which is planned for April 1, must be held in order to enact the ordinance.

Clevenger also said any plans to annex land into the town of Culver -- discussed at the previous council meeting -- may have to wait until at least July, 2015, if the Indiana General Assembly places an annexation moratorium into effect as it has discussed.

Some discussion took place regarding the status of park funds, due to audience member John Helphrey -- also a member of the park board and its finance committee -- noting there has been some discussion and misunderstanding circulating in the community.

He noted funds not used by the park -- which last year received \$56,000 in property tax funds and \$12,000

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Selling the fishing pier was discussed, though some questioned whether it would attract a buyer. It was also suggested parts of the pier could be used to create a new courtesy pier, though pier installer Tim Yuhas of North Shore Fabrication also noted there may be enough pier parts in the park's storage building near the basketball courts to create a new courtesy pier.

Board member Patty Stallings suggested floating portions of the fishing pier could be used to place a raft -- a few rafts -- in the swimming area, similar to the pontoon-based raft anchored there for many years and up to the 1990s. It was suggested the drowning which took place last summer at the beach might have been prevented if the swimmer had a raft to strive for, or if lifeguards were stationed on one or more rafts to enhance coverage of the swimming area.

Another possibility discussed was removing the fishing pier entirely, possibly replacing its public function with an extension of one of the three piers used at the park for boat slip rentals. Some discussion centered on moving those three piers further east. Some audience members questioned whether the fishing pier was used much for fishing anyway, or whether the fishing was good there. However, some concern was raised that any pier space created for fishing be well clear of boat docking, to avoid tangling lines and other issues.

The possibility of adding benches -- with restrictive railings to prevent boaters from abusing the area -- to allow the public to sit on the pier and enjoy the lake, was considered. Stallings emphasized the public has largely been eliminated from access to the lake over the years, so some provision for pier access with seating is important.

It was noted the board intended to form a pier committee at that evening's board meeting, to explore options more specifically.

years by former superintendent Kelly Young. Audience and board members discussed whether the space could be used as weekend and week-long vacation rental space, though Stallings pointed out the attraction of the space is lessened by its lack of a view of the lake.

She said some local realtors who handle short-term property rentals had suggested the park could take in around \$20,000 annually (minus cleaning and utility expenses) by renting the apartment to visitors. Audience member Charlotte Rakich, however, said rental of her home a few blocks away, which is larger and more attractively finished than the beach lodge apartment, only brought in around \$9,000 per year for the two years she rented it.

Stallings said the board could also rent the apartment to the yet-to-be-hired new superintendent for \$600 per month, which would bring in a return of \$7,200 per year. it was discussed that the prior arrangement regarding the apartment -- in which the superintendent lived there rent-free in order to curb vandalism and prevent abuse of the park during off hours, something some in the audience said is today of little concern. However it was also discussed that housing costs are such in Culver that offering reasonable rent of the apartment may become a factor in attracting a superintendent.

Audience member Brandy Pohl asked that, if the apartment were made a vacation rental, a local discount could be offered in the off-season for those bringing guests into town.

Board member John Helphrey added he felt any decisions on the apartment should be put on hold until the new superintendent is hired and discusses the matter.

Turning to the middle -- or street -- level of the beach lodge, Stallings said the public meeting room is rarely rented any more, and said it needs "a lot of TLC to be respectable." She described the two restrooms as having a "1960s" look and the kitchen area as "an embarrassment and almost unworkable." The current furniture, she added, "you couldn't even sell at the Lions (Club) flea market."

"The community deserves a better meeting room that's nice," she added.

Audience member Susie Mahler questioned whether the room should be rented out or should instead be kept open for park-planned events for various ages of youth. Some responded that the town lacks many such spaces available for rental, with audience member Russ Mason adding that "(Lions Club depot manager) Mike Overmyer can hardly wait until they can open that (beach lodge meeting room) up again," since the depot is booked for the year as a meeting space.

It was suggested the space could alternately be used for both rentals and park programs.

Discussion followed that events and programs for young people need to be better promoted than in the past. Stallings said the board plans to visit local schools and day-cares to solicit input on programs for children and parents alike.

Beach lodge future use and more

Stallings began discussion of the beach lodge building "from the top down" by focusing on the third floor apartment used as a residence for nearly 30

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the board's radar.

There was also some talk of the possibility of hiring an outside entity to run concessions at the lodge during the summer, with any loss in jobs for local teens replaced by a wider variety of opportunities throughout the year.

Adding internet "wi-fi" to the lodge was also mentioned, and there was talk of renting kayaks and canoes at the park, as well as adding more lifeguards with higher training standards than in the past.

Obituaries

Jonora J. Pearson
Feb. 19, 1923 - March 10, 2014



ATTICA — Jonora Jane (Fraser) Pearson, 91, formerly of rural Attica (Independence) and had been residing in Culver, passed away in the Miller’s Merry Manor Nursing Center, Culver, on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 1:26 a.m.

Jonora was born in Three Forks, Mont. on Feb. 19, 1923. She was the daughter of the late William and Jeanette (Madison) Fraser. Jonora grew up in Three Forks, later moving to East Troy, Wis., where she graduated from East Troy High School in 1941. She received her nursing degree in 1945. She moved to rural Attica near Independence in 1945. She has resided in Culver since 2000.

After high school, Jonora decided on entering Nursing school straight out of high school in part of the prompt of World War II. After receiving her degree from West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill. in 1945. During her last six months of school, Jonora served on a military base at Fort Benjamin Harrison Hospital in Indianapolis. There she worked on the "Contagious Disease Ward" and cared for many ill patients, including those with Malaria. Because of the government funding her education, she worked 8 hours a day, 7 days a week and made approximately \$90 a month. After getting married on May 18, 1945 to Bowater B. Pearson in East Troy, Wis., Jonora took some time off. She later was employed with Williamsport Community Hospital. There she worked in all departments and took care of all ages. The majority of her nursing career was working as a school nurse for 19 years and took care of K-12th grade students at Williamsport and Pine Village schools.

When asked what her favorite aspect of nursing was, she stated "liked to take care of people and I liked to see them get well. The biggest change in nursing from then to now is that there is more specialized fields. Back then, we did everything except IV’s. The doctors or their interns did those. We did all our own central supplies and all our own autoclaving. We wore pressed white uniforms. Our shoes were polished. Hair had to be off the collar and always wore our nursing cap."

She was a member of the Williamsport Christian Church and had attended the Attica Christian Church before moving to Culver where she attended the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Jonora was preceded in death by her husband, Bowater B. Pearson on April 18, 1988.

She leaves behind her son, William "Willie" (Kathy) Pearson, Culver; two daughters, Roberta (Robert-deceased) Spowart, Englewood, Fla. and Linda (Jeff) Fehrenbacher, Newton, Ill.; two brothers, James Fraser, Fullerton, Calif. and David Fraser, Naperville, Ill.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert "Bobbie", infant twins and two brothers, Thomas and Morris Fraser.

Friends called at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Saturday, March 15, from 12 p.m. until service time at 1 p.m. with Rev. Brian Morgan officiating. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery, Attica.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Awareness. Condolences may be sent on line www.maus-funeralhome.com.

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Bend. They are selling Logan Nose On green hats, bracelets and noses. Items are available to all businesses and community members. They can be purchased at Culver Community High School or Culver Academies or by contacting Brenda Sheldon at brenda@culver.k12.in.us. or Meg Porter at me_gan.porter@culver.org.

Free community meal at CBC

Culver Bible Church on South Main Street will host a free community meal Sunday, April 6, starting at 6 p.m. Community meals are held on the first Sunday of each month at that time in the church basement. All are welcome.

Kindergarten round-up April 17

Culver Community Schools’ kindergarten round-up will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2014. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting with parents, however the kindergarten classrooms will be open to visit following this meeting. If a parent cannot come on April 17, please contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or 574-542-4017 to make other arrangements.

CUTPL Celebrates One Book, One County

During the month of April, the Culver-Union Township Public Library will celebrate “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. 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 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. This program is free and open to the public.

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 through April 9. Appointments will be one hour long. 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.

CRC offers match to local donors’ STEM

Linda Kay Vincent-Miller
Nov. 10, 1950 – March 9, 2014



DONALDSON — Linda Kay Vincent-Miller, 63, a resident at the Catherine Kasper Life Center in Donaldson, died on March 9, 2014 surrounded by family, friends and caregivers.

Ms. Vincent-Miller was a treasured sibling, loving wife, devoted mother, admired aunt, valued co-worker, a friend to many.

She was born Nov. 10, 1950 in Noblesville, the daughter of Jerome and Mary Nolan Vincent, both now deceased.

Linda was an honors graduate of both Noblesville High School and Indiana University and was briefly a school teacher before beginning her career of over 20 years with Aetna Insurance at their Fort Wayne and Rockford, Ill. offices.

She and Frederick Henry Miller were married in Rockford on March 7, 1981. She gave birth to the joy of her life, son Evan, on Feb. 10, 1983 and also helped care for her stepchildren Lynn, Rick and Gary.

She was a member of Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford and its Handbell Choir. Linda was a gifted pianist, an avid reader, a painter of ceramics and a math whiz.

Disabled by a stroke in 1996, her courage, tenacity and joy of living in the face of great adversity was an inspiration to many. Her husband Fred provided loving care for her until his own death in 2005. In her years at Miller’s Merry Manor in Culver and Catherine Kasper, she enjoyed movies, shopping, walks, distributing candy to one and all, and visits from family and friends. She was a skilled artist and a force to be reckoned with playing dominoes.

She is survived by her son, Evan Vincent-Miller and significant other, Johanna Bennett, Carmichael, Calif.; stepdaughter Lynn Dieterman, Rockford, Ill.; stepsons Richard Miller, Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Gary Miller, Evanston, Ill.; two sisters, Anne Pilarski, Culver and Mary Jeanne Vincent, Noblesville; seven brothers, Joe (Claudette) Vincent, Salem, Ore., Richard (Susan) Vincent, Noblesville, David (Lynda) Lamarre-Vincent, Concord, N.H., Michael (Linda) Vincent, Cool Ridge, W.Va., Stephen Vincent, Iowa City, Iowa, Paul (Tania) Vincent, Beaverton, Ore., and Mark (Becky) Vincent, Bettendorf, Iowa; beloved aunts, Anne Vincent and Esther Vincent, both of Concord, N.H.; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other family.

Two services were held. A celebration of her life was held at the Catherine Kasper Chapel, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, 2 p.m. EDT, Thursday, March 13. A memorial service was held Friday, March 14 at Mulford Chapel, Fitzgerald Funeral Home, 1860 S. Mulford Road, Rockford, Ill. Visitation was at 1:30 p.m. with service following at 2:30 pm CDT. Leave condolences and read a full obituary at www.johnson-danielson.com. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and earmarked for the “Art with Marge Program” and mailed to the PHJC Development Office, P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, IN 46513.

Correction

Reader Marilyn Kelly pointed out the discrepancy in last week’s (March 13) issue of *The Culver Citizen*, in which -- in our cover story on World War II WAC veteran Lida Norris, it was specified she is one of only two surviving World War II vets in the Culver area. As Mrs. Kelly pointed out, there are actually several in addition to the two named. The Citizen regrets the error.

Patrick Byrne McCarthy
March 15, 1935 – March 9, 2014



CULVER — Patrick Byrne McCarthy, 78, of Culver, passed away peacefully at the Center for Hospice Care in South Bend at 11 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Pat was born on March 15, 1935 in Cook County, Ill. to the late Joseph and Marguerite McCarthy. He graduated from Culver High School in 1952, and for a short time attended DePaul University in Chicago.

From there he joined the Army Reserves. Upon his father’s death

in 1958, Pat left the Army and returned home to take over the family farm, which he has continued to successfully maintain and grow for the last 55 years.

In the summer of 1958, Pat met and fell in love with Dolores Verna Macey and on Aug. 1, 1959, they were married at St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. They were blessed with two children.

He was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church.

Pat is survived by his wife Dolores, his children: Timothy Sean (Joy) and Kathleen Ann McCarthy, both of Culver, three grandchildren: Levi D. Bennett, Logan R. McCarthy and Jennah D. McCarthy, all of Culver. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews including Marellen (Greg) Turner of Marietta, Ga., Patrick M. (Ginny) Jones of Cumming, Ga., Ann, Max, and Lee Turner of Georgia, Jennifer A. (Daniel) Paulik of Hoschton, Ga., Samantha Jones of Cumming, Ga., Ryan Macey and Lea Johnson, both of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by both parents and a sister: Delia Ann Jones of Atlanta, Ga.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 from 2 – 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver. A funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. Burial will immediately follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the donor’s choice of charities in Pat’s name.

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

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Ryan C Smith
April 23, 1961 – March 10, 2014



CULVER — Ryan Charles Smith, 52, of Culver, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 10, 2014.

Ryan was born to Richard Smith and Nancy (Hott) Curtis on April 23, 1961 in Rochester. After graduating from Culver Community High School in 1979, Ryan met, fell in love and married Jacqueline McCune on Sept. 29, 1984. Together they raised three beautiful children.

Ryan was a loving man who was always taking care of his family. He

was currently working at AM General and has previously worked at Walker – Tenneco for 13 years. He enjoyed all sports. He especially cheered for the Cubs, Bears, and Purdue sports. Ryan enjoyed fantasy football and mushroom hunting.

Ryan is survived by his wife Jackie Smith of Culver; daughter 24-year-old Kristi Leanna (husband Tyler) Sprout of Brownsburg and son 21-year-old Keaton Charles Smith of Indianapolis and daughter 18-year-old Kortney Cathryn Smith of Culver; mother Nancy (Hott) Curtis of Culver; father Richard W. Smith (wife Pauline) of Winamac; brother Rory (wife Stephanie) Smith of Monterey; sister Shan (husband Doug) Farmer of St. Joseph, Mich.; brother Scott (wife Amy) Curtis of Culver; brother Chuck Curtis of Culver; sister Alicia (husband Ron) Lucas of St. Louis, Mo.; brother Justin (wife Kami) McGowin of Indianapolis; and granddaughter Khloe Sprout.

Ryan had many nephews and nieces all of whom adored him. He had so many wonderful friends who loved his fun and easy spirit. He was simply a joy to be around.

Ryan is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Charles and Mary Ellen Hott; paternal grandparents Walter and Eva Smith; and stepfather Bob Curtis.

A time to gather with the family and share memories will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Reverend Johanna Wagner will officiate funeral services at the Wesley United Methodist Church (511 School St., Culver) on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. with visitation 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. before the service. Burial will follow the service at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Ryan’s memory to a charity of the donor’s choosing.

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

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Hyland 90th open house

The community is invvited to join Iris Madonna Hyland in a *surprise* open house celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. (EST) at the Culver depot (her birthday is actually April 6). Those who wish to bring her a gift, please consider a flowering plant, bulbs or seeds. R.S.V.P. to debra465@gmail.com or call 574-261-5377. Those unable to attend who would like to send her a birthday card, send it to 18942 St Rd 10, Culver, IN 46511.

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Through the years...

Editor’s note: As readers may have noticed two weeks ago, *The Culver Citizen* is reviving its longstanding Nostalgia column as a semi-regular feature on this page. This column, in some form or another, dates back at least to the 1950s, though it came and went through the years. Your editor included it for some time in the pages of the Citizen after my tenure began in 2007, though it was set aside in recent years for a couple of reasons, not least of which was trying some more interactive features such as our “Name that Culver Citizen” and “Where in the World is the Culver Citizen” columns.

The hiatus of the ‘through the years’ approach will hopefully be recognized as having nothing to do with the editor’s keen interest in local history, which is something evidenced by the regular stream of history-themed articles and our ongoing “If these walls could talk,” Antiquarian and Historical Society-sponsored series, which will continue, also on a semi-regular basis.

Among factors making the ‘Nostalgia’ column’s return inviting were occasional requests for it and positive comments about it, and especially the increased access to historical records (especially vintage copies of *The Culver Citizen*, which is where past editors found this material), thanks to the AHS’ website, culverahs.com, which includes more than 25 years worth (and counting!) of back issues, full-text searchable.

And yes, we intend to add more recent decades to the time machine mix in future columns. Stay tuned for that.

One enhancement to the column is also more commentary from the editor which intends to make the information more enjoyable by putting some historical context to it, or pointing out particular details of special note to today’s readers.

50 years ago - March 18, 1964:

Culver's sectional basketball champs, former Culver coaches, Aubbeenaubbee Braves basketball team, yell leaders, student managers, and school officials were honored guests at the Culver Lions Club annual basketball banquet last Wednesday evening at the Culver Community Building. There was an excellent showing of this year's fine team.

The Culver Jaycees are sponsoring their second annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Culver and the immediate area on March 2S, at 2 p.m., at the Culver Town Park. Children in the age groups from 1 through 8 years old will be eligible to participate. Those finding the gold, silver, and numbered eggs will receive prizes.

Editor’s note: as reported in this week’s page 1 story on the park board, a committee has stepped forward, in the absence of a park superintendent at present, to ensure that the longstanding tradition of a children’s Easter Egg hunt in the park continues. As indicated here, that tradition goes back at least 51 years (and likely longer) to the 1963 management of it by the now-defunct Culver Jaycees. Former park superintendent Kelly Young, of course, oversaw it for the past nearly 30 years, though the format has changed slightly through the decades (the search for the coveted silver and gold eggs, for example, has been absent for some years now). It’s a likely bet the tradition will continue, in whatever specific format and under whatever leadership, for years to come.

60 years ago - March 17, 1954: A flash fire in Hibbard early last Thursday morning totally destroyed the frame home of Frank Kovacs and claimed the lives of seven of the 12 members of his family.

Raymond J. Ives Jr. is named to succeed Floyd M. Annis as principal of the Culver Public Schools. M. R. Robinson is named as assistant principal.

70 years ago: March 15, 1944: John Drnek has sold The Culver Cleaners to Charles Ricciardi, tailor at the Academy, and expects to turn the management of the business over to the new owner this week. Mr. Drenk , who has operated the shop for over 13 years, plans to take a much needed rest.

80 years ago - March 14, 1934: The bravery and alertness of Arthur Kemple, age 10, saved his playmate, Sam Strang Jr., age 9, from drowning in Lake Maxinkuckee last Wednesday afternoon when the latter broke through a think place in the ice.

Charles M. Cooper has purchased the Hibbard General Store of Mrs. C. E . Andrews.

Billy Taber and his jazz orchestra made a big hit in their debut at a high school assembly. *Editor’s note: many in Culver will recall the long tenure of the late Bill Taber as Culver’s resident traditional jazz bandleader, virtually up to his death in 1991.*

90 years ago - March 12, 1924: A school bus driven by Ray Patesel was hit by an Erie train at Delong. No children were in the bus. The hack was completely demolished but Patesel was not hurt.

Charles Medbourn captured a large tarantula from a stalk of bananas in the Medbourn and McLane Store (*at 113 S. Main Street, site of today’s Cafe Max -- editor*).

The mother-daughter banquet of Culver City Club featured the following: Irma Soloman program, vocal solo by Violet Overmyer, reading by Frances Osborn, reading by Mrs. Heminger, violin solo by Louise Strang, address by Mrs. C. I . Ferrier , and a solo by Beatrice Graham.

100 years ago - March 10, 1914: Although unable to obtain any championship honors at the state, basketball tournament, Culver succeeded in placing two forwards on the all-state first and second teams. Herman Sayger, star forward of the Culver team, was considered by officials and those who saw him exhibit his skill, as being the fastest, cleverest, and best qualified forward of the state in high school basketball.

Editor’s note: as written in Ken Johnson’s Marshall County basketball blog, “Sayger made several Indiana high school all-state basketball teams as a Culver High School senior in 1914, earned letters in five sports at Heidelberg College in Ohio...played professional football, helped broadcast college football games with Red Barber, and founded a sports syndicate in which he wrote and published 24 books on athletics in conjunction with famous coaches” Sayger also helped introduce the three-point shot into basketball scoring, and during high school he’s also said to have scored 113 points in one game in March, 1913 in Culver!

Zechiel & Elick have sold the City Meat Market to W. H. Porter, who takes possession next Monday. Victor Elick will remain in his employ this summer.

The electric light gang expects to have the poles set from Plymouth to Burr Oak by Saturday night and to reach Culver next week. If all goes well, Mr. Snoeberger will have the lights turned on in May.

Editor’s note: and there you have it: electricity came to Culver 100 years ago this week.

50 years ago feature: Trademarking an icon

March 18, 1964 Culver Citizen: One of Indiana’s and’ the country’s most famous trade marks now has been registered — 62 years after its first use. The trade mark is the large letter “C” with “ulver” inside it as the symbol for Culver Military Academy.



The trade mark of the country’s largest college preparatory school has been reproduced millions of times in advertisements, catalogs, alumni publications, stationary, athletic letters, and insignia.

The origin of the unique trade mark is lost in antiquity, but campus historians have a plausible theory. The large “C” is in the shape of a horseshoe. The trade mark was designed in 1902 to publicize the Black Horse Troop, which had been formed in 1897 in an effort to build enrollment at the struggling young school founded in 1894.

Editor’s note: Since this article was written, 50 years ago, the details of the creation of the Culver “C” logo have become clear. As Culver Alumni Magazine editor Doug Haberland wrote in the winter, 2013-14 edition of the magazine (which happens to feature a re-creation of the event described below, on its cover), “...in the spring of 1899, cadets Harry Fitton and Harrison Schults pressed a horseshoe into wet sand and wrote ULVER within. (Then commandant Col. Leigh) Gignilliat saw the creation and immediately identified it as Culver’s logo. It first appeared in 1900 on football uniforms).”

The 140-horse Troop still is the Academy’s most colorful organization and is the country’s largest cavalry unit.

The Culver trade mark was recently registered with the Secretary of State of Indiana. It has a state rather than national registration because the Academy is not regarded as engaging in inter- state commerce. This is the interpretation of law, even though the normal year students enroll from about 40 states and a dozen foreign countries.

Registration of the trade mark was taken to protect it for the Academy as a valuable symbol. With the registration, no organization or person can use it without the consent of the Academy. Culver today has 850 students in grades 8 through 12. During each July and August 1,650 students are enrolled in a combination education and recreation program.

I can take it

What do you want from your community newspaper? What makes you want to read the Pilot News, the Bremen Enquirer, Advance News, Culver Citizen, Bourbon News-Mirror or the The Leader? I want to know.

As I approach my one-year anniversary with the Pilot News Group, I have been looking back and trying to look ahead to see what changes we can make in what we do, how we do it and why we do it. There is an abundance of local news in the newspaper now; interesting feature stories and even some local columnists.

We've added a health page on Tuesdays and an Arts & Entertainment page on Fridays in the Pilot News, which is still Marshall County's daily newspaper. The only problem we have is that there is sometimes more good information than we can fit on the designated page. When you publish a newspaper, having too much information is a good problem to have.

Sure, the Pilot News and all newspapers struggle with what sometimes seems easy fixes, such as editorial mistakes like misspelled names, but we have made progress. Unless you've worked under tight, looming and immediate deadlines, it may be hard to understand how these can occur, but mistakes happen and we hate it when we realize that a typo has slipped by. There are no proofreaders or fact checkers - positions which were cut long ago in the newspaper industry to save money and stay in business.

But aside from these kind of errors, I want to know what



GUEST EDITORIAL BY LOIS TOMASZEWSKI, MANAGING EDITOR, THE PILOT NEWS GROUP

we need to do to better represent the community. What kind of columns would you like to see? Should we recruit local political columnists, sports fans and others from the community to enlighten and entertain?

What about stories on local businesses, manufacturers and organizations? There are so many good stories out there, and people who are doing what they can to help the economy and the community. Perhaps we need to tell these stories more often. What do you think?

Criticism can be a powerful tool. As a beginning poet, I welcomed the constructive criticism of my peers. Their insight helped me identify the areas that were a struggle for me as well as the areas in which I excelled. Criticism and helpful suggestions can make something good even better. It also helps to have shortcomings pointed out. It helps set up a to-do list of improvements and everyone benefits when that happens. If you don't know something isn't working, you can't fix it.

And while asking for this kind of input from the public can be a little scary, I am optimistic that all suggestions will only lead to a better product. It's like asking your significant other their opinion on what you are wearing — is there any safe answer?

I'm game. Are you?
Send comments to Pilot News Managing Editor Lois Tomaszewski at ltomaszewski@thepilotnews.com.

CCHS' Dehning to attend DePauw School of Music



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ABOVE: Culver Comm. High School senior Caleb Dehning (seated) signed a letter of intent last Friday to attend Depauw University's School of Music this fall. He's flanked by (standing, from left), CCHS principal Albert Hanselman, CCHS band director Jason Crittendon, and his parents Terri and the Rev. K.C. Dehning.

The Culver Community knows him as the “Dancing Tuba Guy,” but Caleb Dehning’s musical talents run much deeper and his aspirations are much higher than entertaining home fans with his many moves -- and even a high-kick -- while playing the sousaphone at CCHS home basketball games.

Dehning, son of the Rev. K.C. and Terri Dehning, signed a letter of intent to accept a \$34,000 renewable scholarship and attend the DePauw University School of Music, Greencastle, Indiana, to play the tuba with the hope of

Music, the faculty then reviewed all of the auditions, which had been video recorded.

In offering this scholarship, Dr. D. Mark McCoy, Dean of the School of Music wrote, “Our faculty found you to be of high artistic ability and they are convinced that you show significant academic and musical promise. This is an accomplishment to be celebrated and I commend you on your good work.”

Earlier this month, Dehning performed at the Indiana State Schools Music Association Solo and Ensemble

someday being a professional musician and playing for a major Symphony Orchestra.

To be offered this scholarship, Dehning first had to apply and be accepted into DePauw University on academic merit. Next, he auditioned for acceptance into DePauw’s School of Music by attending one of DePauw’s Audition Days where he performed for members of the music faculty and had a private lesson with the tuba instructor.

Following his acceptance into the School of

competition where he earned a gold medal.

Informing the Culver Community School Corporation of this achievement, Jason Crittendon, director of bands, listed Dehning’s music accomplishments throughout his middle and high school years: Indiana Bandmasters’ Association (IBA) All-Region Honor Band (MS years); IBA All-District Honor Band (HS years, all 4); IBA All State Band (Senior year); Indiana Music Educator's Association (IMEA) Honor Band (Senior year); Indiana State School Music Assoc. (ISSMA) District Solo/Ensemble Contest (MS on Cornet, HS on Tuba); ISSMA State Solo/Ensemble Contest Silver Medalist (junior year) - qualified by earning gold at district s/e in Group 1 which is the most difficult category; ISSMA State Solo/Ensemble Contest Gold Medalist (senior year) - qualified by earning gold at district s/e in Group 1 which is the most difficult category; DePauw University High School Honor Band (senior year).

Of those achievements Crittendon wrote, “Students who achieve the triple crown of IBA allstate, IMEA honor band, and state solo/ensemble gold are truly the cream of the crop in music in Indiana. As a tuba player, Caleb had to work hard for those honor bands because spots are limited. An honor band may consist of 12 trumpets, 12 clarinets for instance, but only 5 tubas. He has been incredibly self-motivated, researching the group 1 music list and selecting his solos...this guy has a bright future in music.”

In addition to his High School musical achievements, Dehning has also been performing with the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, affiliated with Manchester University, the past two years.

Dehning has been receiving private lessons from Mr. Jeff Huber, board member of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Director of Bands for Manchester Community Schools.

Says Huber, “Since last year Caleb has been the only high school student in the Manchester Symphony Orchestra. The MSO is composed of college music students and professional musicians in northern Indiana. This group performs professional level music that is very demand-

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ABOVE, LEFT: Culver Cavaliers fans weren't lacking at Saturday's regionals game against North White at Bourbon, where these two young fans made their Cavalier pride unmistakable. CENTER: Culver Community's Jacoda Anderson takes to the air as two North White players work to curtail him. RIGHT: CCHS' Alex Graham, center, tries for the ball as Trent Elliott (left) takes a leap in the fray.

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occurred with 55.9 seconds remaining in regulation as Culver’s Trent Elliott — who scored a game-high 32 points highlighted by a pair of slams — was whistled for his fifth foul when Ty Mattix took a big charge from the Cavaliers senior. Jacoda Anderson blocked a layup attempt from Drake Fleck with 4.8 seconds on the clock to force overtime.

“I was very disappointed to say the least,” said Kyle Elliott. “I thought it was very clear that they were in foul mode; that they were wanting to foul, and I felt as though the contact led Trent into the other defensive player, which led to the charge.”

Culver jumped out to a narrow 64-62 lead in OT as Everett Krueger and Preston Hansel each split a pair of layups, but Luke Diener’s triple from the top of the key put North White out in front, 65-64. Krueger answered back with a triple of his own from the corner to give Culver back a narrow 67-65 advantage, but Connor Cain’s putback reknotted the score at 67-all. Anderson’s lay-in from the low post with 51.8 seconds to go gave the Cavs a 69-67

lead, but Diener’s traditional three-point play with 28.1 seconds left in OT wound up being the difference-maker.

“I’m so proud of these kids. I’m disappointed for them not to get this. We’d like to be in that championship. It wasn’t a lack of heart, it was a lack of shots falling,” said Elliott.

While Elliott finished with 32, Krueger put up 19 and Anderson tacked on 11 in the season-ending loss for Culver.

North White was led by Diener’s 21, followed by 18 and 16 points, respectively, from Dalton and Drake Fleck.

Culver closed out the year with the second most wins in school history with a final record of 16-8 and just the school’s third-ever sectional championship following the Cavs’ 56-49 win over Argos in the Sectional 51 championship at home last Saturday. The team bids goodbye to a trio of seniors in Elliott, Anderson and guard Jordan Sanders.

“We’ve got three great seniors that have made this a great season. Second most wins in school history, a sec-

tional championship,” said Culver’s boss. “As I was telling the guys on the radio, the most important thing is these are good kids and they’re going to be successful after graduation in whatever endeavor they choose to go. They’re great kids and they work hard, and they’ve been roll models for our basketball program.”

• NORTH WHITE 70, CULVER COMMUNITY 69 OT
At Triton Regional
North White: 11 25 6 20 8 — 70
Culver: 19 10 20 13 7 — 69
CULVER (69): Alex Graham 2, Everett Krueger 19, Jordan Sanders 0, Preston Hansel 5, Trent Elliott 32, Jacoda Anderson 11; Totals: 23 16-20 69.
NORTH WHITE (70): Drake Fleck 16, Dalton Fleck 18, Ty Mattix 0, Luke Diener 21, Jeff Boedel 3, Caleb Hendress 0, Connor Cain 6, Levi Diener 2, Oscar Maravilla 4; Totals: 24 12-18 70.
3-pointers: Culver 7 (Elliott 4, Krueger 3), North White 10 (Dalton Fleck 5, Diener 4, Boedel); Rebounds: Culver 32 (Anderson 11, Hansel 9), North White 25 (Cain 8); Turnovers: Culver 15, North White 9; Assists: Culver 8 (Sanders 3, Anderson 3), North White 7 (Drake Fleck 2, Diener 4); Total fouls (fouled out): Culver 20 (Elliott), North White 16 (Da. Fleck).
Records: North White 17-8. Culver finishes 16-8.

Council from page A2

in township funds -- do not revert to the town's general fund, as some have alleged, but instead go into the park fund. However, he said, the park fund is co-mingled with town funds in town budget information.

Council member Sally Ricciardi said she understood all funds are placed in the same account so the town received the maximum interest rate on its money; council member Ginny Munroe said money listed as belonging to the park fund is not money the council, or other non-park departments, have access to. Schoeff affirmed the park's is not a separate fund but a separate ledger.

In answer to an audience member question, Munroe said park monies are allocated each year when the park superintendent shows park revenue and budget, and asks if the town and township will make up the difference, to which the town says "yes" or "no."

It was noted that park revenue, including pier slip rent-

als, concessions and beach fees, and other sources, make up a substantial portion of the park's money.

Sewer plant update and more

A number of issues at the sewer plant are being addressed, Schoeff also explained, including repair of electrical issues and repair or overhauls of pumps.

He also said the town -- which has sought in vain to fill its full-time sewer operator position for some months -- is not required to have an operator, as long as utilities manager Bob Porter, who is certified to oversee the plant, does so. Employees, however, are needed for the labor of maintaining the plant, and Schoeff suggested the town could offer to put one of its staff members through the certification process, which involves three years of plant experience.

The end date of March 19 remains for those wishing

their water bills adjusted if they "trickle" their water in order to prevent more pipes freezing in homes around town, Schoeff explained. He said there are still 19 properties with frozen pipes, with one place having fixed its issues, but another added to the list in addition.

Audience and Board of Zoning Appeals member Russ Mason explained Margaret Dehne has replaced BZA member Ron Cole on that board, due to Cole's having work and personal issues.

The council also heard a presentation from representatives of Legalshield, a company offering legal and identity theft protection for a monthly fee to town employees, contract laborers, and council members. The council expressed willingness to allow Schoeff to explain the service to supervisors and allow town employees to voluntarily take advantage of if they wish.



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Culver Brownie, Daisy artists

Culver Brownie Troop 30474 and Culver Daisy Troop 00082 recently attended an "I Am An Artist" class, during which Shelly Schrimsher of Unlocked Creativity in Culver walked the girls through painting, step by step, on canvas.

Culver's Lions Club and Tri-Kappa made it possible for all to attend free of charge thanks to their financial donation.

The class helped Brownie Troop members earn their painting badge.

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repairs using the park's Rainy Day Fund. She also said most repairs were not truly structural, and many additional improvements needed are visual enhancements. The necessities defined by the building committee are hoped to be fixed before summer and any other changes or repairs afterwards.

Golden Agers items at the beach lodge
The board spoke with audience member Jeanette Geiselman of the Culver Golden Agers, who had met for over 15 years in the beach lodge's meeting room in conjunction with the REAL Meals program, concerning folding tables and chairs left in that room. Geiselman said the Golden Agers would be willing to sell the tables and chairs to the park for \$1,000, money they would give to a local charity.
Stallings said previous park superintendent Kelly Young had informed the board last year that the tables and chairs had been donated anonymously to the park, rather than the Golden Agers. She also noted the park never charged the Golden Agers rent or other fees for use of the meeting space, though Geiselman countered the group had initially been charged but the park agreed to waive any fees when the Golden Agers ran out of money (and the park encouraged the group to keep the building in use).
In response to Stallings' request that the items be donated to the park, Geiselman said she already had another offer to purchase the tables.
It was also discussed that no documentation exists regarding the donation and its intended recipient. Geiselman said the donor is deceased.
Board member John Helphrey and audience member Vern Chmielewski Jr. offered to deliver a piano still at the beach lodge to Geiselman's home.

Finance committee report
Reporting on behalf of the finance committee, Helphrey said the park fund balance as of Feb. 28 is \$251,000, with \$41,975 derived from pier slip rentals. Projected pier revenue is \$126,000 this year, and claims of note include \$2,460 for insurance, bonds, and workman's comp; \$2,498 for gas and electric for the beach lodge and park lights combined; and \$2,540 for salaries in January.
Of immediate consideration going forward, he said, are a salary package for the new superintendent, possible loss of rental income during beach lodge rehab, building repair for critical issues, boat pier slip installation and removal (which cost \$20,200 for 2013), and park grounds maintenance.

However, he said, no salary or benefits were paid in February or March, and there should be a reduction in seasonal work force cost, including the activity director's salary.
Helphrey also discussed revenues from building and room rentals in years past, which totaled \$3,200 last year (\$1,800 of which was meeting room rental). He noted the gazebo costs \$80.25 to rent, the meeting room \$107, and each pavilion \$58.85. The combined rental revenue for 2012 was \$4,512, with \$2,700 from meeting room rental.
He also noted this year's budget was reduced -- last year by request of the park superintendent -- by \$30,000, but no reduction was requested for salary increases. He also said building improvement funds allocated had been \$40,000 but were requested last year by the superintendent to be reduced to \$10,000. Helphrey projected \$55,000 for the year.
In 2013, the park spent \$84,000 in payroll, he added, which included 22 people, 14 of them lifeguards, and four maintenance workers. He reiterated previous meetings' suggestions that grounds keeping can be contracted to an outside business, eliminating some of the four maintenance people.
Shaffer and Reinhold emphasized the goal is not, however, to eliminate jobs, but to trim the budget, and that new employment opportunities should arise off-season in conjunction with board plans for the coming year.
Shaffer added the board is considering various options regarding means of funding the needed work on the beach lodge.

Easter egg hunt plans
Culver area youngsters will hopefully have an Easter egg hunt April 12, something which would have fallen by the wayside in the absence of a park superintendent, thanks to a volunteer committee. Tim Yuhas proposed the Culver Beard Club take on the project, with audience member Tracy Gordon joining the effort, all of which the board voted to approve.

Other votes and discussion
The board voted to adopt -- subject to changes discussed at the meeting -- a policy handbook developed by the policy committee, as represented by Tom Kearns. There was some discussion of specific changes to text in the document, and focused attention given to documentation of any rescue attempts made by beach safety staff. Board

members said no policy manual existed prior to this one.
There was also lengthy discussion regarding what board members called an evolving process of tightening up the park's boat slip rental policy, with Shaffer noting she takes phone calls and emails from renters and Reinhold maintains a diagram of who has paid and other information.
Discussion centered on whether to allow single persons or families more than one boat slip space when others are "in line" and have no space, and whether local residents take precedence over those renting space but residing out of town or out of state.
Mason, in the audience, suggested a time limit be placed on notifying the park of rental intentions, with second slips opened up once that limit has expired, subject to availability. Chmielewski, noting he ran a marina in Chicago, echoed that suggestion.
It was agreed the policy committee would have to examine the matter more closely.

In response to a query from Githens as to whether those on the board currently handling pier slip rentals are bonded, Reinhold replied that she is not, but that she doesn't touch any money coming in, but instead simply receives the paperwork regarding the rentals and sends out receipts.
After an update from community volunteer Jeff Mansfield explaining that the software offered by former Culver hardware owner Dave Beggs was outdated, the board opted to look more closely at vendors towards purchase of new Point of Sale cash register equipment and software. Mansfield said he will look at specifications outlined by the board and return with more vendor options.
Voted in by the board was a change of venue to the beach lodge meeting room for all future park board meetings, starting with the next one, which will take place March 19 at 6:30 p.m. instead of the following week, since it was concluded a quorum was unlikely on the originally scheduled date.

Also approved was purchase of a new American flag at the beach lodge meeting room, \$1,106 for cleaning and maintenance of the five chimneys at the beach lodge (which Reinhold reported were deemed in bad condition by the chimney sweep), and \$1,807.99 for new locks and keys at the beach lodge. Stallings reported the locksmith found some broken door knobs and locking systems, and also installed a box with a programmable code in which to place a building key, so renters of the space may access it in case no one is available to let them in.
Approved was a request to donate a family beach pass to the Culver After Prom committee, and the use of the park over the weekend of July 18 for the 2014 Lake Fest, as well as use of the park May 10 by the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council for a 'Naturepalooza' event all day.
The board also voted to establish a pier committee, similar to the existing building, finance, and policy committees, to look specifically at improving and maintaining the park's piers. The committee will be made up of a park board member and volunteer citizens.
Reinhold will follow up on her report that she's investigating the hope of offering lifeguard certification training to local high school students for work at the beach in the summer, with the possibility of Culver Academies offering training more reasonably than other places. The park would consider paying for the training, she added.
Shaffer noted anyone wishing to rent rooms, pavilions, or other amenities at the park should, for the moment, contact Shaffer herself.
Audience member Gerry Burkett asked if the town website could be updated to reflect the current meeting schedule of the park board, which is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; she noted the site currently lists the old schedule.
She also asked that park policies be posted on the website, though board members responded that, up to now, the park has had no policies to post, though the aforementioned committees are working to establish them. Some audience and board discussion followed suggesting communication about park events and the like had been sporadic in the past and that social media, internet, and other means be employed rigorously to communicate with the public.

Indiana Dept. of Revenue encouraging Hoosiers to protect identity during tax time

The Indiana Department of Revenue is aiming to educate Hoosiers about protecting their identities during tax season. Because of increased security features, the department has been able to stop more than \$1.2 million in attempted tax fraud within just the first month of the tax season.
Identity theft is such a big problem during tax season because it's when people gather all of their sensitive information into one place, making it easiest for criminals to steal information and tax refunds.
Some ways identity theft criminals can find your personal information are:
•From their friends or acquaintances
•By posing through a phone call or an email as someone who needs your information
•By looking through your trash for personal information
•By accessing information you provide to an unsecured Internet site or via a public Wi-Fi service
To avoid giving your personal information to identity theft criminals, follow the Indiana Department of Revenue's four identity protection tips:
1. Don't share your Social Security number (SSN) un-

less you have to. And never give it to a person when you did not make the initial contact.
2. Don't leave your W-2s lying around. This gives visitors going in and out of your home access to them. Instead, keep your tax documents in a safe, locked box.
3. After you electronically file your tax return, save the file to a CD, USB drive, or external drive and then delete the return from your computer. Store the device in a safe, locked place. This ensures hackers can't steal your information.
4. File your taxes electronically. It is significantly more secure than paper filing. Individual taxpayers may qualify to file their taxes online for free at www.freefile.dor.in.gov.
Be sure to pass along these tips to your friends and family to help protect their identities as well. For more information about identity protection, visit the Indiana Department of Revenue's Stop ID Theft website at www.in.gov/dor/4794.htm.
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Library news

Fancy Nancy party April 5

Join the Culver Public Library for stories, games and crafts in the Children’s Room on Saturday, April 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a Fancy Nancy Tea Soiree’(That’s fancy for party)!

To follow the theme of Fancy Nancy, participants will decorate tiaras, design their own pearl bracelets, and have a healthy and fancy snack!

Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P. to Jill Gavlick at 574-842-2941 or jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us by Friday, March 28 to save your place at the table. Don’t forget to look “FANCY!”

This program is free and open to the public and all children are welcome.

Data recovery discussed at Thursday Tech Time

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's Thursday Tech Time for March 20 at 6 p.m. will focus on data recovery. This program covers basic procedures for recovering data from a damaged computer. It also covers dealing with old storage media, such as floppy disks.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions! Sessions are held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

‘The Help’ at book-film group

"A Novel Approach," the book/film club at the Culver Union-Township Public Library, will feature "The Help." The group will meet Wednesday, April 2 at noon in the library’s Large Meeting Room located downstairs at the library.

The book, by Kathryn Stockett is a humorous, yet compelling view of Mississippi in the 1960’s. Three women would like the social status for women to be different. It was physically dangerous for anyone trying to change the rules, not only for black but white women as well.

The film stars Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and Bryce Dallas Howard. The movie will not disappoint the reader who couldn’t put down the book.

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.

Adult Winter Reading Program a success

The 2014 Adult Winter Reading Program, “Warm up with Reading,” at the Culver-Union Township Public Library was a success. There were a total of 21 participants signed up for the adult program, which ran from January 6 through February 28. Prizes were donated by local businesses and organizations. Participants earned points for reading books, writing book reviews, and attending book club meetings. The top three point earners and winners of the grand prizes were: Morrae Kring, Ashley Lind, and Jean Artist, respectively.

The Culver-Union Township would like to again thank the sponsors who donated prizes for the program. We encourage our patrons to support these outstanding local businesses!

For more information about adult programming at CUT-PL, please contact Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Laura Jones, at 574-842-2941 or ljones@culver.lib.in.us.

EDUCATION

Culver’s Blessman chosen for Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — Two Marshall County teachers were fortunate enough to have had their applications selected from a pool of more than 450 in the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowships program.

Phillip Blessman, Culver Academies, and Janet Marshall, Washington Discovery Academy, worked on their proposals with positive results.

In its 27th year, the Fellowships allows awarded teachers to spend their summer in creative, personally fulfilling activities that reinvigorate their spirits.

The program provides 100 Indiana teachers, principals, guidance counselors, and librarians in K-12 education with financial support and encouragement to attend to their own intellectual and emotional health.

There was no formal application for teachers to fill out just a list of requirements.

The applicants had to include their personal information, a description of the proposed project, the budget, timeline for completing the project, statement of future plans, recommendation letter, and a copy of their Indiana teaching or administrative license. Those selected to receive the \$10,000 grant are required to spend six weeks of the summer working on the project as they outlined in their application. The project must be completed by Aug. 31. Recipients are required to make reports on their project throughout the entire process. Recipients have until summer 2015 to submit their required final narrative of their project and financial reports.

The project has local teachers really excited. Blessman plans to study rocks that have been displaced by glaciers long ago around Marshall County. Marshall will track down missing branches of her family tree. Both recipients will be traveling overseas for part of their projects.

Heaven and Earth in Germany and Indiana - Phillip Blessman Culver Academies

Blessman will gather samples and travel to Greifswald University in Germany to analyze the samples. The university has equipment to allow for polar microscopy, x-ray fluorescence, and x-ray diffraction examinations. The equipment will provide a finger print, so to speak, of the sample for Blessman to study.

“Having immigrated from Germany to the U.S. in 1990, I am acutely aware of being displaced, of being a traveler in space and time, not unlike the research objects I am interested in,” said Blessman. “It was important to me



Phillip Blessman

to design a project with local meaning. I wanted to take a closer look at the glacial landscape in this area.”

While still in Indiana Blessman will work with the Indiana Geological Survey Glacial Geologists Dr. Marni Karaffa and Dr. Henry Loope. The trio will work together to collect samples from Culver and other areas in Marshall County.

After the samples are collected Blessman will travel to Germany where he will work with his brother, Senior Lecturer in Mineralogy at Greifswald University Dr. Georg Grathoff. Grathoff will assist Blessman in preparing slides for examination. Three types of slides will need to be made thin sections slides, fusion tablets, and fine powder slides. Blessman will be spending approximately one week

with each lab technique collecting data.

That data from the polarizing microscope will provide Blessman with a visual identification of the minerals present in the sample to determine the speed of formation and genesis of the rock. The x-ray fluorescence will provide the ratios of elements in the samples including trace elements. The x-ray diffraction will determine the percentage of various minerals based on their varying crystal dimensions. The results will aid in determining the overall composition of the rocks and in the identification of the bedrock source from which they came.

Upon returning to the United States Blessman will compile all the data and form it into a “story” of where the samples originated, how they were originally formed, and their age.

“I have taught high school physics for the past nineteen years, but I have not engaged in science research since I received my master’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1995,” said Blessman. “This project will allow me to once again DO science, rather than ‘just’ teach, allowing me to ‘recharge the batteries’ as I get to focus on pure scientific research.”

After Blessman is done with the analyzing of data he has plans to share his findings with others. Blessman plans to attend the National Science Teachers Association in Chicago in 2015 with his presentation. In addition, Blessman would like to be able to re-introduce a geology course to the curriculum at Culver Academies.

In the mean time, Blessman will use his new knowledge to assist students in research projects.

“I teach AP Physics but there are connections across the fields of study. The opportunity to learn more will help me be a better teacher by learning to be a better researcher.”

Military School Band & Choir Festival special for Culver Academies students, faculty

By Doug Haberland , Culver Academies

Participation by Culver Academies musicians and vocalists in the Military School Band & Choir Festival has been an annual event for several years, but the 2014 trip was special on several fronts.

The Academies were represented by 12 members of the Concert Band (half of them girls) and a dozen choir members (four of them cadets). The festival was at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va., Feb. 20-23. But the final concert of combined musicians and choir was performed Sunday in Alexandria, Va., at the annual conference of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary.

After several days of 10-12 hour rehearsals, Kathryn Burke ’15 (Plymouth, Ind.) earned the first chair flute (and piccolo solo in “Stars & Stripes”) and Sam Baldwin ’15 (Plymouth, Ind.) earned principal timpanist. Katie Giacobbe ’15 (Ormond Beach, Fla.) sang the long alto solo in the choral piece “A Soldier and the One I Love.” Culver

Band Director Maj. Bill Browne administered the placement auditions.

Assistant Band Director Chad Gard conducted a percussion clinic that the festival chairman called a “truly outstanding and educational experience for our young people.” With 17 schools using very different drumming styles and a range of instruments, Gard wrote a manual, “Getting a Traditional Grip,” to bring them together. The performance was a “Drum Static” and a cadence for the drum majors as they marched.

As with many off-campus trips for Culver students, there are often educational and/or cultural side trips, if time allows. After the Sunday concert, this group went into D.C. for a whirlwind tour to view the Capitol, White House, Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam, Korean War, and Martin Luther King Jr. monuments. On the way home, the group overnighted in Pennsylvania and visited the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. “These visits helped cement the values

of gratitude and service

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(Hopefully) winter's last hurrah

There's been a great deal (to say the least) of snow this year, but arguably none more beautiful than that which fell last Wednesday, when a wet, heavy coating of several inches blanketed the area. What perhaps made this particular snowfall especially beautiful (and its beauty may have prevented winter-weary Culverites from sinking into utter despair) was its tendency to cling to every leaf and twig, even coating the trunks of trees and obscuring signs (as seen in the photos here, taken in the town park with the exception of the LOWER RIGHT, which is the Academy Road end of the old railroad trail from the park northwards). Temperatures below 20 degrees kicked off the week on St. Patrick's Day Monday, but warmer temps were said to be on their way.



ABOVE, LEFT: Hannah Boland of Culver (Culver Academies class of 2016) in front of the Vietnam War Memorial.



ABOVE, RIGHT: Culver Academies band instructor Chad Gard (right) leads the drummers through practice. PHOTO/CINDY RODNEY, SPECIAL IMAGES, FRONT ROYAL, VA.



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CES students 'Circle the State with Song'

ABOVE: Sixteen Culver Elementary School students headed to Kokomo High School Feb. 22 to participate in Circle the State With Song, where they spent the day making beautiful music with about 500 other students, according to CES music teacher Kim Morrison.

Circle the State with Song is a Indiana Music Educators Association-initiated and sponsored children's choral festival intended to provide students with quality choral performance with other students from their area; an opportunity for music honor students who are ready for more challenging music to work with guest choral clinicians, among other goals.

Pictured, front row from left: Lily Hayes, Abbi Johnson, Ethan Lima, Ethan Coyle, Jacob Abair, Kaliegh Kephart, Sha'dimon Noble. Second row: Erin Renneker, Lilly Sayavongsing, Hannah Haimbaugh, Isabelle Ahlenius, John Sieber, Sophie Michi, Amanda Bradley, Lilyana Joyner, Hannah Branson.

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to others exemplified by many of the selections we performed," Browne said.

That gratitude was exemplified by sophomore Hannah Boland (Culver), who was observed standing before a panel of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial for several minutes.

Boland explained that she was struck by "the simplicity and power of the names on the wall. It is quite humbling, and (the names) go on and on." She stopped at Panel 48 and read through the names, which took about 10 minutes. Then she got to the name Goodnight, and the symbolism of the word.

"I started to cry. It was very sad," Hannah said. "The soldiers died so young because of their selfless sacrifice. They never got the chance to live their lives. I thought how, though their names were on the wall, they can be seen as one instead of as individuals. I wanted to read their names to specifically give them my time and say 'I remember you.' Even if only for a few seconds, they were my focus and had my undivided attention."

For Gard – after an exhausting, exhilarating, and enlightening weekend of social activity and outstanding musicianship – observing Boland at The Wall became one of those moments that makes teaching at Culver so worthwhile.

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ing. Caleb has done an excellent job performing at all concerts and met all expectations. The experience of rehearsing and performing with this group is strong evidence of Caleb's ability to succeed as a performance musician ... As a music educator and professional tuba player I get the chance to work with many students every year. Caleb is one of the most talented, dedicated, and hardest working I have worked with."

Last summer, Dehning attended the IU Summer Music Clinic in Bloomington, Indiana. Of the approximately 200 musicians, he was one of only six students to receive an invitation and half scholarship to attend the 2014 Summer Music Clinic.

In addition to his music, Dehning's other accomplishments and areas of involvement include: High School Class President (Junior and Senior year); member of the National Honor Society; American Legion Hoosier Boys State Participant; Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Ambassador; member of CAVS Club and CYCO; two-year State Speech Qualifier in Radio Broadcasting; member of this year's Econ Team which came two points short of qualifying for Nationals; A-B Honor Roll; Academic Letter; and Academic Bar. The DePauw University School of Music is one of the first music schools established in the country and is the only accredited School of Music affiliated with a prestigious Liberal Arts University.

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CCMS Students of the Month

Culver Community Middle School has announced its Students of the Month for February.

7th grade: Wyatt Loehmer (teacher: Bianca Ash), Haley Pennigton (John Browder), Skyler Sullivan (Jason Crittendon), Brandon Jones (Jamie Estok/Mrs. Pitera), Sunny Clingler (Ashli Faulkner), Brandon England (Amy Gearhart), Noah King (Gina Hierlmeier), Zach Moore (Shane Lowry), Bailey Howard (Ms. Lynn), Hailey Shipley (Cristyn Messick) Hailey Shipley (Ms. Thomas), Alyssa Bailey (Andy Thomas), Gabe Gomez (Ashleigh Trumble).

8th grade: Ryamie Shoop (Eugene Baker), Cody Russell (Jason Crittendon), Raymie Shoop (Ashli Faulkner), Austin Wood (Amy Gearhart), Josh Caudill (Chad Hollenbaugh), Cody Rieckhoff (Ms. Jurgonski), Alex West (Shane Lowry), Taylor Branson (Ms. Lynn), Sydney Pritz (Cristyn Messick), Tanner Caldwell (Julie Perkins), Marcellus Anderson (Tina Stacy), Dylan Lewandowski (Chris Stevens), Dylan Pitera (Ms. Thomas), Raymie Shoop (Andy Thomas).

Chavez named MCEDC executive director

Marshall County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) has announced that Jerry Chavez has been selected to position the county for success in growing the economy as executive director. He is a 17 plus year veteran in economic development with a successful business expansion career in Minot, ND, Great Falls, MT and Flagstaff, AZ.

New to Marshall County, Chavez is not new to developing initiatives that have led communities to diversifying their local economies. His philosophy in economic development will be led by product development to enhance strategic goals, developing marketing efforts that will allow the County to compete in a competitive environment and to ensure the County's economic development efforts are a success.

In his new role, Chavez will further develop an already successful regional effort where communities have come together with the goal of creating more employment opportunities for area residents.

First Farmers Financial Corp. declares dividend

Converse, Ind. -- First Farmers Financial Corp. (OTC-QB:FFMR), the parent company of First Farmers Bank & Trust Co., announced that on March 11, 2014 the Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend for the first quarter of 2014 of \$0.23 per share, payable on April 15, 2014 to shareholders of record as of March 31, 2014. This quarterly dividend represents a 24.3% increase over the quarterly dividend declared in March 2013.

First Farmers Financial Corp is a \$1.2 billion financial holding company headquartered in Converse, Indiana. First Farmers Bank & Trust has 25 offices throughout Cass, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Madison, Marshall, Miami, Johnson, Starke, Tipton, Vermillion, Vigo and Wabash counties in Indiana and three offices in Coles and Edgar counties in Illinois.