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In Brief

Winter weather (and summer, and spring, and...)

Lions breakfast dinner Friday

The Culver Lions Club will hold a breakfast dinner the evening of March 4 at the train station - depot on Lake Shore Drive from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The price is \$8 or \$7, if tickets are purchased from a Lion member, \$7.

Monthly book/bake sale this weekend

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold book and bake sales on the first Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the lower level Carnegie Room. Each month's sale will feature a seasonal theme, with the March 5 event focusing on Easter, Irish, or green books; April's theme will be poetry, and May's will be Shakespeare. As always, the organization accepts donations of gently used books and media, which can be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

Lenten meal, series Tuesdays at Trinity

The community is invited to Trinity Lutheran Church's Tuesday Lenten services at 7 p.m., as well as a free pre-service meal at 6:15. The church is located at 430 Academy Road in Culver.

Dr. Seuss birthday celebration Saturday

All are welcome for stories, games and crafts in the children's room at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Saturday, March 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. to celebrate the 112th birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss with a "Seuss-a-Bration!" For more information, contact Jill Gavlick at jgavlick@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941. Culver-Union Township Public Library Youth Services may also be "liked" on Facebook and followed on Twitter at: twitter.com/cutpl_yazone. All programs are free and open to the public.

Blood drive March 10

The American Red Cross will hold a blood donation drive Thurs., March

ABOVE: Weather was the talk of the town last week (and before and after), with some remarking that the area has experienced virtually all four seasons within a few short weeks. Following near-summer temps the previous weekend, last Wednesday saw the most significant snowfall of the season, dumping some 8 to 10 inches and causing school (and many businesses and other entities) to close Wednesday and (in the case of schools, due to click road conditions Thursday morning) Thursday. Cadets at Culver Academies took advantage of the opportunity to build a snowman measuring some eight feet (*UPPER LEFT) in height. By last weekend, however, spring-time temperatures were turning the many inches of snow into slush and water, (and removing most of the ice from Lake Maxinkuckee) though as of this writing, forecasts were calling for more snowfall and freezing rain by mid-week this week. Surely spring is on the way nonetheless — perhaps some readers have robin sightings to report?

Talk of CVS project focuses on rights to municipal lot

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

It's been a long time coming, but discussion resumed last week among Culver town council members regarding installation of a drive-through pharmacy pickup window -- as well as overall renovations of the building -- at Culver's CVS store. The most debated matter, however, was not the window itself, but use of a municipal-owned parking lot and a dumpster currently situated there.

Council president Ginny Munroe, speaking at the Feb. 23 meeting, noted initial planning for the overhaul of Culver's only pharmacy had taken place in 2014 and involved the Hamstra Group, owners of the local store. That group requested the town grant an easement for the alley running behind (to the west of) the store, with plans to install a drive-through window facing the alley, which Hamstra would pave and make one-way.

In exchange, Hamstra offered to maintain a municipal-owned lot south of its main parking lot. The town lot, currently unpaved, was purchased around 40 years ago through the efforts of Culver's Chamber of Commerce, to provide parking for employees at downtown businesses without clogging limited parking on Main Street.

In the 2014 proposal, Hamstra requested CVS employ-

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Town takes formal steps toward bike - walking trail

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The town of Culver is taking its first steps towards a recreational bicycle and walking path, and if audience interaction at special Feb. 23 meeting (following the council's official meeting) at the town hall is any indication, the community is widely supportive of the initiative.

Mike Reese of the Troyer Group returned to the council after an initial presentation at its previous meeting, explaining he had been working on a master plan for the trail which had been hoped to be funded by a grant. Council members,

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CES assistant principal position dissolved, CCSC receives \$40k in Teacher Performance grant

Staff report

CUVER — The Culver Community School board declined to renew Culver Elementary assistant principal Julie Berndt's assistant principal and Title 1 director contract, at its Feb. 22 meeting, part of a broader effort to save declining funds by eliminating an administrative position. The board had issued notice that it was considering the move, back in January.

According to our reporting partners at WKVI, a shortfall in the corporation's General Fund is to blame for staff cuts.

In more pleasant news, CCSC interim superintendent Chuck Kitchell told the board the corporation was awarded more than \$40,000 for distribution to teachers based on teacher evaluations in recent years.

Kitchell explained the funds are part of state-sponsored Teacher Performance Grant, which requires "highly effective teachers" be given more money and "effective teachers" somewhat less money, with teachers deemed needing improvement or "ineffective" not allowed in the pool at all.

The highest stipend possible for a teacher would be \$729 and the lowest \$446, reported WKVI, though taxes are among monies which will be taken out before the money is finally distributed. Teachers who started this school year are ineligible for the grant.

The total awarded is based on a mixture of scores from

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Culver 'Stellar Community' steering committee open house Monday

The Culver Stellar Community Steering Committee will be holding a public open house on Monday, March 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Culver Town Hall, 200 E Washington Street. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Stellar Communities is a planning program managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs designed to reward small communities that adopt best practices and address issues related to attracting population growth in rural communities.

The Town of Culver has been working towards a Stellar Community designation since the adoption of the town's new comprehensive plan in August 2014. In 2015 a broad committee made up of representation from throughout the community came together to create a 5 year action plan based on the recommendations of the newly adopted comprehensive plan. The action plan committee has already started to complete short term goals from that plan, including selecting a site for a workforce housing development and financing a bike and pedestrian master plan for Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee.

Representatives from Culver Town Council, Culver Academies, Culver Community Schools, Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, Culver Chamber of Commerce, Culver Redevelopment Commission, and the Culver Union Township Park

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Vocal Trash to recycle hits, instruments at March 9 concert here



"Oldies but goodies" takes on a double meaning when Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series presents Vocal Trash at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in the Academies' Eppley Auditorium.

Vocal Trash is an ensemble that performs pop tunes spanning the decades. But songs aren't the only things the group recycles. Playing instruments fashioned from

items salvaged from the landfill, Vocal Trash sends a message to reuse and recycle.

Tickets are now on sale at Culver Academies' Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office or by contacting Marsha Coven via email or calling 574-842-7058. Tickets will also be available at the Eppley Auditorium Box Office one hour before the perfor-

mance.

The group's unique instruments include a "one of a kind" bass and guitars, with an industrial percussion section made-up of metal trash cans, plastic barrels, water bottles and other recycled items. The group's show stresses how to use your imagination in a meaningful and lasting way as it relates to eco-friendly living.

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however, were open to town funds being used towards the plan, which fulfills part of Culver's comprehensive plan of 2014, as well as its follow-up five-year action plan. The grant, which Culver did not win, would have funded the \$25,000 price tag for the plan. Reese did point out the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources offers a grant up to \$150,000 for recreational trails, though applications are due May 1.

The first phase of the trail, said Reese, would be a section of trail between the town park and the downtown area, something questioned some in the audience who pointed out that a pedestrian and bike-friendly trail already covers much of that distance. However, it was noted that many such trails become attractions for communities, drawing visitors and enhancing businesses adjacent to them. With that in mind, many from outside the area may not be familiar with the walking route from the park to downtown without a formal, well-marked trail.

Reese explained the local segment may well be the first phase of a long-discussed trail around Lake Maxinkuckee, a plan which could also be noted in the town's Stellar Communities application. He said the town could employ an interactive Wiki Mapping website to encourage public input on the project.

Audience member Tom Yuhas, of the Culver Redevelopment Commission (with whom the council was officially meeting regarding the project, at the meeting) raised the matter of a previous effort some 15 years ago to create a trail around the lake, which met with considerable resistance from some property owners.

Council president Ginny Munroe said that plan called for use of public access easement directly along the lake shore, which could have effectively seen the trail running through property owners' yards. That proposal, added Reese,

also involved sections away from the lake proper and on county roads, which in some cases also raised objections from property owners on those roads.

Reese also said that previous effort was, firstly, handled through a different funding system, but also never went beyond a preliminary map and cost estimates.

"There was the perception (of the plan)," said council member Tammy Shaffer, "and then there was the (actual) plan."

Leist said public input had been sought on the earlier trail project, and existing letters from that era show opposition from land owners at properties where in many cases new owners are today in place.

Munroe said Culver Academies wrote a letter of support for the current trail proposal, as did the Culver Chamber of Commerce and other local entities.

In response to Yuhas' question as to a more focused plan to take the path around the lake, Munroe said part of the planning process is looking into the matter in enough detail to make such decisions, adding that if Culver Academies is supportive, the trail could possibly go through its property.

"We're a walking town as it is," she said. "The point is, if you have major entities supporting it, you start there, but a master plan would answer some of those questions (such as locations, easements, and the like)."

She also likened the effort to the town's Safe Routes to School grant program, which approves the plan to construct sidewalks in certain areas of town even if not every detail of location and easement has been established at the time of application.

It was also discussed that the trail could ideally connect to other existing regional trails such as those in the Roch-

ester and Kokomo areas, which connect to the Monon Trail in the Indianapolis area.

"There's a lot of economic growth off that," Munroe added.

Leist echoed that notion, reporting that similar trails adjacent to retail areas were the number one thing merchants for which expressed happiness.

Audience member Marsha Coven discussed having worked on walking and bicycle trails in the Fort Wayne area in the mid-1990s, adding that the trails have proven immensely popular.

"You can get on any trail," she said. "It's choices and discovery. You go right and discover something new about Fort Wayne. Also, they would look at an area and one particular road there was no way a trail would fit on that, but architecturally they found a way, and it's aesthetically pleasing and very safe. I hope this does come to fruition in Culver."

Shaffer reported hearing from one person who no longer bikes around the lake after a fast-moving truck on the east shore struck her and caused a back fracture. Brandy Pohl of Max's Playhouse daycare on State Road 10 also expressed interest in a trail which might connect the town to that district.

"I think people are hungry for this and have wanted it a long time," said Shaffer. "It's just a matter of having someone to work on it, which the Troyer Group would do."

Council members proposed and approved a special appropriation from Culver's General Fund to pay for Troyer's planning process towards the trail at \$23,100, including an extra \$1,000 for the Wiki Maps feature.

It was noted a committee would be assembled to focus on moving forward with the project.

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ees be allowed to park in the municipal lot, according to Munroe, though a revised proposal also asks that that lot be approved for CVS customer parking as well. Additionally, CVS has maintained a large waste dumpster along the south wall of its building, situated in the town-owned lot, and Hamstra requested that arrangement remain intact. There had also been discussion of Hamstra paving the municipal lot, though prior concerns had focused on possible water runoff problems if the lot surface became impervious.

Munroe pointed out activity on the project stopped on the part of Hamstra, rather than the town.

Some council and audience members -- such as Cafe Max owner Susie Mahler -- questioned whether the pharmacy's dumpster should take up parking spots in a publicly-owned lot, suggesting instead the store consider placing its dumpster in the grassy area along its north wall. Mahler also noted the pharmacy had been using the municipal lot to place snow plowed from its own parking lot. She and other business owners noted they have had to make accommodations for dumpsters of their own, and are unable to use public space to place them. It was also pointed out that the town has little difficulty now in plowing its own lot, and wouldn't benefit much from CVS doing the work.

Council member Joel Samuelson expressed concern about paving the drive-through alley, noting the Hammer

Garage business immediately west of it could be affected by water runoff in rain events.

Mahler also suggested the town discuss where the pharmacy's delivery trucks would park if the alley becomes a drive-through.

Town manager Jonathan Leist suggested Hamstra Group representatives should attend a future council meeting to discuss the issues.

Marketing Culver

Also discussed by council members was the hope of more combined efforts towards what council member Tammy Shaffer called "marketing Culver." Shaffer, who now chairs the Culver Redevelopment Commission, noted there has been discussion among council members and other focused on bringing new retail businesses to Culver, filling empty storefronts, and generally promoting Culver. She noted the town of Argos is uniting discussion between entities such as its Chamber of Commerce, park, town council, and others, to ensure "everybody is on the same page."

Munroe noted members of a committee aimed at bringing in more merchants to Culver recently traveled to New Buffalo, Mich., and will travel to Nashville, Ind., shortly. She emphasized the value of a coalition with the Chamber, CRC, and town council, as well as the town park, schools, and council, perhaps aimed at sharing services, better communication, and "attacking issues."

She discussed an upcoming meeting regarding the state's Stellar Communities Initiative, which could result in a grant to assist the town with projects relating to its comprehensive plan.

"We all felt a need to start dialoging about (sharing resources towards promoting Culver)," added Munroe, "and holding more public meetings and work sessions."

A Stellar Communities public open house is planned for Monday, March 7 (see article this issue).

Other actions, discussion

In other matters, the council voted to deny a request from a property owner that late fees be disregarded for a water bill he said was delayed in the mail after it was damaged in transit, something he said was owed to the poor quality of the paper recently instated for use in the town's new water bills.

Town clerk Karen Heim noted the town's official

policy is that bills are the responsibility of the postal service once out of the town's hands. She also noted water bills arrive around the same time every month, and that she notified the customer of the recently initiated e-billing option. She also said the town ordered heavier card stock for its next billing cycle.

Town council member Sally Ricciardi noted she'd received town water bills for the past 40 years and they consistently arrive around the same time and are due at the same time monthly; she moved the request be denied, which the council approved.

Also approved were several invoices relating to Culver's ongoing water plant replacement and Lake Shore Drive storm sewer upgrade, as presented by Mark Sullivan of Midwest Engineers. Among changes to original orders were replacement of a planned gas chlorinator at the plant with liquid chlorine (an \$8,600 savings); a fiberglass door to replace a planned metal door to the plant's fluoride room, given the highly corrosive nature of the chemical (an addition of \$1,800); and repouring of part of the plant's floor in light of its having settled over the decades and dropped three inches (at a cost of \$7,375), all totaling a net increase of \$3,633 for the project.

Samuelson requested the addition of funds for stones discussed during a walkthrough of the project, bringing the total approved by the council to \$4,600.

Other approved invoices included \$60,537.60 to Michiana Contracting; \$21,900 to Phoenix Fabricators; \$1,700 to Midwest Engineers; and \$10,012.96 to the resident project inspector.

Submitted to the CRC for payment relating to the storm water project was \$84,764.70.

Sullivan said he spoke with a representative of the company handling the storm water project and was assured the entire project would be complete by May 1. Asphalt for repaving will not be available until April 15, so the project manager is delaying moving the project west until closer to that date, said Sullivan.

Also approved was an annual report submitted by Heim relating to the town's finances and described by Munroe as "incredible" in its detail.

Passed on first reading was a state-mandated internal control procedures policy for any town employee handling money.

The council greenlighted \$39,319.86 to replace the storage building at Culver's water plant, a savings from the more than \$100,000 price tag originally proposed by bidders, at the suggestion of utilities manager Bob Porter. Town staff will finish the heating and electrical in the building as time allows.

During his town manager's report, Leist said a committee with representatives of Culver Academies, the Culver park board, community school corporation, Chamber, and others met recently regarding the Stellar Communities initiative. He also said he and Marshall County Economic Development Corporation director Jerry Chavez met recently with the town clerk of North Liberty, Ind., regarding that town's win of the designation last year.

Approved was a request Leist presented on behalf of Culver fire chief Terry Wakefield for \$2,095 for dive equipment to add a third rescue diver to the department.

Also approved was payment of \$15,000 to grant writer Shannon McLeod for her services to Culver, which Munroe noted are ongoing.

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PETITION NO: 2016-002P
DATE OF HEARING: March 15, 2016

TIME OF HEARING: 6:30PM
Date February 10, 2016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That a petition has been filed by: Jeff And Ronda Justis to rezone to Commercial (C-2) from the current zoning of Suburban Residential (S-1) the following parcel:

50-21-09-000-037.000-013
18474 17th Road

Described as follows:
203 feet South 84D, 22 feet East, Southwest Corner North 182 feet, N81D 45 Union Township Marshall County

A hearing upon this petition will be held in the Municipal Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Culver, IN, at which time, you may appeal either in person or present in writing, represented by agent, or by attorney, and present any reasons which you may have to the granting or denying

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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.

Respectfully,
William Harris
Secretary

March 3, 10, 2016 CC9329 hspaxlp

TOWN OF CULVER PLAN COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITION NO.: 2016-001 P

DATE OF HEARING:

MARCH 15, 2016

TIME OF HEARING: 6:30 P.M.

That an application has been filed by Mr. James E. Easterday, Attorney on behalf of the Fred & Suzanne Fehsenfeld to approve Second Re-Plat of Rasmussen Subdivision, a Minor Subdivision. The addresses of the property are 2710, 2738, and 2740 East Shore Dr, Culver, Indiana 46511. The Legal description is: Lots One (1) and Two (2) of the Replat of Rasmussen Subdivi-

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sion, A Minor Plat located in Section 27, Township 32 North, Range 1 East, Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana.

Copy of this notice has been sent to the Applicant and to the owners of property affected by the petition.

A hearing upon this application will be held in the Municipal Building, 200 East Washington Street, Culver, Indiana, at which time, you may appear either in person, present in writing, be represented by agent, or by attorney, and present any reasons which you may have to the granting or denying of this application.

You are requested to prepare your case, in detail, and present all evidence relating to this application at the time of the scheduled hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Harris
Secretary

Dated: 2/23/16

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10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Culver Academies' Fleet Gymnasium, 1300 Academy Rd, in Culver. Donors may download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

Kindergarten round-up March 10

Culver Elementary School will hold a kindergarten round-up on Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the school. Important information will be shared with parents at the event, which also gives parents their first look at next year's kindergarten class. Kindergarten students may also be registered at the event. Parents with questions about kindergarten may contact the Culver Elementary office at 574-842-3389.

Community meal at Grace March 15

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

Monterey Fire Dept. fish fry March 18

The Monterey - Tippecanoe Township Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fish fry featuring AUCE walleye on Friday, March 18, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Monterey Fire Station, 6393 E. Washington St. in Monterey. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Children under 6 with parents eat free (at the fire station only). Dessert and drinks are provided with the meal. Carry outs are at the east door. Food is prepared by Ralph Smith.

Pinewood derby - chili cookoff March 19

The Culver Cub Scouts will host a pinewood derby and chili cook-off Sat., March 19. To register for the derby (any age may register) there is a \$10 entry fee and registrants will receive the car kit to build their derby car. Prizes will be awarded for both children and adults. To register for the chili cook-off, there is a \$5 entry fee, and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places.

Questions may be directed to Kristine Cormican at 219-629-2999 or klcormican@yahoo.com.

Exhibit of photographic legends at Academies Ongoing in the Crisp Visual Art Center at Culver Academies is the exhibition, "3 American Photographers: Eudora Welty, Alfred Eisenstaedt, and Ansel Adams." The Welty photographs on exhibition were shot between 1935 and 1942. The Eisenstaedt portfolio was shot at Culver in 1939 for an article in *Life* Magazine. The photo exhibit is free and open to the public on Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Deer-Zink Gallery of the Crisp Visual Arts Center on Academy Road. The exhibit is available by appointment by calling Robert Nowalk, curator of the Academies' collection, at 574-842-8278.

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 one year of the award date. No exceptions.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 7

The Maxinkuckee Players have announced auditions for "Beauty and the Beast," this summer's theater pro-

duction. Auditions will take place Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, contact Becky Liechty at 574-952-5117 or bliechty@embarqmail.com. Show dates are July 22, 24, 29, 30, and 31.

Lake Fest 2016

may depend on volunteers

Culver's Lake Fest, slated for July of 2016, is in need of volunteers to continue. Those wishing to assist may sign up for one or more of the many events taking place during the three-day festival. Those interested are encouraged to contact Overmyer at movermyer@jmceainc.com or committee member Trent Bennett at 574-216-7000 or trent@bennettscontracting.net.

Fund raising opportunity for Johnson

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@sb-cglobal.net.

Culver Elementary seeks volunteers

Culver Elementary School is seeking caring adults, men and women, of all ages, to volunteer at the school in a variety of ways during the school day. 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.

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.

Culver Comm. Schools' online shop

Culver Community Schools' online store may be found at varsityshop.com/ccsc_culver_community_schools, and includes a variety of outerwear for adult men and women, and children from infants on up. Culver Community Schools will receive funds from every purchase to support student programs.

E-billing for Culver utilities launched

Online utility billing for Culver residents is in effect, 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 takes place each Sunday, from 1 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 direct ed 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 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. 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 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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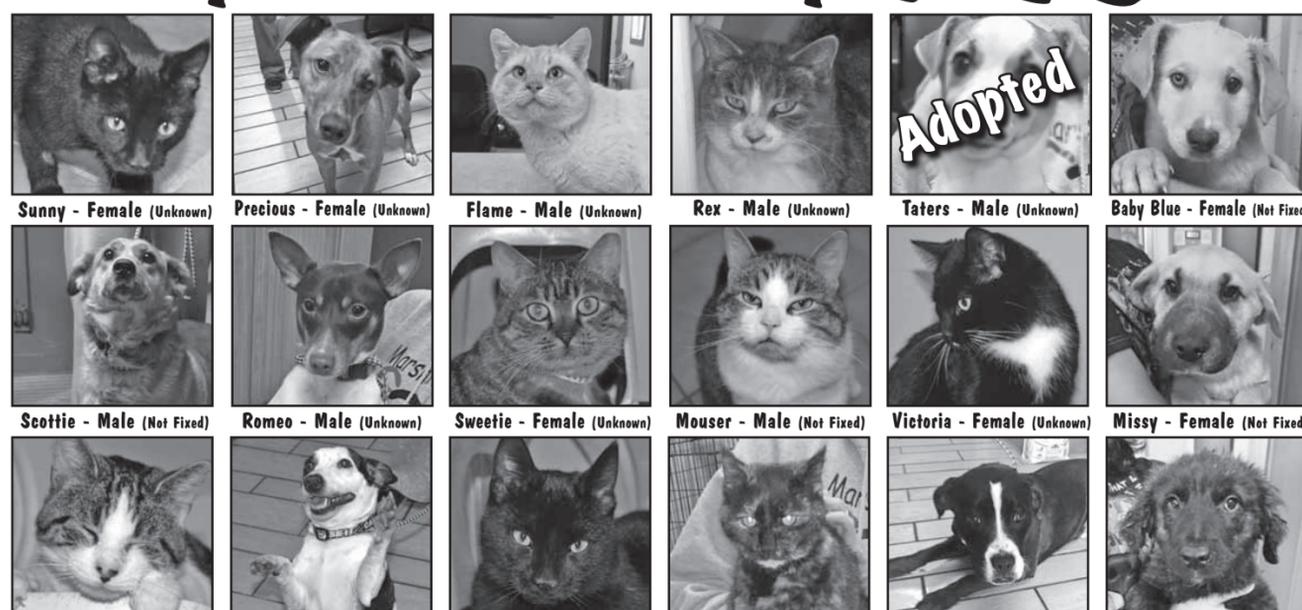
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Do you have N-D-D?

This column first appeared on Feb. 7, 2013.

Nowadays, many people suffer from N-D-D: nature-deficit disorder.

Richard Louv, author of the book "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder" and coiner of the term N-D-D, suggests in his book that growing up separated from nature can actually cause serious mental and emotional issues.



HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN

BY MARIANNE PETERS

Connecting with nature doesn't have to take a lot of time or money. Here's a simple way to connect right at home: hang a bird feeder outside a convenient window and meet the neighbors — the winged kind.

I love birds, and I come by it honestly. One of my earliest memories is peeking out my grandmother's kitchen window, watching a flock of goldfinches enjoy the food she put outside for them.

Everywhere I've lived, I've installed a bird feeder, even when Tim and I were apartment-dwellers on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Our heavily-wooded apartment complex bordered an acre of no-man's land where two TV towers stood.

When we moved to South Michigan Street in Plymouth last year, I was worried that we wouldn't see as many birds as we had when we lived outside town in a rural subdivision.

Since moving in, we've enjoyed juncos, jays, white-breasted nuthatches, black-capped chickadees, downy and red-bellied woodpeckers, tufted titmice, cardinals, house finches, several kinds of sparrows, a Northern flicker, and even bluebirds.

I've made sure that my kids know the names of "our" birds and that they can easily see the feeders through the kitchen window.

Now I realize what a rare privilege it was to grow up so in tune with my native surroundings. I believe children raised with an appreciation for their natural habitat will be more inclined to protect it.

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

Culver police to combat impaired driving during March campaign

CULVER — The Culver Police Department announced it will join efforts with over 250 Indiana state and local law enforcement agencies to increase education and enforcement around dangerous and impaired driving.

Increased enforcement during March is a statewide effort supported by federal funding allocated to the Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

According to ICJI, in March 2015 there were 529 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana, resulting in 214 injuries and five fatalities.

to dangerous driving, resulting in 332 injuries and four fatalities. Dangerous driving includes such factors as "speed too fast for weather conditions," "driver distracted," and "driver asleep or fatigued."

Accidents resulting from dangerous and impaired driving are preventable. The Culver Police Department and ICJI would like to remind motorists safe driving is as simple as following these easy steps:

- Before the celebration begins, plan a safe way home
- Do not drive impaired
- If you do drink, use a taxi, public transportation, ride-sharing service or designate a sober friend or family member, and give them your keys
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely.

The 30-6 principle

Certain numbers hold great significance. When Tennessee Powerball winners John and Leslie Robinson chose their winning combination of numbers, which would ultimately lead to the largest jackpot in US history, little did they know the ultimate significance of their numerical pick.



Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER

People ask me all the time, why should I work out or be active six or seven days a week? Isn't that excessive? My answer is always two-fold.

1) Why not? You're creating a good habit. Collectively, we have enough bad habits to go around.

Significant numbers also relate to birth dates, anniversaries and cell phones. Our social security numbers, budget amounts and addresses also play a significant role in our daily function and success.

In this article, I hope to convince you that being active six days a week, for thirty minutes a day, is a magical formula for a healthier life. Read On.

So why not strive for as many healthy and positive practices as possible? We eat, sleep, work, shower and brush our teeth every day. For a moment, just imagine quitting all these great habits. You would soon experience detrimental outcomes.

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Library news

Family storytime and crafts March 12

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold a special family storytime and crafts on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the children's room upstairs at the library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver.

Regular storytime and crafts take place every Tuesday morning at 10:30.

March

Free computer classes at Culver-Union Twp. Public Library continue in March on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes include Computers for Beginners (March 7, 11), Internet for Beginners (March 14, 18), plus Smartphone and Tablet Training (March 21, 25, 28, and April 1).

Computers for Beginners covers basic operation of a computer. Internet for Beginners covers basic operation of web browsers, websites, and search engines.

PHOTO/KAREN LEE

Free computer classes in

Berndt cheers on the Cavs

RIGHT: Culver Comm. High School principal Brett Berndt became "cheerleader for a day" recently as a result of the school's second annual "Cheer Wars" event, according to CCHS cheer coach Robin Harris.



In addition to Berndt, teachers Theresa Hammond, Vickie Benner, and Mark Ringenberg were also "elected."

Stellar from page 1

Board are in the process of applying for recognition as a Stellar Community by the state, and would like community input on the list of projects that will be included in Culver's letter of intent.

Only one community under 6,000 population will receive the Stellar Community designation in 2016, so please join us on March 7 for a community discussion on how to best encourage growth and attract new residents to our community.

School from page 1

past years and students' ongoing scores. Kitchell described the award as "a pretty nice pat on our back" relating to students' ongoing performance.

The board voted to accept the grant. It was also noted at the meeting that \$1,000 was raised via an online fund-raising campaign toward the Culver Comm. High School Drama Club's performance last weekend of "Little Shop of Horrors."

The school board also approved its 2016-17 school calendar, even without a response from the state regarding hoped-for rescheduling of the PSAT testing, which had been scheduled by the state when many corporations -- including Culver -- had their fall break planned.

The board had previously delayed approving the calendar in hopes of confirming that an alternate fall break date would be formally designated by the state (which Kitchell previously said was likely based on past years' experience). Kitchell told the board many area superintendents have moved forward with the previously-scheduled fall break despite no response from the Department of Education.

There are no major differences between the new calendar and the previous one, said Kitchell. Classes will begin Aug. 2 and end May 31, 2017, with graduation June 2 of that year. The calendar may be viewed on the corporation website at www.culver.k12.in.us.

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Cavs make Senior Night memories; snap skid versus Lions

By James Costello
Sports Editor
CULVER

Recent events have gotten Culver Community boys basketball coach Tom Krueger doing some reflecting on the way time flies lately. His Cavaliers seized the moment Friday.

In their final game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium, Culver's seniors used some inspired play to rally past visiting Bremen in a down-to-the-wire, 45-43, Senior Night win. The fact that it was the 18th birthday of Krueger's son and fourth-year standout Everett added extra poignance for the second-year head coach. And the Cavs got some winning momentum headed into the start of the state tournament next week, snapping a four-game skid with the victory.

"Sometimes as a coach, you lose track of time," said Tom. (Everett) just turned 18 today but the funny thing is he just got his license last Monday, and that was huge just to see a kid so excited about something I may take for



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Tristan Schultz saves a ball from going out of bounds during the Cavaliers' Senior Night game with Bremen Friday.

it was another Culver upper-classman who really helped make the Cavs' Senior Night a memorable one.

Tristan Schultz scored a team-high 16 working with his back to the basket, including six in the decisive fourth quarter. His four straight free throws during a key stretch late in the final stanza pushed Culver out from a tenuous 40-39 lead to a 44-39 advantage, the home team's biggest lead of the night.

"I'm extremely happy for Tristan. He's had some ups and downs this year, and I'm proud of him on Senior Night," said Krueger.

"That's something I told these guys: 'You're going to remember bits and pieces of games throughout your career, but the one you remember most is Senior Night.' He kind of had a funny look on his face, and I think he really took that to heart. He had a great game for us tonight. Without him, we don't win. I'm proud of his effort."

Bremen grabbed the initial advantage Friday with

See Cavs page 6

Serf, Baumgartner close season at state

Bremen's Will Serf and Culver Military Academy's Forrest Baumgartner finished up their swim seasons at the IHSAA Boys State Swimming and Diving Finals over the weekend at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Serf capped off his senior season with a 16th place finish in the 100 freestyle in 47.34 seconds and a 17th place result in the 200 free in a time of 1:42.95.

Baumgartner, a sophomore at the Academies, placed 29th in both the Individual Medley and the butterfly with respective times of 2:01.69 and 53.57.

Baumgartner advanced out of the Warsaw Sectional, while Serf qualified from the Penn Sectional.

Carmel earned a repeat state championship, beat-

ing out challenger Zionsville by a single point, 216-215. It was the Greyhounds' fifth state championship in the last seven years.

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At Indianapolis
Team scores: 1. Carmel 216, 2. Zionsville 215, 3. Avon 192, 4. Northridge 185, 5. Fort Wayne Carroll 174, 6. Chesterton 144, 7. Fishers 132, 8. Homestead 110, 9. Valparaiso 86, 10. Castle 81.5, 11. Fort Wayne Snider 59, 12. Concord 57.5, 13. Bloomington South 51, 14. Hamilton Southeastern 48, 15. Penn 45, 16. St. Joseph 40, 17. Greenfield-Central 38, 18. TIE Warren Central 34, Columbus North 34, 20. Franklin Community 31, 21. Mt. Vernon 27, 22. TIE Michigan City 25, Highland 25, 24. TIE Evansville F.J. Reitz 21, Lafayette Harrison 21, 26. Richmond 17, 28. Tri-West Hendricks 15, 29. TIE Pendleton Heights 14, North Central 14, 31. TIE Munster 13, Mishawaka Marian 13, 33. TIE Delta 11, Perry Meridian 11, 35. Indiana Creek 10.5, 36. Goshen 9, 37. TIE Elkhart Central 7, Center Grove 7, West Lafayette 7, 40. TIE Crown Point 6, Westfield 6, 42.

Wawasee 5, 43. Riley 4, 44. TIE Rochester 3, Lafayette Jefferson 3, Muncie Central 3, 47. TIE Terre Haute South Vigo 2.5, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers 2.5, 49. TIE Fountain Central 2, Lawrence Central 2, Hobart 2, 52. Franklin Central 1.5, 53. TIE Bremen 1, Plainfield 1.

Individual champions
200 medley relay: Avon (Garrett Hammons, Chandler Bray, Vince Partlow, Grant Sprout) 1:30.72; 200 freestyle: Troy Li (Carmel) 1:38.59; 200 individual medley: Charles Vaughan (Carmel) 1:48.13; 50 freestyle: Jack Franzman (Zionsville) :20.25; Diving: Kevin Frelb (Homestead) 613.35; 100 butterfly: Ryan Huizing (Fort Wayne Carroll) :48.51; 100 freestyle: Jack Franzman (Zionsville) :44.93; 500 freestyle: Spencer Lehman (Northridge) 4:25.6; 200 freestyle relay: Avon (Grant Sprout, Connor Capstick, Chandler Bray, Vince Partlow) 1:23.2 (state record; old record: Carmel, 1:23.75, 1994); 100 backstroke: Tyler Harmon (Zionsville) :48.87; 100 breaststroke: Chandler Bray (Avon) :53.82; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Fort Wayne Carroll (Ryan Huizing, Zachary Sagan, Parker Bull, Kent Jackson) 3:05.1.

Eagles hold down Westville

Culver Military Academy held Westville scoreless in the third quarter on the way to a 54-50 win at home Tuesday.

The Eagles rallied back from a 33-29 deficit with a 7-0 third quarter for their second consecutive win.

Ignas Masiulionis scored 23 points, and Ethan Brittain-Watts finished with 10 for CMA, which moved to 13-7.

Cade Albers finished with 19 for Westville, which hit seven 3s but dropped to 10-10.

• CULVER MILITARY 54, WESTVILLE 50
At Culver
WV: 17 33 33 50
CMA: 20 29 36 54
Westville (50): Tyrese Walker 3, Brandon



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

ABOVE: CMA junior Ignace Masiulionis puts up a finger-roll in a 54-50 home win Tuesday February 23 vs. Westville HS at Fleet gym.

The game was tied 50-50 with the clock about to run out in the fourth quarter when CMA's Sam Concannon was fouled and subsequent to that common foul a technical foul was assessed on Westville. Concannon then made all four of the foul shots he was awarded resulting in the 54-50 final score. Masiulionis had a game high 23 points. CMA is now 13-7 on the season while Westville is 10-10.

CMA wins 3rd straight

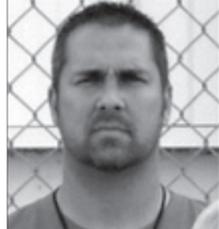
Culver Military Academy won its third straight, closing out the regular season with a 59-38 win over visiting Providence Cristo Rey Friday.

Leading three CMA players in double figures was Addyson Allyn with 18 points, while Ignas Masiulionis scored 15, and Sam Concannon put up 10.

Zach Morris scored a team-high 17 for Providence.

• CULVER MILITARY 59, PROVIDENCE CRISTO REY 38
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Culver coach Rodriguez takes Portage post



Darren Rodriguez in 2014. Citizen file photo.

CULVER — After just two years at the reins of the Cavaliers, Culver Community head football coach Darren Rodriguez will be moving on from the program.

Rodriguez was formally approved as the new head coach of Portage High School Feb. 22, *The Times of Northwest Indiana* reported.

It's a big jump to 6A for Rodriguez, whose previous head coaching stints have been with Class A programs at Culver and West Central. The Cavaliers went 5-15 in two seasons under Rodriguez after he took over for eight-year head coach Andy Thomas in 2014. Rodriguez recorded a head coaching record of 32-33 at West Central from

2008 to 2013, including a 10-2 campaign in 2012.

Portage has scuffled to a 2-19 record over the past two seasons, and Rodriguez replaces four-year Indians head coach Wally McCormack.

In the *Times* article, it was reported that part of the allure of Portage for Rodriguez was proximity. The Valparaiso University product has endured long commutes and time away from family while coaching at West Central and Culver.

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Catholic Mass - 9:00 a.m.
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Bible Trivia

— BY WILSON CASEY —

1. Is the book of 2 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam
3. For how many pieces of silver did Joseph's brothers sell him to Midianite traders? 3, 7, 12, 20
4. From Exodus 28, what fruit was used as a design on priestly garments? Grapes, Pomegranates, Pears, Figs
5. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter as a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Beth-el
6. From 1 Kings, which prophet was fed by birds? Paul, David, Elisha, Elijah

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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Dorcas; 3) 20; 4) Pomegranates; 5) Gezer; 6) Elijah

CMA from page 5

PROVIDENCE CRISTO REY 38

At Culver

PRC: 5 11 25 38

CMA: 10 26 35 59

PCR (38): Kris Hart 3, Trent Johnson 5, Zach Morris 17, Lazarick Cheatum 6, Juwan Lewis 2, Jerome Jorman 2, Claven Jernigan 1, Daveion Sims 2;

Totals: 14 7-12 38

CMA (59): Ean Anderson 1, Jose Figueroa 2, Ignas Masiulionis 15, Ethan Brittain-Watts 0, Sam Concannon 10, Jake Young 3, Addyson Allyn 18,

Wilson Bird 0, David Uwajeh 6, Jamarrio Rule 4; Totals: 20 15-21 59.

3-pointers: PCR 3 (Morris, Hart, Johnson), CMA 4 (Masiulionis 2, Allyn 2);

Fouls (fouled out) 22 (Hart), CMA 14 (none).

Records: CMA 14-7

JV score: CMA 51 (Henry Zehner 15), PCR 26 (Trevion Ward 8)

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Cavs from page 5

an 11-0 run spanning from the 7:27 mark of the first quarter to the frame's 4:47 stop, giving the Lions an 11-2 lead and forcing a Culver timeout. But the Lions started settling for lower-percentage shots, the Cavs steadily whittled their deficit down, and — after a full six lead changes in the last two minutes of the first half — the visitors barely clung to a 26-25 advantage at the break.

"Our first few possessions of the game we didn't really run anything," Krueger said of Bremen's early 11-0 run. "We got it in a couple guys' hands, and they thought they were going to do everything by themselves. That's not really how the game works. I told them 'Stick with the game plan here. Stick with running our stuff, and good things are going to happen.' And they did that."

The Lions maintained narrow leads most of the third period, but the leads changed hands one final time on a driving layup along the baseline by Culver sophomore re-

Boys hockey

CMA U16 draws

Culver Military's U16 boys hockey team salvaged a 2-2 draw with the visiting Milwaukee Jr. Admirals over the weekend.

Nick Stapleton scored on a dual assist by Jackson Pierson and Connor Merrill on a power play in the second period to tie it up, and neither team found the back of the net again.

Connor Caponi scored on a Dominic Vidoli assist on a short-handed goal to open the scoring and stake CMA to an initial 1-0 lead.

• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 2, MILWAUKEE JR. ADMIRALS 2

At Culver

First period

CMA — Connor Caponi (Dominic Vidoli), sh

MA — Kurt LaPak (Ethan Stoudt, Marcus Tilmon)

Second period

MA — Drew Gehardt (Drew Medema, Calvin Dybic)

CMA — Nick Stapleton (Jackson Pierson, Connor Merrill), pp

Goalies: CMA — Carson Polish; Milwaukee — Joey Lamoreaux

CMA prep ties too

Culver Military's prep boys hockey team also drew with the Milwaukee Jr. Admirals in a high-scoring affair, 5-5.

Peyton Frantti and Nolan Walker both scored in the first period to push the Eagles out to a 2-0 advantage, and Jack

Sports briefs

MacNab and Max Lerman snapped ties of 2-2 and 3-3 with their second-period goals, but CMA fell behind after two quick Admirals goals in the third and the home team could only salvage a draw when Nicholas Cefalu scored the game's final goal in the third.

• CULVER MILITARY (Prep) 5, MILWAUKEE JR. ADMIRALS 5

At Culver

First period

CMA — Peyton Frantti (unassisted)

CMA — Nolan Walker (Bryant Gunn, Max Lerman)

Second period

MA — Alec Kent (Brandon Turer, Kyle Joswiak)

MA — Zach Metsa (Kobe Keller, Matthew Monreal)

CMA — Jack MacNab (Robert Anderson, Nate Clurman)

MA — Metsa (Monreal, Joswiak), pp

CMA — Lerman (Walker)

Third period

MA — Jacob Peterson (Alex Dingeldein, Jack Vincent)

MA — Grant Cruikshank (Joswiak, Metsa), pp

CMA — Nicholas Cefalu (Nick Bissonnette, Gunn)

Goalies: CMA — Dominik Vlaha; Milwaukee — Connor Poczso.

College track

Neer qualifies for NCAA Nationals -

SEATTLE, WASH. -- At the Husky Invitational in Seattle, Washington, University of Oregon All-American (and Culver Girls Academy grad) Waverly Neer qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships on March 12 by running 15:48.9 in the 5k (5:06 per mile pace).

serve R.T. Roberts — who chipped in five points with an assist and three steals off the bench — off a Schultz assist with 1:09 remaining until the quarter break. Bremen was able to tie it up one final time at 36-all on Klockow's transition layup at the 6:04 mark of the fourth, but Everett converted on a spin move in the paint, Josh Krsek netted his only bucket of the night driving to the rim, and Schultz converted on four straight charity tosses to give the home team some breathing room en route to the eventual win.

While Shultz and Everett Krueger led Culver offensively, the Lions got a game-high 19 points from Ryan Topper. The 6-3 senior forward also did a creditable job on the defensive end alternating against first 6-4 Culver guard Nate Carnegie — who was held to three points but pulled down 10 rebounds — and later the bigger-bodied Schultz.

While Culver closes out the regular season with a 14-8

record following its first win in the past five games, the Lions came up just short of ending their own skid Friday.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 45,

BREMEN 43

At Culver

Bremen: 15 25 34 35

Culver: 10 26 32 43

BREMEN (43): Evan Martin 0, Zach Burkholder 0, Grant Klockow 5,

Matt Box 6, Bryce Cassel 0, Chandler Snyder 5, Ryan Topper 19, Brett

Louderback 0, Justin Baker 2, Jacob Strehler 6, Ben Nick 0; Totals: 17 6-9

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CULVER (45): R.T. Roberts 5, Everett Krueger 11, Austin Bailey 0, Cash

Harris 4, Nate Carnegie 3, Justin Brown 2, Cody Valiquet 2, Josh Krsek 2,

Tristan Schultz 16; Totals: 16 13-20 45.

3-pointers: Bremen 3 (Klockow, Snyder, Topper), Culver 0; Rebounds:

Bremen 22 (Topper 7), Culver 34 (Carnegie 10); Turnovers: Bremen 13,

Culver 16; Steals: Bremen 9 (Topper 4), Culver 9 (Harris 4); Assists:

Bremen 9 (Cassel 3), Culver 9 (Krueger 3); Fouls (fouled out): Bremen 19

(none), Culver (none).

Records: Bremen 4-18, Culver 14-8

JV score: Bremen 45 (Cole George 10), Culver (Gabe Gomez 6)

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wonder why you ever stopped doing these daily tasks that are so good for you. The same is true for daily activity. Inconsistent and infrequent activity is certainly better than nothing at all, but six days a week, thirty minutes a day will have you functioning on all cylinders soon, feeling immeasurably better, and possessing the energy for a productive and satisfying life.

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Bremen Public Schools
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