



# The Culver Citizen

## In Brief

### Volunteer opportunities

**CULVER** — The Town of Culver has volunteer opportunities to help shape the future of the town. Two residents are needed to serve on the Tree Commission, two residents of the jurisdictional area are needed to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals, two residents are needed to serve on the Culver Plan Commission, two residents are needed to serve on the Park and Recreation Board and five residents are needed to serve on the Redevelopment Commission.

Please apply via letter of interest at the Culver Town Hall at 200 E. Washington St. Culver, IN 46511 by Jan. 8.

### Open gym

**CULVER** — There will be an open gym at the Culver Middle School, beginning Sunday, Jan. 6 and continuing on Sundays, until March 9. Times will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Beginning this year, the school requires insurance. There will be a \$2 fee at the door or pay \$15 for the full season. If any questions, please call Bruce Snyder, 574-842-2576, or e-mail bksnyder@wildblue.net.

### Aubbee gathering set for Aug. 2

Plans are under way to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the closing of Aubbeenaubbee High School. The focus of this first gathering will be on Classes 1964 through 1974. The get-together is not just for graduates of Aubbee or Culver, but also for former classmates who may have attended Aubbee only briefly. Other interested persons are also welcome to attend.

A hog roast will be held Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Leiters Ford Community Building from 12 to 6 p.m. Lunch begins at 1 p.m. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks (non-alcoholic). Donations will be accepted to offset costs.

Planners are seeking current addresses of individuals who attended Aubbee and were in the 1964-1974 classes. Please contact a committee member if you have information or questions, or if you would like to help with planning and organizing this gathering.

For more information, contact Sherry Engle Anderson at 574-653-2625 or e-mail farmhair@rcol.com or Donna Rawles Baker at 574-842-2368.

### Snow routes

**CULVER** — A timely reminder from Susan Mahler to Culver residents living or working on snow routes in town: the snow season has begun and this means an organized effort will be maintained to keep our business districts open and easily accessible. The town will be checking to make sure snow routes signs are still in place. They may be installing new signs where others have been removed or damaged. The town's policy on snow routes are as follows:

- No parking after midnight when 2 inches or more of snow is forecasted or has fallen
- Violators may be ticketed or towed at the owners' expense

## LOOKING BACK...

# What's made headlines in Culver this year

## January

### SCHOOLS ANALYZE ISTEP RESULTS

By Maggie Nixon  
Managing Editor  
**MARSHALL COUNTY** — While Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus (ISTEP+) results released Dec. 21 received "a call to action" response from the state's superintendent of public education, local superintendents aren't so quick to judge.

"Statewide pass rates for English/language arts are down or flat nearly across the board, an unacceptable reality that should be a call to action for local schools and communities," said Dr. Suellen Reed.

But Marshall County schools are still analyzing the numbers and their leaders remain optimistic.

Culver Superintendent Brad Schuldt said his administration is still reviewing its raw numbers, analyzing and making comparisons, but, "In looking at them, without studying them too closely yet, we seemed to have done well in language arts

and improved in a lot of the grade levels."

### MASCARI HEADED TO



Jen Mascari

### BSU HALL OF FAME

**CULVER** — Culver Girls Academy softball coach Jen Mascari will be one of four former Ball State University athletes to be inducted into the Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame.

Mascari (Field Hockey, 1994-98) will be joined by Randy Boarden (Basketball, 1975-79), Keith McKenzie (Football, 1992-96) and Todd Reimer (Volleyball,

1990-95) as the Hall of Fame's Class of 2006-07.

Mascari capped off her Ball State field hockey career by receiving the 1997-98 Woody Hayes National Female Scholar-Athlete Award, which is selected from all female NCAA Division I student-athletes in all sports. She was part of a class which helped Ball State to a four-year 70-19-2 overall mark, a 45-0 record against Mid-American Conference opponents, four MAC Championships and three berths in the NCAA Tournament, including two Final Eight appearances. Mascari was a 1997 All-American and a 1995 and 1997 Academic All-American.

### THORNE NOT A 'SHUSH' LIBRARIAN

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

**CULVER** — New Culver-Union Twp. Public Library children's librarian Linda Thorne dismisses the idea of silent libraries.

And she also challenges the stereotype of a librarian as a strict, stern person waiting to punish those making the slightest sound.



Linda Thorne

"I don't believe in quiet libraries," Thorne laughed. "I'm not a 'shush' librarian. I may have long hair, but it's not in a bun."

Thorne, who was hired Jan. 1 and started the next day, took over for Cassandra Bash who moved to adult services. Thorne spent the past two years as a clerk at the Rochester library and also worked with a literacy

coalition. She was previously children's librarian in the Allen County Public Library chain in Fort Wayne.

### COUNCIL VOTES TO REZONE TWO PARCELS

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

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## February

### DEERY RECEIVES 'SPIRIT' RECIPIENT

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

**PLYMOUTH** — Saint Joseph's Health Center hosted a reception Thursday night to introduce the man who will be this year's Community Spirit Award recipient, Dr. Michael Deery of Culver.

Deery will officially be named the man of the year at Saint Joseph Health Center's Gala, to be held at Swan Lake on Friday, April 20.

The Health Center's Director of Medical Services, Deery is known in Marshall County for his private practice in Culver where he was able to touch the lives of many in the community

over the years. He calls the recognition "humbling."

### CULTICE IS LIONS CLUB 'CITIZEN OF YEAR'

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

**CULVER** — Culver Lions Club members brainstormed for adjectives to describe the group's Organization-Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Don't worry. The members used only the most complimentary words, including straightforward, trustworthy, profitable, practical, dedicated, generous and superlative.

These qualities earned Medallion Cabinetry, Inc. the Lions Club's Organization-Business of the Year and Bob Cultice — a long-time Lion —



Bob Cultice

Citizen of the Year at the Lions' annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Culver depot.

### OFFICERS SEND WARNING TO ICE FISHERMEN

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By Tim Robertson  
Staff Writer

**CULVER** — Conservation and police officers want ice fishermen to be more careful about where they park around the county's lakes.

J.P. Salb, officer for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, sent out a warning to area fishermen, last Thursday. "Obstructing the flow of traffic or parking on private property without permission will not be tolerated," Salb said. He said vehicles violating state and county laws may be towed without the owner's notification.

Salb said the DNR and Marshall County Sheriff's Department recently began receiving complaints about ice fishermen parked illegally on

## March

### CULVER BPA SENDS FIVE TO NATIONALS

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Culver Community's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter enjoyed a successful outing at the state contest in Indianapolis, March 4 to 6.

Lyndsey Fisher, Kylie Gunder, Molly Hartman, Justine Hoesel and Ashley Jones all earned the right to represent the Culver chapter at the nationals at the New York City Hilton, May 8 to 13.

Meanwhile, Culver BPA advisor Mike Schwartz was presented with the inaugural JD Lee Outstanding Advisor Memorial Award, sponsored by the Indiana BPA Alumni division.

### CPC APPROVES ACADEMIES SITE PLAN

**CULVER** — Site plan approvals were on the agenda for the Tuesday night meeting of the Culver Plan Commission.

Jeff Kutch, facilities director for the Culver Academies, presented a site plan for a temporary structure to house approximately 100 horses while the Vaughn Equestrian Center is being completely renovated.

Home of the famous Black Horse Troop, the old equestrian center will be the site of a large project that may take one to two years to complete, Kutch said.

### BIDDING OPENED FOR PERU COURT WORK

By Dee Grenert



PHOTO PROVIDED

Lyndsey Fisher, right, and Mike Schwartz are pictured with Schwartz's JD Lee award.

**CULVER** — Commonwealth Engineers' Mark Sullivan briefed the Culver Town Council on upcoming work to sewer and water lines on Peru Court at the board's regular meeting last Tuesday at Culver Town Hall.

Thomas Excavating of Argos, formerly of Culver, offered the low bid of \$117,145.60 for the Peru Court work.

"It's a little bit better than we expected, to be honest," Sullivan said of the bid.

### MONTEREY STUDENT WINS YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST

**PLYMOUTH** — The Marshall County Reading Council recent-

ly announced the winners of the Young Authors' Conference essay contest.

Among the winners was Monterey Elementary kindergarten Haley Pennington.

The winning students wrote essays on "My Treasure" to echo the book "What a Treasure" by this year's Young Authors' Conference speaker, Will Hillenbrand. The students receive a gift certificate to the Bookworm, a certificate of achievement and a private autograph session with Hillenbrand.

The Young Authors' Conference will be held March 8

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## April

### A DIFFERENT KIND OF 'GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR'

By Dee Grenert  
Editor

**CULVER** — The sight of a snake generally produces a less-than-positive response.

Ed Ferrer hopes to change that. "Snakehead Ed" as he calls himself, brought a diverse collection of eight snakes to the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Saturday as part of the library's spring break activities.



**PHOTO BY DEANNA L. GREINERT** Ed Ferrer, left, holds Melvin, an albino Burmese python, while Tray Schrimsher, 3, and sister Jordan Schrimsher, 7, get a good look at the slithery visitor to the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

"Snakes have a bad rep," Ferrer acknowledged. "People have got to realize that they're very beneficial. They eat rats and mice. Hopefully these animals will be good will ambassadors to save habitat."

Ferrer, a retired middle school science teacher from Indianapolis, started amassing snakes — a real hit with his students — while still in the classroom.

"I tried all sorts of things," he noted. "I brought in scorpions, tarantulas, a tank full of piranhas. It wasn't until I brought in snakes that I really got their attention. I had 18 snakes in my classroom when I retired three years ago. I decided to take the show on the road."

### SCHULTZ NAMED 'FRIEND OF EXTENSION' WINNER

What do four generations, 50 consecutive years have in common?

Kaye Mahler Schultz represents one of those generations and 39 years of 4-H involvement. Schultz is a lifetime resident of Culver, as well as the 4-H family. Her parents, Martin and the late Ruth Mahler, were both 10 year 4-H members. Her brother Alan finished 10 years of 4-H as Schultz started hers, followed by her nephews, David and Chad, and then came her great nieces Ashley and Mikayla. The Mahler family will celebrate 50 consecutive years in the Marshall County 4-H program in 2007.

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## May

### SAME MESSAGE; DIFFERENT APPROACH

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Every year high school students hear impassioned appeals against drinking and driving, particularly during prom and graduation season.

While Culver Community High School students received the standard anti-drinking and driving message ahead of last Saturday's prom, they also experienced hands-on proof of the dangers of impaired driving, thanks to the Culver Police Department.

### CYCO BRINGS CULVER SCHOOLS TOGETHER

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — A pointed observation grabbed Jodie Davenport's attention nearly two years ago.

Davenport, a Culver Academies student, attended a leadership conference at St. Mary's College in South Bend with Culver Community High School student Tixe Weirick, during the summer of 2005.

The two teenagers told a group about the sometimes-contentious relationship between the Culver schools.

"Somebody said, 'it sounds like you have a broken community,'" Davenport, a senior from Rochester, recalled. "I had a knee-jerk reaction. It was really hurtful to some degree. The stress of that created something good, though."

### CULVER TOWN COUNCIL MODIFIES EMS PAY

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The Culver Town Council approved changes to the town's salary ordinance last Tuesday.

During its regular meeting at Culver Town Hall, the board unanimously passed all three readings of an ordinance to modify payment of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.

### GUENIN STEPPING ASIDE

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The search is on for a new Culver town manager. Current Town Manager Jon Guenin informed the Culver Town Council last month of his decision to vacate the post he's held for the past three years.

"My contract is up at the end of June," Guenin said Monday. "There's a couple of things that prompted (the decision) a little quicker."

Chief among those reasons is his wife Joellen's acceptance into Purdue University's Ph.D program.

The Guenins and their three young children intend to relocate to the West Lafayette area.

"She was originally going to wait until the kids were older," Guenin said of his wife's plans. "We decided if she could get in, she should go ahead and do it. She wanted to do it and was accepted. We're going to be headed in that direction."

### CULVER COUNCIL RECEIVES PERU COURT UPDATE

By Dee Grenert  
Editor

CULVER — The Culver Town Council heard a good news-bad news scenario regarding the Peru Court water and sewer project.

First, the positive side. Commonwealth Engineers' Mark Sullivan told the council at its regular meeting Tuesday that he expects the Peru Court work — left over from last year's major sewer project — to be completed relatively soon.

## June

### Banfich wins

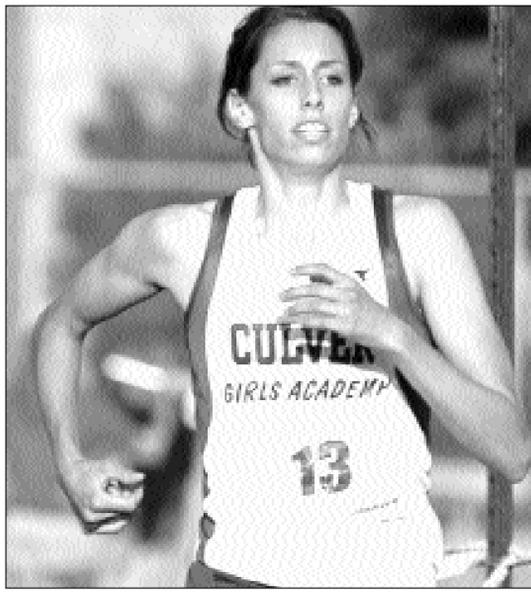


PHOTO BY DEANNA L. GREBERT

Culver Girls Academy standout runner Alex Banfich of Plymouth was a double winner at the high school girls state track meet Saturday night at the Haugh Track & Field Complex on the campus of Indiana University. Banfich won the 3200 meter run for the second consecutive year with a time of 10:36.47 and also claimed the title in the 1600 meters with a time of 4:55.05.

Last year Banfich was runner-up in the 1600.

CGA teammate Oludara Oni placed 10th in the long jump with a leap of 16' 11-1/2. She was seeded 16th out of the 27 participants going into the finals.

### CONSERVE SCHOOL SUIT DISMISSED

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

CULVER — A lawsuit filed by the Culver Education Foundation against the Conserve School of Wisconsin and its trustees has been dismissed.

The Culver Education Foundation, which runs the Culver Academies, filed the suit in 2005 challenging the administration of the Conserve School Trust. During the pre-trial phase, Culver informed the Conserve School trustees that they no longer wished to pursue the suit, and agreed to dismiss the case with prejudice. The dismissal notice was entered on May 25.

"I think we were convinced that the Conserve School understood the concerns we had and that it is operating in a way that alleviated those concerns," Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton said.

### ACADEMY GRADUATION

CULVER — The Culver Academies sent off 208 graduating students during commencement exercises Sunday morning.

Under partly sunny skies that gave way to a steady rain toward the end of the ceremony at The Oval, Head of Schools John Buxton paid tribute to the class of 2007.

"You will always be the class that met and exceeded our unrealistic expectations," Buxton said. "There's so much about the class of 2007 that we will always hold in our minds."

"We send heartfelt thanks for all you've done," he added. "You've learned all we could hope to teach you."

### LIBRARY EXPANDS SUMMER READING

By Dee Grenert  
Editor

CULVER — The Culver-Union Township Public Library encourages its patrons to get a clue this summer.

"Get a Clue About" — the library's mystery-themed summer reading program — kicks off Saturday with a visit from DJ3PM at 1

p.m. And while many libraries gear summer reading projects toward children, the Culver Library is adding reading programs for young adults and adults.

### SCHOOL BOARD MOVES INTO NEW BUILDING

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow  
Correspondent

CULVER — The Culver Community Schools board of trustees held its first meeting in the new administration building on School Street Monday evening.

Chris Kline, board president, welcomed patrons to "our almost 100 percent complete facility. There are a few minor cosmetic issues, including outdoor landscaping and parking lot paving, but other than this, the building is complete and within the projected budget figure."

### OPTION TAX MUST BE COMPLETE BY JULY 31

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## Obituaries

### Kay L. Thomas Smith

April 17, 1947 - Nov. 21, 2007

ORLANDO, Fla./CULVER — Kay L. Smith, 60, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007. She was born in Plymouth on April 17, 1947 to Le Roy and Lorraine Thomas. Le Roy preceded her in death. She graduated from Culver Community High School in 1965 and was also a graduate of Indiana State University and Purdue University.

Kay was a longtime resident of Orlando, Fla. and a professor of English Literature for 28 years at Valencia Community College. She enjoyed traveling, books and movies/theatre/especially Shakespeare and the many versions of "Hamlet" and gave a variety of presentations all over the country.

She is survived by her mother, Lorraine Thomas of Culver; two sisters: Bev (Nick) Knoerzer of Morocco and Joyce (Evan) Lowry of LaPorte; two brothers: Greg Thomas of Kewanna and Bob (Gwen) Thomas of Argos; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, an uncle, cousins and friends.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hospice of your choice or to the American Cancer Society. Kay will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends.

As was her wish, a private service will be held at a later date.

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

### Laura Louise Gunder

Oct. 15, 1929 - Dec. 26, 2007

PLYMOUTH — Laura Louise Gunder, 78, of Plymouth, died at 5:39 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a three-year illness. She was born Oct. 15, 1929 in Culver to Clarence C. and Olive (Lake) Kline. On May 20, 1947, she married Richard L. Gunder, who preceded her in death July 15, 2003.

Living most of her life in Marshall County, Laura was a home-maker and worked as a florist for Andelohr Florist in Culver and Flowers by Stephen in South Bend. She played the piano for the Culver Military Academy fine arts department during the 1970s. She was the secretary of the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club in Culver during the 1960s. She made many quilts and donated them to babies with AIDS and knitted many hats for needy children of Union Township and The Neighborhood Center in Plymouth. She attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Culver and was a graduate of Culver Community High School class of 1947.

She is survived by one daughter, Valerie (Dane) Avery of Dallas, Ga.; two sons: Craig (Martha) Gunder of Red Lion, Pa. and Todd (Cassie) Gunder of Culver; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles (Donna) Kline of South Bend; and two sisters: Virginia Bullock of Plymouth and Brenda (Bob) Wynn of Culver.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Andrea Kay Gunder; and two great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held.

Burial will take place at a later date in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

## July

### SEARCH FOR TOWN MANAGER NARROWS

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver's hunt for a new town manager enters the interview stage this month.

Russ Mason, chairman of the search committee to find a new town manager, told the Culver Town Council at its regular meeting last week that his seven-person team recently whittled seven applicants down to three.

### CCYC SILENT AUCTION SETS ATTENDANCE, FUND-RAISING RECORDS

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The joy of organizing a roaring success came through in Patty Stallings' voice.

Stallings, the event coordinator of the Culver Community Youth Center (CCYC) Summer Celebration VII, and the rest of the non-profit organization's board of directors spent months arranging its annual silent auction fundraiser.

Held June 22 at Indianapolis Colts owners Jim and Meg Irsay's barn near Culver, the event crushed previous attendance and fundraising marks.

Stallings estimated paid attendance of nearly 400 people.

"We at least doubled our attendance from last year," Stallings said. "We had over 300 pre-sale tickets. I got wind of a large number of people planning to buy tickets at the door, but holy mackerel. We had about 100 buy at the door. I think it's amazing the generosity of the people."

### TURNING UP THE HEAT

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The Culver-Union Township Fire Department knows all about battling blazes.

This time around, though, the high temperatures came in the form of sweltering July heat and humidity during the second annual Culver emergency services charity softball game, which benefited the Culver food pantry.

Like the inaugural, the firefighters earned Culver emergency services bragging rights with a 22-20 four-inning win over a team of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Culver Police Department personnel Sunday at the Culver Community High School softball field.

However, the EMS/Police team kept this year's duel closer than last year's 21-14 final.

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### SNYDER TO LEAD LAKEFEST PARADE

By Dee Grenert  
Editor

CULVER — Just call this year's Culver LakeFest parade marshal a family man.

After all, family seems to be longtime Culver business owner See July, Page 6

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## January, Cont. from front

**CULVER** — The Culver Town Council passed the first reading of an ordinance to rezone a pair of parcels on Main Street at its regular meeting Thursday at Culver Town Hall.

The board voted 4-0 to approve Ordinance #2006-009 to rezone property at 220 S. Main St. and 232 S. Main St. from residential (R-1) to commercial (C-2).

### COUNCIL SAYS FAREWELL TO TWO BOARD MEMBERS

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer  
**CULVER** — The Culver Town Council bid farewell to a pair of members at its regular meeting Thursday at Culver Town Hall.

The terms of President David Cooper and council member Judy Reynolds expired at the end of the year. Sally Ricciardi and Lynn Overmyer, who won election in November, join members Ralph Winters, Ed Pinder and Barbara Behnke on the five-person board.

### STUDENTS URGED TO FULFILL KING'S DREAM

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer  
**CULVER** — Col. Richard Geier presented students at the Culver Academies with a charge: Strive to bring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream to fruition. Geier, Culver Academies commandant, delivered the keynote message — "The Dream Hasn't Been Achieved" — at the Academies' Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration service at Memorial Chapel Monday morning.

The event, organized entirely by students, featured Scripture lessons, readings, prayer and a special musical performance by the Culver Gospel Choir. Geier told a capacity gathering that like King, American giants George Washington and Abraham Lincoln had dreams. But unlike Washington, who reached his dream of converting 13 colonies under British rule into an independent nation of 13 states, and Lincoln, whose vision of a unified nation free of slavery was eventually recognized, King's dream still remains unachieved.

### NEWSMAN CARR'S MURDER TRIAL TO BEGIN IN MARCH

By John Reed  
Staff Writer  
**ROCHESTER** — A jury will begin hearing the murder case of reporter Jim Carr on March 21 in Fulton County Superior Court. Carr, 58, of 681 N. U.S. 35, Winamac, is being held in the Fulton County Jail and is accused of shooting a friend, rural Kewanna resident Roy Allen Shaffer, 10260 W. 200 N., in the face with a 16-gauge shotgun on Nov. 4, 2006.

Carr was questioned on Sunday, Nov. 5, and admitted to Pulaski County investigators that he had shot Shaffer the previous evening.

Carr will be represented by a public defender, A. Christopher Lee, in a trial before Judge Wayne Steele.

Prosecuting Attorney Richard A. Brown will represent the state's case against Carr.

Carr worked for a number of years as a reporter for the Journal, a Winamac weekly newspaper. He also had worked as a correspondent for the Culver Citizen and covered sports for The NewsHawk, an independent Starke County weekly. His sports stories have appeared in other newspapers in northern Indiana.

He had also recently worked as a cook at a Monterey tavern and as a bartender in Winamac.

### SNYDER PASSES 1,000

**CULVER** — Kody Snyder provided Culver Community's boys basketball team with a bright spot on an otherwise dismal evening.

Snyder — already the school's career scoring leader — reached the 1,000-point plateau with a bucket and foul from the right block with 1:36 left in the Cavs' 64-52 loss to Westville at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Jan 10.

After delivering the game ball to his family in the second deck, Snyder polished off the conventional three-point play for his 1,001st career point.

"One thousand points. That's great for (Snyder)," Culver head coach Brett Berndt



Kody Snyder

commented. "He's shown dedication and he's working very hard. He'd probably tell you it's a little somber with the way we took it on the chin, but 1,000 points is a good individual achievement."

### CULVER PLAN REORGANIZES

**CULVER** — Members of the Culver Plan Commission met in a brief session to reorganize for 2007.

Bill Cleavenger will serve as chairman of the commission and Bobbie Ruhnow will continue as vice-chairman. Kathryn Breyfogle was elected as secretary.

## February, Cont. from front

Venetian Lakes Drive, on the south side of Lake Maxinkuckee. "They are basically just parking right along the side of the road," Salb said. "There is not enough room for some vehicles to get through or school buses. We've received a number of complaints."

### BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE

**WARSAW** — The Business Professionals of America chapter of Culver Community High School competed in district competition on Saturday, Jan. 13 at Warsaw Ivy Tech.

Culver Community High School students competed with more than 100 business students from five area high schools in contests that measure their skills and knowledge in all areas of business.

Twenty-four Culver students qualified to advance to state competition in Indianapolis this March. Eleven of them took first place in their competition.

Culver Community High School business teacher Mike Schwartz is the advisor for the group.

### CULVER ACADEMIES CLOSE AIR PROGRAM

**CULVER** — Following 12 months of intense self-examination and a thorough analysis of every aspect of the program, Culver Academies' trustees have decided to discontinue the aviation program.

At its fall 2006 meeting, The Culver Educational Foundation Board of Trustees voted to permanently disband the program in the aftermath of the Aug. 10, 2005 plane crash that killed a 21-year-old instructor and a 14-year-old student pilot.

The cause of that crash remains under investigation by federal agencies.

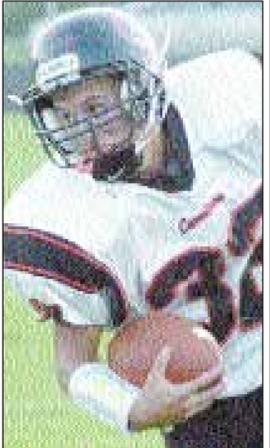
The decision was more financial than philosophical, Head of Schools John N. Buxton said.

## Local football players earn academic all-state honors

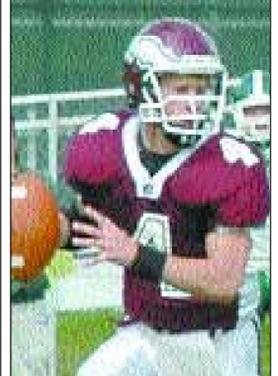
**CULVER** — The Indiana Football Coaches Association recently announced the Academic All-State Team.

In order to qualify for the Academic All State an athlete must be a senior who has a cumulative GPA of 3.4, a minimum SAT of 1110 or ACT of 24.

Four Culver Military Academy football players — Andy Parchman of Baltimore, Aaron Schmit of Grafton, Wis., David McIntyre of Bedford and Ryan Livingston of Houston — and Culver Community's Dylan Bush all earned this distinction.



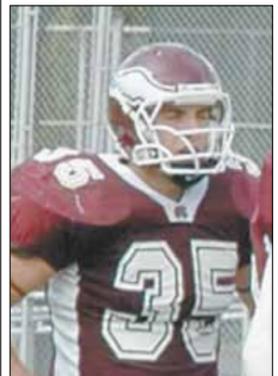
Culver's Dylan Bush



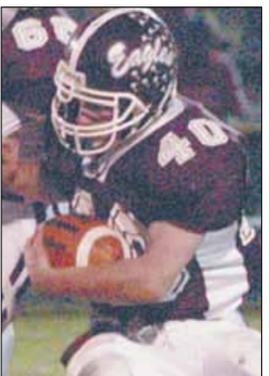
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CMA's Andy Parchman

## April, Cont. from front

### COMING THIS SUMMER: THE HUNT FOR HYDRILLA

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer  
**CULVER** — When you look for something, you generally want to find it.

Those on the lookout for hydrilla in Lake Maxinkuckee, though, hope their search comes up empty.

Hydrilla, a potentially harmful invasive species, appeared in Rochester's Lake Manitou last year. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) closed the Rochester body of water to the public last fall, and expects to start treating the lake later this month.

The discovery of hydrilla, which creates thick layers of vegetation that destroy fish and wildlife habitat, in Lake Manitou — a part of the Tippecanoe River watershed like Lake Maxinkuckee — puts the Culver lake at risk.

### CULVER EARNS TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION

By Dee Grenert  
Editor  
**CULVER** — The town of Culver officially joined the Tree City USA ranks April 24.

Pam Louks of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources awarded the title at the Culver Town Council's regular meeting at Culver Town Hall.

Tree Commission President Mike Stallings and members Dick Brantingham and Carl Landskron accepted a flag and plaque in the town's honor.

Culver — Indiana's 57th Tree City USA honoree — received the designation by holding an Arbor Day celebration, passing an Arbor Day resolution and spending \$2 per capita on tree-related activities.

### NO HORSEING AROUND: ACADEMIES FULFILL DELONG GIRL'S WISH

By Jan Garrison  
Special to The Citizen  
**CULVER** — Tristan Webb is crazy about horses. That doesn't make her any different from most 7-year-old girls.

But Tristan also suffers from Prader-Willi Syndrome, a genetic disorder involving the 15th chromosome. The disorder short-circuits the nervous system in different ways, her mother Gretchen Lind said.

Prader-Willi Syndrome is being diagnosed more often as doctors learn more about it, Lind said. It can lead to myriad of problems. If left unchecked, it leads to morbid obesity because the stomach can't send signals to the brain to say it is full. The obesity can lead to a variety of physical problems, so the family has to be careful what and how much Tristan eats.

Tristan has also been diagnosed with sleep apnea and obsessive-compulsive disorder, two other complications associated with Prader-Willi, she added.

## Keller signs with Ancilla



PHOTO BY DEANNA L. GREINERT

Emily Keller, seated center, flanked by her parents, Dan and Peggy Keller, signs her letter of intent to play basketball at Ancilla College. Standing, from left, are Culver Community athletic director Andy Thomas, Ancilla women's basketball head coach Dave Liverance and Culver Community girls basketball coach Andrea Berndt.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Tristan Webb pets Abe — her new best friend — following her ride, coordinated by the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Culver Academies.

## March, Cont. from front

at the Plymouth High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m. General autograph signing will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### CMA SPEECH TEAM STATE RUNNERS-UP

By Tim Robertson  
Staff Writer  
**CULVER** — Culver Academies Speech Team coach Mitch Barnes said he and his team were happy to come away with a second-place finish at the Indiana High School Forensics Association State Final after unexpectedly going head-to-head against 10-time state champions, Plymouth High School.

The CMA team has previously competed in class 1A, but was moved to class 2A at the state competition this year. "When I found out we got bumped up from 1 to 2A, I didn't even tell the kids," said Barnes.



## Go ahead — make a resolution!

Despite resisting the urge every year, I give in and write down a New Year's resolution or two. I can't help myself—it's a habit. I suppose I make resolutions because January is a natural time for self-improvement. And because I was a college English major who cultivated the fine art of navel-gazing. New year—clean slate, right?

Maybe you've had something stuck in your craw lately that you're itching to change. Just do it!



**HOOSIER HABITAT**  
BY MARIANNE PETERS

At our house, when one of us does something that we feel deserves extraordinary praise, we say, "Whaddya want, a medal?" For instance, when my husband says, "I made coffee!" or my daughter says, "I cleaned my room!" or I say, "I changed the furnace filter!" someone pipes up, "Whaddya want, a medal?" Usually we say it with a smile or a poke in the ribs. The point is, of course, that you don't necessarily deserve accolades for something you should've been doing in the first place.

I feel that way about my "green journey." As I set my recycling containers out, I'm tempted to feel a tiny bit superior. Then that voice inside of me says, "Whaddya want, a medal?" Deciding to conserve my resources isn't brain surgery; it's common sense. But it was a habit I had to resolve to develop, and I had to deliberate about it. Now no paper is safe from the recycling pile at the Peters house.

Gardening organically—without chemicals—was another habit I had to resolve to develop. I had to learn how to recognize weeds and bugs before they got out of hand and how to cultivate good soil with natural fertilizers such as compost. It took time, plus trial and error, and judging by this year's crop, I still have a lot to learn. Many times this past summer I thought, "To heck with this—hand me the pesticide!" Especially when the squash bugs were forming conga lines on my zucchini plants.

A friend said to me once, "I like the idea of a simpler life, but trying to live simply is so complicated!" I think the complicated part is learning new ways of seeing and being in the world. Think about it, though: at some point, not too far in the future, the resources we're so dependent on for everyday life are not going to be as available or abundant—primarily oil. It's almost impossible to imagine life without it. But we're the generation who gets to think creatively about sustaining our world for those who come after us. I figure it's easier to make long-term changes now, one at a time, gradually, before our circumstances insist on it.

So, here are some of my resolutions for 2008. I'm going to learn how to collect and re-use rain water in my garden. I'm going to continue to find ways to reduce our household's energy consumption—we've replaced our incandescent light bulbs with energy-saving fluorescents and turned down the heat, and I've resolved to program my thermostat this year (Hey, I was an English major—this is brain surgery!). I'm also going to take my own grocery bags to the store and buy in-season, locally-grown produce when I can.

And here's your response: "Whaddya want, a medal?" Do you have green resolutions? Share them with me on my blog (<http://hoosierwordsmith.typepad.com>) or write me through the Pilot News. Let's find out how we're all going to make a difference in 2008!

Marianne Peters is a freelance writer based in Plymouth. You can send questions or comments to her through the Pilot News or her weblog: <http://hoosierwordsmith.typepad.com>.

## On human kindness and remembering 'Woody'

Before I write anything else, I must take advantage of one of the privileges of editorship and thank the good folks at Family Dollar – and Rick Tompos, who happened to be on his way into the store to do some shopping – for helping a stranded motorist (me) on a snowy, cold night a few days before Christmas. Human kindness happens all over the world, but in Culver I can thank the perpetrators of it in their local paper!

Moving on: looking back over the past year – which seems to be what everyone does this time of year – in Culver leaves me with a mixture of optimism at the changes our community is undergoing and a bit of the loss we all feel due to the passing of some familiar names.

Perhaps most noticeable to so many of us recently is the passing of Richard 'Woody' Woodward, our former town marshal, whose affection for Culver was perhaps only surpassed by the reciprocation of the people here. Whether it's former children who recall Woody's personable and nurturing efforts to work with Culver's populace of all ages during his tenure as marshal, or those of us today whose lives intersected his in whatever capacity, at whatever location all over town, Woody was emblematic of the sort of recognizable and lovable individuals that quietly but tangibly touch the lives of so many of us.

As I write this, it occurs to me that part of what we mourn about Woody, too, is that he seemed (at least to me) to represent something that is fading from this fast-paced world: he made time. He made time



*View from Main Street*

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

to stop and chat in recent years, and made time for Culver's citizens – especially her youth – during his years in law enforcement. He always seemed to have time for a cup of coffee downtown or uptown, to stop and shoot the breeze on the street or wherever he was. There are fewer and fewer places where anyone has time these days, and fewer and fewer people like Woody who make that time, whether the rest of us, in our frantic hurry to get...well, often nowhere at all, have time or not.

But of course there's good news here too. There have been so many landmark changes in the community in 2007, from increasing interactions between the Academy, town, and lake communities, to a host of construction projects that indicate growth and health – whether its new buildings or improvements to existing ones. While many of us are concerned over the rising cost of housing in Culver and the demographic shifts here that may result, none of this is a sign of doom for this town: Culver is a place with no economic or population spiral in sight, which is more than can be said of many small towns today. As I have lauded in past writings here, the unified efforts to improve and maintain Lake Maxinkuckee

are very positive. And the creation of a museum – a Culver museum – in our town is a sign of something else, which may or may not be new, exactly, but which is positive: an interest, in concrete and tangible terms, on the part of Culver's citizens, in looking at our own community on its own terms and celebrating it for its own value...an interest in affirming the worth of this place and its past, present, and – implicit in any embrace of history – its future.

This same effort to examine where we have been and where we are going is evident in the efforts of Culver's Redevelopment Commission and Second Century Committee, its town council and various town boards and committees, and the efforts of a number of individuals, working both in the public and private sector. Again, I think the sacrifices and efforts of many of our service clubs, community groups, churches, organizations, and public service departments have been steady and even improved and grown in the past year.

None of this means we have no challenges to face or changes to make; much of the aforementioned work going on in examining where we're headed and how best to get there is steeped in an underlying understanding that we do have issues to face. Thankfully, at least, we're facing them.

### REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thursday, Jan. 3: Spaghetti, Tossed salad, breadstick w/margarine, hot apples, pineapple, milk

Friday, Jan. 4: Chili and crackers, baked potato w/margarine, fruit, brownie, milk

Monday, Jan. 7: Cheeseburger, bun, ketchup, mustard, California blend, German potato salad, strawberries, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 8: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, gravy, Key West blend, fruit, banana cake, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 9: Roast pork, gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread/margarine, fruit cocktail, milk

Thursday, Jan. 10: Chicken and noodles, bread and margarine, broccoli, pineapple and cottage cheese, juice, milk.

### Community Calendar

**THURSDAY, JAN. 3**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

**SUNDAY, JAN. 6**  
Open gym, 1 – 3 p.m., Culver Middle School gym

**MONDAY, JAN. 7**  
Classes resume, Culver Community Schools and Culver Academies  
Knitting Class, 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Culver

Public Library  
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

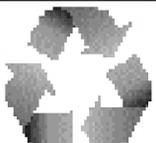
**TUESDAY, JAN. 8**  
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9**  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot/train station

**THURSDAY, JAN. 10**  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public

Library  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Parks & recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall.

**UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS, JANUARY, 2008:**  
Huffington Concert Series: Jay Johnson – the Two and Only, Culver Academy, Jan. 29



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## Nostalgia

75 years ago — Jan. 4, 1933:

The K & E Oil Company has purchased the B & B Service Station on Lake Shore Drive of William Baldwin. The station will be operated by J.A. Smith, who comes here from Plymouth. He plans to remodel the station, put in a concrete drive, new pumps, and other improvements.

George Byrd, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Byrd was shot in the left leg Thursday when the shotgun of his companion was accidentally discharged as the boys crawled through a fence. The accident took place on a farm north of Culver as Byrd and Lewis Listenberger were hunting rabbits. Had the level of the gun been elevated an inch, the shot would have struck Byrd in the kidney with probably fatal results.

50 years ago — Jan. 1, 1958:

Cecil Smith, one of Culver's most substantial citizens and a businessman here for over 37 years died Dec. 24 after an illness of several months. As a mark of respect Culver merchants closed their establishments Friday afternoon for Mr. Smith's funeral at Grace United Church. A graduate of Culver High School, Mr. Smith joined his father at the D.H. Smith & Son Shoe Repair shop on Main Street. An active member of Grace church, the Culver Chamber of Commerce and the Maxinkuckee Lake Association, Mr. Smith's greatest activity and interest, however, was the

Masonic order.

There can hardly be any doubt about it – Christmas this year was the wettest in modern history. It rained and rained and rained around the clock. Oh for another white Christmas!

Two ladies who live on the East Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee are rightfully strong believers in Santa Claus. Under her Christmas tree Mrs. Walker W. Winslow found the keys to a handsome new Cadillac automobile. Mrs. Don G. Trone located the keys to a beautiful new Chevrolet in her stocking.

25 years ago — Jan. 5, 1983:

In recent weeks the Culver police department has investigated several reports of persons being awakened by a male intruder inside their home in the late evening or early morning hours. It is reported that the intruder enters through unlocked doors and that no thefts resulting from the incidents have been reported. Marshall James Caudill is greatly concerned about these incidents and he would like to encourage citizens to keep their doors locked, especially at night...

## Measuring success

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice...I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty...I can do all things through him who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:4, 12a, 13

A fishing trip can be a great exercise in humility and reassessment. Starting out on the trip you picture triumph in the form of a stringer full of fish. As the trip wears on, success gets redefined in terms of describing the beauty of the scenery since the fish aren't biting. On the drive home, success becomes a celebration over the fact that your fishing buddy hooked you in the cheek rather than the eye.

How do you measure success in life? As the year winds down, many will look back and assess the successfulness of the past year. Some will be pleased, some disappointed.

Big victories – the ones people notice – tend to be easy to celebrate. Yet, it may be even more important to celebrate the small successes – the ones that do not get the fanfare. To help you to celebrate the sometimes less noted victories, here is a short list of questions about your recent successes:

Did you make a new friend, or renew an old friendship?  
Did you take time to give a gift to someone in need?  
Did you learn any new lessons about life this past year?  
Did you tell everyone whom you love that you love them?  
Did you forgive anyone this past year who really didn't deserve forgiveness?  
Were you forgiven this past year when you really didn't deserve it?

Did you pray for persons who needed prayer?  
Did you thank God for your health and do anything to improve your health?

Did you visit someone who was lonely?  
Did you grow in your awareness of God's grace?  
To be sure, this is a short list. If, however, you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then you have some reasons to look back and say, "It was a good year." Also, you have some things to help you prepare for life in the year to come. What is success, anyway? Sometimes it is as simple as being able to laugh about a fishing trip shared with a friend who cannot cast, but still a friend.

Rev. Bryan Siefert is from the Wesley United Methodist Church.



*Pastor's Corner*

By Rev. Bryan Siefert  
Wesley United Methodist Church

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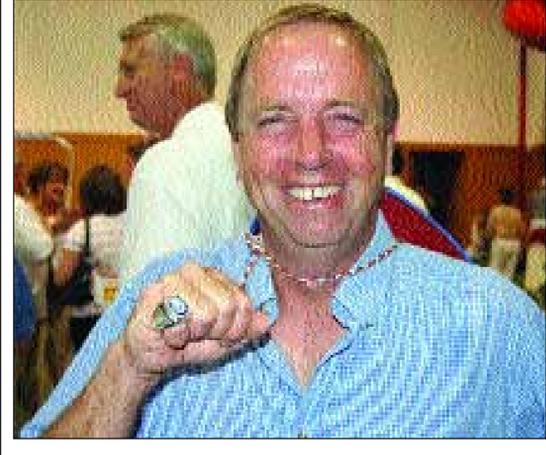
By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — It was tax time again, or at least tax talk time, as the Marshall County Council held an informational community discussion time to discuss property taxes and local option income taxes. The discussion became necessary due to a looming deadline for the council is to enact any property tax relief for the coming year. Statewide property taxes are anticipated to be as much as 24 percent higher in the coming year with another 11-percent hike expected in 2008.



PHOTOS BY DEANNA L. GREINERT

Culver Community Youth Center Board Chairman Alan Loehr and wife, Wendy, were unanimously chosen as the organization's Supporters of the Year. Pictured are, from left, CCYC silent auction fundraiser event coordinator Patty Stallings, Alan Loehr, Wendy Loehr and CCYC Board of Directors member Dick Swennumson, who presented the award at the seventh annual fundraiser at the Irsay Barn in Culver. Below, Jack Lucas, manager/supervisor of the Irsay house and recreational center in Culver, shows off his new Super Bowl ring. Lucas, whose name is engraved on one side, and two other fellow employees raised money for CCYC by charging \$1 to see and handle an authentic Super Bowl ring.



July, Cont. from 2

Bill Snyder's best explanation for his parade marshal selection. "I don't have the slightest idea why (the LakeFest committee) picked me," Snyder said, standing behind the counter at his hardware store. "The Snyder family — the rest of my family — is pretty big. The Snyder name has been on Main Street since 1931."

**TWO-YEAR TEACHER CONTRACT APPROVED**  
By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow  
Correspondent

CULVER — The two-year teacher contract was approved by the Culver Community school board at Monday evening's meeting. Brad Schuldt, superintendent, presented the contract for ratification and noted that the plan was worked out in one working session with CTA.

**PETITION FOR MARINE DENIED**  
CULVER — On a split decision, the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals denied a petition of variance for Portside Marine that had originally been presented in May but had been continued at the request of the petitioner in an attempt to reach a compromise with adjacent neighbors and board members' concerns.

**60TH CORN ROAST A SUCCESS**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Cooperative weather, a hungry crowd and lots of enthusiastic workers combined to make the Culver Lions Club Corn Roast held Saturday a great success. This was the 60th year for the annual fundraiser for the club.

Volunteers began early in the morning shucking 325 dozen ears of sweet corn, starting the fire under the huge cooking kettles, heating up the grills for hamburgers, mixing beverages and setting up serving lines.

**CITY TAVERN IMPROVEMENTS OK'D BY CULVER COUNCIL**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Improvements surrounding the City Tavern Restaurant in downtown Culver may finally become a reality.

At the Tuesday town council meeting, the board voted unanimously to accept a plan presented by owner Larry Surrisi for sidewalk and curbing installation on Lake Shore Drive. The motion by board member Barbara Behnke included a stipulation that the town manager and others look into the traffic flow problems.

Much of the discussion, especially from audience members, centered around parking and traffic on Lake Shore Drive.

**PLAYERS END 'ANNIE'**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The Max-inkuckee Players ended a six-performance run of "Annie" Sunday afternoon in the Culver High School Auditorium.

The production featured 43 cast members, including parts played by Director Becky Liechty, Assistant Director Lenore Jones and Musical Director Kathy Overmyer. Nine chorus members kept the show lively and upbeat with their song and dance numbers.

**STORM RIPS THROUGH CULVER**

August



PHOTO BY MAGGIE NIXON

Parks Bonifay exits the boat after his portion of the wakeboarding show held on Lake Max in August.

By Maggie Nixon  
Managing Editor

By Erica Spriggs  
Correspondent

CULVER — It may not have been classified a tornado, but residents in Culver were left picking up a barrage of downed trees and power lines following a storm last week. The storm left a path of destruction through town last Wednesday night.

Some people claim that a week later, they are still without power due to lines down on their road, however NIPSCO said all electricity should have been restored. Anyone with issues is asked to contact the company.

Police said there was only one minor injury throughout the county — but it happened on 14B Road in Culver.

The injury came when a woman hurt her leg when the roof of her porch collapsed. Officials have called the injuries "minor."

**BONIFAY IS 'BIG FAN' OF FANS**

September

**TAXING DISCUSSION ARISES**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — State Rep-resentative Nancy Dem-bowski seemed surprised that only eight people showed up for a town hall meeting in Culver last week.

When she held similar meetings recently in other towns, as many as 200 citizens attended, according to Dembowski.

However, the topic first and foremost on the minds of audience members was the same as that of every other meeting. What can be done about property taxes and the entire taxing system?

**COUNCIL SALUTES GUENIN**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The Culver Town Council officially said farewell to Town Manager Jon Guenin.

Guenin, who has been in the position for three years, is relocating to Lafayette. He had offered his resignation several months ago, but the board had asked him to continue until they could find a replacement.

Council President Ed Pinder said at this week's meeting, "It's been a total pleasure to work with him. I really appreciate the job he has done for Culver."

At an earlier council meeting, the members voted to hire an outside firm to help find a suitable slate of candidates for the position. The firm has been asked to submit names of candidates by Aug. 31, at which point the board, and others appointed by the board, will conduct interviews.

**WEST NILE VIRUS CASE IN MARSHALL COUNTY**

INDIANAPOLIS — Marshall County health officials announced that a mosquito pool has tested positive for the West Nile virus in the county.

"As people are out enjoying the warm weather over the Labor Day weekend (and beyond), I want them to be aware of this risk for infection with West Nile virus from mosquitoes, and I strongly recommend they take the simple precautions necessary to protect themselves," said Byron M. Holm, M.D., local health officer, Marshall County Health Department.

**ANNUAL REGATTA HELD**  
By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

CULVER — Lake Max-inkuckee was dotted with white sails against an often slate-grey backdrop, as the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club held its annual fall regatta for C and

MC-scows last weekend. Sailors from all over Indiana — and several states beyond — launched a total of 41 boats from the east end of the Culver Academies' campus for the invitational sailboat race Sept. 8 and 9, according to regatta chairman Fred Hillis.

**CULVER LIBRARY BOARD DISCUSSES BUDGET**

By Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow  
Correspondent

CULVER — Prior to the Culver-Union Township Library board's regular meeting last week, a short budget hearing was held. There were no remonstrators for the general fund budget of \$520,598 for 2008. The tax rate is projected at .0513 for the general operating fund and .0482 for debt service retirement.

The increase is primarily in salaries, Carol Jackson, library director, told board members, resulting in a line item of \$322,298 for salaries and benefits. The final budget approval will be held Sept. 18 and taxpayers have 10 days to appeal from Sept. 4.

October

**TOWN HIRES MCDERMOTT**  
By Carol Anders  
Staff Writer

CULVER — The newly hired town manager for Culver, Sean McDermott, will begin his duties Oct. 1. McDermott was one of four candidates that the town board and other committee members interviewed for the position left vacant by Jon Guenin. McDermott will be paid \$45,000 per year, which is at the top of the pay scale, according to Board President Ed Pinder.

**NICHOLSON SPEAKS TO CGA**  
By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

CULVER — "Let them get their own tradition!" This phrase capped off a list of insults directed at the earliest members of the Culver Academy for Girls (today Culver Girls Academy) as quoted Sunday by Petra Nicholson, a member of the first graduating class of the newly-established girls' school. Other insults, from the pages of the Culver Academy's weekly newspaper, the

Vedette: the girls were called, "hags," "our sexy cousins," "parasites," and more. It may be difficult for some to believe today, but such reactions to the notion of a girls' school at Culver were not uncommon in the early 1970s.

Nicholson returned to Culver over the weekend to celebrate Dean England's Day, an annual Girls Academy tradition honoring the first Dean of Girls for the school, which opened in 1971 with 100 girls, altering a nearly 100-year tradition of strictly male. See October, Page 7

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enrollment in the Culver Military Academy (exceptions began in 1957 when a few faculty daughters were allowed to attend classes at the Academy, though not to graduate with the boys).

WELL-KNOWN MASTER RETIRES

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — After 32 years of service, a familiar face to several generations of Culverites has retired.

Rose Master, extracurricular treasurer at the Culver High School, was honored at a retirement party on Sept. 28 by the staff and administrators of the school. Rose's face, most often seen in the high school's bookstore, is well-known to thousands of students.

"She mainly handled the finances of all the clubs — including the athletic department — and the cafeteria, the breakfast and lunch," said school superintendent Brad Schuldt. "The handling of all those funds for all those years is a big responsibility that many people don't even recognize as a problem until something goes wrong in another school corporation. It was always comforting to have Rose handling the finances of all those clubs and various activities in such an efficient way."



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PAUL PARE

Rose Master and her husband, Bud, are welcomed during the retirement ceremony at Culver Community High School.

Advertisement for the Marshall County Bridal Fair at Christo's Banquet Center on Saturday, January 5th, 2008. The ad lists various vendors including florists, jewelers, photographers, and caterers. It also includes a list of services like wedding cakes and music.

Advertisement for Ancilla College, highlighting 24 academic study areas, 3 certificate programs, and academic scholarships available. It includes the college's name, phone number, and website.

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CULVER POLICE OFFICER MOVING ON

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — One of Culver's public servants will join the list of several visible faces to move on to other horizons this year. Jeremy Somerville, completing his fifth year as a Culver police officer, has taken a position with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and has completed his last week in Culver.

Somerville, originally from Indianapolis but raised in North Judson by his grandparents, has several reasons for his move to the big city, but chief among them is a lifelong dream of service.

CLARK TAKES OVER LMEC

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — In case anyone in Culver didn't notice, there's a new face to be seen in the downtown windows of the offices of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council.

Not that most Culverites won't know her face at a glance. Kathy Clark is on several committees around town and if that isn't enough,



Kathy Clark

she's been very active in Culver's Lions Club for many months now.

With the departure of longtime LMEC Director Tina Hissong, who left earlier this year to take a position with the Douglas-Hart Foundation in Illinois, the LMEC's search for a new director ended with the hard working Clark, who has been at the non-profit organization's helm now for a handful of weeks.

"I'm not a scientist, but I'm learning," says Clark, seated at her desk in the LMEC office. "There's several wonderful workshops and programs I'm enrolled in."

JANET OVERMYER RETIRES AS CULVER'S SCHOOL SECRETARY

CULVER — After 35 years, one of Culver Elementary School's most visible staff members has retired.

Janet Overmyer chuckled about the Oct. 31 date for her retirement as secretary at the school, but noted that she chose the date because she didn't feel as well as she'd like after a recent surgery. "I just felt with winter coming up and me walking on the ice, I sure didn't want to fall," she said.

BEAN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — Wayne Bean's 25th anniversary on the Culver police force passed quietly on Oct. 1, 2007, which seems appropriate enough. Bean's tenure as both chief and officer has not been characterized by a great deal of shouting and noise; instead, Culver's town marshal has been on the job, quiet and steady, through the years.

WILLHITE HAS FOUND NICHE IN FOOD INDUSTRY

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — With almost 24 years of food service behind him — and several more decades in his family via his father Henry — Lee Willhite knows a thing or two about the business of feeding people.

He's been responsible for approximately 2,800 meals each day (5,600 in the summer) as director of food services at the Culver Academies for the past seven years, and now has an opportunity to extend the scope of that service as owner of Gladie's Deli and Catering on North Main Street in downtown Culver, a venture which had its debut on March 24 of this year.

FOURTH-GRADER EARNS SINGING HONOR

MONTEREY — Taylor Smith, 9, the daughter of Rory and Stephanie Smith of Monterey, has been chosen as a member of the 2008 Indiana All-State Children's Honorary Choir.

Taylor is a fourth grade student at Monterey Elementary School.

27TH HOUSE COMPLETED BY TRADES CLASS

By Jeff Kenney Editor

CULVER — Culver Community High School's Building Trades class is hard at work on its 27th house — this year on the shores of Hawk Lake just south of Culver, according to Building Trades Instructor Kyle Elliott.

Elliott, a 1984 graduate and second-ever head of the program — replacing Bob Trigg, who started building trades in 1979 who led the class for 14 years — Elliott oversees the student-built project, which this year is encompassing 3,200 square feet of house that includes three bedrooms in its two stories and a three-car garage. This year's home is being built for Bill and Robin Harris of Culver.

FOURTH GRADERS SHOP FOR FOOD PANTRY

By Jeff Kenney

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