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In Brief

Facade funds available for Culver retailers

The Culver Redevelopment Commission has announced a second round of façade grants for 2015 with \$11,000 in funds available. Commercial property owners interested in applying should submit applications for façade renovations to Culver Town Hall, c/o Kathy Clark, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN. Applications will be reviewed as they are received by the commission, with immediate award upon approval. This round of grants has a closing date of December 21 or once all available funds have been awarded for this round.

Free computer classes at CUTPL

Free computer classes at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library continue in November on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes include: Computers for Beginners (Nov. 2 and 6) and Smartphone and Tablet Training (Nov. 9, 13, 16, and 20). These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Academies museum, Culver Club open house Nov. 13

The Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, at 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver, will host the Culver Club of Culver's annual open house and membership meeting, on Friday, Nov. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., with brief announcements at 6 p.m. Wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and the public is welcome.

IOOF breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows will hold an 'all you can eat' pancake and sausage/biscuit and gravy breakfast on Sat., Nov. 14, from 6 a.m. to noon, at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. The cost for adults is \$8; children \$6. Bake sale items are available to

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Tis the season (Christmas in Culver)...

ABOVE are scenes from the annual Culver Chamber of Commerce 'Christmas in Culver' event, during which local businesses encourage shoppers to make their holiday purchases prior to the usual late November shopping season's launch. Among town-wide events was the annual holiday craft bazaar at the Culver train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive, where in the TOP RIGHT photo, Dayla Lemler of Lemler Valley Farms of Bourbon offers her wares. Even the weather lent a hand, offering the stunning rainbow and a half (not quite a double rainbow) over Lake Maxinkuckee as captured by Suzy Younger from the balcony of The Culver Cove. (LEFT)*

A county 'first' part of unusual Culver election

Candidate responds to accusation of improper signage

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Last Tuesday's election saw the return of a veteran Culver town council member and the addition of two new faces to the council table (starting in January). The election, however, proved to be an unusual one in Culver specifically and Marshall County in general.

Leading the council election was incumbent Ginny Bess Munroe, who will start her third stint in January, having received 216 votes, or 29.23 percent. The lone Democratic candidate, Tammy M Shaffer, took the third highest number at 140 votes, or 18.94 percent.

Republican incumbent Karen A Heim defeated Democratic opponent Gil Standley, Heim with 184 votes (67.15 percent), and

Standley with 90 (32.85).

The election was a "first" for both the town and the county in that a Libertarian candidate, Joel R. Samuelson, was elected to fill one of three vacancies at the Culver town council table, beating out two Republican candidates. Samuelson received 159 votes (or 21.52 percent), whereas Republican Robert Cooper received 117 (15.83 percent), and Jean Rakich received 107 (14.48 percent).

Only voters living within Culver's town limits were eligible to vote in this election, which likely has at least some bearing on what some regarded as low voter turnout numbers.

One abnormality in the proceedings on Tuesday was a power outage at the Lake Shore Drive train station - depot, now the poll-

ing site for town elections. After the announcement went out that the beach lodge had become the new site due to the outage, power was restored and voting continued through the rest of the day at the depot.

Even before election day, a Culver-related complaint had already been filed with

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CITIZEN PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

LEFT: Joel Samuelson, Marshall County's first elected Libertarian (and one of Culver's new town council members). BELOW: Other winners in Culver's election, from left, include town council members Tammy Shaffer and Ginny Munroe, and town clerk incumbent Karen Heim.



Clarifying valuation at Culver Comm. Schools

Some readers have inquired as to the significance of a report in a recent edition of The South Bend Tribune focusing on school funding ("Property Poor," Oct. 11, 2015) which lists Culver Community Schools second highest in the entire State of Indiana in per-pupil net assessed valuation. The specific figure printed was \$984,035, compared with Fremont Schools, at \$1.07 million, in the top spot, and Hamilton Community Schools, in third place at \$885,246.

Given the annually increasing financial woes noted by Culver administrators over the past several years, and a host of belt-tightening measures enacted to keep the corporation fiscally

in the black, The Culver Citizen asked Culver Community Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire to clarify the matter.

The assessed value per pupil, says McGuire, "means very little since instructional funds (the school's General Fund) are not tax-based, but are dependent on the state funding formula."

In other words, regardless of assessed value per student, revenues are dictated by the state, which has set limits on rates and levies on all funds.

"Even if (assessed value per pupil) would double, a corporation might receive a small increase in Capital Projects Funds," but little else,

adds McGuire.

However, increases in assessed value are offset by Department of Local Government and Finances (DLGF) rate reductions, she explains.

Transportation funds are levy-controlled, McGuire notes.

A large increase in per-pupil assessed value will simply reduce tax rates, she says, but not school corporation revenues beyond the allowed 2.6 percent over last year's levy.

When all's said and done, Culver Community Schools continue to struggle financially under the present

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Daytime closure on SR 117 on Maxinkuckee's east shore through Nov. 25

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced the daytime closure of State Road 117, one mile south of SR 10 and 3.5 miles north of SR 110, near Culver from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through Wednesday, November 25. Crews will dig up and repair a pipe in that area. Residents and businesses located on SR 117, along with emergency respond-

ers, will have access to SR 117 throughout the project's duration.

State road detours must be along state-maintained roadways only. Drivers wishing to travel north on SR 117 will be detoured west on SR 110, north on SR 17, and east on SR 10. Drivers wishing to travel south on SR 117 will be detoured west on SR 10, south on SR 17, and east on SR

110.

Drivers in Northwest Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts at any time via the District's social media channels: www.Facebook.com/INDOTNorthwest or Twitter @INDOTNorthwest. Or visit www.trafficwise.in.gov for INDOT's TrafficWise Traveler Information Service.

CCMS conducting second turkey drive for local families

The Culver Comm. Middle School Student Council will once again host a turkey drive to collect frozen turkeys for needy area families via the Culver food pantry. This year's drive is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 9, 10, 16, and 17, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

CCMS counselor Missy Trent says the Student Council was "very excited with the number of turkeys donated" last year, and that Leroy Bean, then-director of the Culver food pantry, was "overjoyed; he said no one had ever donated turkeys."

Donors do not even have to leave their vehicles but may pull up to the middle school entrance area during designated donation hours, where student volunteers will collect the turkeys.

Those with questions may call Trent at 574-842-5690.



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From head carver to wood carver

Culver's veteran barber puts dexterity to work in carving creations

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Perhaps it's all those years of cutting hair, but Verl Shaffer of Culver has been putting those decades of dexterity to work in a bit tougher medium.

Shaffer hasn't let his retirement as the near-legendary "Verl the Barber" (of North Main Street fame for more than 30 years) in 2002 keep him idle. Instead he's made a hobby of carving wood — or to be specific, usually logs — into a variety of shapes and likenesses.

He's especially fond of one of his latest masterpieces, culled from a smaller ornamental berry tree in Culver's town park which had been cut down over the summer. The result: a multi-tiered structure forming a "wine" (it's actually colored water, from a hidden electric pump through hollowed-out bottles and into waiting glasses) fountain, though that's only the latest in a long line which began around 2003 when a chainsaw artist carved a bear out of the remnants of a tree in his yard.

Shaffer notes he has no background (except maybe his barbering) in woodworking or carving, but instead, "could just do it."

Shaffer aims for softer woods like catalpa and red cedar, and some of his early pickups were driftwood he found in the lake adjacent to his South Street front yard.

Virtually all of Shaffer's creations -- on which he spends an hour or so each day -- are a single piece of wood, and he sells a few but, he adds, "I give more of them away."

For the most part, the tools of Shaffer's trade are his gasoline chainsaw and electric grinders and sanders.

"The kids bought me a blade for my sander," says Shaffer. "I wouldn't have bought it myself but man, can I cut wood with that thing! It's intricate."

His first foray into carving somewhat mirrored the bear carving in his yard; instead, though, it was a large totem pole, formed from the trunk of another defunct tree on his property (a neighbor actually filmed his efforts and placed the video on YouTube.com).

Verl Shaffer has also added an element to the lake shore to compliment the replica 1895 lighthouse in Culver's town park: his own, smaller lighthouse constructed of plank wood and including a working light, visible, he says, from across the lake.

Noting he's dabbled in drawing since high school, Shaffer is characteristically tongue-in-cheek about his abilities, adding, "I guess I've been an artist all my life, when you can put a haircut on a guy and make him look good!"



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ABOVE: Verl 'The Barber' Shaffer stands with some of his latest wood carving creations outside his Culver home, including a "wine fountain" he carved from a tree cut down recently in the town park. At LEFT is the totem pole carving which started it all, including representation of his many years of barbering, atop the post.

Wesley cookie walk returns Dec. 5

Delicious cookies are being prepared for the annual Cookie Walk at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. The popular sale will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. until noon in the church basement. The church is located at 511 School St. and is located between the elementary and high schools. Please enter through the front doors of the church and come downstairs.

Home made cookies will be sold for \$6 a pound. You may choose your cookies from the thousands available. Sweet treats of candy and buckeyes will also be sold.

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down from the state.

State testing and other changes

In other school-related news, reporting partners WKVI reported last week on McGuire's remarks to the school board during its regular meeting, regarding changes to the state-mandated ISTEP testing program. McGuire told the board that public school administrators around the state expect the changes to cause test scores to drop, which will likely present challenges in clarifying to the community why scores appear to be dropping.

"It just makes us look worse and worse all the time when we just keep working to our fullest potential," said McGuire.

Board member Bill Sonnemaker was one of several board members expressing frustration with decisions at the state level, lamenting what he perceived as politicians taking over education.

Board members and school officials were also concerned with state-proposed changes to requirements for teachers of dual-credit classes, which -- if passed -- would

leave only one teacher at Culver Community High School meeting new qualifications.

The corporation's strategic planning team will present its final plan at the Nov. 16 board meeting for approval, McGuire also said.

Also at the meeting, JESSE Director Linda Holland previewed proposed changes aimed at updating and clarifying parts of its agreement with its member school corporations, which include Culver. The cooperative provides nine school corporations with various special education resources.

Changes include elimination of the cooperative's autism coordinator position, since, said Holland, schools now have more resources available.

Another proposed change is in dispute mediation, with JESSE's board president acting as mediator for disagreements between corporations within the cooperative's service districts. In cases where the president comes from a service district involved in the dispute, the vice presi-

dent would mediate.

McGuire, however, said approval of the agreement could cost the corporation more money — nearly \$5,000 — since services are funded by each corporation according to its size, not according to use, a change from recent shifts in approach from Culver.

Culver's corporation joined Triton and Argos recently to form a separate agreement for preschool, outside of JESSE, in which each corporation had an equal number of students enrolled and each paid an equal amount.

Holland said the JESSE formula aims to keep costs more even from year to year by having each corporation pay according to its size, rather than the specific services it uses, comparing the approach to car insurance, available in case new students move in and need it.

Culver's school board will decide on the new agreement -- which JESSE's board will likely pass this week -- at its December meeting.

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the Marshall County Election Board before the polls even opened.

A Culver resident raised the issue of political yard signs from the campaigns of Samuelson and Cooper, alleging they bore no disclaimer. Indiana Code 3-14-1-3 was cited, which states that, "An individual, an organization, or a committee that circulates or publishes material in an election without the statement required under IC 3-9-3-2.5 commits a Class A misdemeanor."

The election board will contact the two campaigns and have them attend the next election board meeting, as well as addressing complaints directed at Josh Walker's campaign

in Plymouth, based on the same cited law. The board may conduct further investigation.

The election board scheduled the next meeting for Friday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Marshall County Clerk's Office.



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ABOVE: Robert Cooper, though not elected last week, was accused as one of three candidates county-wide neglecting to include disclaimers on his campaign signs. He provided this photo he says shows the disclaimer, in the lower right corner of the sign.

Cooper, however, has responded to the allegations, contacting The Culver Citizen with digital photos he says show one of his campaign signs, which are marked, "Paid for by Robert Cooper," in the lower right corner of the sign. The same photos were posted on the Culver Citizen's Facebook feed in the comments accompanying coverage of the allegations.

Cooper says he plans to share the photos with the election board, adding that "false reporting" is also a misdemeanor.

-James Master contributed to this article.

Thanksgiving Deadlines



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Thanksgiving Day Issue - November 26, 2015

ROP & Legals - Monday, November 23 at 5 p.m.

Classifieds - Tuesday, November 24 at Noon

Friday, November 27th Issue

ROP & Legals - Tuesday, November 24 at 5 p.m.

Classifieds - Wednesday, November 25 at Noon

Saturday & Monday, November 28 & 30

ROP & Legals - Wednesday, November 25 at Noon

Classifieds - Friday, November 27 at 10 a.m.

Weekly Papers (Advance News, Bourbon News-Mirror, Bremen Enquirer, Culver Citizen, Knox Leader)

November 26 Issue

ROP & Legals - Wednesday, November 18 at 4 p.m.

Classifieds - November 19 at Noon

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Obituary

Bobetta (Washburn) Ruhnow

July 17, 1929 - Oct. 31, 2015

CULVER — Bobetta (Washburn) Ruhnow died on the evening of Oct. 31, 2015 at home surrounded by her family. Bobbie as she liked to be called by those who knew her, was born on July 17, 1929 to Cary and Kathryn (Ewald) Cummins. She graduated from Culver Community High School and then met and married Jack Washburn on Dec. 26, 1947. She was preceded in death by four of her children, Shaun Washburn, Jerry Washburn, and Kelly Washburn, all whom died in infancy and Melanie Kay (Washburn) Rogers who died at the age of 50. She is survived by two children, Larry Allen Washburn and Jacquelyn (Washburn) Crull and son-in-law Scott P. Crull. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Rhonda (Washburn) Reinhold, Phillip Washburn, Jessica Rogers, and Leland Crull; three great-grandchildren Michael Demonja, Miles Demonja, and Reilly Reinhold; stepchildren and her brother Cary Cummins Jr.

After the death of Jack in 1985, Bobbie went on to remarry Emil Bud Ruhnow in 1994 and was married to him until his death in 2012.

Bobetta was an amazing woman who managed to be both family and civic minded. She was a part of the “Greatest Generation” and wanted to make sure we remembered the sacrifices made by the men and women during World War II. She volunteered in the Culver Finney – Shilling VFW Post 6919. She was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary and served as Secretary from 1962 to 1985. At one point she served as both president and secretary simultaneously. The accomplishment she was most proud of in her life was when the people of Culver elected her clerk-

treasurer. She served as the Culver clerk-treasurer for 12 years and loved to say that she served at the pleasure of the people and that the citizens of Culver were her boss. She reluctantly “retired” from her political life as clerk-treasurer to enjoy her family and travel. However, Bobbie always volunteered her time to her community.

In retirement, Bobbie sat on the Culver Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and served as the secretary for the Second Century Steering Committee at its inception. She also took on the job as secretary for the Culver Chamber of Commerce. Eventually the call to politics brought her back and she ran and was elected to the Union Township Advisory Board. She decided not to run again only a year prior to her death. Bobbie was a lifetime Democrat and eventually became the only elected Democrat in Marshall County. She joked that as a Democrat in Marshall County she knew how the dinosaurs must have felt.

Bobbie’s love of community was reciprocated through the many awards and achievements bestowed upon her by the people of Culver. She was honored with Citizen of the Year twice, one as an individual, and one as a member of the Second Century Steering Committee. She was also honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chamber of Commerce. If asked, Bobbie would say that her greatest love was her family and her greatest honor came from the citizens of Culver electing her into office.

The Memorial Service will be held at Wesley Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. The doors will open at 10 a.m. Following the service there will be a meal served at the VFW.

Apps for NIPSCO Winter Energy Assistance programs available

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), state agencies and other local organizations are partnering once again to help connect families that are struggling to pay their heating bills this winter with available assistance funds. Enrollment for the federal low income energy assistance program (EAP) began last week.

Assistance programs include:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): LIHEAP support is available to households falling within 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Between December 1 and March 15, Indiana utilities do not disconnect service to customers enrolled in LIHEAP who are behind on their bills.

NIPSCO Customer Assistance for Residential Energy (CARE) Discount Program: The NIPSCO CARE Discount Program is designed to provide further gas bill reductions to LIHEAP-eligible customers. Once enrolled in LIHEAP, customers are automatically enrolled in the

program.

NIPSCO Hardship Program: For customers just outside the federal poverty guidelines for LIHEAP, the NIPSCO Hardship Program offers up to \$400 in gas bill assistance to households between 151 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

NIPSCO customer care agents trained to help connect customers with available funds are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST at 800-4-NIPSCO (800-464-7726).

Eligibility is based on income and family size. More information and a listing of agencies that help administer assistance programs can be found at NIPSCO.com/PaymentAssistance.

The following information is usually required when applying for LIHEAP at an agency; however, be sure to contact the agency for the complete list of documentation you will need to provide: Indiana picture ID, Social Security cards for all household members, NIPSCO bill, proof of

Town reminds of leaf-raking best practices

Culver residents are reminded, when raking leaves, to please rake to the curb and not into the street.

When leaves are piled into the street, it causes a number of issues. First, they are trampled down by cars making it harder to vacuum up. Second, they end up block the storm drains in the road which, with a decent rain, will flood the street. Third, they make their way into the storm drain system and end up in the lake or causing blockages in the system. Those with questions may contact the town hall at 574-842-3140.

Culver Police to increase patrols for busy Thanksgiving travel period

Culver, IN – The Culver Police Department announced it will increase patrols for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday travel period, running Nov. 13 through Dec. 6. Officers will join more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies, to conduct high-visibility patrols encouraging drivers and passengers to drive sober, and buckle up for safety.

Increased enforcement during the Thanksgiving Holiday period is an annual statewide effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Culver officers will work overtime to conduct sobriety patrols, and seat belt patrols around the clock.

According to ICJI, in November 2014, there were 520 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 235 injuries and 3 fatalities. Additionally, in the same month, crash reports indicate 276 accidents involved a driver or a passenger unrestrained, resulting in 303 injuries and 15 fatalities.

Further, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for kids between the ages of 8 and 15. For families with young children, it’s important to have a properly installed child safety seat or booster seat for each child. Parents can visit www.childseat.in.gov for a list of locations and a toll-free phone number to speak with experts about the proper installation of child safety seats

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Energy and money saving programs

Improving a home’s energy efficiency can also make a big difference on utility bills. All NIPSCO customers have access to a wide range of programs designed to help manage energy usage, and in turn bills. A full list of programs and tips to help manage energy use can be found at NIPSCO.com/Saveenergy.

Union Twp. farm family honored at MC Farm Bureau annual meeting



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ABOVE: Rebecca, Roger, Leo and Marge Hartman receive congratulations from county President Charlie Houin and Vice President John Childs.

PLYMOUTH — Forty-seven people met in the Pretty Lake Church fellowship hall north of Culver in September for the annual meeting of Marshall County Farm Bureau Inc. Special guests were auctioneer Sam Goebel; Leo, Marge, Roger and Becky Hartman; Senator Coats’ representative Rebecca Holwerda; District 1 Director Larry Jernas; Representative Walorski’s spokesperson Christopher Lee; Fulton County President Jennifer Richter, Senator Donnelly’s ambassador Lauren Varga; magician Steve Vaught and his assistant; and District IEOC Deb and Jim Walsh.

Charles Houin, president, gave his President’s Report, hitting the highlights of a year that’s been chock full of activities.

Norma Clark read a biography of the 2015 Outstand-

ing Farm Family, Leo and Marge, Roger and Rebecca Hartman. They are lifelong farmers with five generations having farmed in Marshall County. They farm around 1,200 acres in Union Township, producing wheat, corn, beans and hay in addition to raising approximately 100 head of cattle. Their custom hay and straw business is relied upon by area customers. They’ve been known to do tractor repairs in the past, and their friends and neighbors know they can be counted on to give a helping hand when the situation warrants it.

Their family quietly works in the background without fanfare to help people in need. The Hartmans have several off-farm jobs with younger sons Mark and Mike working for Joel Langfeldt Concrete and Bennett Construction respectively. Daughter-in-law Becky maintains a position in the computer lab on the IUSB campus.

Marge retired from Miller’s Merry Manor in Culver and donates many hours to the construction of sewing projects, as she is the president of Home & Hobby Extension Homemakers who provide items to Riley Hospital for Children, local nursing homes, Heminger House, the Crib Club and other organizations. Becky is another member who uses her free time to help out with these same projects.

The Hartmans also have a daughter Ann who works in

an elementary school in Plymouth. She and husband Zsolt Vegso have two sons attending Plymouth Schools.

The Hartmans can be found at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church on any given Sunday, helping with any project there that comes to their attention. The Hartmans were called to the front of the room for a trophy presentation by Charlie Houin and John Childs.

Finally the time arrived for the fourth annual auction to benefit area food pantries. Since Marshall County began raising funds for food in 2008, over \$15,600 has been raised, thanks to the members of the board who first began this activity as a contest between teams.

Auctioneer Sam Goebel led the auction, which raised \$1,805 that will benefit eight area pantries: Culver Community Pantry, Marshall County Neighborhood Center, Bread of Life Pantry, Matthew’s Market, Community Food Bank of Bremen, Plymouth Wesleyan Church Food Bank, Country Church Pantry in Bourbon and Argos Shepherd’s Pantry.

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Alternatives to an old furnace

(This column originally printed Nov. 13, 2014.)

The good news: the old gal was working pretty well for her age.
The bad news: she's old!

For a furnace, that is. After a thorough cleaning and inspection, the friendly HVAC expert suggested that we start shopping around for a new furnace and install a carbon monoxide detector in the meantime, just in case. (Carbon monoxide detectors are small, inexpensive, and a good idea no matter how old your furnace is).

While I'd rather spend the money on a nice vacation than purchase a new furnace, sometimes it can't be helped. The prospect of facing another Polar Vortex with an ancient furnace isn't my cup of tea, either. And I love the prospect of choosing a heating source that is much greener than the one we currently use!

HVAC systems are the biggest energy suckers in the home and usually a household's biggest expense. Nowadays you can purchase systems that are 95 percent efficient or even higher. A furnace's AFUE rating (annual fuel utilization efficiency) measure how efficiently it converts the energy in fossil fuels into heat. A high AFUE rating means that most of the energy is consumed by the furnace — only a tiny amount escapes through the chimney. For example, a high-efficiency furnace with an AFUE rating of 95 percent means that only five percent of the fossil fuels are not used for heating, so most of your energy dollars are paying for actual heat.

Many types of central heating systems exist, and the kind you choose depends on the type of fuel available, the climate you live in, the efficiency of the appliance, and the size of your living space. Consider these green alternatives: for example, geothermal heat pumps use just a small amount of energy to transfer heat from the air or the ground to heat a building. Solar and wind power are becoming more and more practical for homeowners. Some new homes use passive solar design elements to take advantage of the sun's heat. (For more information about choosing heating systems, check out the article "Efficient Home Heating Options" at www.motherearthnews.com).

Along with choosing an energy-efficient heating appliance, do your due diligence to make sure your heat stays inside the walls and does not escape through cracks, leaky windows, or up the chimney. (Up to 25 percent of your home's heat is lost through small cracks and holes through your home, according to the U. S. Department of Energy). Replace windows, add insulation to the attic, and install weather stripping around doors to keep heat from escaping. Thermal curtains also help retain heat — but remember to open them to the sun's rays during the day. Use a programmable thermostat that keeps heat low during the times you're at work or asleep.

I'm planning to spend the next few weeks researching furnaces on the Internet — perhaps while sipping a nice hot chocolate in my decrepit woolly slippers. Here's to a warmer winter for everyone!

Marianne Peters is a writer, environmental educator, and director of the Marshall County Solid Waste Management District.



HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

If these walls could talk: Trinity Lutheran Church (430 Academy Rd)

By Jeff Kenney

It's finally time to continue our series of "virtual" walks through the historic buildings of Culver, and this week we're still heading west on Academy Road (another article could delve into the relatively recent nature of that street, which in its early years was known as Indiana Avenue, as an added piece of the town's property as recently as the 1960s, before which it was borderline farmland and residential development).

In fact, most of Academy Road west of the few once-commercial buildings which once housed Mr. T's Pharmacy and other buildings, remains residential to today, with the exception of Trinity Lutheran Church.

It's been commented upon before that it's interesting that it took Culver into the 1950s to gain a Lutheran church, given the heavy German influence in the community (Emmanuel United Brethren, for example — today's Emmanuel United Methodist — had once been an Evangelical church and actually held services in German in the early



ABOVE AND BELOW: An interior and exterior view of the then-new Trinity Lutheran Church in March of 1971.



20th century).

But whatever the reason, Trinity's congregation had its start in 1958 when four pastors, of regional Lutheran churches, agreed to hold a meeting at the Culver lake front park to consider the possibility of the Culver area supporting a church and ministry.

The four represented congregations from Rochester (St. John); Knox (Redeemer); Plymouth (Calvary) and Logansport (Saint James). They formulated a plan in which Pastor Delmar Krueger from Rochester would serve both St. John, Rochester and the new congregation in Culver.

In November, 1958 the first Lutheran service was held at the Culver Library. There were 90 people in attendance. The articles of incorporation were completed in March, 1959 and Trinity Lutheran became an official congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

By the end of 1968, the Culver Public Library (which had at various times been home to church services for Culver

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Public libraries are the most trusted institution in America!

An article in Publisher's Weekly (April 03, 2015) offers the above caption based on statistics from Pew and Gallup data: the polls indicated that libraries top the "Confidence in Public Institutions List" which includes institutions such as the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress, small and big business, the medical system and television news.



From the Other Side of the Book Drop
By Colleen McCarty
Director, Culver-Union Twp. Public Library

Wow! Here at CUTPL we take seriously our Mission to "Serve the diverse needs of our communities through the sharing of library resources and services in a welcoming atmosphere." This month I would like to briefly recognize the major roles our Library Board of Trustees and our staff play as we strive to fulfill our objectives.

Our Library Board Trustees are community leaders appointed to the Board by the School Corporation, the Town Council, the Township Trustee, the County Council and

the County Commissioners. Trustees are responsible for the governance of the library which includes planning, setting policy, evaluating long-range and short-term goals and monitoring finance and services. They are also advocates for the Library in the community.

Our staff strives to implement the policies and goals set by the Board.

Their responsibilities encompass the daily workings of the Library. People and departments work together to meet patron needs for materials, services, assistance and facilities. Attention to detail and good public service skills are a prerequisite, and staff skills must be kept current. Among our many tasks the following merit mention here: patrons often require assistance with their checkouts, renewals and reference questions, and our patrons often

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Prochaska dulcimer recital Nov. 14

'Light for Winter,' a (mostly) hammered dulcimer recital by Marcy Prochaska with honored guests will be presented at 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 14, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 412 N Center St in Plymouth. The recital marks the Culver area's Prochaska's 15th year of playing the hammered dulcimer. There will also be a few pieces on the church's pipe organ, a few songs with guitar and a cappella, and some duets with Olivia Martinez on French horn. A reception follows. To learn more, see Marcy Prochaska Music on Facebook, or visit mp-dulcimer.com.

Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

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

Park board meetings towards five year plan Nov. 16, 23

The Culver Park Board will hold two public hearings to receive input regarding future needs the park should address over the next five years. The meetings will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 16 and 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 23. Both meetings will take place at the Culver Beach Lodge, 819 East Lake Shore Drive, Culver.

Christmas concert Dec. 6

A Christmas concert featuring Culver Academies' band, choir, and orchestra, will take place Sunday, December 6, starting at 4 p.m., at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge.

Residents reminded to guard for frozen pipes

With cold temperatures on the way, frozen pipes and water meters are possible. Home owners are responsible for keeping their water meter from freezing and, if it does freeze, the cost to fix or replace it, which could mean a \$175 replacement fee. Residents are encouraged to take precautions to keep it warm during extreme temperatures such as makings sure its space is heated, insulating the pipes around the meter, and leaving a faucet dripping so water is moving through the pipes.

Euchre, pinochle Fridays

A weekly euchre and pinochle club, which is open to the public, meets each Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Culver park beach lodge's upper-level meeting room, 819 Lake Shore Drive. All are welcome to have fun playing cards, make new friends, enjoy beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee, and Culver's fine restaurants and city.

Adult coloring series at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library is continuing its adult coloring series in November. The library is providing the coloring sheets and colors, but feel free to bring your own. Sessions take place at the library Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and/or Thursdays at 10 a.m. This program is free and open to the public. Contact reference/adult services manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Town of Culver announces online billing

Beginning in January, Culver residents will have the option to receive their utility bills via e-mail and pay online. Information on how to set up e-mail billing will be made available via utility bills, the town's Facebook page and the town's website (www.townofculver.org)

Friends of the Library seeks volunteers

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library are seeking more volunteers to assist with book sales and other library-oriented activities. Interested persons may inquire at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver, or by phone at 574-842-2941.

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CMA makes enough plays, tops Garrett for Sectional 26 title

From staff reports

GARRETT — It doesn't take a perfect game to win a sectional championship. You just have to make more plays than the other team.

That's exactly what Culver Military Academy did Friday night in a narrow 23-21 Sectional 26 title match at Garrett. The Eagles defensive unit forced a total of six turnovers by the Railroaders and capitalized for a trio of first half scores, then held on in the second half for the program's first sectional championship since 2000.

"I just could not be more proud of our kids," said CMA head coach Andy Dorrel. "We had a tough stretch there in the middle of the season and just kept persevering, and they stayed true to their course. I asked them to keep believing in each other and our team, and we'd be playing our best football come playoffs and that's where we're at right now. We made some mistakes tonight, but we also made a hell of a lot of plays, and that's what enabled us to win that sectional championship."

CMA jumped on top with a sustained scoring drive on the game's opening possession capped off by David Pumarejo's 13-yard scamper into the end zone. Garrett fumbled the ensuing kickoff return, and the opportunistic Eagles made them pay when Tommy Polhamus scored on a 46-yard pass from Michael Bocker that put the visitors up 13-0 with Pumarejo's first successful PAT.

"We did the exact same trip last week, we just went to Lakeland. It was about five minutes shorter, so fortunately for us we did it last week, and we just followed the same schedule this week," explained Dorrel of his team's fast start Friday night. "Routines and schedules I think are so important for football teams. Having that under our belts last week helped us. Our kids were excited tonight. They were dialed in. We had a great week of practice, and I just felt a lot of confidence in our locker room before the game. Coming out and asserting our will on that opening drive really proved kind of the difference in our game."



PHOTO PROVIDED

ABOVE: CMA quarterback Michael Bocker runs the football during the Class 3A Sectional 26 championship at Garrett Friday night.

The Railroaders whittled the lead down to 13-7 when Tanner Burns ran in a touchdown from 17 yards out and Sam Waterhouse kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, Garrett coughed up another fumble, and Pumarejo kicked a 30-yard field goal to widen the Eagles' lead out to 16-7. Later in the frame, the Railroaders muffed a punt that CMA recovered for another short field, and Bocker eventually ran in a 2-yarder to push the Eagles out to a commanding 23-7 halftime cushion.

Ryan Hallenbeck and Jack Rich — back after being sidelined with injury the past two weeks — both recorded interceptions and Polhamus and Ethan Hennessey both recovered fumbles as CMA forced six turnovers by their hosts.

"We really emphasize that, and you'll hear our sideline

when we wrap somebody up, "Strip it, strip it." We really have made that our calling card on defense, and it was critical tonight," said Dorrel.

"Vital time off the clock, momentum, and it really just helped us really assert ourselves and maintain control of the football game."

CMA turned the ball over twice itself in the second half and never got its offense rolling again after the break. The Railroaders punched in a pair of scores but never quite closed the gap on the Eagles.

Culver was outgained 189-116 yards on the ground and 171-106 yards in the air, and was whistled for 57 yards worth of penalties but still found a way to win. Bocker went 5-of-10 for 106 yards and a passing touchdown, and Jake Young led the Eagles' rushing game with 36 yards behind CMA's offensive line of senior right tackle Vince Reynolds, senior right guard Simon Griffith, sophomore center Bill Kuhl, junior left guard Ben Snyder, junior left tackle Anthony Crouthamel and tight ends Matt Schmidt and Jamarrio Rule, a senior and junior, respectively.

"Jake Young was extremely physical on defense for us tonight also running the football. Michael Bocker ran the football for us really well also. Michael did throw an interception and gave the ball up on a fumble, but he was really a workhorse," Dorrel said.

"I just can't say enough about our offensive line. They have progressed so much this year."

It's been a special sectional run for CMA, which gave Dorrel his 100th career win two weeks ago in the team's sectional opener with Fairfield. The Eagles improve to 7-5 and are thus assured of their first winning season since 2012. They advance to face a 9-3 Mishawaka Marian team in regional action at home at Oliver Field next week.

"Marian is just a solid football team. They're big up front. They're physical. The Jacob Whitfield kid is quite a player; they have him back. So we're going to have our hands

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CCHS fall student athletes honored

BELOW: Culver Community Middle and High Schools held their fall athletic awards event recently. Pictured are student athletes among those honored at the event, which took place at the high school.



ABOVE: Scholar athletes. Front row, from left: Paige Good, Lindsay Proskey, Hunter Ringer, Kate Heim, Elizabeth Johnson, Alyssa Bailey, Sarah Morrison, Maranda Otteman, Hailey Jones. Center row, Lindsay Emery, Cody Russell, Ethan Schuman, RT Roberts, Erin Bendy, Elisabeth Pottendorfer, Thea Bergersen. Back row, Tevin Jones, Aaron Becker, Cody Reickhoff, Brandon Havron, Josh Krsek, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Brianna Kinyanjui.



ABOVE: Fall conference athletes. Front row, from left to right: Aaron Becker, Teeno Hite, Marisa Howard, Derek Keller, Lance Beaver, Russell Temne. Back row: Cody Reickhoff, Marcellus Anderson, Everett Kreuger, Triston Schultz, Josh Krsek, Alex Mcbee.

RIGHT: Culver Comm. Middle School scholar athletes. Front row, from left: Lily Proskey, Maddie Shedrow, Cerenna Eakright, Kenzie Binkley, Trayton Schrimsher, Wyatt Ringer, Jonah King, Armando Chantea. Back row: Donovan Ziaja, Gabe Hissong, Alex Temme, Lily Hayes, Belle Ahlenius, Ryan Tompos, Carter Stevens, Jacob Fisher, Caleb Belcher.



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Bible Trivia

- BY WILSON CASEY -

1. Is the Book of Zechariah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which prophet said God is like a green tree giving shelter to those who trust him? Joel, Hosea, Joshua, Solomon
3. From Exodus 2, who became a fugitive after killing an Egyptian? Moses, Cain, Joseph, Jeremiah
4. Who had seven sons that always celebrated their birthdays with a feast? Solomon, Job, Hanun, Jonah
5. From Acts 9, what woman had Tabitha as a pet name? Priscilla, Naomi, Dorcas, Delilah
6. Which church was neither hot nor cold? Antioch, Laodicea, Philemon, Philadelphia

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Hosea; 3) Moses; 4) Job; 5) Dorcas; 6) Laodicea
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Former CCMS principal now Irvin Leads Project Lead the Way

By Jennah McCarthy, Culver Comm. High School

Mr. George Irvin is very familiar with the school system here at Culver since he was previously the principal of Culver Community Middle School.

In his high school days, Mr. Irvin attended Hempfield. When asked if he ever pictured himself back in the high school setting, he said, “No.”

Mr. Irvin is now in charge of the new program offered here at Culver, “Project Lead the Way.”

Aside from being the previous principal of Culver Middle School, Mr. Irvin taught at the collegiate level. His time there led him to believe students needed to begin developing their critical thinking skills sooner than college. Mr. Irvin believes students need to start thinking on a deeper level.

Mr. Irvin never expected to find himself teaching Project Lead the Way at the high school level; however, he is very optimistic about the program’s future.

Project Lead The Way is a four-pronged approach, project-based class that deals with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

With this approach, Project Lead the Way helps teach students important life skills to aid them in future endeavors. The program is an opportunity for students to become technologically oriented and develop critical thinking skills. The class has a substantial number of students this year.

However, Mr. Irvin hopes to see it grow in the future as interest for the subject grows along with class sizes.

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Right: Former Culver Middle School principal George Irvin, who now teaches CCHS’ Project Lead the Way class. Left: PLTW students at work. From left to right, Nick Vela, Josh Vela, and Taylor Branson.

Stiegart joins English faculty at CCHS

By Erin Bendy, Culver Comm. High School

Miss Michelle Stiegart, a Yorkville, Illinois, native, has just joined the Culver Community staff as a speech and English teacher for grades nine and ten. Including student teaching, this is Miss Stiegart’s third year teaching. She taught Speech, English 9, and AP World Literature as a student teacher in Merrillville. Last year, her duties were split between first

grade and a sixth through eighth grade science and social studies teacher. She is most excited to get to teach English once again, getting to know her students, and learning something new each and every day.

Stiegart values family, which she says is what brought her here. “I would visit my relatives—who had recently moved to Culver—on the weekends while doing my undergraduate studies [at Valparaiso University].” At Valpo, she majored in English and Secondary Education. She was very involved in her school: she played several intramural sports; she participated in many clubs and organizations, such as Junior Achievement and College Mentors for Kids; she volunteered at a local therapy riding center

to help kids; and she was a part of two honor societies named Kappa Delta Pi and Sigma Tau Delta.

Aside from teaching, Miss Stiegart is also a huge animal lover. Her pets include two cats, two guinea pigs, a betta fish, a Quaker parrot, a rabbit, and two horses. Stiegart says that a “majority” of her animals are all rescues.

This year, she plans to get more involved here at Culver and to “grow more as a teacher.”

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Michelle Stiegart

Culver’s Hermanson interns at Nickelodeon

By Jan Garrison, Culver Academies

Who wouldn’t love a job where you are surrounded by the people who created your favorite childhood cartoons?

For Culver Girls Academy alumna and Culver resident Kacie Hermanson (class of 2012), her summer internship at the Nickelodeon Animation Studio in Burbank, Calif., was a small slice of heaven. Studying animation at New York University, Hermanson was one of 25 college students selected for the Nickelodeon internships. Between 1,400 to 1,500 people applied.

She worked in the archive and resource library, which recently started collecting and cataloging some of the documents that have shaped people’s childhoods for the past 25 years.

“It’s still a fairly young company,” she explained, so it has only been in the past two to three years that it started going through its old files. The goal is to establish something similar to the Disney Vault, she said.

The archives allow new animators to explore the development of a cartoon series and it also lets the creators of the shows see how the characters have changed over the years. By going through the old storyboards, sketches, and scripts, Hermanson had a chance to see how some of her favorite cartoons developed from the concept phase to becoming Nick staples.

“We had boxes of material coming from all over Los Angeles,” she said. Material was also coming from animation studios in South Korea and China. She worked



with material from Rug Rats, CatDog, The Angry Beavers, The Fairly OddParents, and Doug. She looked over the concept storyboards for The Angry Beavers before the show aired. “I can tell you they were a lot angrier – and a lot more political,” she laughed.

She talked with people working on current classics like SpongeBob SquarePants, and took a practice drawing artist test for the show. Hermanson spent two hours discussing storyboards with Sherm Cohen, who started at Nick on The Ren and Stimpy Show and is currently working on

SpongeBob. And she met for 20 minutes with Butch Hartman, the creator of The Fairly OddParents.

Hermanson explained that cartoon shows are either script-driven or storyboard-driven. Script-driven means a script is written and the artists draw the storyboards around that. Storyboard-driven entails the artists being given the basic concepts, and create the episode. SpongeBob, for example, used to be storyboard-driven, she said, but it is now script-driven.

Storyboard artists generally have three weeks to develop an episode from the script. Then it goes to the animators, who may take another month or so to finish it, she said. Working in archives, she saw how animation has changed from paper drawings with Post-It Notes stuck to them for corrections to fully digital today.

For someone studying animation, the internship was incredible. Hermanson said Nickelodeon generally selects up to 15 interns, but decided to take a larger than usual class this summer. “We were really proud of the work we did,” she said. “They said we set the standard for the interns.”

“The environment was just incredible,” Hermanson added. “The mentorship goes up to the highest levels. Everyone is open and welcoming. It is a nice feeling to have.”

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CES Students of the Month

(Becky Risner), A. J. Prater (Kelly Young), Logan Forest (Jana VanDePutte and Mrs. Bowen).

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6th grade - Braxton Wolff (Jean Ahlenius), Alexis Duncan (Pam Craft), Lilly Brown (Todd Shafer), Nicholas Moore (Amy Gearhart), Savannah Barnes (Jason Crittendon), Kennedy Creviston (Kay Johnson), Braxton Wolff (Christine Thompson).

Culver Community High School honor roll

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Grade 11, “A” honor roll: John Baczynski, Brennin Aaron Betts, Hunter Cain Fletcher, Brandon P Havron, Seth Michael Joseph, Joshua P Krsek, Darwin Earl Patrick, Grace Titanna Velez.

Grade 12, “A-B” honor roll: Kevin Allen Beckman, Erin E Bendy, Daniel L Blocker, Alexandria M Harris, Hailey A Jones, Morgan Tiara Keen, Brianna S Kinyanjui, Jaden Keith Lovins, Hunter J Medboum, Cheyenne Mae Morgan, Josie Mae Ross, Marcos Ulloa, Samuel Henry

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Culver Community High School has announced its honor roll students for the first grading period.

Grade 9, “A” honor roll: Noah Riley Barnes, Katherine A Heim, Maranda J Otteman.

Grade 9, “A-B” honor roll: Alyssa M. Bailey, Abigail R Gregory, Elizabeth M Johnson, Allison Rene Jones, Alyssa S Kinyanjui, Sarah E Morrison, Taylor M Noah, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Hunter Mn Ringer, Elizabeth A Walters.

Grade 10, “A” honor roll: Jasmynne D Fowler, Tracey R Lindvall, Lindsey R Proskey, Cody J Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Cody R Russell.



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Ready for action

LEFT: For those residents wondering at the proliferation of equipment and parts lined up in the town park parking area along Lake Shore Drive, no there’s no plan to dig up the old mulberry tree (at right). Instead, work is about to begin on the long-needed overhaul of that street’s storm water infrastructure, which should alleviate the regularly visible flooding during major rain events. The Culver Redevelopment Commission is underwriting the project.

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Union Twp. 4H members recognized

Members of Union Township's 4H program gathered recently at the Culver Community High School cafeteria for the club's annual achievement awards program.



ABOVE: Mini 4- H members : Kaden Herrera, Aiden Minix, Ashley Pugh.



ABOVE: 1st year members : Abigail Caudill, Lauren Andrews, Avery Garland, Reese Herrell



ABOVE: 2nd year member Trenton Fritter



ABOVE: 6th year member Elizabeth Johnson



ABOVE: 3rd year members Auston Zehner, Haley Behling, Makaila Caudill, Elizabeth Pugh, Cameron Minix, Blake Thompson.



ABOVE: 5th year members : William Baldwin, Anna Blocker, Trista Fritter, Alexandra Temme, Carrie Grossman Norris.



ABOVE: 7th year members Chris Zehner, Wyatt Loehner



ABOVE: 8th year members Wyatt Amor, Daniel Blocker, Becka Johnson, Russell Temme.



ABOVE: 9th year members Megan Thompson, Renae Johnson, Marisa Howard.



ABOVE: 10 year member Jeremy Penrod.



ABOVE: County award winners - Marisa Howard, (leadership), William Baldwin (Collections, meat goat, model rockets), Wyatt Amor (1st year Jr leader) Not pictured: Tanner Hoffman (agriculture); Hunter Manns (photography, Pygmy goats, rabbits).



ABOVE: Top flower fundraiser sales : Lauren Andrews, Marisa Howard, Megan Thompson, Blake Thompson, Auston Zehner, Chris Zehner, Wyatt Amor



ABOVE: Alumni award recipient Barb Penrod (left) and Tammy Thompson, 20 year 4-H volunteer (right).



ABOVE: 20 year 4-H volunteer (right).



BELOW: The Union Township 4-H community service project during the achievement award night was collecting items for the Culver food pantry and Culver Blessings in a Backpack.



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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the Town of Culver, Marshall County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the Town Hall, at 6:30 p.m., on the 24th day of November 2015.

River Boat Fund
Amount Requested/
Total for Riverboat Fund
\$7,000

Grant Fund
Amount Requested/Total for
Grant Fund \$3,000

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard.

Dated: November 4, 2015
Karen Heim
Culver Clerk-Treasurer

November 12, 2015 CC4372 hspaxlp

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TOWN OF CULVER
574-842-3140

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITION NO. 2015-009B
DATE OF HEARING November 19, 2015

TIME OF HEARING 6:30 PM
Notice Date: October 21, 2015

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
That a petition has been filed by Thomas and Maria Moran of 306 W Jefferson St. Culver, IN to approve the following variances:

North rear yard setback of 21 feet from the required 25 feet, East side yard setback of 7 feet from the required 10 feet, and a variance of 132 square feet to a 3,102 square foot parcel coverage area from the required 50% impervious surface maximum 2,970 square feet in order to construct a 13' x 16' sunroom.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
The South One-half (S 1/2) of

the West Sixty and one-half (60 1/2) feet of Lot Numbered Twenty-one (21) in G.W. Garn's Addition to the Town of Culver City, Marshall County, Indiana. Notices are being sent to the petitioner and to the owners of property affected by the petition. A hearing upon this petition will be held in the Municipal Building, 200 East Washington Street, Culver, IN, at which time, you may appear either in person, present in writing, represented by agent, or by attorney, and present any reasons which you may have to the granting or denying of this petition. You are requested to prepare your case, in detail, and present all evidence relating to this petition at the time of the scheduled hearing.

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The goal of the grant program is to help fund promotion of tourism projects that positively impact Marshall County's economy, specifically those which have broad appeal in attracting visitors to the area.

The grants can be used for such things as advertising, printing and promotional expenses that bring visitors to Marshall County and encourage overnight stays. The funds can also be used by municipalities and non-profit organizations to develop brochures, websites and other tools that

encourage visitation. Deadline for applications is January 14, 2016. Organizations interested in being a part of the 2016 grant application and guidelines should visit <http://www.visitmarshallcounty.org/things-to-do/grants> or request by phone. Applications may also be picked up at Marshall County Tourism at 201 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN 46563. For more information, call Marshall County Tourism at 574-936-1882.

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