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In Brief

Valentine's story-time and crafts Saturday

A special family story time and craft session will be held Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m. at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, and will include a story and Valentine's crafts. Regular storytime and crafts take place every Tuesday morning at 10:30, and are free and open to the public.

Ash Weds. at Wesley

Wesley United Methodist Church will observe Ash Wednesday on February 10. Imposition of ashes will be given by Pastor Tom Harzula between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. Feel free to have a personal time of prayer if you wish.

Wesley Preschool spaghetti fund raiser Feb. 11

Wesley United Methodist Church will host a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Wesley Preschool scholarship program, for the 2015-2016 school year. The event will take place Thurs., Feb. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the WUMC Fellowship Hall. Donations are being accepted of noodles, sauce, garlic bread, dressing, as well as cash donations, ahead of (or the day of) the event. The entrance "fee" is a donation.

CRC announces new façade grant opportunities

The Culver Redevelopment Commission is ready for the 2016 façade grant application process. The first round of applications (which can be found at town hall) are due in to Tom Yuhas, CRC, Town Hall, 200 East Washington St., Culver, IN 46511 no later than March 1. Grants will be awarded on April 1. If the full \$30,000 is not awarded during this time, a second grant round will be held with those applications being due by August 1 and awards given by September 1. All grant projects that are awarded in 2016 must be started within 90 days of award date. All grant projects must be completed and submitted for reimbursement within

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Serving the servants

ABOVE: The Culver Lions Club last week held its annual community awards banquet during which it feted community servants with a dinner and recognition ceremony. Honored were Culver Elementary School social worker Deb Stevens (pictured receiving the award from Lion Jim Harper, UPPER LEFT, and with Lions president Susan Elizondo, LOWER LEFT), and leaders of Culver's Blessings in a Backpack program (which provides food for needy CES children each weekend), including (AT LOWER RIGHT) Diann Johnson (center) and Stephanie Hall (right; Elizondo is at left). Not present was Blessings co-leader Tracey Fox. SEE ARTICLE BELOW.

Culver council votes in sweeping CRC changes

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council last week made its way through a number of items of business, though arguably its most impactful actions related to appointing new members of local boards and commissions.

Perhaps the most significant change was in the makeup of the Culver Redevelopment Commission, which for the past few years has operated with Kathy Clark taking a leading role. During that period, one of intense activity, CRC activities have ranged from streetscapes and street lighting to storm water replacement on Lake Shore Drive; assisting the town in funding costs related to its municipal water projects to granting funds to local business for facade improvement, to creating commercials promoting Culver as a tourist destination.

The CRC is allowed by law to utilize TIF (Tax Increment Financing) dollars for local projects deemed beneficial to local businesses within the TIF district.

At the Jan. 26 council meeting, Ginny Munroe -- re-elected president earlier in the meeting during the council's reorganization, with Sally Ricciardi re-elected as vice president -- read a long list of individuals who submitted letters to fill the seats made open at the beginning of the year. These included Clark herself, fellow 2015 CRC members Rich West, Tom Yuhas, and Brandon Cooper; William Cleavenger, Bill Githens, Brandy Pohl, and council members Dave Beggs, Sally Ricciardi and Tammy Shaffer.

Munroe explained three CRC appointees are the decision of the council president with two more under the jurisdiction of the council as a whole, and a non-voting member is appointed by the Culver Community School board. Munroe,

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Culver Wings & Pizza led by new manager, fresh approach

By Anna Campbell
Correspondent

CULVER — Culver Wings and Pizza (18571 State Rd. 10 in Culver) is a locally owned family restaurant and pub with a new manager: life-long Culver resident Tucker Anderson.

"About three months ago (Wings owner) John Zehner and Pam (Zehner) Craft approached me and asked if I would take the reins. They were influenced by my business, Door Stop Delivery and a strong recommendation from Mark Damore, Jr (owner of the

Lakehouse Grille in Culver). They wanted to grow the relationship between the restaurant, the town and the Academy," Anderson explained.

Anderson, having grown-up in Culver, has a deep connection to the community. In addition to owning his own business and managing Culver Wings and Pizza he is the vice-president of the service organization, Culver Beard Club, as well as a graduate of Culver Military Academy and Culver Woodcraft Camp. He spent

Culver Lions honor Stevens, Blessings leaders

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A decades-old tradition continued last week with the honoring of the Citizen of the Year (this year's being Culver Elementary School social worker Deb Stevens) and Organization of the Year (Culver's Blessings in a Backpack) by the Culver Lions Club at a gala dinner and awards ceremony at the club's train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive Jan. 27.

The awards portion of the event began with Lion Jim Harper introduced Stevens, with whom he said he began to collaborate in 2007. Stevens' service, however, goes back more than three decades, said Harper, who described Stevens' reputation as being "kind, very considerate, (willing to) work hard to accomplish a task that has been set before (her)," and engaging in those tasks with love.

Harper, who also noted Stevens is married with

grown children and several grandchildren, said the Culver Home Makers began collecting backpacks and other school supplies for children in need starting in 2001, with Stevens handling distribution of donated items to the children. In 2007, the Lions Club was asked to take over the collecting effort.

With the birth of the "Gift of Warmth" (which donates winter wear and heating bill funds collected at the Lake Film Fest) in 2008, more work was added to Stevens' plate, with the social worker "exceeding expectations" in the endeavor.

Stevens, added Harper, is "loved by the students, in the school, the teachers (she works) with, the parents (she) councils, and all members of the public that try to give aid through the school system."

In thanking the club for the award, Stevens said, "You're giving this to the wrong person," explaining

efforts to assist students are a collaboration between the teachers, staff, and administration in addition to Stevens herself, and likening the work to a group of chefs creating a soup together.

She also cited the generosity of the Culver community in donating to many causes in support of local youth.

"I get to spend other people's money," she joked.

Lions president Susan introduced Organization of the Year winners, the Blessings in a Backpack program, by noting the two leaders accepting the award that night (in the absence of Tracey Fox, a co-coordinator of the effort) are "no strangers to the Culver community or the Lions."

Diann Johnson and Stephanie Hall, said, attended a leadership conference at which they were challenged to sponsor a project to serve

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Multiple fund-raising opportunities for area woman seriously injured in accident

By Jennifer Brittin
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — Friends and co-workers of Melissa Johnson, who was severely injured in a car accident in December of last year, are holding a fund-raiser to help the Johnson family with Melissa's care. Part of the proceeds from sales of Audrey's Pumpkin & Gourmet Cake Rolls (audreypumpkinrolls.com), which come in 12 different flavors (each roll serves 10 to 12 people and cost \$15 each), will go to the family. Those wishing to purchase products may contact Kathie Huhn at 574-842-3056 or dan.huhn@sbcglobal.net.

Johnson, a member of the Culver Bible Church and 2015 Plymouth High School graduate, sustained head injuries and multiple fractures in the accident and remains in the hospital, recuperating from a

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Culver Academies riders take over Fort Worth: lock, stock and barrel



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ABOVE: A scene from Culver Academies' Lancer Platoon and Equestriennes' performance at the Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo last month.

By Jan Garrison
Culver Academies

After an 18-year sabbatical, Culver Academies' Lancer Platoon and Equestriennes returned to the legendary Fort Worth (Texas) Stock Show & Rodeo Jan. 22-23. Culver riders appeared in the opening ceremonies and four more times over the two-day period. The Black Horse Troop Lancer Platoon performed twice, as did the Equestriennes. All the performances took place in the Original Indoor Rodeo in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Taking in the performances were more than 250 members and guests of the North Texas Culver Club who convened for a private luncheon. They were joined by the riders, trip chaperones, and members of the Academies adminis-

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"Whether it's family or a bar crowd I want everyone to walk in and feel like a regular, even if it's their first time." Anderson implemented daily food specials including Wings Wednesdays with 70-cent bone-in wings and 60-cent boneless wings. The business is ramping up its "Pub Mondays," which see the restaurant and pub open from 5 p.m. through midnight, aimed at offering the community more Monday evening dining options. As food allergies become more prevalent, Culver Wings and Pizza continues to provide a gluten-free pizza option. Anderson is looking into offering gluten-free wraps and sandwich bread. Delivery to a customer's door is available during all hours of operation. The restaurant continues to grow its catering business as well. "We will deliver any quality of food. We want to market for larger parties. With two other restaurants shutting down, we need to excel in that area consistently," explained Anderson.

The restaurant is also expanding its community involvement, continuing to be an active member of the Culver Chamber of Commerce and sponsoring local events. Culver Wings and Pizza partners with Culver Community Schools basketball team to do pizza half-time shows where audience members can shoot baskets for gift certificates for pizza. The business has also donated food to children's activities at the Culver Union-Township Public Library as well as the polar plunge event sponsored by the Culver Beard Club. There are about ten employees at Culver Wings and Pizza overseen by Anderson, the majority being high school students attending Culver Community High School. "The younger staff that work here are great," said Anderson. "I could not ask for a better staff they are loyal and good hard working. We have a great senior staff also; they have all worked for John (Zehner) for six to eleven years. That helps to fill in for the experience gap." Coming soon to Culver Wings and Pizza is also an online ordering option through culverwings.com (the restaurant can also be followed on Facebook under "Culver Wings"). Culver Wings and Pizza is open Mondays from 5 to midnight, Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Culver students earn Purdue honors

WEST LAFAYETTE — Culver area students at Purdue University earning academic honors for the fall, 2015 semester included Alexandria Olivia Baker, Sarah F Boland, Daniel A Butler, Vance Robert Curtis, Aspen Marie Kitchell, Cody Jordan Peterson, Collin Ryan Stevens, Kyle Glen VanDePutte.

To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative GPA on a four-point scale.

Pintore named to University of Dayton Dean's List

DAYTON, Ohio — Gino Pintore of Culver has been named to the University of Dayton's fall 2015 dean's list, which honors undergraduate students achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester.

The University of Dayton is a top-tier, national, Catholic, research institution. Founded in 1850 by the Society of Mary (the Marianists).

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who said she was "well aware of the accomplishments of the 2015 (CRC) board," added she had been considering the matter of new appointments throughout the day and whether to have council representation on its board.

Munroe reappointed Yuhas, with new appointments for Shaffer and Beggs.

"I hope there will be a lot of communication with the council," she said.

Beggs himself moved to reappoint Cooper to one council-appointed CRC post (with the council approving), and Githens to another. Shaffer commented that Githens' experience on the Marshall County council could be an asset in his CRC post (Samuelson and Munroe both abstained in the vote regarding Githens).

The council also discussed the challenges of filling spots on politically balanced boards within the community, particularly given the lack of Democrats residing within Culver. Munroe noted that Shaffer, a Democrat, left a vacant seat on the Culver park board when she was elected to the council, but that so far no registered Democrats had submitted letters of interest to fill the post.

Instead, Republican Dana Neer and independent Jeffrey Payne submitted letters, and town attorney Jim Clevenger suggested Payne's nomination as the best means of attaining political balance (as opposed to appointing another Republican to a board with several already serving).

Park board member Rhonda Reinhold and some council members expressed a desire to appoint Neer, who they said is active at the park and in the community, and has worked alongside the board in the past, though in the end the council followed Clevenger's recommendation.

Munroe noted the Union Township board had also reappointed park board member Bob Osborn and the school board reappointed Tom Kearns to the same board. The council's Republican appointment, John Helphrey, is still serving his term.

To the Culver plan commission were reappointed Margaret Dehne (by Munroe as president) and Pete Peterson (by the council as a whole). Munroe also reappointed Dan Adams to the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals, noting

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the community, from which grew the Blessings endeavor, a local offshoot of a national program which places bags of nutritious food in the hands of local school children to ensure they're healthily fed over the weekend when school breakfasts and lunches are unavailable. More than 80 Culver Elementary students are served by the program, with Stevens overseeing the choice of recipients.

Johnson noted the logistics of serving students in four counties are a challenge, but described the evolution of the national Blessings program -- which serves over 89 millions children -- from incorporation in 2003 to non-profit status eight years later.

Johnson also credited Stevens, principal Erin , and former Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Dr. Vicki McGuire for supporting the introduction of the program into the school. She also emphasized volunteers do not know who the receiving children are, but have been told of the specific neediness of some of those children.

Hall added that organizers add small notes of encouragement for the children, some of whom receive little such positive affirmation outside their teachers and Blessings packers.

Sarah Jamieson named to dean's list at Miami University

OXFORD, Ohio — Sarah Jamieson of Culver was named to the Miami University dean's list.

Miami University students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for first semester 2015-2016 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Jamieson also spent the fall 2015 semester in Luxembourg as part of a study abroad group.

With about 38 percent of Miami undergraduate students studying abroad for credit by the time they graduate, Miami is ranked second among public doctoral institutions nationwide for students studying abroad.

Jamieson is earning a Bachelor of Art majoring in Interior Design.

Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio offering more than 120 degree programs in humanities, science, engineering, business, education and fine arts.

McKinnis named to Furman University Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Mary McKinnis, daughter of Scot McKinnis and Nancy McKinnis of Culver, was included on the Furman University dean's list for the 2015 fall semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts college of 2,600 students in Greenville, S.C. Widely recognized for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, the university has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and ranks among the nation's top colleges in the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled.

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Barbara Winters did not wish to be reappointed to her position on the BZA.

Other actions, discussion

In other council actions, the new Culver building permit fee schedule saw its final approval, with an effective date of May 4.

Invoices relating to ongoing municipal water projects were approved for payment, including \$322,526.10 to Michiana Contracting, \$35,574 to Phoenix Fabricators, \$3,400 to Midwest Engineers, and \$20,718.30 for a resident project representative at the site.

A representative of Midwest Engineers reported the storm water project on Lake Shore Drive, which had been delayed in the wake of inclement weather and holidays, is back in progress. Temperatures will need to rise before masonry work can be completed at the new water plant on Ohio Street, it was noted.

Discussed was renewal of the town's contract for curbside, town-wide trash and recycling pickup with Republic Services, represented at the meeting by Bob Stone. Town manager Jonathan Leist explained the new contract will be in effect for three years and will continue service at the same price.

Several positive comments regarding the service came from audience members, including Tony Zurbrugg's comment that town-wide service had solved the longstanding problem of weekend visitors to Culver dumping trash in business-owned trash receptacles, and Margaret Dehne's appreciation that Republic employees replace her trash tote to its original location when significant snowfall makes it difficult for her to do so.

Approved was a resolution between the town and the owners of the Forest Place senior apartments in which an easement will be granted to the town to run a 320-foot storm water drain pipe to the former site of Culver's Dairy Queen on State Road 10, in exchange for cleaning and jetting of the site's private lines, which would also be hooked into the town's system.

Leist updated the council that quotes for professional

snow removal in Culver's commercial district had been solicited, but recent information revealed the CRC could not fund such an endeavor as had been previously assumed. The matter will be discussed in a council work session Feb.. 9.

The council approved renewal of the town's sewer forgiveness policy, which allows a one-time forgiveness (if requested) of a property owner's sewer fees in cases when a leak or other anomaly caused a significant amount of town water not to drain into the town's system.

Also approved was \$3,166.20 for a renewed service contract between Culver's EMS and Physio Controls for maintenance on the town's cardiac monitors, as requested by EMS director Kathy Hart.

Requested by town clerk Karen Heim, and approved by council were \$6,358 for an audit last year relating to Culver's utilities; \$1,416 for a concrete pad poured at the street department property's debris pit (which should improve the odor there); and \$907 for the annual maintenance contract for the town's photocopier.

Heim noted residents' utility bills will have a different look next month, and that email billing will be available (those interested should call the town hall).

Attorney Clevenger reported Trent Bennett of Culver has filed a petition for judicial review in court after the Culver BZA turned down his appeal regarding construction of a burning pit on an adjacent lot to his property.

In response to a query from Zurbrugg in the audience, Leist and Munroe said a planned sidewalk program for Academy Road and College Avenue in Culver, hopefully funded via Safe Routes to School money, is probably a year or two away. The town was informed it was possible its 20 percent matching funds requirement could be waived if the town waited an extra year to move forward with the project.

It was also noted sidewalks would be created on the south side only of Academy Road, but on alternating sides of College Ave., depending upon specifics of each block.

Hall and Johnson said assistance in packing is always welcome, with packing scheduled monthly on Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Culver Bible Church on Main Street.

Johnson explained the organization locally made about \$6,000 on the Fall fun run (the brainchild of Fox as well as student service organizers Nancy and Brenda Sheldon), but hopes to become a regular fixture in the giving schedules of local organizations.

Fox, said Hall, designs a nutrition-conscious menu for the packs which includes milk, trail mix, soup, spaghetti rings, tuna, , raisins, peanut butter crackers, cups of fruit, and other items.

Past packing volunteers have included Culver Comm. High School cheerleaders, the Culver Girls Academy hockey team, and employees from manufacturing in Culver, among others. Culver Elementary teacher Mike Elliott picks up the packed bags to deliver to the school each Thursday night, said Johnson. The cost is between \$2.20 and \$2.60 per child per weekend.

"It truly was a God thing for us to do this project," said Hall. "You know what kind of impact a little food will do for a kid."

Following the presentation, praised Stevens for her many efforts for students at the school, as well as Blessings volunteers. She also described various other programs offered at , including the DARE drug program, Culver Boys & Girls Club, Title 1, intercession sessions for students struggling academically, the perfect attendance program (in which students are entered into a drawing to win a bicycle), Junior Achievement, the recycling club, eye exams and dental programs, and efforts sponsored by the Lions Club itself.

Lion Frank added an emotional testimony to the importance of social workers and teachers in the lives of students like himself as a child.

"You're doing a lot more good than you'll ever know in your life, and I thank you very much," he said.

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CGA Hockey @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 7
Jump Team IEA Horseshow @ 9 a.m.
CGA Hockey @ 10 a.m.
St. Valentine's Massacre (Fencing) @ 10 a.m.

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Homemade housekeeping

Note to readers: I wrote a version of this column back in 2009 when I first started using homemade cleaning products. I’ve been using them ever since — the same recipes I’ve included here. I get a lot of requests for these recipes, so here they are again, just in time for Groundhog Day.

Marketing messages for today’s household cleaning products suggest that the only good germ is a dead germ, but the average American home does not need to be as sterilized as the Centers For Disease Control. In fact, those popular antibacterial cleaners not only cost more, but they tend to kill all the bacteria they touch, even the beneficial bacteria that help prevent disease.

When you clean house, go back to the basics. Homemade cleaners are cheap and work just as well as the store brands, using tried and true ingredients such as vinegar, baking soda, borax, rubbing alcohol and olive oil. An added bonus: you can use them without donning a Haz-Mat suit.

Most homemade cleaning products are very simple, requiring between one and three ingredients. Undiluted white vinegar, for instance, works magnificently on its own: for instance, I can use it for a fabric softener, to clean the toilet bowl, to remove scale from my shower head and to remove mildew. Baking soda is also effective by itself to scour sinks, help unclog slow drains. Here are two recipes I like to use:

Recipe for an All-Purpose Cleaner

Mix in a spray bottle: 1/2 cup of white vinegar and 1/4 cup of baking soda (or 2 teaspoons borax) plus a 1/2 gallon of water. Use for showers, chrome, windows, mirrors, and other surfaces. (Source: www.eartheasy.com)

Recipe for a Homemade Glass Cleaner

Mix in a spray bottle: 1 cup of rubbing alcohol, 1 cup of water, and 1 tablespoon of white vinegar. (Source: organizedhome.com).

If you have a high-efficiency clothes washer, consider making your own detergent. I have used my own detergent for years without a problem with mildew or build-up in the machine.

Ingredients

1 bar (or 4.5 ounces) shaved bar soap (a homemade laundry bar, Dr. Bronner’s, Kirk’s Castile Soap, Ivory, ZOTE, or Fels-Naptha)

1cup borax

1 cup washing soda

Directions: Thoroughly stir together for several minutes. Take this a step further and blend the mixture in a blender or food processor to create a powder that will dissolve easily even in cold water. Store in a sealed container with a small scoop.

To Use: Use 1 Tbsp per small load (or 2-3 Tbsp for large or heavily soiled loads) and remove odors in the refrigerator.

Starting a new habit takes time and a little work up front. To make room in my utility closet for homemade cleaners, I had to dispose of my old ones. Since some commercial cleaning products do contain toxic materials, I didn’t want to pitch them. Landfills and local watersheds are no place for these substances. The Marshall County Solid Waste website (www.mycycledepot.org) has a convenient guide to safe disposal of household chemicals. Marshall County residents can bring their household hazardous waste to the Recycle Depot for disposal.

Every once in a while, a nasty cleaning job necessitates a powerful commercial cleaning product. Be smart and buy only the amount you need so you can use it up. But for everyday cleaning, it’s healthier to keep your cleaners non-toxic. It feels empowering to say “no” to cleaning products that come with a heavy cost for my family and for the planet.

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

Library news

Free Computer Classes at CUTPL

Free computer classes at CUTPL continue in February on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and include Computers for Beginners (Feb. 5), Internet for Beginners (Feb. 8 and 12), plus Smartphone and Tablet Training (Feb. 22 and 26). Classes are free and open to the public and patrons are encouraged to bring their own computer, smartphone, or tablet if possible.

Computers for Beginners covers basic operation of a computer. Internet for Beginners covers basic operation of web browsers, websites, and search engines. Smartphone and Tablet Training offers instruction and answers questions on the many function of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices.

These sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Andrew Baker at abaker@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Book swap social program Feb. 20

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a book swap social program on Saturday, February 20 at 11 a.m., in the large meeting room in the lower level of the

library. Bring one, two, or more books you love (new or gently used) to swap with other members of the library community. The program is free and open to the public and counts for adult winter reading points. Contact Reference/Adult Services Manager, Dana Thomas, at 574-842-2941 or dthomas@culver.lib.in.us for more information.

Jenga Tournament

Ages 6 to 18 are welcome to join a Jenga tournament in the Culver Public Library children’s room on Saturday, February 13, starting at 1 p.m. The winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate for iTunes.

Culver's Got Talent Feb. 29

Children or teens (family groups are welcome too) are invited to dazzle the audience with their skits, magic, music, dance routines and everything in between at "Culver's Got Talent," Monday, February 29. The show starts at 6 p.m., and is to finish by 7. Please call 574-842-2941 to register to perform. ALL programs are free and open to the public.

Fourth annual Club Fair at CUTPL a success

CULVER — On Saturday, Jan. 16, the Culver-Union Township Public Library held its fourth annual club fair.

Local clubs, organizations, or groups were invited to come to the library free of charge to set up an informational table and promote their cause.

Rebecca Nifong, CUTPL Friends of the Library president, told Reference/Adult Services Manager and club fair organizer Dana Thomas, “This was a great opportunity for the community and organizations to get to know one another, share ideas and join hands to make this the best library and community in Indiana.”

CUTPL Friends of the Library was one of 21 groups in attendance, along with the Antiquarian & Historical Society, Blessings in a Backpack, CCSC marketing team, CES PTO, Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee Visitor Center, Culver EMS, Culver-Union Township Heritage, Inc., Culver Youth Soccer, CUTPL adult & teen coloring, CUTPL book clubs, CUTPL Thursday Tech Time and computer classes, free tax return filing at CUTPL, Heartland Artists, Knit Happens, Lions Club, Marshall County Council on Aging, MoonTree Studios, Plymouth Adult Education at CUTPL, Tri Kappa, and the VFW Auxiliary from Post 6919.

The CUTPL Friends of the Library provided cookies and warm drinks as refresh - ments for those who braved the cold and ice to attend the club fair. Additionally, the



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ABOVE: Participants at the 2016 CUTPL club fair

Friends of the Library held a special book sale for those in attendance. MoonTree Studios and Knit Happens had artist demonstrations going on throughout the day, including knitting and spinning wool. Andrew Baker, IT manager, and Mitch Anderson hosted interactive computer and projection demonstrations throughout the day.

The club fair had a little something for everyone. The library plans to continue holding the club fair annually. Interested groups can contact Thomas at dthomas@culver.lib.in.us or 574- 842-2941.

Culver Elementary seeks volunteers

Culver Elementary School is seeking caring adults, men and women, of all ages, to volunteer at the school during the school day. Volunteers do not have to be available every day, but just a fairly regular time each week that a teacher could count on their presence. Those interested in helping to make a difference in the lives of children, please email (bonine@culver.k12.in.us) a phone

number and time to be contacted, or call the school at 574-842-3389 and leave a message for Amy Bonine.

Needs include listening to children read, helping children with both school work and homework, helping in classrooms with projects or just being a second set of hands in a classroom, running a small group of children with an activity, copying or grading papers.

Riders from page 2

tration and staff. Rachel Redington Werner ’93 presided at the luncheon. Trustee and 2015 Graduate of the Year Jud Little ’65 shared insights on Culver horsemanship followed by key remarks by Head of Schools John Buxton.

Each performance involved 22 riders. The Lancers hailed from seven states and four countries while the Equestriennes came from 11 states and five countries. A total of 47 students (24 Equestriennes and 23 Lancers) made the trip.

2016 marked the Fort Worth debut of the Equestriennes.

Johnson from page 1

traumatic brain injury, benefit organizers have reported. Johnson also works as a hostess at Hacienda in Plymouth, where a "Melissa's Minions" fund-raiser was held earlier this week, also to benefit the family.

Johnson is also a freshmen at Indiana University South Bend where she is majoring in special education.

Melissa’s father, Dave Johnson, an emergency room nurse, and her mother, Kay Sande Johnson, a teacher with Culver Community Schools, have remained



at her bedside. Her condition requires round the clock care and like most parents, Melissa’s parents have been there to provide the support and care she needs to heal. This, along with the mounting medical bills and other expenses, has caused a huge financial strain on the family that Melissa’s friends and co-workers would like to help ease.

The Culver Elementary PTO collected more than \$300 recently, and Plymouth High School Band Department held a “Give Back” event for Melissa earlier this

week.



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Wrestling from page 5



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LEFT: Culver Comm. High School wrestlers placing at the Plymouth sectionals Saturday included, from left, freshman Trent Jones (120 lbs, 4th place), senior Triston Rodriguez (145 lbs, 1st place), and sophomore Alex McBee (285 lbs, 3rd place).

285: Dan Clark (Rochester) dec. Alec Haines (Warsaw), 2-1. Consolation round 106: Ricardo Romo (Wawasee) pin Justin Risten (Rochester), 1:04; 113: Drew Sailors (Rochester) dec. Bryce Swihart (Triton), 6-2; 120: Zane DeVault (Plymouth) tech. fall Trent Jones (Culver), 16-1; 126: Eric Starke (Bremen) pin Adonic Salinas (Triton), 4:59; 132: Collin Meister (Plymouth) maj. dec. Dante Dalmaso (Culver Military), 10-2; 138: Gavin Banks (Plymouth) maj. dec. Efrain Amezcuita (Caston), 9-1; 145: DeShaun Whitfield (Rochester) maj. dec. Nick Harker (Triton), 13-2; 152: Michael Boland (Culver Military) maj. dec. James Snyder (Triton), 13-1; 160: Matthew Moore (Bremen) dec. Micah Whitfield (Rochester), 6-5; 170: Otto Sherbondy (Rochester) dec. Will Kearney (Culver Military), 11-5; 182: Alejandro Castro (Wawasee) dec. John Salinas (Triton), 3-1; 195: Zach Campbell (Bremen) pin Alex Aliiev (Culver Military), 1:52; 220: Simon Griffith (Culver Military) pin Jake Stayton (Plymouth), 0:55; 285: Alecksander McBee (Culver) pin Justin Puglisi (Plymouth), 2:20.

Rochester Regional on Feb. 6) Championship round 106: Spencer Penrose (Culver Military) dec. Gustavo Cartajena (Warsaw), 7-3; 113: Braxton Alexander (Wawasee) pin Robert White (Culver Military), 5:14; 120: Adam Davis (Culver Military) dec. Malachi Greene (Triton), 5-0; 126: Fernando Rebollo (Plymouth) dec. Zander Henderson (Caston), 5-4; 132: Tristin Ponsler (Wawasee) dec. Aaron Orr (Rochester), 7-2; 138: Kyle Hatch (Warsaw) pin Steven Muthart (Culver Military), 3:13;

145: Triston Rodriguez (Culver) maj. dec. Bodie Neidig (Plymouth), 16-5; 152: Micah Calhoun (Plymouth) dec. (sudden victory) Alex Bollenbacher (Bremen), 4-2; 160: Gage Waddle (Triton) dec. Zac McKee (Wawasee), 6-0; 170: Mitchell Moore (Bremen) maj. dec. Colten Schuler (Plymouth), 13-5; 182: Jeremy Splix (Plymouth) pin Luis Juarez (Warsaw), 1:14; 195: Nate LaFree (Plymouth) pin Jeremiah Dilley (Wawasee), 5:21; 220: Tyler Moser (Bremen) dec. Andrew Brock (Warsaw), 4-2, OT;



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CES wrestlers at Rochester Rumble

LEFT: Culver Elementary student members of the Culver Wrestling Club competed at the Rochester Wrestling Club's Rochester Rumble Sunday, in Rochester.

Landon Stevens won one match. Kael Buschman won two matches and placed second. Braiden Molebash won two matches and placed first.

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OD (30): Trevor Risner 10, Lance Campbell 0, Jonathan Clark 7, John Messer 8, Braxton Moorefield 3, Aaron Parker 0, Cameron Clark 2, Dominic Cox 0, Jeffery Avery 0, Trevor Wilson 0; Totals: 12 2-5 30. 3-pointers: OD 4 (Risner 2, Clark, Moorefield), Culver 3 (Krueger, Bailey, Carnegie); Rebounds: OD 6 (Moorefield 3), Culver 37 (Schultz 7); Turnovers: OD 10, Culver 15; Steals: OD 6 (Messer 2, Moorefield 2), Culver 6 (Krueger 2, Harris 2); Assists: OD 8 (Clark 4), Culver 9 (Schultz 3); Fouls (fouled out): OD 13 (none), Culver 15 (none). Records: Culver 11-3, OD 7-10

Girls basketball

Lady Cavs lose to Covenant
Culver Community lost a game with visiting Covenant Christian, 57-33.
Courtney Salyer filled up the stat sheet with 19 points, three assists and four steals, while Marisa Howard put up 15 points, eight rebounds and three assists for the Lady Cavs. Alyssa Bailey and Kendra Binion scored eight points each.
• COVENANT CHRISTIAN 57, CULVER COMMUNITY 33

At Culver
Covenant: 16 22 40 57
Culver: 6 13 18 33
Complete results unavailable.

Girls swimming
CGA beats Marian

Culver Girls Academy's swim team beat visiting Mishawaka Marian by a lopsided 122-64 score Jan. 26.
Cecilia Miller earned wins in the individual medley and the 100 free, Avery Bolden was a winner in the 200 free and backstroke, Ella Spratt-Szarznski was a winner in the 50 free, Anne Marie Wright won the 500 free, Emma Sexton won the butterfly, and Georgia Cleveland was the winner in the diving competition. Katey Bowley, Jozie Gregg, Alexia Warmholtz and Mary Terhune combined to win the 200 free relay.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 122, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 64
At Culver

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CGA students in All-State Honors Choir

Culver Girls Academy students (from left) Angela Miltich, (Jackson,MI) Charlotte Root, (Indianapolis, IN) and Ran Tao, (Beijing, China) performed in the Indiana All State Honors Choir Jan. 15 and 16 at the Embassy Theatre in Ft. Wayne, under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong. The choir is comprised of 250 voices across the state, who are selected by competitive audition.



MCEDC meeting aims to bring Culver into county-wide economic development discussion

The Marshall County Economic Development Corporation played host to a "town hall" style meeting at the Culver Cove Jan. 25.
Kevin Berger, Culver's representative to the MCEDC, reported on the meeting on his blog at east-erdayconstruction.com/blog, describing the event as well attended and going "quite well."
Present were two county council representatives, one county commissioner, and four Culver town council members, as well as three members of the Culver Redevelopment Commission, along with citizens from Culver and Union Township.

Jerry Chavez, President of the MCEDC, led a group discussion on the needs of the county, both in the area of economic development and the deterioration of county roads, said Berger. Handouts were provided showing the an increase in paving costs of 98 percent since 2003 while highway funds have actually decreased. The Local Option Highway User Tax (LOHUT) was discussed. Chavez said the State of Indiana is giving counties the tools to handle their problems themselves, but that Marshall County "(needs) to use them."
Chavez also noted that the state was considering matching county LOHUT funds, meaning, said Berger, "if we don't have the LOHUT in place, we will

not get that funding."

The second funding mechanism to be considered is a County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT). One graphic in the handout showed that Marshall County is completely surrounded by counties that currently employ a CEDIT.
Everyone working in Marshall County from outside the county pays CEDIT back to their county, and the same goes for those who live in Marshall County and work in a surrounding county. If Marshall County had CEDIT in place, said Roger Umbaugh, Chairman of the MCEDC board, it would capture some of these funds that are already being paid.
Umbaugh also noted that CEDIT is an earned income tax. It would not affect retirees. Again, according to the handout, "Approximately 84 percent of Indiana Counties implement CEDIT to generate the necessary funding for the economic development strategies," reported Berger.
Umbaugh said MCDEC is advocating to control the funds, if they come to be. As a not for profit with representation from the county and all the municipalities, and an independent agency outside the government, the MCDEC can react quickly, said Umbaugh, and can provide emergency funding without dozens of meetings dictated by gov-

ernment. It can also pay over market value for property if MCDEC thinks it would benefit its strategy. The MCDEC can also loan money, among other facets of its flexibility.
Chavez also briefly discussed the Regional Cities Initiative and Marshall County's position in one of the regions receiving an award. The \$42 million dollars to be awarded to the region represents a 20 percent match on projects, he said, adding that another 20 percent can come from local government and the remaining 60 percent must come from private sources.
Kathy Clark, Executive Director of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, asked if in-kind donations such as use of land would be considered in the match, with Umbaugh responding it was too early to know all of the fine details, but he would find out.
Questions came in from other attendees wanting to know more about specific problems in Culver, reported Berger, but Chavez said MCDEC is working on broad plans and strategies that will affect the county as a whole, and that many of the smaller problems mentioned, while not directly targeted, will see an indirect positive effect. Chavez said the problems in Culver are not unique but are shared by the other communities in Marshall County as well.

Mowers (M) 5:33.92; 200 Freestyle Relay: 1. CMA (Forrest Baumgartner, Jacob Hare, Michael Noronha, Adrian Juraidini) 1:41.41, 2. CMA (Om Umare, Marc Yanez, Augusto DeOtaduy, Judson Andonov) 1:49.51; 100 Backstroke: 1. Manuel Guerra (CMA) 1:02.03, 2. Filip Kosel (M) 1:06.05; 100 Breaststroke: 1. Judson Andonov (CMA) 1:12.52, 2. Michael Noronha (CMA) 1:12.71; 400 Freestyle Relay: 1. CMA (Justin Matei, James Kerr, McLain Ralston, Forrest Baumgartner) 3:36.64, 2. Marian (Cody Mowers, Filip Kosel, Ilia Glazman, Sam Pierce) 4:06.91.

Boys hockey

Eagles fall to Carroll
Culver Military's Varsity A boys hockey team fell 5-3 to visiting Fort Wayne Carroll over the weekend.
Georgiy Kozak, Dylan Giacin and Jackson Badalich scored CMA's goals.
• F.W. CARROLL 5, CULVER MILITARY (Varsity A) 3
At Culver
First Period
FWC - Trevor Houlihan (unassisted)
CMA - Georgiy Kozak (Kenneth Gill, Quinton Duquette)
Second Period
FWC - Adam Stoodly (Houlihan)
CMA - Dylan Giacin (Mischa Subotin)
FWC - Nick Ramsey (Nic Hoy)
FWC - Houlihan (Stoodly)
Third Period
CMA - Jackson Badalich (Tom Faulkner)
FWC - Spencer Sandberg, Stoodly), en
Goalies: Camden Whitney (FWC), Miles Jones (CMA). Penalty Minutes: Carroll 14, CMA 10.

CMA U16 wins

Culver Military's U16 boys hockey team beat the Madison Capitols 4-2.
Dylan Pitera scored twice, while Tyson Van De Peer and Connor Merrill also scored goals for CMA.
• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 4, MADISON CAPITOLS (Wis.) 2
At Culver
First Period
CMA - Dylan Pitera (Declan Carlile)
MC - Jake Osiecki (Conor Wilson, Conor Mikula)
CMA - Tyson Van De Peer (Jackson Pierson, Nic Belpedio)
Second Period
CMA - Pitera (unassisted)
Third Period
MC - Brady Bjork (Kyle Schott), pp.
CMA - Connor Merrill (unassisted) en.
Goalies: Grant Adams (CMA), Nate Reid (MC). Penalty Minutes: CMA 6, Madison 8.

Girls hockey

CGA holds off Fury
Culver Girls Academy held off the visiting Chicago Fury, 2-1, over the weekend.
Madi Turley and Bailee Brekke scored goals in the first and second periods, and the Lady Eagles held on for the win.
Molley Singewald served in goal for CGA and also assisted Brekke's goal in the second period.
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2, CHICAGO FURY 1
At Culver
First Period
CGA - Madi Turley (unassisted)
Second Period
CGA - Bailee Brekke (Molley Singewald)
Third Period
CF - Allie Granato (Kaleigh Slisz)
Goalies: Singewald (CGA), Cassidy Cecott (CF). Penalty Minutes: CGA 10, Chicago 12.

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Driver in Culver crash charged with operating while intoxicated

Police say the driver of a car which wrecked last month in Culver was under the influence of drugs.

The single-vehicle crash took place on State Road 8 near Upas Road around

3:45 p.m. on the afternoon of Jan. 15, with a Marshall County Police Department officer responding. The driver, 43-year-old Kendra Walters of Ora, faces charges of operating a ve-

hicle with a controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering and driving while suspended prior.

Culver residents arrested

PLYMOUTH — Amber Rippe, 35 of Culver, was arrested due to an active warrant for her arrest for revocation of probation warrant. On Jan. 4 Rippe

was transported to the Marshall County Jail for incarceration.

Cody Justin Wilson, 23, Culver, was arrested at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday,

Dec. 30 by the MCPD and charged with operating a vehicle with a Schedule I or II controlled. Bond was set at \$1,505.

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one year of the award date. No exceptions.

Fire dept. seeking new applicants

The Culver Fire Department is accepting applications for new firefighters. Those interested may apply at the Culver town hall, 200 E Washington Street in Culver or call 574-842-3140 for more information.

Residents reminded of winter fire safety.

In the wake of several recent fires locally, Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield is asking residents to be vigilant during this cold-weather season in use of wood stoves, heaters, and other potential residential fire hazards. As always, fires should be reported immediately to 911, and those with questions regarding fire safety may contact the fire department via the Culver town hall at 574-842-3140. The US Fire Administration also offers winter fire safety tips online at www.usfa.fema.gov/winter.

E-billing for Culver utilities launching

Online utility billing for Culver residents will go into effect in February, and as part of the change, print utility bills sent via postal mail will take on a different look. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for the bills and not discard them unknowingly when they arrive. Those wishing to sign up for email billing may contact the town hall at 574-842-3140.

Newcomers invited to Culver knitting group

Knit Happens is a group of dedicated knitters who meet weekly to knit and to teach knitting, share ideas, yarns, techniques, in the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's small meeting room Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Newcomers are invited to join the group. For more info, contact Charlotte Rakich, 708-334-0466 text or talk, or email charlotte.vecchio@gmail.com. Those with a stash of knitting supplies to discard are encouraged to donate them in order to help the group continue teaching new knitters.

Adult winter basketball at CCMS

Adult winter basketball will start again this year Sunday, Nov. 29, and continue each Sunday, from 9 to 3 p.m. EST, until April 10 (20 sessions), at the Culver Community Middle School. Cost for insurance is \$2 each Sunday, or \$20 up front for whole season. Please bring your "A" game, your good sportsmanship, and not your kids. Questions may be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Ice skate donations sought

The Culver Parks and Recreation board is seeking donations of new or used ice skates, or monetary donations toward the same, in order to provide winter activities for all. The board earlier this season announced plans to revive ice skating on the lake this

winter. Donations of skates can be dropped off at the beach lodge in the park, at a container on the observation deck. Monetary donations may also be mailed to: Culver Park Board, 819 E. Lake Shore Drive, Culver IN. 46511. Make checks payable to Culver Park Ice Skate Fund. Donated skates will be provided for free to anyone who wants to use them while they skate.

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 making 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. 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.

Friends of 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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