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Having a blast with the bunny...

ABOVE: The arrival of the Easter Bunny in true Lake Maxinkuckee style was one of the highlights of Saturday's annual Easter egg hunt at the town park. This year's event was the result of a volunteer committee headed up by Tracy Gordon with members of the Culver Beard Club and other volunteers providing plenty of elbow grease. The bunny ("assisted" under cover by Beard Clubber Tim Yuhas, whose dad Tom drove the speedboat) actually water-skiid onto the beach. Of course, a crowd of youngsters -- such as 8-year-old Hailey Thamm (at left in the photo AT RIGHT) and 6-year-old Isabella Davis -- were on hand to gather the more than 1,400 eggs hidden throughout the park. The Beard Club also provided free kites and oversaw kite flying following the egg hunt.

In Brief

Kindergarten round-up tonight

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.

Sing for a Cure concert tonight

Culver Community's High School and Middle School vocal ensembles, Cavalier Sound, Sweet Cavaliers, Jazz Street, will present a Sing for a Cure concert on Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the CCHS auditorium. All door donations will contribute to Relay for Life. Ribbons for contributions will be distributed by the Sweet Cavaliers. The auditorium will open for seating at 7:10 p.m.

Max Move Saturday

All interested individuals are invited to participate in the third annual Max Move, held Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The goal is to move around beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee at one's own pace; a chase car will be provided to return you to the starting line, and three refreshment SEG stops will be provided along the route. The walk starts and finishes at the Naval Building on the Culver Academies campus. This is event is free of cost, but please arrive around 8:45 to register. Parking is located at the hockey rink or around the oval near the flagpoles.

Water trickling canceled

With the recent warming trend and the thawing of the ground the threat of

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Culver water rate increase may be only alternative to plant failure

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

If a potential \$12 per month jump on the water bills of Culver residents sounds like bad news, it would be hard to argue in favor of the alternative: a non-functional water system.

Those were the options presented as likely to Culver's town council at its April 8 meeting, when a public hearing took place regarding a possible loan through the state revolving fund to help pay for the \$1.5 million replacement of the town's ageing water plant, which goes back some 55 years and is on its last legs, according to engineers and town management.

Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineers, Inc., explained his company did a report examining the entire water system and cost of repairs over a year ago, and since then the town has been considering funding options. Chief among these is a grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for \$500,000 towards the cost of the project. Remaining costs would be covered by the revolving fund loan, which is being considered due to its low interest rates. The OCRA grant, Sullivan emphasized, is not guaranteed, and results of the application should be in by July.

Sullivan said the water plant plan is based on population trend estimates through 2035. He noted Culver's water use patterns are somewhat unique as usage increases in the summer but also around busy event weekends at Culver Academies, even though the Academies campus has its own water system.

While the town of Culver has around 1,300 people today, usage estimates are based on possible growth to 1,600 to 1,700 people in the next few decades, said Sullivan.

On a year-round average, Culver uses around 175,000 gallons of drinking water per day at present, though during peak periods such as those mentioned above, usage may grow to 300,000 gallons per day. The present water system is sized at up to 500,000 per day, said Sullivan, which is more than adequate and should be sufficient to handle growth within the estimated period.

Sullivan also described the process which brings Culver's water from one of two wells, into the water plant near Ohio and Davis Streets, and into residents' homes. The water is first routed to an aerator which oxidizes the iron and manganese out, after which it's held in a detention tank. Water is then passed through a filter and chlorine added via a liquid bleach. Fluoride is also added and the water routed to one of two tanks prior to consumption by the public.

The existing main water plant building would be razed, in the planned construction process, and replaced would be service pumps, filters, and chlorination and fluorination equipment, and a new building added. The second of two existing buildings would be gutted and utilized for storage. Addition of some bays could be added as an alternate bid if funding is sufficient, added Sullivan, who distributed an itemized cost list to council and audience members.

The total cost of the project is \$1,525,000, which includes a 10 percent contingency amount as a safety factor. Construction costs specifically are \$1,129,000.

If the grant is approved, construction would likely begin next spring, with the new plant "online" and functional in early 2016.

However, Sullivan said, if the town is denied the grant, it will have to weigh its options, particularly given the expected remaining life of the existing water plant, which may have between two and eight years left in it.

If the costs not funded by the grant were handled by way of a state revolving fund loan, the revised water bill for Culver residents would be \$33.81, an increase of around \$12 per month.

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Culver's DeWitt among special Pearl Harbor participants in Saturday event



Jim DeWitt

Local Pearl Harbor survivor Jim DeWitt will be among the honored guests (including several fellow survivors) at an event this weekend sponsored by The Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. The special round-table discussion takes place Saturday, April 19, at Roberts Hall on the campus of Culver Academies, and will cover the events leading up to the attack, and how we honor those who died and persevered. It will start at 1 p.m. and will be live-streamed over the internet. Viewers will be able to submit questions in real-time via Twitter.

Panel participants in addition to DeWitt (USS Anteres, CINCPAC), include survivors Lester Hartley (USS Jarvis), Clement Hauger (Camp Malakole), Paul Kennedy (USS Sacramento), Richard Pauls (USS Medusa); Child survivors Wendy Minnear Masters (Carl Minnear USS Phoenix), Bette Sue Rowe (George Carpenter Ft. Derussy); widow Leena Roach (Herbert R. Roach USS California); honored guests Captain James Wiltshire USN (Retired), Bernie Doyle - Former Chief of Operations, Arizona Memorial, Andrew Cowles - History Teacher, Concord Middle School, Carl Stutsman - Assistant Program Director,

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Public weighs in on 'balanced calendar' at Culver Comm. Schools

By Jeff Kenney
 Citizen editor

While Culver Community Schools are among a host of area schools to present information for public discussion regarding adopting a "balanced calendar," superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire emphasized to those in attendance at an April 9 meeting in the Culver Comm. High School auditorium that she is still gathering data and any move towards the calendar would be the result of a majority opinion from the public.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for several weeks prior but had to be canceled due to inclement weather, and as a result, no outside presenter was on hand to lead the presentation of a Power Point slideshow, which McGuire herself instead discussed.

The slideshow emphasized the balanced calendar is not the same as a year-round calendar, but instead shifts the specifics of the existing 180-day school calendar. It was noted the lives of many Hoosier children are no longer centered on an agricultural planting model as of old, and that the shortened (by two weeks) summer vacation proposed would reduce lost learning over that break. Included in the balanced calendar are longer breaks in the fall and spring, and only eight weeks in the summer instead of 10.

The balanced calendar, according to the slideshow, would also increase frequency of remediation for struggling students, who previously had only the summer break for such activity. The proposed schedule would also allow for more family breaks throughout the year.

The slideshow also suggested a correlation exists between schools with balanced calendars and improved student test scores, and the calendar was said to produce reduced burnout rates for students and teachers alike.

Districts with the calendar adopted show reduced failure rates and increased graduation rates, as well as fewer discipline problems and "improved morale," according to the Power Point.

Among challenges accompanying the new schedule are the difficulty of change in general, adopting day care schedules for some families, potential conflict with special ed and vocational ed classes if all area schools don't adopt the same calendar, impact on fall athletics schedules, summer camp and related conflicts, and transportation during intercession periods.

A lengthy period of audience questions and answers followed, including one query as to whether the decision to move to a balanced calendar was already made, or if public input would be sought.

McGuire, explaining

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Local Easter - Holy Week observances

Area churches observing Holy Week -- starting April 17 Thursday -- and include the following:

Culver Bible Church: Good Friday service, 7 p.m. Easter morning sunrise service at the park, 7:30 a.m. Bible study 9:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church: Easter Sunday sunrise service, 7 a.m. followed with breakfast, Sunday School at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m.

Grace United Church of Christ: Maundy Thursday service takes place at First United Church of Christ in Plymouth, starting with a meal at 6 p.m. Easter sunrise service at Grace in Culver, See Easter page A4



Culver History Quarterly

This publication of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver appears quarterly in these pages as part of a partnership between the AHS and the Culver Citizen/Pilot News Group, which also includes the monthly "Culver History Corner," also in the pages of the Culver Citizen.

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The Museum on the Move- A Fresh Start

New Director, New Home, New Name, New Exhibits

By George Duncan and Anna Campbell

Meet the New Museum Director



Anna Campbell

The Antiquarian and Historical Society Board of Directors and the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History Committee is excited and proud to introduce Anna Campbell as the new paid consultant with responsibility for running the Museum. Anna is a member of the Button family, who has had a cottage on the lake since 1951. She is the third generation in her family to attend Culver Summer Schools and Camps. Anna graduated from Deck Six in 2004. She attended Indiana University, earning a B.S. degree in Tourism Management & Event Planning. Since graduation she was a member of the opening team for the JW Marriott Indy and worked in communications for the PBS station, WFYI in Indianapolis. In January of this year, Anna and her one year old daughter, Annemarie moved from Indianapolis to the close-knit, down to earth community of Culver. "have always had a deep interest in the history and an appreciation of the stories of those who have come before us. It is an honor to be directly involved in curating and sharing the stories of a truly remarkable community. There is something very captivating about this area and its history is filled with unexpected twists and turns. From a rich Indian history to grand boat parties, lavish hotels, booming industry, high profile guests, authors and artists, to inventions, a connection with the Titanic, and the list goes on- this small town has a big story." Anna went on to describe the significance of the museum being located in the home of a great American success story- The State Exchange Bank (Now First Farmers Bank & Trust). This is the very space where W.O. Osborn catapulted a small town onto the national stage. Please join us in welcoming Anna and Annemarie to the Culver Community.

Considerable work is underway to prepare the space for Museum exhibits, including wall and ceiling repair and carpet replacement. The hundred-year old heating system in the bank, an antique of itself, malfunctioned and the Museum area was flooded twice due to pipes bursting. Our progress in preparing space came to a halt while the bank worked to install a new heating and cooling system. Timing of the problem was serendipitous in



Part of the future home of the museum.

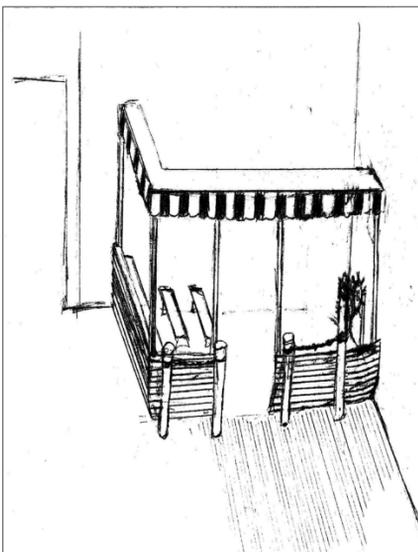
Old Building, New Life

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that Museum exhibits were not in place where they would have otherwise been subject to serious damage. Site preparation will begin again the week of April 14, 2014.

A main feature in the front room of the Museum will be recreation of a steamboat deck similar to the boats that populated Lake Maxinkuckee during the parts of nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This exhibit to commemorate the important role Lake Maxinkuckee has played in the history of Culver and the surrounding area will include a narrative of the history of the lake as well as scrolling of many of historical lake scenes. Our thanks go to John Houghton whose generous donation has made the boat exhibit possible.

The mess in the Museum space



A sketch of the walk-in steamboat planned for the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Another exhibit area that the Museum Committee is quite excited about will be of the families that have a longstanding and storied history with Culver and Union Township. We anticipate these exhibits will periodically rotate with the families co-curating the exhibits with the Museum. The first exhibit is presently in the planning stage targeted for display shortly after the Museum opening.

Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History – Researching the Past/Preserving the Future

The new name is the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History with the tag line Researching the Past/Preserving the Future. The museum captures the story of this area from a glacier lake to the Indians to the pioneers, the expanding town, Henry Harrison Culver's impact through present day. There is an area in the museum for research- pull out a yearbook, an old photo, a locally published book and dive into Culver's past!

Opening Our Doors: Museum and Visitors Center

A formal opening has been long awaited by the Museum Committee. Save the Date: We intend to open Saturday, June 14, 2014 in conjunction with the Taste of Culver. 11-2 pm with Ribbon Cutting planned for 1:00 pm.

We Are All Caretakers

Your time, talent and treasure are greatly valued. The ongoing Museum success is dependent on the Culver and Union Township community. There will always be See Museum, page B4

Broadway "Musical Moments" kicks off AHS summer roster June 7



The Culver Antiquarian and Historical Society is pleased to kick off the summer 2014 event calendar with a spectacular program entitled Broadway "Musical Moments" presented by Dr. Charles Webb. The event will be on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Memorial Building on the Culver Academies campus.

Dr. Webb is a musician of unique versatility. He has received acclaim for his musical expertise as a pianist, concert organist, composer, administrator, and choral and instrumental conductor. He served as Dean of Indiana University School of Music for 24 years and is accredited for developing Indiana University's School of Music as the world's largest school of music and named "Number One in quality in three independent national surveys."

Dr. Webb "has received three Sagamore of the Wabash Awards, the highest award the state of Indiana bestows for meritorious service, and also has received Living Legend recognition from the Indiana Historical Society, the Thomas Hart Benton Medal from Indiana University, the Governor's Award for the Arts and the President's Medal from Indiana University, as well as many other awards and recognitions."

Dr. Webb will be performing, along with vocalist Travis Bloom. Mr. Bloom is a graduate student at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has received an Artistic Excellence Scholarship for his outstanding vocal abilities. They will be performing Broadway tunes that will bring nostalgic memories to the listener including a medley of Broadway tunes from films directed by award winning director Joshua Logan. Joshua Logan is a Culver Military 1927 graduate and is known for his outstanding directing of "South Pacific," "Paint Your Wagon," "Sayonara," "Picnic," "Fanny," and "Camelot," to name a few.

Reserve the date...Saturday, June 7, 2014...Tickets are available to AHS members now by emailing AHS at historyofculver@gmail.com. Tickets for non-members will be available after May 5, 2014.

In memory of Joan Henricks

Joan Henricks, dear wife of Dusty, passed away this winter. Joan was a long time member and graciously shared Dusty with us for board meetings and his many and varied duties with the Society. Joan and Dusty moved to Culver permanently in 2002 after being long time summer residents in the Henricks cottage. Wife, mother and grandmother, she is sadly missed and we share in her family's loss.

Membership update

As a result of its 2014 membership drive, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver now has 218 individual and family memberships, including 24 new members. These members are from the town of Culver, the lake community, the Academies and the rural communities, as well as from communities around the nation. The AHS drive also received donations of \$7,945.00 in addition to the dues, which will be used for maintenance of Heritage Park downtown, subscriptions to the Culver Citizen, support for our Museum and the many other useful activities in which we are actively involved.



Heritage Park Bricks Still Available

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver sponsors a fund raiser for Heritage Park. Individual pavers with a name or message can be purchased and will be laid in the park as lasting remembrance of your relative, your family or friends.

For each \$75.00 donation a 4" x 8" brick can be inscribed. A larger 8" x 8" brick can be purchased for

\$125.00.

Please print the name or message you wish to appear for a standard six brick (\$75.00), limit 2 lines, 14 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. The larger size brick (\$125.00), limit 4 lines, 14 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.

Sample inscriptions might include:

ALLISON JONES
CLASS OF 1977

THE JONES
FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF
MARK PALMER

IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF
JOHN SMITH

Please make checks payable to: Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver

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 Culver, IN 46511

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Historic Walking Tours for Culver coming this summer

By Julie Hollowell

Look for the inauguration of several self-guided historic walking tour routes around Culver this summer! ...a great way to enjoy the outdoors while also learning about local history and architecture.

This initial set of tours will feature three routes, all starting and ending at the lighthouse in Town Park. One route (1.2 mi.) leads downtown to Main Street, then back to the park along Lake Shore Drive. A second route crosses Lake Shore Drive and heads uphill on Forest Place, through the bungalow district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The short option for this route (.3 mi.) then circles back to the Park via Liberty and Pearl Streets. The longer option for this route (1.6 mi.) proceeds east on Academy Road past Logansport Gate, returning to Town Park on the old railroad bed. The third route (1.8 mi.) is an out and back walk along the Academies lakefront, from Town Park to the Naval Building and back. While the first two routes stick to public walkways, permission had to be sought for this third pathway, since it is on private property. A big thank you to Culver Academies, and especially to Dana Neer, for working to make this happen.

Work is now underway on a guide booklet for the walking tours, which will have maps of each route and notes on architectural style and local history. Compiling the guide takes hours and hours of research, fieldwork, fact checking, and permission-seeking. The dedicated work and writings of local historians Jeff Kenney, John Houghton, and Bob Hartman and the extensive information on local history compiled by Judi Burns (www.maxinkuckee.history.pasttracker.com) have been indispensable to this process. Combine this with Kurt

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Obituary

Lucas X. Manns Aug. 24, 2013 – April 9, 2014



CULVER — Infant Lucas X. Manns, son of Brian K. and Julie Ann (Bukowski) Manns of Culver, passed away suddenly at his home of natural causes on Wednesday evening, April 9, 2014.

Lucas was a big happy boy who was born on Aug. 24, 2013 in Plymouth and became affectionately known as “Boo Boo Chow” and “Crankie Pants” by his

10-year-old brother Jacob Matthew.

He was also a joy to Cathy Benko, his paternal grandmother of Knox, Jean and Dan Bukowski, his maternal grandparents of Plymouth, Jane Bukowski his maternal great-grandmother of Harvey, Ill. and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

On Feb. 1 of this year he was baptized into the Roman Catholic Faith at St. Mary of the Lake, Culver as witnessed by his proud Godparents; Kaitlyn Comiskey and Jeremy Hill.

The family received friends on Sunday, April 13 from 2 – 4 p.m. in St. Mary of the Lake Church, 124 College Ave., Culver. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, April 14 at 11 a.m. in the Church with Fr. Jeffery Largent officiating. Calling continued one hour prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers the family would prefer memorial gifts be given to the church.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth is assisting with arrangements.

Wesley Pastor Juncker accepts new appointment as of July 1



Rev. Jacob Juncker, pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, has announced he has accepted a new appointment at Lee Memorial United Methodist Church in Norwich, Connecticut, beginning July 1, and will thus be leaving Culver along with his wife Chandra and daughter Stella.

Juncker, who began his tenure at Wesley in the summer of 2012, made the announcement to church members in a

March 24 letter which explained he had been contacted by a cabinet member of the New England Annual Conference saying they had an appointment available "that matched my gifts and ministry profile and, after a great deal of discernment, we accepted the appointment."

In the letter, Juncker also expressed excitement as to the move, sadness "to say goodbye to those we have learned to call friend (in Culver)."

He added that he and Michael Coyner, Resident Bishop of the Indiana Annual Conference, look forward "to working with you to make sure things are in order as you welcome, with open arms, your new pastor," and asked church members to pray for him and his family during their upcoming transition.

Engagement - Sheridan, Zehner



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zehner of Monterey, announce the engagement of their daughter Gwen Loren Zehner to Jacob Wayne Sheridan, son of Jeff and Martha Sheridan of Culver. Gwen is the granddaughter of Don and Ruth Zehner, and Ralph and Ethel Loehmer, all of Monterey. Jacob is

the grandson of Judy and the late William Reel of Kokomo and Ruth Ann and the late David Sheridan of Greentown.

The future bride will graduate from the University of Illinois at Springfield in May where she played basketball for the school's women's program and majored in political science, legal studies and business administration.

The future groom will also graduate in May from Wash College where he majored in political science.

In keeping with family tradition, a May 2014 wedding will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey.

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frozen water mains no longer exist. Therefore, effective immediately, the Town of Culver is no longer asking citizens to trickle their water.

For those accounts that had signed up with Town Hall, we ask that they remain patient as we work through the billing cycles.

Those with questions, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140.

Arts and crafts sale, demonstrations April 26

A Culver community arts and crafts sale: handmade marketplace will take place Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Culver Public Library's large meeting room. Knitting, jewelry, painting, crochet and more will be on hand. Come see what people in your community make with their hands. There will be craft demonstrations throughout the day.

Town wide garage sales April 25-26

The Town Wide Garage Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. If you would like your sale listed on the map, please get the information to Town Hall via e-mail (clerk@townofculver.org) or phone (574.842.3140) no later than Tuesday, April 22. Maps will be available Thursday, April 24 online and at Town Hall, Osborn's Mini-Mart, Dairy Barn and First National Bank of Monterey.

Student art show April 26, 27

Culver Tri Kappa is pleased to announce the 12th annual Student Art Show on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, at the Culver Cove Marmont Room. The art show is open to any student from the Culver Academies, Culver Community High School and Culver Community Middle School. Categories include drawing, painting, photography, print and three-dimensional. Stop by and vote for best of show and people's choice categories.

Book sale April 25, 26

The Friends of the Culver Union Township Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, in the lower level of the library, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.. Future book sales will be held in June, July, September and October. Book donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

Donate items now for the Lions Club Spring Fest

The Culver's Lion's Club's annual 'Spring Fest' will take place Friday, May 2 (flea market) and Saturday, May 3 (flea market, breakfast, and bake sale). Those wishing to donate items to the flea market may call Richard Bean for pickup at 574-780-6079 or Leroy Bean at 574-842-3460. No television sets will be accepted.

Town-wide cleanup May 10

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Town Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, May 10. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

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 meet-

ing room. This program is free and open to the public.

Open house, community workshop May 8

An open house and community workshop will be held Thursday, May 8 at the Lion's Club Train Depot in Culver. The open house will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and will allow residents to "drop in" and review the draft comprehensive plan for the Town of Culver. Members of the consultant team and town staff will be on hand to answer questions. The room will be set up with several poster boards and exhibits displaying the draft plans and policies that are being considered. The open house will be followed by a Community Workshop at 7 p.m., which will include a more formal presentation of recommendations contained in the draft comprehensive plan.

St. Mary's Child Care accepting registrations

St. Mary Child Care Ministry (SMCCM) in Culver is now accepting registrations for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. For more information please call 574-842-3488 or visit our website: www.culvercatholic.com.

Automatic utility bill payment

Beginning in April, the Town of Culver will offer residents the option to pay their utility bills automatically via ACH (also known as EFT). Those who would like to take advantage of this option may fill out an authorization form available from Town Hall or www.townofculver.org. Please attach a voided check and return the signed authorization to Town Hall, 200 E. Washington, Culver, IN 46511. For those who would like to begin the service in April, please return the authorization no later than the 5th of April. Going forward, authorization forms must be received no later than the 5th of the month you wish to begin the automatic payments. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 574-842-3140 or clerk@townofculver.org.

SAT, ACT prep at CCHS

SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, when Vickie Benner will work on the verbal portion at 7:20 a.m. On Wednesdays, Mike Buschman will work on the math portion and continue every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. The SAT will be offered on May 3 at Culver Academies. Registration deadline is April 4; late registration is April 18. The ACT will be offered on June 14, at Kokomo, South Bend and Elkhart. Registration deadline is May 9. Registration packets are available in the Culver Community High School guidance office

Winters scholarship accepting apps

Applicants for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship must be: Culver Community High School graduates who are at least second semester freshmen and plan to enroll full time in their sophomore year or above in a technical program such as engineering, pharmacy, mathematics, science, nursing, agriculture or a technical certificate pro-

gram. Students must be enrolled in an accredited Indiana institution of higher education. For more information, call 574-946-0906 or email Kim Krause, scholarship coordinator at kskrause@embarqmail.com.

Exercise for seniors

Culver-Union Township Public Library is pleased to offer Exercise for Seniors. This free exercise class for seniors will meet three times a week and offer easy, seated exercises. The program is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m. and will meet downstairs in the large meeting room. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail ljones@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main Street.

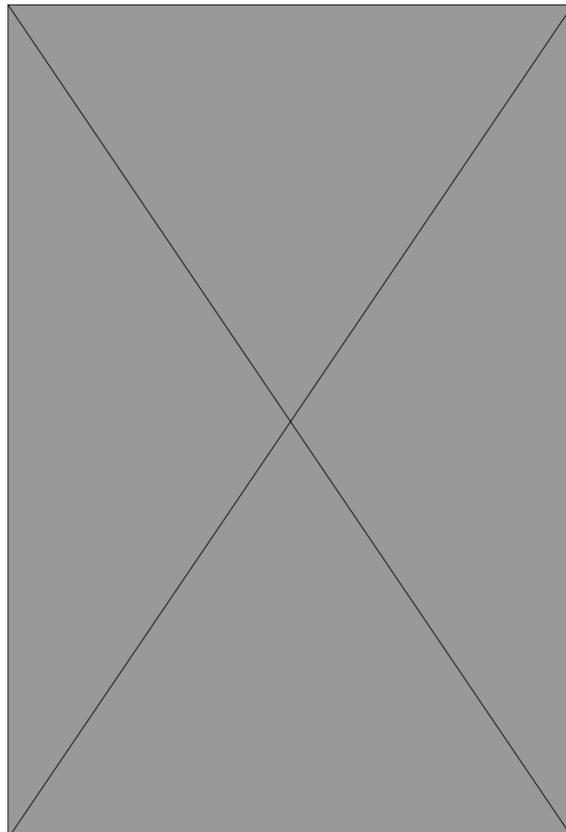
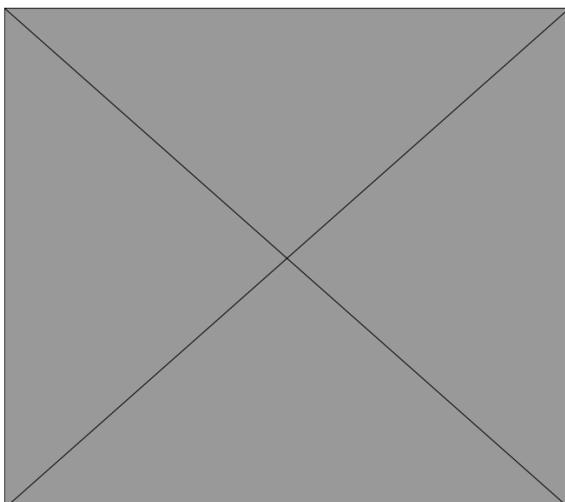
CRC offers match to local donors' STEM dollars

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 to better meet nationwide standards in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, no matter how small the 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.

'Catholicism, Coffee, & Current Events'

Topics of current interest and relevance through the lens of historic Christianity and Catholic teaching takes place Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the conference room of the Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive in Culver. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Topics include: Immigration issues - what's the 'Christian perspective'? (April 20), The abuse scandal, the Inquisition, and more...when the Church seems like the 'bad guy' (April 27), Current events open forum/Q&A (and goodbye) (May 4).

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Through the years...

40 years ago: April 25, 1974

The Culver Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that April 28 through May 4 will be the period designated this year as "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week." The traveling trophy will be presented to the club, organization, or school class completing the best clean-up project by May 4.

From the Letters to the Editor: On April 14, 1974 there were near-by tornado warnings and sightings out. At that time the Culver Fire Department sounded the warning siren. As you drove in the county firemen were also standing by and looking for funnel clouds....I hope this is a policy from now on. It seems the tragic tornado taught us a lesson that was in Rochester, Ind. (*Editor's note: prior to more recent advances in radar and communication/weather tracking technology, it had indeed become policy for Culver's firemen to manually travel the area and "spot" potential tornadoes, sounding the warning siren if they spotted a funnel. Perhaps a reader with a sharp memory will recall whether that practice indeed began in 1974, as the letter writer here indicates, or had already been in place by then.*)

50 years ago: April 15, 1964.

James Lee Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, and James D. Boswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Boswell, have been selected as delegates for Boys' State this year.

Double parking, parking on sidewalks, speeding, cars with no mufflers, disregarding traffic signs and other traffic violations will be the cause for motorists in Culver getting a traffic ticket, Chief of Police Don Mikesell warns. A drive to eliminate the double parking and parking on sidewalks, especially in the downtown area is underway. Both have been traffic and pedestrian hazards for sometime.

The new Three Sisters Restaurant, located north of Culver on Ind. 17 (*at the site of Jeff's PWC Repair today -- editor*), will open Saturday, April 15. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Piecuch, formerly of East Chicago and now of Culver, purchased the restaurant recently from Raymond Gass and family. The Gass family had founded and operated the establishment for fifteen years. The new owners will maintain the same policy, with new decor, new services and reasonable prices. Mr. and Mrs. Piecuch now live in Culver. Their son graduated from Culver Military Academy, have another son eligible and their daughter is enrolled in Culver Community Schools.

On Tuesday, April 7, the senior class of Culver High

Easter egg hunt in the park a half-century old tradition

The Easter egg hunt and related activities in Culver's town park last Saturday morning marked at least something of a shift from the manner the hunt has been conducted for the past few decades (probably the most prominent change was the decision not to trade in numbered eggs for one of hundreds of prizes, as had been the manner in years past; instead, children found individual candy pieces inside the eggs they collected), and perhaps the most memorable "new" feature of the event was the arrival of the Easter Bunny by water ski, onto the beach.

However, the event itself is a longstanding tradition which appears to be in its 51st year in Culver.

I'll leave it to those who know how to use the Internet to research the origins of the Easter egg itself, which like so many things was likely "baptized" into Christian use in celebrating the resurrection of Christ from prechristian sources, but the Easter egg hunt proper certainly has deep roots in Culver long before it became a tradition as community event.

Earlier editions of The Culver Citizen have regular references to Easter egg hunts prior to 1963, but they all appear to reference either the old family tradition of parents hiding eggs in the yard (or house) for their children, or church groups, the 4H, and public school classes holding hunts (in the 1950s, for example, the 6th grade at Culver Elementary organized a hunt for the younger grades on an annual basis).

The Culver Jaycees, however, appear to have launched the community egg hunt many of us grew up with (even if they weren't the sponsors in later years).

The Jaycees as a national movement was launched in 1920. The United States Junior Chamber (or Jaycees) still exists, though not in Culver. The organization was aimed at leadership training and civic activity, and was limited to those between the ages of 18 and 40 (which was limited to men until a 1984 Supreme Court decision opened it up to women).

The Culver Jaycees were still organizing in early 1963, but they were clearly an enthusiastic crew. The Citizen

School was the guest of The State Exchange

Bank on an all expense paid tour of Chicago. The class was accompanied by Jack Miller and Latham Lawson.

70 years ago; April 12, 1944.

The strongest wind ever experienced in this vicinity uprooted trees, tore off roofs, broke windows, and caused considerable other damage Tuesday morning. The young cyclone swept Lake Maxinkuckee, piling up the highest waves ever seen here. The entire upper part of the farm home of Lawrence Hartman near Rutland was destroyed by fire. A tree was blown over against the house, breaking electricwires and starting a fire on the roof.

Harlan Butler' and Frederick Adams had a long visit together last week at Pearl Harbor. Fred was the first Culverite Harlan had seen since he entered the service over two years ago.

90 years ago: April 15, 1924.

Two representatives of the Atlantic & Pacific chain store grocery were in town yesterday looking over the local situation with the idea of locating a store here (*and indeed it did, at 112 N. Main Street for many years -- editor*).

Deane E. Walker has been rehired as superintendent of the Culver schools. This will be his eighth year as head of the schools and he has been in the system since 1913.

Twenty-eight seniors are to be graduated this year from high school, the largest in the school's history.

100 years ago: April 16, 1914.

Wire is being strung for the street lights, and the lamps are being hung.

Jacob Quigley has a large force of men at work in the gravel pit at Burr Oak. They are taking off the top soil from about five acres of ground and getting ready for the machinery that Mr. Quigley intends to place in the pit for loading gravel on the cars.

110 years ago: April 14, 1904.

On account of the World's Fair, the Maxinkuckee Assembly session will last but ten days this season (*editor's note: this was the booming Chautauqua camp located on the south side of what is today Culver, south of Davis Street and east of Main Stree, boasting as it did its own hotel, post office, and train station, and bringing thousands here each summer*).

article highlighting the notable community events of 1963 is rife with references to the organization, from launching an annual community ball and community survey, to town clean-up events, community holiday decorating contests, and the like.

At its outset, Sanford Snyder was president; Ron McKee, first vice-president; Joe Anderlohr, treasurer; Jim Bonine, secretary; and Roger Wise, second vice-president. Anyone in Culver during the 1960s and '70s will remember the organization's roster as a veritable "who's who" of Culver merchants and civic leaders.

On April 13, 1963, the club held what the Citizen said they hoped would be the first of an ongoing series of annual Easter egg hunts in the town park.

According to the Citizen, "Over 600 colored eggs were enthusiastically found by more than 300 children in attendance. Prizes were awarded as follows: Gretchen Bieker and Paul Broeker each won a real live Easter rabbit; and Easter baskets were won by Craig Walker, Andy Ervin, Scott McKinnis, P. T. McKinnis, Brenda Reinholt, and Janna McKee. Shiny, new pennies were given to those who found numbered eggs.

"The committee in charge of this event was headed by Carl F. Foust, with Verl Shaffer, Robert Kline, Roy Nico-demus, and Kenneth Miller Jr. as members."

The hunts in those days differed slightly from what would become the tradition in the past few decades. Children in the earlier years met at the train depot and were divided into two groups, one on each side of the park.

Many of us recall the tradition of those youngsters finding the gold, silver, and numbered eggs receiving special prizes.

Younger readers of today may not know that, in years past, plastic eggs were not the norm. The March 19, 1964 Culver Citizen noted that, ahead of that year's hunt, the Jaycees and their wives "will meet on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m., to boil and color the eggs for the event — all 70 dozen of them!"

By 1979, the Citizen not-

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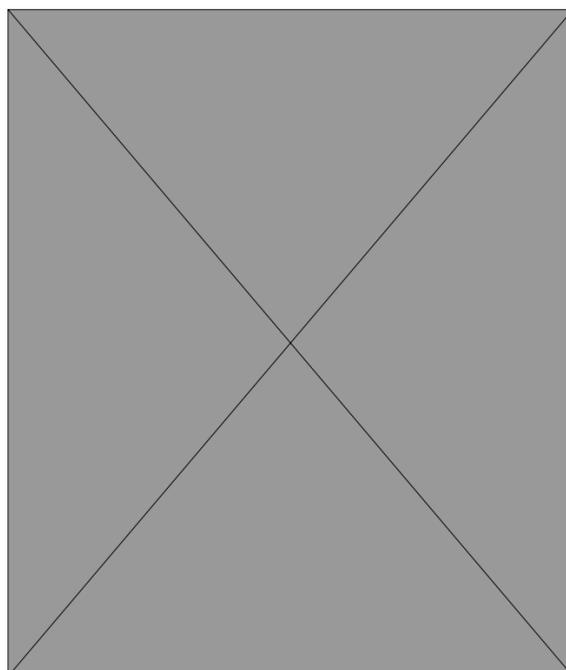
7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast, 8:15 a.m. Regular Easter service, 9 a.m.

St Mary of the Lake Catholic Church: Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. (Adoration from 8 to 10 p.m.). Good Friday service, 12:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Mass 8:45 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (Culver Academies Memorial Chapel), 11 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church: Holy/Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar,

7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday - the Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Service with Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church: Good Friday Tenebrae Service (a service of shadows, scripture, prayer and hymns with John Gouwens as the guest organist) - April 18, 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.



Sports briefs

Baseball

Judson downs Culver

North Judson scored nine runs in the bottom of the third, and the Bluejays beat Culver Community in five innings at home Wednesday.

Tyler Tunis pitched a 10-strikeout two-hitter, going the distance on the mound for Judson. Judson's bats exploded for eight doubles.

Culver's Nick Pritz scored his team's lone run on a solo shot in the fourth inning.

• NORTH JUDSON 11, CULVER COMMUNITY 1
At North Judson

Softball

Argos starts fast vs Culver

Argos started fast with 10 runs in the bottom of the first, and the Lady Dragons opened with a 21-2 rout of visiting Culver at home Tuesday night.

The Dragons finished with nine hits compared to seven by Culver and two errors versus three by the Cavs in the win.

• ARGOS 21, CULVER 2
At Argos

Boys lacrosse

CMA routs Country Day

Dawson McKenzie and Joel Tinney each scored five goals, and CMA lacrosse beat up on visiting Detroit Country Day 21-8 Thursday at the Academies.

Ethan Walker scored four goals as the Eagles registered 21 goals on just 39 shots to move to 10-2.

The Eagles are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation.

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 21, DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 8
at Culver

Boys track

Cavs beat Lancers

Culver's boys track team opened the year with a 69.5-50.5 victory over visiting NSC rival LaVille on Wednes-



PHOTO/KAREN LEE

Orange and black on top

LEFT: Culvers Marquez Anderson, scores the first of his two goals against LaVille in Saturday's soccer game, as Culver defeated LaVille 4-0.

day.

Preston Hansel went four-for-four in top finishes to lead Culver, while LaVille's top finish came in the long jump, where Jordan Smith won top honors, and in the discus, where the Lancers went one-two.

• CULVER 69.5, LAVILLE 50.5
At Culver

Plymouth places 3rd at CMA Relays

LaPorte won the CMA Relays, while Plymouth was third behind Marion, and CMA finished sixth Saturday at the Academies.

Michael Hartman finished second in the 100-meter dash for Plymouth, and Kyle Lacefield finished third in the pole vault. Eric Burns won the long jump for CMA, while teammate Caleb Nash was second in the vault.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY RELAYS
At Culver

Girls track

Culver tops LaVille

Culver's girls track team handed visiting LaVille a 76-47 loss in the Northern State Conference foes' season-opening meet in Culver Wednesday.

Kayla Shaffer earned three wins for the Lady Cavs, while Tori Shank finished with a pair of wins.

Danielle Romano won both hurdles races for LaVille.

• CULVER 76, LAVILLE 47
At Culver

Plymouth wins CGA Relays

Leah Heckaman won both the shot put and the discus for CGA at the CGA Relays Saturday in Culver. The Plymouth girls track and field team won overall, beating out the host Lady Eagles 110.5-93.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY RELAYS
At Culver



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Spectacular scenes

The senior class – as is often the case – took home the winning spot in Culver Community High School's recent Sports Spectacular, though that didn't prevent all grade levels in the annual competition from having fun and earning some victories (and memorable moments) of their own

UPPER LEFT: Juniors Starr Howard and Preston Hansel cross the gym floor in the three-legged race.

UPPER CENTER: Seniors Lodge Burgess and Jaelyn Rocco, also utilizing their potato sack skills in the three-legged race.

UPPER RIGHT: Marshall Anderson is "driven" by Natasha Harris in the wheelbarrow race.

CENTER PHOTO: Junior Jeremy Penrod somersaulted all the way across the gym floor in the "dry land swim" race – a technique which actually won him the race.

LOWER LEFT: From front to back, juniors Natasha Harris, Austin Brissette, Kena Dulin, and Preston Hansel in the crab walk.

LOWER CENTER: Senior Kayla Shaffer, seated, celebrates a senior victory alongside classmates.

LOWER RIGHT: Seniors Tim Wireman and Courtney Littleton "duel" with "light sabers" during the dance competition.



Lions, Munroe educate Culver Comm. students on Liberty Day

The annual Lions Club Liberty Day presentation for the Culver Community High School juniors and Culver Community Middle School 8th grade was held April 4 in the high school auditorium. Liberty Day is held to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship by focusing on how every elected official has a direct responsibility to uphold the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest instrument of national government in the world.

Ginny Bess Munroe, president of the Culver Town Council, spoke to each group of students. She began by reciting her oath of office in which she vows to uphold the U.S. Constitution. She explained that the Town Council strives to provide citizen input, free speech, and all the other components included in the Constitution.

Said Munroe, "Culver did not have to battle against another country or the state of Indiana and we did not have to declare our independence as our founding fathers did when they declared independence and declared that they no longer wanted to be governed by the British Crown. But when I think about Culver and I'm trying to make a decision about Culver, I often think about 'we, the people of Culver.' And when I'm trying to figure out how to make the right decision, I often think, 'What is the best thing for Culver? What will bring the people of Culver the best life, the most happiness?' In your lives, right now, right here at Culver, as juniors in high school, if you were going to make a promise to yourself, what would it be? Will you pursue a life of happiness



PHOTO PROVIDED
Culver town council president Ginny Monroe speaks to the students at Culver Comm. High School about the U.S. Constitution as part of the annual Culver Lions Club's Liberty Day observation.

and what will it take for you to get there?

"When I took office, I promised I would try to make Culver better. And in doing so, I promised to uphold that Constitution."

She went on to point out that those on the town council spend long hours making decisions about life in Culver, and referenced the town's laws or ordinances.

"If I were to tell you how many hours I spend in meetings with people to talk about these laws and these decisions we make, you would probably say, 'Wow. That sounds like boring stuff.'

But here's the thing. Just like the Constitution that outlines how we govern in the United States, we must spend a lot of time working on what happens in Culver because everyone in this town wants to be safe and everyone in this town deserves to pursue a happy life. That's pretty serious business and it deserves a lot of attention. I think perhaps there will be times in your life when you know you need to make a big decision. I hope you will give it serious attention because you deserve to treat yourself as if you matter."

Munroe also described some debated ordinances such as that which eventually put into effect town-wide trash service here, and the importance of listening to citizens on such matters.

"Here in Culver," she said, "in the time I've been on town council, we have probably added at least 20 ordinances to our books. And for every one of them, there has been citizen input. Like the United States' history, life in Culver has changed over the years. Like our Constitution, we have to be flexible enough to make changes to our ordinances. I bet you will change much about your life in the coming years. I hope you will realize that change can be a good thing, and it can prove to you that you can be flexible and capable of change.

At the end of the presentation, the Culver Lions Club presented each student and teacher with a pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence.

Culver Comm. HS honor roll

Culver Community High School has announced its honor roll for Term 2 Grading Period 1.

A honor roll

Grade 9: Brennin Aaron Betts, Joshua P Krsek

Grade 10: Aaron M Becker, Megan L Brady, Justine K Dexter, Madeline J Justis, Jennah D McCarthy, Rebecca E Rainey, Kelsey A Shaffer

Grade 11: Haley Klimaszewski

A/B honor roll

Grade 9: Daniel L Blocker, Makayla A Felda, Brandon P Havron, Tanner R Hoffman, Hailey A Jones, Morgan Tiara Keen, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Cheyenne Mae Morgan, Courtney A Salyer, Levi M Shedrow, Roman G Vantwoud

Grade 10: Daniel B Bettinelli, Lindsay R Emery, Renae N Johnson, Maria C Lindvall, Justin C Schaub, Cody A Valiquet

Grade 11: Jerrod Isaac Betts, Katie A Blocker, Mick-

ella D Hardy, Lauren Leslie Large, Elizabeth L McElroy, Summer L Moore, Dustie R Pier, Tatum Elizabeth Schultz, Summer D Turney

Grade 12: Dylan T Bennett, Donald R Clark, Justin J Croy, Kevin Caleb Dehning, Courtney L Littleton, Grace L Lorenz, Nicholas A Pritz, Kayla M Shaffer, Emily L. Shidler, Kennedi N Thomas, Timothy Matthew Wireman

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ed the coveted golden egg was worth a whopping \$5 (no small change for a kid in that era), and the three silver eggs worth \$1 each. By then, the hunt was (wisely) broken up into three distinctive age groups, as it has remained, separating the tiniest egg hunters from their older peers, and they from the oldest elementary children.

Within the next five years, former park superintendent

Kelly Young took the lead in the annual hunt, which transitioned from a Jaycees event (as the Jaycees organization itself faded from the community) to one sponsored by the park itself (and eventually one saving a great deal of labor by utilizing plastic eggs, though filling and hiding them remains a massive endeavor, it's safe to assume).

This year's event was the first since that period when

the event was entirely run by a group of community volunteers, in the absence of a park superintendent, though it was officially sponsored (that is, endorsed and financed in this case) by the park.

All in all, sponsors and specifics aside, the Easter egg hunt remains a cherished tradition kindling warm childhood memories for generations of Culverites.

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Council president Ginny Munroe acknowledged the increase will be "hard to swallow" for residents, but also pointed out the town has been fortunate in being "five for five" in receiving grant funds as applied for in recent years, to the tune of some \$3 million in the past six years alone. She also noted the town has had no water rate increase in at least eight or nine years, which is unusual in any municipality. Council member Bill Githens added Culver's current water rates are well below those of other municipalities, and the \$12 potential increase would -- according to utilities manager Bob Porter -- put Culver just above the area average.

Asked by audience member Jean Rakich if water quality -- particularly regarding lime buildup -- would improve, Sullivan said a new system with new filters would likely show improvement, though the new system will essentially not improve on what the current system does.

Audience member Tom Kearns expressed concern that the plan didn't include addition of a new well, a matter discussed following the drought of summer, 2012, when one of the town's two wells appeared to run low.

Sullivan, as well as Munroe, explained that acquiring land for -- and digging -- a new well would be a time-consuming and expensive process of its own, and that environmental requirements are among factors which could cause significant delays in moving forward with the water plant itself. Addressing the need for an additional well, it was noted, will be addressed after the water plant project is underway.

Park superintendent salary

Another public hearing was held to consider allowing the Culver Community School board to appoint someone not currently serving on that board, to the designated position on the Culver park board, something recent legislation does allow for, according to town attorney Jim Clevenger. The school board requested the decision since none of its members wished to fill the park board vacancy.

Council member Ed Pinder expressed dislike of the move, saying he felt it wasn't in the spirit of the original law. Audience member Jim Hahn noted all school board members are elected by the citizens.

"I don't know why we shouldn't be able to trust their judgment in whom they want to pick to represent that body on the park board," said Hahn. "I don't know why we trust you (council members) any more than we trust

them."

Githens echoed the comment.

The council voted to approve the proposal on first reading, with Pinder voting against it. Some members expressed interest in approving on first and second readings, which it was noted is not allowed due to Pinder's "nay" vote.

In other park-related matters, the council approved the park board's request to change the park superintendent's salary range to \$40,000 to \$45,000 per year, a jump from the \$22,000 to \$23,000 range presently in place.

It was noted that, while an increase in the overall amount budgeted for the park for 2014 would require an additional appropriation, the board is allowed to move amounts from one line item to another within its established budget, with council approval.

Homeowner-rental past due bills

Lengthy discussion took place concerning an outstanding water bill on a Lake Street property. The renter at the house accrued a \$1,950 water bill there over the course of 18 months, unbeknownst to the property owner, even though the water was shut off, since a minimum water charge related to town debt services was applied to the property.

Town manager Dave Schoeff reported the renter "kind of skipped out," and that he proposed to the property owner -- who lives outside the area -- that she pay the minimum bill through March of \$600 and that the town pursue the remainder of the bill against the renter via small claims court.

Audience and council members debated the present town policy, which requires the homeowner pay the bills in such situation. Schoeff suggested the town consider a more rigorous policy for those applying for town services.

Audience member (and Culver fire chief) Terry Wakefield, who noted he owns properties in town, pointed out renters contract with other services such as cable television and electrical current, whose providers pursue the renter rather than the homeowner. Schoeff agreed the town needed to adopt a similar approach.

In response to Githens' move that the Lake Street homeowner pay the \$628.56 past due, Munroe pointed out the town had already charged homeowners in similar situations, though the total amount was significantly less in those cases.

Some in the audience and on the council suggested the Lake Street property owner should have paid more attention to the situation up to now, and should pay the full

amount billed.

When council member Lynn Overmyer made a motion to that effect, Clevenger questioned the legality of the decision, since only the sewer bill -- not the water -- is specifically mentioned in the ordinance. In the end, the council opted to table the matter.

Annexation

After attorney Clevenger noted the state's General Assembly did not pass a moratorium on annexations statewide, Russ Mason of Culver's plan commission asked the council to express any problems with its plans to begin the process of annexing a section of land along the portion of State Road 17 west of town, between State Road 10 and Mill Street. Mason said the commission expected some property owners to oppose the move, which Clevenger said would delay the process. A work session was planned for April 22 to discuss the matter.

Other decisions, discussion

Approved on second and third reading was an ordinance changing Culver's zoning laws, which was passed on first reading at the previous meeting and pertained mostly to wind energy conversion systems.

The council approved hiring Mark Brubaker as a Class 2 wastewater operator at the town sewer plant, at \$18 per hour with a six-month probation period.

Also approved was the Culver Lions Club's requests to hold its White Cane Day donation solicitations on May 31 and August 1 in Culver.

At the request of utilities manager Bob Porter, the council voted for a full replacement of two pumps at the town sewer plant, at a total of \$28,000, and an after-the-fact payment of \$6,750 for digging and repair of a sewer pipe on College Avenue and a new pump at \$3,900 to address the same issue.

Transition of \$12,200 to Commonwealth Engineers for previously agreed-upon construction on ditches leading west outside of town as part of the ongoing storm water project on that side of town, was also approved. Schoeff said it was hoped pipe would be in the ground with the project in two to four weeks.

Fire chief Wakefield informed the council that the department's ISO insurance rating hadn't been updated in 12 years and remedying the situation "will take quite a bit of work."

Also approved was between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to purchase new furniture to reconfigure the town hall meeting room so council members could interact more freely with one another. The council table will be placed at the south end of the room rather than the west end as has been the case for some years.

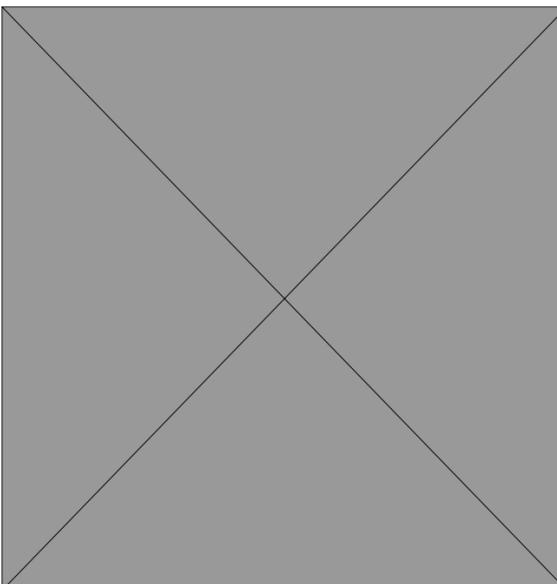


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Culver BPA receives Kiwanis boost

LEFT: Kiwanis Club of Culver member John Bartlett, right, presents a check to Gene Baker, advisor for the Business Professionals of America student chapter of Culver Community High School. Business Professionals of America is the leading CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields.

This year a total of 46 CCHS students participated in the competitions, 18 of whom placed in the top third of the state competition. An unprecedented six students have qualified for the National competitions that take place in Indianapolis later this month, Baker told members of the club. Through student run fund raising events and civic/business/personal donations, the group raises the money that they need to attend these events. Club members congratulated all of the students on their accomplishments this year.

The Kiwanis Club of Culver meets every Thursday in the Culver-Union Township Public Library at noon. More information is available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CulverKiwanis. For information on joining the club, contact Bob Kline at 574-842-2567 or rwkline@fourway.net.



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LEFT: Pictured are top three ranked winners in last week's Culver Elementary science fair. In the front row, from left: Anna Gregorash, Sam Luttrell, Savannah Hissong (all 3rd and 4th grade category); Jack Carroll, Graham Baker, Chloe Kanschat, Alecks Stacy (kindergarten through 2nd), Ches Schrimsher, and Chloe Danti (3rd and 4th grades)

Back row: Mia Conroy, Hannah Branson, Sophie Michi (all 5th and 6th grade) Natalie Stevens (3rd and 4th grade) Owen Valiquet, and Ryan Tompos (5th and 6th grade).

Not pictured: Macy Schoberg (kindergarten through 2nd).

BELOW, LEFT: Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire listens as Anna Gregorash (left) explains her project, along with teammate Sam Luttrell (right).

BELOW, RIGHT: Mia Conroy demonstrates her project, which examines the science of nail polish price vs. quality.

First Culver Elementary science fair a success

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Elementary School inaugurated what is hoped to be an annual tradition last week in the form of an after-school science fair aimed at all elementary grade levels.

The event, held Wednesday in the CES gymnasium, was the brainchild of Culver Comm. Middle School teacher Tina Stacy and her husband Josh.

"When our kids entered school they had a huge love of science," explains Tina. "We remembered doing science fairs when we were young and just thought overall it would benefit all the kids to have the opportunity because it would keep the passion for science alive."

The hope was also to allow students to foster their love of science in harmony with the strong emphasis on mathematics and English which flourish in state-mandated elementary curricula, and as an added attraction alongside the many athletic options already available to students.



"Having clubs and academic competitions are what breeds academic passion," adds Stacy. "As parents we really believe that."

After CES principal Chuck Kitchell okayed the idea, the Stacys sought out assistance from CES teachers, and April Jefferies and Bryan Albright agreed to work on the science fair with them. Meetings began in November, and



ideas from other schools which had successfully run science fairs were incorporated, with the intention to "keep it simple" by limiting the fair to earth science, space, biology, and multi-media categories.

In the beginning, says Tina, organizers weren't sure about the amount of involvement they would get and hoped perhaps five students from each grade might participate, and so initially only planned on three judges. However, after sign-up forms went out, 55 students had signed on, with several turned away because they missed the deadline. While 38 actually followed through to judging, she says the team behind the fair was "really pleased with that."

"We had to break up our judges into categories (based on grade levels) because there were too many projects to judge."

Student winners in first, second, and third place rankings were chosen in each category, and Tina Stacy says the board behind the fair (herself, Jefferies, Albright, and Josh Stacy) felt that the judges "had really made good choices" and were able to scout out students who had put the most work in their projects themselves and had employed the scientific method behind their projects as well.

Top three winners in each grade category included: See Science page B5

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she decided against a survey at last week's meeting in lieu of a more general survey released to the entire public, also said she planned to post the Power Point and survey online.

She also said the decision would be in the hands of the school board, though she hoped the majority opinion regarding the matter would prevail. With the 2014-2015 calendar already decided, she said decision-making would probably be oriented towards the 2015-2016 school year.

She also said she understood Argos schools had decided against a balanced calendar.

McGuire acknowledged many are split, around the state, regarding the calendar, and that her reaction to the Power Point's claims of improvements resulting from its adoption elicited questions as to the hard data supporting the claim.

Opinion in nearby Rochester, which adopted a balanced calendar schedule in 2005, was apparently also mixed, as some in the audience refuted the claim from others that that school system had seen improved scores and general happiness after the move.

Culver Comm. Middle School principal Julie Berndt said some of the faculty members queried about the calendar liked the idea and saw it as a potential time of rejuvenation for tired students, though she said the matter hadn't been discussed a great deal.

McGuire suggested more frequent breaks could be a plus for students under the strain of the present standardized testing schedule.

Regarding funding increases, the superintendent said budget specifics had yet to be worked out, but she didn't anticipate a major change in cost incurred by shifting to the balanced schedule, though transportation for students



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Dr. Vicki McGuire, superintendent of Culver Comm. Schools, listens to an audience member's question during last week's meeting regarding a possible 'balanced calendar' for the school corporation.

during increased intercession periods could be a factor.

Culver Elementary principal Chuck Kitchell said the school system has sought to coordinate its calendars with what had been a 10-school vocational cooperative (today only eight schools are members) for some years, which is where the discussion of a balanced calendar originated from.

CCHS principal Albert Hanselman said the discussion began among superintendents during the 2011-2012 school year and centered on vocational concerns. He said the proposed calendar gained popularity in central Indiana, especially around the

Hanselman said, "Anybody can make data look like they want, but Rochester will tell you their graduation, attendance, and grades are up."

Hanselman said he initially was against the idea of a calendar change, but the more he listened to others, the more it grew on him. He added, however, that he "can live either way -- I'm not a huge advocate."

He described a high school student from Rochester who said she initially hated the new calendar but eventually concluded it allowed teachers to "recharge their batteries" and be better teachers.

He also emphasized the matter was relative to the values and makeup of each community.

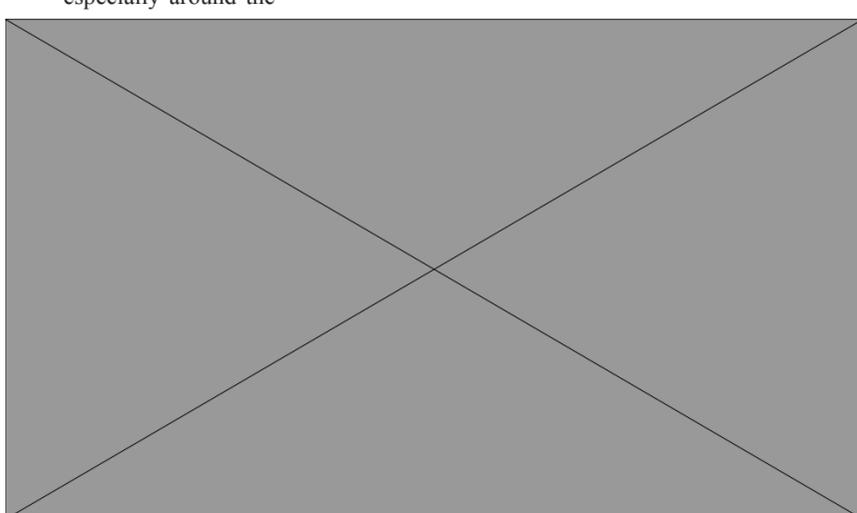
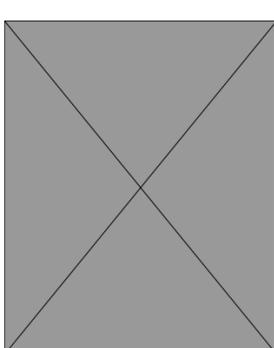
Some concern was raised as to the business climate of Culver relative to tourism here, and the fact that many local teens earn money and gain their first experience in the workforce through summer employment here. It was noted Rochester's economy is different from Culver's in that sense, and suggested the calendar change could have a tangible economic impact in Culver.

It was also noted that childcare concerns in Culver relating to a calendar shift could be alleviated by the existence and affordability of Culver's thriving Boys & Girls Club.

McGuire, in response to several inquiries, said she was open to a follow-up public forum with more information supporting both "sides" of the discussion available.

I-465 loop.

Explaining the Rochester superintendent had presented data at a meeting regarding the calendar,



Culver resident, airline pilot helps local students soar towards life goals

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Elementary 5th graders are receiving some life lessons courtesy of their friendly neighborhood airline pilot.

Brian Pohl -- whose wife Brandy may be best known as founding owner of Max's Playhouse daycare in Culver and the Culver Chamber of Commerce secretary -- shared with members of Culver's Kiwanis Club recently his involvement in the Southwest Airlines-sponsored "Adopt a Pilot" program, which meets weekly for four weeks at the elementary school.

Pohl, originally from Fort Wayne, said he attended Purdue University and always wanted to be a pilot.

"I wore my grandmother's ring," he said. "She flew as a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilot) transport, overseas (during World War II). Most of the men were pilots doing combat, so the Air Force in 1941 started the WASPs. My grandmother became part of it in 1944. She met my grandpa at the airport; she was his flight instructor. My uncle became an airline pilot for Southwest, so I'm a third generation pilot. I take a lot of pride in that. Aviation has only been around about 100 years."

He noted his grandmother is still active at 92 and attends a large, annual air show in Wisconsin each year -- which includes one of the same type of airplanes she flew during the war -- where she often is invited to speak. Pohl said he hopes to attend this year.

Pohl said he has flown for Southwest for three years,



ABOVE, LEFT: Brian Pohl (at right) teaches Culver Elementary 5th graders some of the physics of flight using sheets of paper, during a visit to the school's media center last week. ABOVE, RIGHT: Pohl speaks to Culver's Kiwanis Club recently.



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and had hoped to become involved in the Adopt-a-Pilot program, whose main objective is to teach 5th and 6th graders how important school is, the need to set goals, and to decide what they will do to attain those goals.

"We try to get them excited and get them thinking about their career path," he said. "The big thing is, what excites you? Could you possibly make a career out of it? I've been blessed to take something I love and make a career out of it."

Each student, Pohl explained, is given a workbook with four distinctive lessons dubbed "flight values," intended to help students as adults and children alike.

He discussed one bit of homework assigned the students, to name a person who demonstrates fearlessness.

The second week's lesson, he noted, is US geography, for which he sends them his trip sheet and discusses where

he's been, asking the students to show him destinations on a map. Time zones, capitals, food, and cultures are among topics discussed.

Lesson three centers on science, such as the physics of airplane flight (which Pohl said he demonstrates using a hair dryer and ping pong ball).

teacher Raeanne Stevens gave him one hour to discuss being a pilot. Now he works with Pam Craft, also a 5th grade teacher, who was able to facilitate the four one-hour periods needed to bring the program to fruition.

Each student, he said, receives a graduation certificate at the end of the program, which is presented to all three 5th grade classes in "the pit" in the library.

"Mrs. Craft has done a great job," added Pohl, who pointed out he wears a tie designed by a 5th grader in another state, part of a national contest sponsored by Southwest.

The Adopt-a-Pilot program reached 400,000 students last year, according to Pohl, who noted Southwest has pilot bases across the US, which allows pilots to live anywhere they wish. There are around 6,000 Southwest pilots, and about 1,200 -- or 20 percent -- are involved in the program.

"I'm real fortunate to be here in Culver and do it for kids here," he said.

Asked about the more jovial attitude prevalent on Southwest flights, Pohl said the airline was launched in 1971 by Herb Keller, who he said believed, "If you treat (employees) right, they'll treat customers right. The culture committee does a lot of work to keep the culture (of Southwest) together. It's about having fun, but the priorities are safety, giving customers a good travel experience, and being there on time."

Culver Academies student on list of seven endorsed by Congresswoman Walorski

By Diona Eskew
Staff Writer

MARSHALL COUNTY — A Culver Academies student was among seven individuals who received service academy nominations from Congresswoman Jackie Walorski and her office.

Sterling Willman of Culver received an appointment from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

"It has always been my ambition and goal to serve our country," said Willman. "Along with my experience at Culver Military Academy and Indiana University ROTC, West Point will give me the tools and abilities to thrive during my career as a leader in the United States Army and the civilian world."

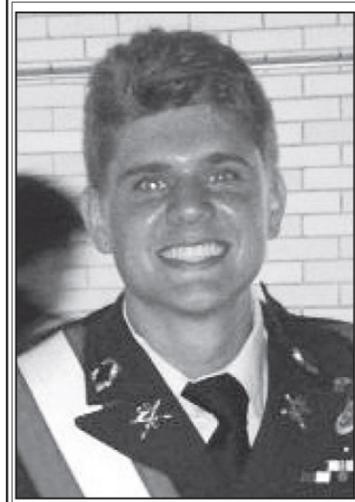
Willman was one of two Marshall County residents on the list of nominees. Luke Schumacher of Plymouth received an appointment from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"It is a true honor to nominate these exceptional young men for admission to our highly-competitive service academies," Walorski said. "They are all impressive and went through a challenging selection process, demonstrating their academic ex-

cellence in the classroom, participation in extracurricular activities, and their outstanding community involvement.

"Each of them will represent Indiana with distinction, and as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I commend their strong desire to serve our country," added Walorski.

Every member of Congress has the privilege of nominating a limited number of constituents to the United States service academies. The honor of attending a service academy comes with a commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation.



Sterling Willman

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opportunities for individuals and groups to volunteer to help in the Museum with activities such as arranging exhibits and scanning documents. There will be ongoing opportunities for individuals and groups to donate. So join with us in the excitement of the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee Visitors Center

Through a series of meetings with many of the Culver town organizations and leaders, strong support was confirmed for establishing the Culver Visitors Center. The Culver Visitors Center was established under the tax exempt umbrella of the Antiquarian and Historical Society. The Visitors Center will occupy the South lobby of the First Farmers Bank and Trust building adjacent to the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History.

Mission

To serve as an engaging resource for the public in one of Indiana's most beautiful, natural lake destinations; to stimulate economic growth, and to promote recreational and cultural experiences.

It is anticipated that in the very near future, the Culver Visitors Center through mutual agreement with the Antiquarian and Historical Society will become a standalone organization. The Antiquarian and Historical Society and the Museum of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship with the Culver Visitors Center as it takes this giant step.

Parking, swim lessons will be free this summer at Culver park

Board approves changes in building funds, salary, piers, and outsourcing work as well

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Visitors to Culver's town park will no longer be paying to park in its lot on weekends and holidays, or for swim lessons, following a vote last week by the park board at its April 9 meeting.

Park board members, noting the practice of charging people to park their vehicles at the park began during a time when the park struggled to break even financially, also said the cost of paying staff members to sit at the parking lot entrance and take money was not factored in as overhead, when evaluating the funds the decision would garner.

Board president Tammy Shaffer said parking fees brought in \$8,000 last season.

Board member Patty Stallings added that many people park on Lake Shore Drive near the park to avoid paying parking fees.

"The merchants, with the exception of Osborn's, don't have parking lots," she said. "I feel we should encourage our local businesses to flourish. If we find out that it's been a mistake (to drop parking fees, the matter can be revisited)."

Board member John Helphrey also suggested some lost revenue could be offset by installing lockers in the lower level of the beach lodge with a key entry and small fee for use. When questioned by an audience member as to whether theft of personal items on the beach had been a reported problem, board members suggested making lockers available for such items was rather a matter of convenience for those utilizing the beach.

"The bottom line is, the park is subsidized by tax money," said Helphrey. "Under the rules, you should not charge the public for every item. We felt parking and swim lessons would qualify for this."

The board may also consider contracting with a third party vendor to handle concession sales at the beach lodge, a departure from the longstanding practice of park staff taking on those duties.

Outsourcing concessions

Tom Yuhas, of the board's finance committee, told the board he had spoken with a representative of Gordon Food Service, which supplies Culver's restaurants and many across the state and beyond. The Gordon's rep, he said, could give the board a good idea of what sells and what doesn't, though Yuhas noted Gordon's does not sell the popular 20 ounce bottles of soft drinks currently offered at the beach lodge.

Discussion ensued as to other containers -- including disposable cups with straws utilizing fountain drinks -- for such beverages, though board members expressed a wish to minimize the pieces of waste accompanying items sold, which could end up on the beach and in the park. The twist-off caps used in plastic bottles prevent sand and other contaminants from entering the bottle, and also reduce the waste of cups with straws and lids, it was noted.

Stallings asked audience member Lydia Osborn, of Osborn's Mini-mart located across Lake Shore Drive from the park, her opinion as to whether any local Culver entities might want to take on concessions at the park, something Shaffer said would need examination by the board's attorney before serious consideration.

Lawncare, maintenance outsourced

The board also approved hiring out to a third-party vendor the bulk of the lawn care and maintenance work done at the park, which Helphrey said he outlined in a spec sheet to seven potential companies, though only three responded.

The work in question, he explained, would entail spring cleanup, regular lawn maintenance, mulching of flower beds, fall cleanup, and snow removal as an optional ad-

dition. Costs ranged between almost \$10,000 down to \$14,526.

The board chose Sellers Landscaping, at \$14,526, with Stallings pointing out Sellers was the only potential contractor to visit the park and look it over, and make suggestions.

"He (owner Tony Sellers) really looked and had some ownership of the park, and he wants what's best for it."

Helphrey acknowledged Sellers' quote was the highest, but also said the company's response was the most complete and thorough.

Helphrey also affirmed, in response to an audience query, that local teens would not be hired, as in years past, to handle regular lawn care and maintenance duties, though he noted the board "did that for a reason" and added local youth would still be needed for daily duties such as emptying trash and the like.

Financing beach lodge repairs

During his report on behalf of the finance committee, Helphrey said the ending park fund balance as of March 31 was \$27,3606, with \$4,835 in expenditures for the month.

Noting the building fund of \$10,196 approved for the 2014 budget "doesn't scratch the surface of what the (beach lodge) building needs," Helphrey said the committee had examined line items within the park budget where funds could be transferred into the building category.

In doing so, he said the park's approved \$267,500 budget was maintained, but the committee was able to redirect \$57,600 towards capital improvements on the building, which had been listed and ranked in order of importance previously by the park's building committee.

Helphrey recommended, and the board approved, the transfer in order to begin addressing "some of the more critical issues" regarding the beach lodge.

He also discussed the committee's hope to request an additional appropriation of \$100,000 -- which he said would take a few months due to the need to advertise, hold a public hearing, and other requirements -- towards more repairs at the beach lodge.

"They call it a rainy day fund," Helphrey said, referring to the funding stream which could be tapped for the funds, "but the rain is coming down on this building, and it needs repaired."

In addition to the 28 items the committee had already detailed for repair, Helphrey said he recently met with a locksmith at the beach lodge and it was determined many of the metal door frames there are rusted or bent, causing doors to not open or close properly, something he said needs addressed particularly in case of a fire in the building.

Stallings, representing the building committee, discussed options to address problems with the concrete deck surrounding the beach lodge, which included putting a waterproofing coating on it, which would last about four years, or tearing off the entire deck for replacement, a much more expensive prospect.

A local mason will also likely replace the glass in one lower level window -- which she said is leaking so bad mold and mildew have ensued -- to replace the glass with block. A plumber will survey the building's problems to evaluate its needs as well.

Hiring the new park superintendent

The board voted to approve pier committee appointments of Mike Stallings, Vern Chmliewski Jr., Tom Yuhas, Tom Kearns, and board member Bob Osborn.

The board also discussed hiring of a new park superintendent, with Shaffer noting a round of second interviews with prospective hires was planned for the weekend to follow.

Helphrey suggested that, regardless of the hiring sched-

ule, board members would need to take on some micro-management of the park in order to get it open for the season, including hiring lifeguards and installing piers.

He also said he went before Culver's town council and was approved to transfer funds within the park budget to increase the superintendent's salary from \$23,600 (with additional funds for longevity and insurance, plus free rent at the beach lodge), to \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually. The change reflects a shift from the previously part-time nature of the post, to full-time.

During the busy season, he added, the position would likely involve working 10 to 12 hours per day, seven days a week.

Brief discussion took place regarding plans for a new Point of Sale system for the beach lodge, though Stallings said she was glad examination of the matter had "dragged on" so the new superintendent can weigh in on the decision.

Reconfiguring the piers, other decisions

The board approved two major pier-related decisions, including using parts from the fishing pier purchased for the park last year, to replace the former wooden courtesy pier located at the far east end of the beach (and intended for boaters wishing to dock temporarily to visit local businesses or drop off or pick up passengers).

Helphrey said the Modudock company, which supplied the parts for the fishing pier, offered to buy back the floats used to make that pier a partially stationary, partially floating style, on consignment. Larger floats would sell for \$100 each and smaller at \$65 each, which could realize \$3,000 back to the park for those parts.

Helphrey noted the board had previously decided not to install any public pier at the site of the fishing pier, near the park's lighthouse just west of the swimming beach.

Also approved was \$1,100 for North Shore Fabrication to remove the old wooden courtesy pier (at \$250) and disassemble last year's fishing pier, reassembling it as the new courtesy pier (at \$850).

Stallings noted the board had spoken with other pier installers about the move, "and nobody else wants to touch it."

Helphrey added that the piers for boat slip rentals should be installed by May 1.

The board also approved Siders Asphalt's proposal of \$4,920 to seal coat, patch, re-stripe, and handle speed bumps for the park's parking lot, something typically undertaken every two years and due to take place this year.

Also discussed was the Easter egg hunt which took place three days following the meeting, in the town park. Headed up by a volunteer committee led by Tracy Gordon and including Chmliewski, Teresa Yuhas, and members of the Culver Beard Club, the event would include 1,400 eggs, many filled with candy by Yuhas, said Gordon.

She also noted there would be no prizes distributed to children as in years past, but instead the prizes would consist of individual candy pieces inside the eggs. Local merchants donated a number of raffle prizes for adults in attendance as well, she added.

Asked by an audience member about the decision to eliminate children's prizes, Gordon said she had heard some complaints from parents such as a child with a disability only taking home a few prizes while others walked away with huge assortments of them.

Shaffer thanked the volunteers for their efforts.

It was also noted that the much-discussed tables and chairs located at the beach lodge under the ownership of Culver's Golden Agers, had been taken by an area church designated to receive them by the Golden Agers. Stallings discussed the need to seek replacements for them for use in the beach lodge meeting room.

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Garner's deep knowledge of architectural history and styles, and the result is a guide for residents and visitors alike that both highlights Culver's uniqueness and connects it to broader national and world trends. Moreover, it's a wonderful way to enjoy a walk around town!

The guide and its maps will be designed by local graphic artist Jack Johnston of J Stroke Creative. Look for the release of these booklets this summer, in conjunction with several kick-off events, hosted by the Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee History Museum (formerly the Center for Culver History) and new Culver Visitor Center.

Meanwhile, if you're interested in testing out one or more of the routes before they head to publication, contact Julie Hollowell at 812-320-1887 or jjh@indiana.edu.

The Historic Walking Tour of Culver is a project of the

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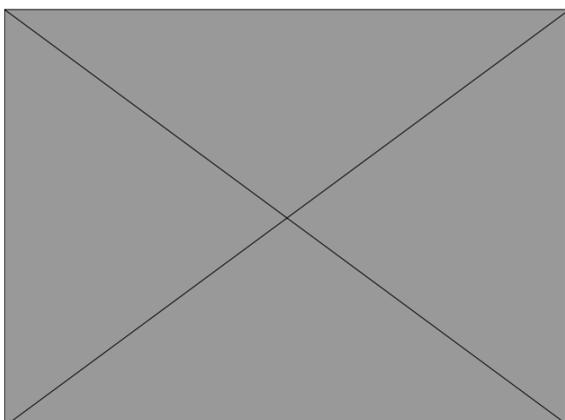
Kindergarten through 2nd: Chloe Kanschat and Graham Baker (tied for first place), Macy Schoberg (second), and Alecks Stacy (third).

3rd and 4th grades: Chloe Danti (first place), Anna Gregorash and Sam Luttrell (team) and Ches Schrimsher (tied for second place), Savannah Hissong and Natalie Stevens (team, third place).

5th and 6th grades: Mia Conroy, Ryan Tompos, and Owen Valiquet (tied for first place), Hannah Branson (second place), and Sophie Michi (third place).

Winners by all-school popular vote were: Jack Carroll (kindergarten through 2nd grade), Anna Gregorash and Sam Luttrell (3rd and 4th grade), and Owen Valiquet and Ryan Tompos (5th and 6th grade).

Judges were Patrick Hahn, Chuck Kitchell, Chad Hollenbaugh, Erin Prosky, Darren Schock.

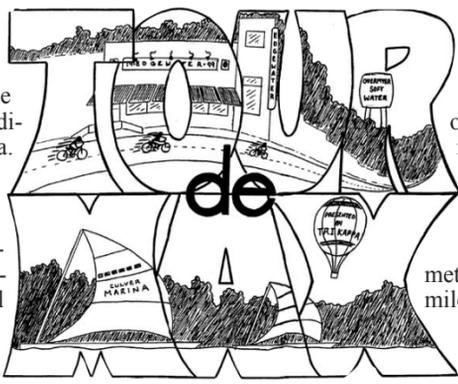


Tour de Max bicycle ride returns May 17

Culver Tri Kappa's annual Tour de Max bicycle race will take place Saturday, May 17.

Tour de Max is an annual bicycle tour through Marshall County, Indiana sponsored by Culver Tri Kappa. Proceeds from the ride are used to enrich the community as a whole. Among the many programs and projects funded are college scholarships for high school seniors, continuing education grants, a annual student art show, the Culver Community Schools' nurse, books and supplies to the school library, Pathfinders, Beaman Home, Riley Children's Hospital, and many other community events.

Bike routes include a 10-mile route beginning in Culver, during which riders can take a 10-mile ride around Indiana's second largest natural lake, Lake Maxinkuckee.



Enjoy the rolling hills, beautiful homes, and lake views as you travel clockwise around the lake.

The 30-mile route, a bit more of a challenge, can add another 20 miles to the lake route. The route heads south for a ride along the Tippecanoe River before heading north again.

The 63-mile route completes a metric century. Riders will ride the 30 mile route but add an extra 33 miles.

Most roads are two lane country roads and all are marked for the ride.

Riders may register online at Active.Com or request a registration form by e-mailing tour_de_max@yahoo.com.

All rides begin at the Vandalia Train Depot, located in the Culver Park on E. Lake Shore Drive. Registration and

check-in will be open from 7 until 9 a.m. at the Train Depot. Those planning to ride the 63 mile route are asked to leave no later than 8 a.m. SAG stops will be open for a set period of time based on these departure times.

Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1 through the morning of the ride. The registration fee include a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Train Depot. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included.

You may register for the ride that morning, however, t-shirts cannot be guaranteed. Additional t-shirts or t-shirts from past years may be purchased that morning.

SAG vehicles will be on the route throughout the ride with bike pumps however, please bring any other maintenance supplies with you that you may need.

Any questions, please e-mail tour_de_max@yahoo.com.

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