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In Brief

Players seek director

Maxinkuckee Players have selected "Fiddler on the Roof" for the summer musical 2008. The show will run six days beginning Friday, July 25th through Sunday, August 3rd. Resumes are currently being taken for director of the summer musical. Please submit to P. O. Box 45, Culver, IN by Friday, February 29th.

Lions bingo

CULVER —Culver's Lions Club will host its monthly bingo nights on the first Mondays in February, March, and April, at the depot at Culver's town park. All are welcome to the smoke-free event, with doors opening at 6:30 and bingo starting at 7:00 pm.

REAL Services Feb.

events

CULVER —REAL Services will feature several special programs in February. On Weds., Feb. 6, Ralph Winters will speak about his and his wife Barbara's recent trip abroad. Jeff Kenney will speak on Culver history on Weds., Feb. 13th, and exercise with Lois will be featured on Feb. 5th and 19th. Bingo with Tri Kappa will take place on Feb. 15th, and with Miller's Merry Manor on Feb. 20th.

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11:00 am on the day before for reservations, at (574) 842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Culver schools make-up day

CULVER —Schools in the Culver school system will have a make-up day for the school's recent closing due to weather. Classes will be held on Monday, Feb. 18, a date that originally had been scheduled off for President's Day.

Tri Kappa seeks prom dresses

CULVER —Culver's Tri Kappa will be hosting a Prom Dress Shop on March 15 at the Culver Cove. The group is accepting gently used prom dresses that will be resold for a nominal fee to cover dry cleaning expenses. The effort involves both Culver Academies and Culver High School student volunteers. Contact Karen Heim at (574) 842-8914.

Culver running group started

CULVER —Beginning Feb. 2, the Culver Runners will meet on Saturdays at 8:00 am at the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive. Those interested in running with the group are encouraged to contact Karen Heim at 574.842.8914 or karenheim@yahoo.com for more information.

Feb. Classes at Market Basket

CULVER —The Market Basket and Company, 12775 SR 17, Culver, announces several new classes for February, led by well-known local craftsperson Kathy Meek.

• Weds., Feb. 6th, 12:30-2:30 pm: "Altered Art"....
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Chamber, Lions honor outstanding citizens

Chamber recognizes Tompos, Miller's, Bonines

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor
CULVER—Culver's Chamber of Commerce last week held its annual awards dinner honoring several members of the Chamber and Culver community. The Jan. 22 dinner meeting, held at the Marmont Grille, recognized stalwarts in three categories: volunteer of the year, business of the year, and the lifetime achievement award.

In the absence of Chamber president Mike Stallings, first vice president of the Chamber

and Hands of Marshall County (of which he is co-founder), St. Joseph Regional Medical Center development committee, and a United Health Services committee member. "He has a lot of great personal attributes, a lot of high energy...he is involved in this community because he loves it, and he does a phenomenal job," said Fassett.

After accepting the award and singling out his wife, Cheryl — who attended the dinner as well -- for her support and assis-

(Employee Stock Option Plan), which allows all employees to be partial owners of the business. Tompos explained that of the 11,000 ESOPs in the United States, Miller's — with 3,000 employees — is the 39th largest of its kind in the country. "Miller's and Culver are joined at the hip," said Tompos.

Greg Fassett accepted the award on behalf of Miller's and insisted that "this is a staff award, not mine. I'm lucky to get to work every day with a group of individuals as caring and

Lions award Overmyer, Damore

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

CULVER--Culver's Lions Club honored two local citizens last Wednesday with a dinner and ceremony, an annual event for the group in past decades. At the Jan. 23 event, Lions president Mike Overmyer introduced the winner of the Community Service Award, Original Rootbeer Stand owner Mark Damore, by describing Damore's Chicago roots as the "son of a man who worked without regard for exhaustion."

Damore, said Overmyer, attended Northern Illinois University on a full scholarship for his gymnastics excellence before focusing his talents on Original Chicago Produce Inc., a company he still runs over 30 years later.

Damore wed his wife Becky in 1978 and the couple had one son, named after his father. Eventually the couple bought a house on the west shore of Lake Maxinkuckee (in 1998) and finally moved here permanently in 2002, said Overmyer. "From day one it was a safe bet that if you needed a donation of any kind, Mark Damore would be there to help," Overmyer added.

Damore purchased Eby's drive in in Culver, changed the name to the Original Root Beer stand, and enhanced the business with a physical makeover and menu additions. "It would be very difficult to find an event in Culver that the root-beer stand has not sponsored on some level," noted Overmyer. "Mark would not have it any other way."

Overmyer went on to describe some of Damore's local efforts: running the fireworks campaign for Culver's Lake Fest (and personally pulling the fireworks barges out on the lake), sponsoring the Lake Fest parade, raising funds or donating food to the Marshall County Humane Society, Culver After Prom, the fireman's gold outing, Monterey fire dept., St. Anne's church, Culver library's summer reading program, Kiwanis golf outings, Culver Academies, and Culver Elementary school, among others. "Generosity is an attitude that not enough people in this world embrace, but Mark Damore and the Original Rootbeer Stand have made a habit of extending the spirit of giving to the town of Culver,"



said Overmyer.

Damore, accepting the award, thanked the Lions and generated a cheerful response by adding that he would like to become a member of the group. "You guys do a lot of things that I don't even know about," he said.

Former Culver school nurse Sharon Coffee introduced — to thunderous applause — the Lions' Club Citizen of the Year, Janet Overmyer, who retired last October after more than 35 years as secretary at Culver Elementary School. After describing her early years working with Overmyer at the school (where Overmyer began as a cook, Coffee explained), Coffee praised her longtime coworker and friend. "She helped thousands of kids. She had to give out pills, band-aids, and change pants when I wasn't there, and she continued to do that...she's been a good gal, a good employee, and a good friend. She deserves (this award)."

Janet Overmyer, who was joined by her husband Rich and two of the couple's sons at the dinner, expressed her gratitude for the award and addressed the audience with a humorous quip. "I knew I'd been (at the school) too long when I said to Benjamin Short, 'I used to babysit with your mother,' and he said no, it was his grandmother!"

CES principal Chuck Kitchell, also in attendance, praised Overmyer for "the number of kids' lives that she's been a part of, the number of hugs that she gives and gets. It really was remarkable to watch her work with the kids. It really is thousands of people that she's touched. She's sorely missed at the school."



LEFT: Rosalie (left) and Jim Bonine accept the Culver Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement award at the group's annual dinner, held Jan. 22 at the Marmont Grille.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Mark Damore was cited by Culver's Lions Club for his giving spirit and positive contributions to the community.

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Greg Fassett presented the volunteer of the year award to Rick Tompos, controller at Culver Academies and a great deal more, said Fassett, who listed many of Tompos' local accomplishments. Besides membership in the Chamber, Fassett said that Tompos has been a leading volunteer in the Culver community with the Second Century Committee, the Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus (in which Tompos is a Grand Knight), St. Mary of the Lake church council, Hearts

tance, it was Tompos' turn to introduce an award winner. He noted that the annual award typically given to business person of the year, was given instead to business of the year, which this year is Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Culver, with Fassett as its administrator.

Tompos gave a brief history of the Miller family's business, which began in 1964, with Culver's facility opening in 1981. In 2007, Miller's transitioned from being a family owned business to an ESOP

professional as they are...the attitude, the professionalism, and the compassion this staff has for our residents and families is second to none."

Fassett also introduced the winners of the lifetime achievement award, Jim and Rosalie Bonine of Culver. Fassett described the couple's initial meeting at a funeral home in Warsaw where both were employed. After their marriage, the Bonines moved to Culver in 1960 and were associated with

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CES readers celebrate success with ice cream



Karen Blocker, right, greets her son Daniel as Andrea Cook looks on in the ice cream line at Culver Elementary School's READ ice cream party on Jan. 18.

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Culver--Top readers at Culver Elementary School on Jan. 18 were treated to a buffet of ice cream, part of the new READ (Reading Encourages Adventures and Dreams) program launched this year at the school to replace the former JOG program in place for the past 10 years, said kindergarten teacher Janna VanDePutte, who created the READ program.

VanDePutte noted that the new program is not cumulative, which allows student readers to attain reading goals in later grading periods, even if they missed those goals earlier in the year. The program also offers more frequent rewards for readers, such as the ice cream party, rather than forcing younger students to wait all year for the end-of-year reward, a stretch that can often lose the attention

of students.

VanDePutte noted that each grade level sets its own reading criteria, but that her job involved creating themes for each nine weeks: Mystery Madness took place earlier this year, January Chillout culminated in the ice cream party, and the third grading period will be marked by a Rain Forest theme, which will also involve nature expert Rick Glassman's visit to the school on March 14. A "Literacy Luau" will wrap things up just before the end of the school year. VanDePutte noted that the school had 335 students eligible for the ice cream party, out of the school population of around 500. "So our numbers are good," she said, also noting that CES principal Chuck Kitchell has been "very sup-

portive" of the program.

She also noted that Culver's Tri Kappa donates to the program each year, adding to the Parent-Teacher Organization funds that offset the cost of the program. "Tri Kappa always donated ice cream toppings to us; it's one of the things they do in their January meeting," VanDePutte explained. "They give us \$450 and then donate the ice cream toppings...we used 30 gallons of ice cream, 18 pounds of chocolate syrup, 12 pounds of strawberry syrup, a case of whipped cream, and 12 bags of mini M&Ms (for the party)."

"The whole purpose of the reading program is to get them to read beyond the school day," she added. "It's supposed to be mostly at home."

School performance detailed in annual report

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

CULVER -- The Indiana Dept. of Education has released its annual school performance reports listing statistics pertaining to a variety of aspects of the state's school corporations.

Of those results, Culver Community School superintendent Brad Schuldt was most encouraged by results at Culver Elementary school. "I believe in every category but one in all testing from grades three through six — and we're now adding a science component in one grade -- we went up. That's a real positive thing for us. Even if you go on up into the seventh and ninth grades, our math scores seem to be improving."

ISTEP math scores rose at Culver Elementary by several percentage points, with grade three rising from 67 percent in the 2006-07 school year to 81 percent this year. Grade four

rose from 73 to 75, Grade five from 79 to 89, grade seven from 74 to 84, and grade nine from 69 to 74. In most of these cases, Culver scores were higher than the state average.

Math scores fluctuated in many grades at Culver High School and in science and language arts areas in all of the corporation's schools. Some scores — such as grades seven, eight, and 10 in language arts — went up from last year's scores, but remained below state standards. "We definitely have some things to work on," Schuldt said. "One of the things we have to always deal with at Culver Community is that, with a smaller number of kids in each grade level -- in particular at Monterey -- one student can cause great fluctuation in our overall results."

"We have to look at long term trends. Frankly, we spend a lot more time looking at each stu-

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the operation of the Easterday funeral home at 108 N. Main Street, which they purchased in 1963. "In 1965," said Fassett, "they purchased a Culver landmark, the former Goss property, which they remodeled and enlarged, and they relocated the funeral home to the corner of N. Main and Lake Shore Drive. In

mer Maxinkunkee Federated Jr. Women's Club, Tri Kappa, Real Meals, Brownie Scouts, and 4-H.

Jim Bonine accepted the award and recognized his wife's support as instrumental in his accomplishments, adding, "I've seen people come and go in this community, and heard a



Both Rick Tompos (left) and Greg Fassett (right) were winners of Culver Chamber of Commerce Awards on Jan. 22, Tompos as volunteer of the year and Fassett representing Miller's Merry Manor, business of the year. Here Tompos presents Fassett with his award.

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addition, they were engaged in the 24/7 operation of the firm's ambulance... prior to the Union Twp. EMS, which started in 1979."

Fassett also noted that Jim Bonine will be recognized in May, 2008 by the Indiana branch of the National Funeral Directors' Association for 50 years of service, and that he is also a past Master of the former Henry C. Culver lodge 617 of Free and Accepted Masons, past president of the Culver Chamber, served 21 years with the Culver-Union Twp. volunteer fire dept, and has been involved with Culver's Lions Club, the Second Century Committee, and the former Culver Jaycees, among other work. Rosalie was also heavily involved in the Culver community, including the for-

lot of people say they couldn't get anywhere here, that they weren't accepted. I don't understand that...people received us with open arms when we came."

Rosalie recalled serving four generations of Culver residents, and the work involved in the ambulance operation before the days of answering machines, when the couple had to monitor the telephone constantly.

Fassett also thanked Dawn Minas, of the Culver Coffee Company, for coordinating Chamber meetings, and explained the committee-based process of choosing each year's award winners, adding that "the neat thing is that Culver's full of outstanding people, and then there are those that rise to the top...it's a great community."

Police blotter

Fri., Jan. 4: Diane M. Chandler, 56, of Cedar Lake, IN, was issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Birth announcement

Tim and Deana Wright of Oceanside, Calif. announce the birth of a daughter born Jan. 5, 2008 at 4:22 p.m. at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Madison Marie Wright weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Carolyn and Roger Miller of Grovertown. Paternal grandparents are Joyce and Harold Wright of Argos.

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Under Ice

Lake Maxinkuckee can't always be counted on in recent years to freeze over completely, but the lake became a sheet of ice literally overnight during last week's spate of bitter cold temperatures, as this photo taken from the Culver Academy campus shows.

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Academy's Holbrook nominated for Oscar award

Congratulations are in order for Culver Military grad Hal Holbrook ('42) on earning his first Academy Award nomination after spending more than 50 years performing on stage, screen and television. He is being recognized in the Best Supporting Actor category for his performance in the film, "Into the Wild."

Holbrook was involved in theater and track at Culver, to which he returned (among other years) in 1962 to perform his famous "Mark Twain Tonight" stage show. The Academy's Vedette newspaper that year observed Holbrook as he "wandered through campus Saturday afternoon before the performance and chatted over coffee in the Shack...there was no mistaking inward independence: vital, eager, enthusiastic, and with a twinkle in the eye that showed even through the Mark Twain disguise" and described an incident during Holbrook's cadet years in which he "climbed in the ventilating system in South (Barrack) and made his way down the hall pausing at several rooms to (make) moan noises and scare the daylights out of some sleepy cadets."

Holbrook will turn 83 next month. The Oscars are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24.

Museum celebrates quilts

PLYMOUTH--The Marshall County Historical Museum continues its year-long celebration of its 50th Year with a new exhibit, "Quilting Comfort", opening February 1st. All three floors of the museum will feature quilts from the early 1800's through today.

The Friendship Quilting Group will visit the museum for Quilting Live! on Saturday, February 16th from 10:00-4:00. Visitors can watch them actually creating quilts and even take a few stitches themselves, if they would like. Cliff Berger will also be joining us beginning at 10:00 performing piano music from the 1940's Big Band era.

Interested persons may pick up a copy of the museum's 2008 event calendar at the Museum, the Plymouth Public Library, the Life Enrichment Center on Harrison Street or from www.mchistorical-society.org. Call the Marshall County Historical Museum for additional information 574-936-2306.

Engagements

Chad Robert Hundt of Plymouth and Sabra Nichole VanHorn of Plymouth announce their engagement to be married June 14, 2008 at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

The future bride is the daughter of Kay and Kyle Miller of Plymouth and Dale Howard of LaPorte. She is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth High School and will receive her bachelor's degree in nursing from Ivy Tech of South Bend in 2012. She is currently employed as a front desk receptionist at Fitness Forum Sports and Wellness.

The future groom is the son of Gene Hundt of Plymouth. He is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth High School and received his bachelor's degree from Wyoming Tech in 2001. He is currently employed as a manager at Hundt's Auto Salvage.

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Academy participates in All-State Choir

The following Culver Academies students were members of the Indiana All-State Choir, sponsored by the Indiana Choral Directors Association: Wenting Duan, Taehee Kim, Sihua Qiu, Caroline Curry, Kara Teng, Scott Clayton, Ryan Cook, Nick Elizondo, Josh Woolfolk and Valerie Mueller, alternate.

They rehearsed monthly, since last spring, and performed with other students from throughout the state Jan. 19 for a free public concert at the Indiana Choral Directors Association Annual Conference at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis.

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cards and beaded bookmarks for Valentine's Day.

- Sat., Feb. 9th, 4:00 to 6:00 pm: A Chocolate Extravaganza...Indulge in Chocolate. Enjoy chocolate sampling in a tea setting while learning how to make decadent chocolate truffles, petite fours, and a flourless chocolate cake (space is limited to ten).
- Tues., Feb. 12th, 3:30 to 5:30 pm: Children's Valentine Class...Have fun making a card and a gift for Valentine's Day. Small snack and drink included (limit 12 children).

There is a fee for each class. All classes must be pre-registered and pre-paid at least three days before the class to reserve a spot. Minimum of five in each class or the class is canceled and money refunded. Interested persons may go to Market Basket and sign up on phone (574) 842-2145.

Open gym

CULVER—There will be an open gym at the Culver Middle School on Sundays until March 9. Times will be from 1PM to 3PM. 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, 842-2576, or e-mail bksnyder@wildblue.net.

Boat slips available

CULVER—The Culver Parks and Recreation Dept. has a limited number of boat slips available for the summer of 2008. If interested in obtaining a boat slip at the Culver Park, please contact Kelly Young, Park Supt. at (574) 842-3510, during the evening hours.

Citizen Seeks Window Displays

CULVER—The large window of the Culver Citizen's office at 110 N. Main Street is in need of some sprucing up, and the Citizen would love to have the community's assistance in doing so. Anyone in the area with collections, decorations, creations (art, quilting, craft-work, etc.) that they would like displayed temporarily to share with passers-by in downtown Culver, is encouraged to contact Citizen editor Jeff Kenney at citizen@culcom.net or (574) 842-3229 (the Citizen thanks Kathy Berendi for this suggestion).

Dinner and family fun fair

PLYMOUTH—On Saturday, Feb. 2, St. Michael School in Plymouth will hold a Mardi Gras spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., a family fun fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and a silent auction from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Obituary



Joan Marie Miller
Nov. 18, 1945 – Jan. 21, 2008
 PLYMOUTH – At home in the company of her loving family, Joan Marie Miller, 14469 Crest Lane, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 10:55 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008.

Always smiling and upbeat, she will be missed by her family and her many friends.

Family always came first. She adored her 12 grandchildren who called her “Mama.” She was simply Joanie to her friends.

Joanie was born on Nov. 18, 1945, in Binghamton, N.Y., the daughter of John J. and Jeanne Paula Hirten Skahill.

A graduate of Arlington Heights High School with the class of 1964, Joanie attended both Vincennes University, where she met Larry, and Eastern Illinois University.

On Sept. 23, 1967, she and Lawrence “Larry” Miller were married in Arlington Heights, Ill.

They resided in Culver from 1967 to 1975 and then moved to Plymouth. Joanie worked as an aide in the Plymouth School Corporation for 20 years, retiring in 2005.

Known as an excellent and enthusiastic golfer, Joanie loved the game and was very good at it, playing with the Plymouth Country Club ladies 18-hole and the couples’ Wednesday evening outings.

You could always count on Joanie to cheer on the less-accomplished players with a “Great Shot!”

She and her husband enjoyed dancing and traveling to their Islands. Also, for many years they walked together and you may have seen them in the early morning hours walking along Overmyer Drive.

She liked to fish, hike and camp-out. She had a “green thumb” and loved her gardens. It was her daily chore counting how many frogs were sunbathing on any given day.

In addition to Larry, her loving husband of 40 years, Joanie is survived by their son and three daughters. They are; Christopher Miller, Plymouth; Carrie (Charles) Tharp, Plymouth; Theresa (Tia) and her husband, John, Pacilio, Carmel, Ind.; and Erin (Andy) Metsker, Plymouth.

Robert Listenberger, Plymouth, a son-in-law, survives as well, together with a sister and brother-in-law in Chico, Calif., Judy Katz-Engelbert and Phil Engelbert and two brothers: John (Pricilla) Skahill, Rotonda West, Fla., and Jim Skahill, Belleir, Bluff, Fla.

Joanie’s beloved granddaughters are: Sidney, Emily and Celia Listenberger; Taylor, Kaitlyn, Sophia and Ella Pacilio and Allison Tharp. Her cherished grandsons are: Garrett and Morgan Tharp, Jack Pacilio and Grady Metsker.

Joanie was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Cameron Scott Miller.

A celebration of Joan Marie Miller’s life will be held on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where family will greet friends and share memories from 4 to 8 p.m.

A Rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. Friday evening in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth, where she was a member, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. The Rev. Fathers Timothy Hirten and William J. Kummer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, Joanie has requested that memorial contributions be made to St. Michael’s School, the Marshall Conty Hospice and Palliative Care or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Death notice

Robert M. Moore
Jan. 19, 2008

ROCHESTER — Robert M. Moore, 78, of Rochester, died Saturday, Jan. 19.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Moore of Rochester. Visitation was Saturday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 26 at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Military graveside rites by the VFW American Legion. Burial will be at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery.

Death notice

Carl H. Heiser
Jan. 19, 2008

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Carl H. Heiser, 85, of Haines City, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 19.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Heiser of Haines City, Fla.; daughters: Janet (Roger) Kruk of Granger and Joan (Lance) Whitely of Laytonville, Calif.; sons: William (Pam) Heiser of Hillsboro, Ore., Robert Heiser of Chesterfield, Mo. and Bruce (Leslie) Heiser of St. Charles, Mo.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, Jan. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial was at Burr Oak Cemetery.

Council considers department priorities

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow
 Culver - The first order of business for the Culver town council was a public hearing on a revision to the Culver zoning ordinance. Proposed by the plan commission, the ordinance will mandate that it is the responsibility of each land owner to insure that any portion of precipitation that flows over the ground surface be contained or channeled to an appropriate ditch or stream.

Russ Mason, building commissioner, endorsed the approval and emphasized that it would apply to new construction. The council suspended the rules and approved the amendment on all three readings of the ordinance.

A lease purchase agreement was authorized to replace the 1992 vactor truck at a cost of \$252,000. Doheny, Lapaz, Ind., said the 2007 model should be delivered within the next 90 days and agreed to maintain the present vactor truck at no charge until the delivery of the new vehicle. A \$15,000 trade-in allowance was given.

Department priorities were the major discussion item. Tim McCarty said the doors on the EMS garage were ready for replacement and asked that the council allow the expenditure of the \$3,929 encumbered from 2007 budget. He reported that there are two new driver trainees who will plan to take the EMS certification classes. In a meeting with Sean McDermott, town manager, additional EMS priorities are a new ambulance, a revision of the pay scale for EMS personnel and additional training opportunities. Missy Systma, EMS director, is a licensed instructor who can train

personnel in other departments as first responders McDermott reported.

Police, fire and EMS all will require additional 800 megahertz radios. Each department has one at the present time as a result Culver’s share of the distribution of 75 radios given Marshall County by FEMA. Marshall County hopes to have all emergency personnel on the 800 system by summer, but McDermott noted this is a costly conversion. The cost to the police department alone would be \$20,000. Council member, Lynn Overmyer, said that grant opportunities existed with the Marshall County Community Foundation and suggested that emergency personnel apply as a group for a grant.

McDermott also reported that the tower presently located at the Culver street garage was deemed not suitable to support the 800 system and a new tower would probably be located in Starke County.

Continuing department priorities for 2008, the police department asked consideration of purchasing a new car, remodeling their outdated office facilities, a defibrillator, a new emergency generator for the town hall, and computer updates.

The fire department also requested a defibrillator, cross training with EMS personnel, revising fire rates, radio to activate the sirens, a third siren for the north end of town, and a dry hydrant to be installed at the end of the lake. They also requested permission to complete phase two of the fire station renovation.

Water and sewer department

requirements include a garage at the sewer plant, a replacement of the reed beds, a dump truck, jetting the sanitary sewers and additional fire hydrants.

Clerk, Casey Howard, gave her year-end report and priority list for 2008. She noted that due to a number of repairs including the street department’s roof, EMS roof, town hall repairs, sidewalk program, there was \$565,000 spent which resulted in budgeting more than was received from the property tax distribution of 80 percent. She noted there was approximately \$200,000 outstanding.

Her priority list for 2008 includes updating the antiquated telephone system in town hall that would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000. She also would like to update the accounting system. The present system allows only a two-year

accumulation of data that is not enough for the state board of accounts requirements. An update would also allow her office to accept credit and debit card payments and on-line payments of utility bills. There would be a small premium paid for convenience of using a credit/debit card she noted. Howard is also beginning to gather information needed for the 2010 census.

Town attorney, Ron Gifford, reported that Umbaugh was completing the fiscal plan required for the annexation of the Long Point area. He also noted that the Culver Redevelopment Committee had closed on their TIF2 bond issue of \$350,000.

The information will be submitted to Ice Miller for completion of the bond issue. A full

year-end report will be given by the CRC at the next scheduled council meeting.

Park superintendent, Kelly Young, said the park’s five-year plan had been completed through regular monthly meetings with public input. The plan has been approved by the DNR through 2012. Property on SR 10 has been included in the plan as well as the completion of Vandalia Village, a park playground area that is being developed. Young noted that the plans for the playground were developed with the input of several hundred children.

McDermott will attend a four-day seminar for NIMS training. He also reported that a repair was needed for the old heater at the street garage. The cost of the repair is \$2,100. A plan for inspections of the local restaurants’ grease traps is scheduled for February, he noted.

In other business, the council appointed Ed Pinder, Jr., to the Culver park board to replace Doreen Albert, who declined reappointment. They also granted permission to Gladie’s Deli to construct an awning over the sidewalk area.

In response to a concern from an audience member about the erosion of the shoulder at the outlet bridge on W. Shore, Ralph Winters, board president, said that issue of solving the problem was compounded by the fact that although W. Shore Drive is maintained by the town, the bridges are the responsibility of Marshall County. Note was taken of the fact that the east shoulder of the bridge area had eroded to the pavement.



Out with the old...

This house on School Street – just east of Culver Elementary School – was in the process of being demolished on Jan. 23, when this photo was taken. The house, offered for sale in 2007, was built in the early 20th century.

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dent individually than an overall grade level score. Our goal is to have each student individually show improvement.”

Other facts and figures in the report: student enrollment has stayed steady in recent years, and is listed at 1,110 this year. Attendance rates at Culver’s

schools remained fairly consistent in recent years, and generally within a percentage point of the state average. While not yet listed for the 2007-08 school year, last year’s percentage of students in gifted and talented programs was 15. Speaking at Culver’s Kiwanis club on Jan. 24, Schuldt pointed out

that Culver’s demographics are affected by drawing from four Indiana counties for its student populace, many of which include students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. Students receiving free or reduced lunches or textbooks at Culver make up 54 percent of the overall populace, compared

to 43 percent in Plymouth, 51 percent in Knox, and 25 percent in Bremen.

The entire report can be viewed online by visiting www.doe.state.in.us/htmls/performance.html and entering “Culver” into the search box.

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The blizzard, a candy bar, and a prayer Culver's Warrick recalls brush with death in the blizzard of '78

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Undoubtedly the most dramatic Culver story from the blizzard of January, 1978 was the harrowing tale of Tim Warrick and Pete Salvadore, who nearly died while trapped in a car during the storm. Tim, presently in Christchurch, New Zealand, was kind enough to write out his memories of the incident for publication in the Citizen. His account, edited for space, follows below.

-Editor.

By Tim Warrick

Pete Salvadore was Associate Director of Admissions and I was serving as Summer Schools Admissions Officer for Culver. On Weds. (Jan. 26), we loaded the Academy car, an older Ford Country Squire station wagon for West Lafayette. It was starting to snow when we held the Culver meeting at the Purdue University Campus. Pete was anxious to be back home because Pat, his wife, was alone with (their) newborn, Cas, and his older brother Andy.

The road was slick and full of snow by the time we reached an s-curve south of Brookston, Indiana. We came upon a Lincoln off the west side of the road and stopped to pick up the driver, Clarence Jackman from Chalmers, Indiana. We were about one and a half miles north of Brookston when the road became impassable. We were traveling slow, trying to stay on the road when we ran into a large snow drift. The wind was up to one hundred miles an hour, and the temperature was dropping to 16 degrees. The snow was heavy and blowing from the west, parallel to the ground.

We tried for a brief time to back and push the car out and back down the road. That didn't work, and we were stuck well into the snow. We knew that we couldn't run the engine very long because of the carbon monoxide risk once the exhaust pipe was covered by snow, so we turned off the engine, planning to start it again every hour for about five minutes to warm the car and listen on the radio for the news.

Once we turned off the engine we were never able to start it again. We listened to the news for a few minutes every hour, and heard that the Indiana National Guard had been called out to help people stranded on Interstate 65 North of Lafayette. The radio announcer described convoys of guardsmen following tracked vehicles, picking up truck drivers and travelers along the Interstate highway.

With that news we thought it would be just a matter of a few hours until we too would be rescued.

Pete and I had not dressed for a blizzard but for our duties as admissions officers: sport coats, ties, loafers and light coats. With the temp dropping and the wind increasing, we needed to stay warm. We (used) the Culver Banners in our Admissions case to drape our heads, and gave the Culver flag to Clarence Jackman to use as his cover. As the night wore on and we realized the engine would not restart. Pete and I placed out feet in each others arm pits...it worked, and our feet stayed warm.

Every half hour we asked Clarence Jackman in the back seat: "How you doing, Clarence?" Each time he replied: "Hanging in there!" But softer and quieter each time. Around sunrise on Thursday morning the battery died and we no longer heard the encouraging reports of...rescue parties.

We...waited throughout the day for rescue. We were hungry, but all we had was Pete's "Chunky" candy bar. We decided to save it until the bitter end. By now the frost on the inside of the wind shield was over a half inch thick. The snow had blown into the car and was up to the bottom of the dashboard and the front seat. On exhale our breath would rise to the top of the car and then crinkle back down as snow flakes.

It was bitter cold and hypothermia started to set in as the

darkness of Thursday night arrived. Hypothermia sets in and you shiver uncontrollably. Even though your mind tells your body to stop and stay still, the body tries to create warmth to maintain core temperature by movement.

As we sat for the night, our second, it did not appear we would be rescued. We shivered, and rubbed our hands and feet to try and stay warm. At the darkest time, the greatest fear was to be the last man alive in the car. Sitting there with two dead, frozen bodies would be tough.

The prayers started, all learned at Riverview School from Miss Rogers, my second grade teacher.

At home in Culver, Pat Salvadore awoke to find here husband had not returned. She and friends on the faculty started to make calls. Fred Adams, of the State Exchange Bank, offered to hire a helicopter to search for us. Bill Taber, at the Culver News Agency, was busy on his ham radio talking to people all over the state to encourage them to look for us.

When Friday morning arrived, we knew we had survived the worst part of the storm. We also knew we would not be able to survive another night. About 10:00 am, the sky started to lighten. By 2:30 PM, we knew we had to get out, while there was still light. (Then) we heard a faint sound, like the buzzing of a chain saw. The sound grew louder and both Pete and I pushed on the driver's side front door to try and get out.

Just as the door opened, a snowmobile passed, just two feet from the door. The driver, a young man about 15 or 16 years old stopped the machine abruptly. He had been taking medicine to a child in need north toward Chalmers. He could not believe there was a car under the snow drifts and was more surprised when he saw the three of us stranded inside.

He called for help...and about an hour later, three older snowmobilers showed up and helped us onto the backs of their machines. They took us out to the south over snow drifts over twelve and fourteen feet tall. We arrived by snow mobile at the home of Lillian Breisler, whose daughter and son-in-law were coordinating the community response to the blizzard. They had a nurse there. She checked each of us out and proclaimed us fairly fit for the conditions we had faced. They filled us with warm tomato soup.

About an hour later, a reporter from the Lafayette Journal Courier called for the story. We made the front page of the Sunday edition of the Lafayette paper with a headline stating: "Men survive 42 hours trapped in Blizzard."

Lillian Breisler...prepared a tremendous meal complete with red eye gravy. After dinner, Pete pulled out the "Chunky" candy bar and placed it on the table. I guess we had never really reached the bitter end.

What really mattered was that we were home, safe and warm. The people of Brookston, including Lillian Breisler, her entire family and all of the snowmobilers deserve the real recognition, along with Bill Taber, Fred Adams and all of the people who looked for us.

The lesson we learned is that we should never travel without a CB Radio (now of course a cell phone) plus extra blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats and gloves. A number ten can, with a few survival candles and some matches can provide a good warming stove while stranded. For years, I always traveled with a survival kit in the trunk of the car. But now, I recommend that when the blizzard arrives, take shelter at home or with your friends, and wait it out until the worst passes. Help your friends and strangers, as we were helped, in grateful recognition of our prayers. Be safe, and stay out of the snow!

Tim Warrick continues to work in the summers at Culver Academies.

Nostalgia

Feb. 1, 1933

75 years ago

—The Maxinkuckee Fish and Game club is holding a membership drive since forming in the library auditorium Friday night; 220 members are on record so far, with Dr. C.G. Mackey as president. Until now, no group has promoted the fishing

interests of Lake Maxinkuckee, which the club plans to promote.

—Did you know that Hibbard was laid out by John Listenberger in 1833 under the name Dante? It was nicknamed "Helltown."

—Water from the new town wells on the south end of town was turned into town mains today and contains about 2/3 less iron and lime that before.

Jan. 29, 1958

50 years ago

—Sometime in April Culver will welcome a new dentist, Ind. Univ. Dental School graduate Dr. John Oldham, to town. His office will be located in the basement of the attractive new NIPSCO building owned by the State Exchange Bank.

—Culver High School students were surveyed by the Citizen on whether they like rock and roll or not. Some sample replies: Eileen Overmyer: "No. The words are difficult to understand and you can't hear them anyway because of the excessive rhythm." Joan Barshes: "Yes! In general, but not all of it. Some just don't make sense." Dale Bennett: "Ya! I don't know why, it's just good." Stanley Curtis: "No, I like regular music." Susie Meulhausen: "Yes, it's nice to dance to." Bob Taylor:

"No.



Robert Lindvall

Good beat to dance to, but the music is horrible." Dave Hall: "Yes, it keeps me awake when I'm driving at night." Bud Decker: "Oh Boy...I like to listen to it. It's very relaxing. There's nothing more relaxing than Little Richard."

Feb. 2, 1983

25 years ago

—Ind. Lt. Governor John Mutz announced that Culver is one of eight area communities to receive "Registered City" status, part of a statewide program that requires that communities prepare a profile listing information such as labor market, transportation, employment training facilities, and more.

—Robert N. Lindvall, vice president and loan officer of the State Exchange Bank, was honored today after recently announcing his plans to retire. Hired as a teller on April 30, 1947, he was also active in the Culver community on the Culver library board, park board, as a Little League coach, in the Lions club and teaching Sunday School at the Wesley United Methodist Church.

—Culver fireman were called Thursday to Culver Military Academy but the damage was confined to a towel and mattress placed on a hot water radiator to dry them. Quick thinking cadets were able to extinguish the fire and get the mattress out of the dorm, presumably through the window.

—Cub Scout den 5, pack 290 of Culver is getting ready to celebrate Scout Week; There will be displays in Culver merchants' windows to explain what Scouting is all about. Den 5 leaders are Mary Harris and Jolene Westafer.

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Sports



Cavs cut through O-D defense

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

HAMLET — Culver Community's boys basketball team delivered death by a thousand cuts.

Or at least it looked like a thousand cuts.

The Cavs spread the floor and shredded host Oregon-Davis' defense with a series of cuts to the basket for wide-open layups in a 61-41 win at The Den Wednesday.

to where we were," he added. "We stressed the importance of sharing the basketball. I'm pleased that we made the extra pass tonight and had guys giving it up to a teammate."

Culver also took advantage of 23 O-D turnovers.

"In the first half I thought we had great defensive intensity," Berndt said. "That led to some easy baskets."

O-D senior Ryne Sweeney popped in a game-high 18



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT

Culver's Justin Master, right, looks around O-D's Andrew Morton Wednesday at The Den. Culver won 61-41.

Culver, which shrugged off a slower start in a 63-27 first-round Bi-County win over the Bobcats last week, scored off the opening tip and led comfortably wire to wire.

"I thought in the first half we did a great job executing offensively," Culver Community head coach Brett Berndt said. "The last time we played them, they doubleteamed (post) Jon (Davis) a lot. We talked about the importance of other guys moving and slashing to the bucket. Jon got a lot more touches tonight, and that was helpful."

Culver placed four players in double figures, led by Davis' 16 points and six rebounds. Davis, who finished 8 for 10 from the field, nailed all four of his first-quarter field-goal attempts to give the Cavs an 18-7 advantage at the end of eight minutes.

In fact, the whole team combined for an 8-for-10 showing from the field in the first quarter, and hit at a 70 percent clip for the half, thanks largely to a surplus of high-percentage looks.

"(Culver) spread us out," O-D head coach Ben Snyder said. "Our intensity was a tale of two halves. Our intensity was night and day from the first half to the second."

Culver senior Matt Marrs contributed 15 points, four rebounds and four assists off the bench, while Zoe Bauer scored 11 of his 14 points during the first half. The 6-foot freshman guard powered a 14-3 first-half spurt that pushed the Cavs into a 30-10 lead with 4:34 left in the first half.

Senior point guard Lucas Hanselman rounded out Culver's double-digit scorers with 10 points. Justin Master and Adam Neace chipped in five and four assists respectively for the slicing and dicing Cavs.

"(Balanced scoring) was big, especially after the Argos game," Berndt, whose team lost 48-30 in the Bi-County semifinals Friday, said. "Against Argos we didn't play a good offensive game; we didn't play a good defensive game. "We talked about getting back

Culver wrestlers place at tourney

By James Costello
Sports Writer

PLYMOUTH —Culver Community's wrestling team finished ninth in the Plymouth Sectional Tournament team championship Saturday.

Triton and Culver Community each won a sectional championship, as Trojan junior Blake Hoffer improved to an impressive 36-1 mark at 145, and Cavalier senior Jesse Good earned his 30th win of the season at 119 pounds. Bremen had three wrestlers advance to the final four, but was unable to earn a championship for the day. Shaun Sahlhoff was close at 160, but he lost a 4-1 decision to Rochester's Jordan Schultz to finish second in the weight class.

Although a top-three spot eluded it, CMA recorded three championships Saturday and seven top four finishes.

"I was pleased with our overall wrestling," said Eagles wrestling head coach Matt Behling. "I thought it was a good finish for us. We actually had two kids out of the line-up today that could have been in the line-up. I think that could have pushed us into third, but fourth I'm please with."

Returning 160-pound titleholder Branden James maintained a perfect record for the Eagles with two dominant victories en route to the 171-pound championship, including a tech fall of Plymouth's Scott Barry and a second-period pin over Rochester's Marc Troutman in the finals. James' record now stands at 39-0, and the CMA senior moves one step closer to his goal of capturing the state crown that eluded him in his fourth-place finish at the state meet last year.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Plymouth senior John Popi, top, pins Culver Community's Matt Kornblith, bottom, in the 189-pound division of the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional.

But Kevin Dobbyn's win over previously undefeated Warsaw senior Andy Keener at 152 pounds was arguably the Eagles' finest moment of the day. Keener went up 12-4 on Dobbyn in the final period before Dobbyn ran him out of bounds with a throw attempt that landed him on his head. When the two returned to the mat, Keener shot for a single-leg on Dobbyn, who sat back, scooped Keener into a cradle and rolled for a pin with just two seconds left to wrestle.

"The best moment of my year up to this point was to see Kevin Dobbyn, a senior, claim the sectional title," said Behling. "The kid that he wrestled was a heck of an opponent. He's a great kid, great wrestler, and it was nice to see our kid, who is a great kid, come out on top."

- Plymouth Sectional Tournament Team Standings
- 1. Rochester 233, 2. Plymouth 224.5, 3. Warsaw 172, 4. Culver Academy 166.5, 5. Tippecanoe Valley 152, 6. Wawasee 128, 7. Triton 117, 8. Bremen 81, 9. Culver Community 72.
- Individual Standings
- Champion/ Second Place
- 103: Jacob Schroder (Roc) pinfall 1:05 Tyler Wetzel (War); 112: Justin Brooks (War) pinfall 1:28 Garth Simpson (Roc); 119: Jesse Good (CC) dec. 5-4 Bobby Marxacelli (Waw); 125: Chase Lewandowski (Ply) dec. 7-1 Steven Palladeno (War); 130: Daniel Young (CMA) maj. dec. 16-4 Paul Manbu (War); 135: Zach Naas (Ply) tech. fall 18-3 Alex Canacci (CMA); 140: Matt Elvidge (War) default inj. Andy Hacha (Ply); 145: Blake Hoffer (Tri) default inj. Adam Keener (War); 152: Kevin Dobbyn (CMA) pinfall 5:56 Andy Keener (War); 160: Jordan Schultz (Roc) dec. 4-1 Shaun Sahlhoff (Bre); 171: Branden James (CMA) pinfall 2:31 Marc Troutman (Roc); 189: John Popi (Ply) dec. 2-1 Chad Ulmer (Tri); 215: Braxton Riley (Waw) dec. 10-7 Drew Flora (Ply); 285: Justin Deurloo (Ply) pinfall 3:15 Ben Long (Roc)
- Third/ Fourth Place
- 103: Ethan Harshman (TV) FF; 112: Tayler Judy (TV) pinfall 3:49 Ethan Starke (Bre); 119: Chuck Holmquest (Ply) dec. 2-1 Luke Huskins (Roc); 125: Austin Nelson (TV) dec. 9-3 Josh Brown (CMA); 130: James Letsinger (Ply) dec. 3-1 Derek Nelson (Roc); 135: Artie Shidler (Roc) maj. dec. 10-0 Jason Thompson (Tri); 140: David Pitts (Roc) maj. dec. 14-6 Dylan Senff (Tri); 145: Kyle Horn (TV) maj. dec. 15-1 Cameron Crowell (CMA); 152: Josh Vallejo (Waw) dec. 6-5 Elijo Yoder (TV); 160: Daniel Kerkhoff (TV) dec. 6-5 Zack Clark (Tri); 171: Robert Molebash (CC) maj. dec. 11-2 Scott Barry (Ply); 189: Paul Xanders (Waw) pinfall 1:22 Matt Kornblith (CC); 215: Nate McKenzie (Bre) pinfall 3:48 Jason Yoder (TV); 285: Jeremy Dawson (Tri) pinfall 3:36 Jake Jones (Waw).

Leyva and Lewis steal show at Lakeville

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor

LAKEVILLE — LaVille honored its girls basketball seniors Saturday night.

However, Culver Community seniors Tiffany Leyva and Reannon Lewis — with significant assistance from freshman Patrice McBee — stole the show in a 36-28 Northern State Conference win over the Lancers at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

The win snapped a 12-game losing streak that included a pair of losses to the Lancers.

"This is a huge win," Culver Community head coach Ashli Faulkner said. "We had a really great week of practice and that set the tone. We lost twice to LaVille, but we won the one against them that really counts because this is a conference win. This should be a confidence booster for the girls."

McBee, a 6-foot-3 rookie, scored a game-high 10 points off the bench. Her conventional three-point play with 1:48 left in the third quarter gave the Cavs an 18-16 edge just 14 seconds after LaVille had seized the lead on Marci Gurtner's putback of her own miss. McBee's play also ignited a 14-3 stretch that put Culver in front 29-19 with 2:26 left in the contest.

Leyva added eight points off the bench, including three buckets in the second quarter when Culver held LaVille scoreless to take a 15-8 lead into the intermission.

"Leyva was a sparkplug off the bench," Faulkner said. "She was upset with the way she played against West Central Thursday. She just let that fire her up. Her defense led to some offensive baskets. If she can be that sparkplug for us, more power to her."

"That's a senior stepping up," she added. "We need our seniors to lead us and both did that tonight. I'm proud of them."

Lewis — Culver's other senior — drilled the Cavs' only deep ball of the night to put the visitors up 25-18 with 4:55 left in the game. Culver led by no fewer than five points the rest of the night.

"(Lewis) stepped out there and stuck us with that 3," LaVille head coach Kevin McCullough said. "Give her credit; that was a big shot."

Defensively, Culver's 2-3 zone held the Lancers to 9 of 39 — 23 percent — from the field and a miserable 1 of 13 from 3-point territory.

Even with the Cavs' zone venturing far out on the wings, the long-armed McBee protected the middle, and Culver kept the Lancers bottled up on the perimeter most of the game.

Sports briefs

Loehmer 1 0-1 2, Cassie Felton 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 2 1-3 5, Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Katie Bradford 0 0-0 0, Kylie Hermanson 4 0-1 11, Erica Sims 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 12-8-16 33.

Score by quarters
Marian 12 21 33 47
CGA 5 14 20 33

3-pt. goals: Marian 0, CGA 1 (Hermanson). Shooting: Marian 21-of-48 (44 percent); CGA 12-of-47 (26 percent). Free throws: Marian 5-of-12 (42 percent), CGA 8-16 (50 percent). Rebounds: Marian 49 (Alalade 11), CGA 24 (Hermanson 5). Turnovers: Marian 26, CGA 16. Records: CGA 10-7, Marian 6-13.

Boys swimming
CMA beats Adams

CMA's swim team doubled up South Bend Adams, 122-61, Thursday.

Rene Del Castillo, Sam Thomas, Wyatt McCloskey and Juan Seldner were all double winners for the Eagles. Other CMA first-place finishers included Alonzo Gutierrez Rodriguez and David DeVries.

• CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 122, SOUTH BEND ADAMS 61

At Culver
200 medley relay: 1. CMA (Rene Del Castillo, Sam Thomas, Wyatt McCloskey, Juan Seldner) 1:52.79. 2. Adams (Luke Meyer, Trey Whitcomb, Joe Trethewey, Josh Meyer) 1:53.26. 200 freestyle: 1. Josh Meyer (A) 1:58.02. 2. David DeVries (CMA) 1:59.22. 200

"We seriously worked on defending against LaVille's offense a good 50 minutes of practice," Faulkner said. "We knew what they were going to do and we knew what we had to do to counter. The girls did a phenomenal job moving their feet. We talked to each other so much, too. This was honestly the first game with a lot of chatter."

Although Culver hit just 9 of 19 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, it was enough to hold off the struggling Lancers.

LaVille managed to recover from its rough second quarter, scoring eight unanswered points to open the second half, including a pair of baskets from center Hannah Amor.

However, 24 turnovers and two missed breakaway layups haunted LaVille in the end.

"Our problem was we simply did not execute against (Culver's) zone," McCullough said. "We were not ready shooting-wise to be patient against their zone. I still feel we could have executed and done some things. Culver got out there and put some doubt in our minds."

"We've got to hit more shots," he continued. "Everybody who played for us scored; we just needed everyone to score four more points."

Gurtner, LaVille's only junior, led the Lancers with seven points and six rebounds.

Both of LaVille's seniors — Ellen Schmeltz and Kelsey Bettcher — are out for the season with injuries sustained during soccer season.

Susannah Baker added six assists and three steals for Culver.

Culver finishes off its regular season Friday at John Glenn, while LaVille heads to Mishawaka Wednesday.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 36, LAVILLE 28

At Lakeville
CULVER (36): Susannah Baker 1 1-2 3, Tiffany Leyva 4 0-1 8, Nicole Carnegie 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 0 3-4 3, Alison Zehner 0 3-6 3, Patrice McBee 4 2-3 10, Reannon Lewis 2 2-4 7, Cindy Miller 0 0-2 0, Gwen Zehner 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 12 11-22 36.

LAVILLE (28): Emily Fuller 1 1-2 4, Marci Gurtner 2 3-4 7, Elaine Schmeltz 1 0-0 2, Anna Boits 0 3-4 3, Kailey Gustafson 1 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Kopetski 1 2-2 4, Hannah Amor 3 0-2 6. TOTALS: 9 9-14 28.

Score by quarters
Culver: 7 15 20 36
LaVille: 8 8 16 28

3-point goals: Culver 1 (Lewis), LaVille 1 (Fuller); Turnovers: Culver 24, LaVille 24; Rebounds: Culver 24 (G. Zehner, McBee 5), LaVille 19 (Gurtner 6); Assists: Culver 8 (Baker 6), LaVille 5; Steals: Culver 4 (Baker 3), LaVille 5 (Schmeltz 3); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), LaVille 17 (none); Records: Culver 3-16 (1-5 NSC), 3-14 (1-5 NSC).
JV score: Culver 26, LaVille 14.

Girls basketball
Culver falls to Trojans

Culver Community's girls basketball team lost to West Central 37-33 Thursday.

Cindy Miller nailed a trio of 3-pointers and topped the Cavs' scoring chart with nine points. Freshman Gwen Zehner added seven points for Culver.

• WEST CENTRAL 37, CULVER COMMUNITY 33

At Culver
WEST CENTRAL (37): Caitly Sams 0 1-2 1, Rylie Pfledderer 1 2-2 4, Vanessa Wuerthner 3 0-2 6, Lauryn Ricks 0 0-0 0, Lindsey Mahaffey 2 2-5 6, Chelsea Pfledderer 5 3-5 14, Riley Cervenka 1 0-0 2, Melissa Edwards 2 0-1 4. TOTALS: 14 8-17 37.

CULVER (33): Susannah Baker 2 0-0 4, Tiffany Leyva 1 0-0 2, Whitney Sanders 0 0-0 0, Liz West 1 0-1 2, Reannon Lewis 1 1-2 3, Cindy Miller 3 0-0 9, Gwen Zehner 3 1-2 7, Alison Zehner 1 1-2 3, Patrice McBee 1 1-3 3. TOTALS: 13 4-10 33.

Score by quarters
West Central: 9 18 28 37
Culver: 9 21 25 33

3-point goals: West Central 1 (C. Pfledderer), Culver 3 (Miller); Turnovers: West Central 9, Culver 25; Rebounds: West Central 20, Culver 28; Assists: West Central 4, Culver 8; Steals: West Central 6, Culver 7; Fouls (fouled out): West Central 10 (none), Culver 16 (none); Records: West Central 14-4, Culver 2-16.
JV score: West Central 26, Culver 25.

CGA drops home game to Mishawaka Marian

Culver Girls Academy shot 26 percent from the field and was out-rebounded by a 49-24 margin in a 47-33 home defeat Tuesday. CGA slides to 10-7 on the season with the result.

Kylie Hermanson posted 11 points to lead CGA, while Katie Barnes had eight and Kylee Shipley added five. Hermanson also led the Lady Eagles in rebounding with five boards.

Mishawaka Marian was led in scoring by Ashleigh Bousquet with 16 points.

In the JV game, Marian beat CGA 48-22. Jessie Shannon led the JV Eagles with five points, and Anna Catanzarite led Mishawaka with 10.

• MISHAWAKA MARIAN 47, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 33

At Culver
MARIAN (47): Anna Catanzarite 0 0-0 0, Kasey Schulteis 0 0-0 0, Maryanne Alalade 4 0-1 8, Jillian Saros 0 0-1 0, Ashleigh Bousquet 8 0-0 16, Katie Sullivan 1 2-5 4, Emily Peppers 3 0-0 6, Mariah Douglas 2 3-5 7, Stephanie Curkrowicz 2 0-0 4, Cori Lindke 0 0-0 0. TOTALS 21 5-12 47.

CGA (33): Kiley Trennepohl 1 1-2 3, Katie Barnes 3 2-3 8, Angela Carlson 0 2-4 2, Jessie Shannon 0 0-0 0, Emily

IM: 1. Rene Del Castillo (CMA) 2:23.43; 2. Sam Thomas (CMA) 2:23.92. 50 freestyle: 1. Juan Seldner (CMA) 24.52; 2. Trey Whitcomb (A) 25.68. Diving: 1. Alonzo Gutierrez Rodriguez (CMA) 149.10; 100 butterfly: 1. Wyatt McCloskey (CMA) 1:01.46; 2. Joe Trethewey (A) 1:02.42. 100 freestyle: 1. Josh Meyer (A) 51.47; 2. Juan Seldner (CMA) 54.14. 500 freestyle: 1. Luke Meyer (A) 5:22.15; 2. Rene Del Castillo (CMA) 5:22.49. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Adams (Joe Trethewey, Will Freske, Evans Lodge, Josh Meyer) 1:41.41; CMA (Andres Mavidal, Alonzo Gutierrez Rodriguez, Miguel Orellana, Pedro Ayau) 1:45.86. 100 backstroke: 1. David DeVries (CMA) 1:05.98; 2. Trey Whitcomb (A) 1:06.29. 100 breaststroke: 1. Sam Thomas (CMA) 1:11.03; 2. Will Freske (A) 1:14.19. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Adams (Trey Whitcomb, Will Freske, Joe Trethewey, Luke Meyer) 3:42.98; 2. CMA (Rene Del Castillo, David DeVries, Sam Thomas, Juan Seldner) 3:42.98.

Girls swimming
CGA wins clash of Eagles

Courtney Adams and Alex Banfich helped CGA to four wins apiece in a 100-70 swim win over South Bend Adams Thursday.

Jenny Molloy was a triple

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Culver Community High School 1st Semester All A Honor Roll

Grade 9: Jaclyn Bauer, Cassandra Dehning
Grade 11: Edward Pinder
Grade 12: Kasi Browning

A-B Honor Roll

Grade 9: Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clarissa Baker, Nicolette Banfield, Zoe Bauer, Christina Null, Kyle VanDePutte
Grade 10: Sarah Bailey, Thomas James, Jacob Sheridan, Jerry Smith, Angelique Tobey
Grade 11: Whitney Banfield, Isaac Berg, Eduardo Leyva
Grade 12: Jasmin Crockett, Kassandra Crum, Lyndsey Fisher, Ashley Jones, Matthew Kornblith, Racheal Looney, Sarah Mikesell, Drew Norwich, Kylee Page, Tiffany Reynolds, Richard Salzer, Matthew Stewart, Ashley VanSky, Michael Wise
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Grade 10: Sarah Bailey, Shae Harris, Thomas James, Cynthia Miller, Gavin Norton,
 Jacob Sheridan, Jerry Smith, Angelique Tobey
Grade 11: Whitney Banfield, Isaac Berg, Eduardo Leyva, Andrew Williams, Shelagh Wise
Grade 12: Ashley Bailey, Jasmin Crockett, Kassandra Crum, Lyndsey Fisher, Ashley Jones, Matthew Kornblith, Racheal Looney, Sarah Mikesell, Drew Norwich, Matthew Stewart, Ashley VanSky

Monterey Elementary BUGS

Grade 1: Ryan Bradley, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Aurora Larson, Colton Minix, Zachery Moore, Haley Pennington, Jeb Smith
Grade 2: Christian Botello, Melissa Cunningham, Selina Cunningham, Emily Fisher, Kristin Heise, Rachel Kunce, Deanna Lewis, Jasmine Miller, Raven Reese, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyers, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett, Blythe Weldon, Cole Weldon
Grade 3: Kendra Binion, Nate Carnegie, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui, Jesse Lamberson, Kaitlyn Manns, Courtney Salyer, Chris Zehner, Jill Zehner
Grade 4: Henry Back, Austin Bailey, Gary Braasch, John Brown, Justin Brown, Sammy Castaneda, Cody Fisher, Michael Henson, Marixena Jensen, Tyler Kleinhans, Skylar Kreisler, Lilly Linch, Rebecca Rainey, Zaria Salary, Victoria Shank, Taylor Thompson, Megan Thompson
Grade 5: Kailey Heise, Whitney Hopkins, Trevor Hopkins, Miranda Hurford, Nikki Kreisler, Marcus Manns, Elizabeth McElroy, Summer Moore, Alecia Rearick, Jessica Riley, Alexis Robles, Hailey Salary, Donna Zehner
Grade 6: Devon Binion, Sara Bottorff, Ashley Braasch, Brandon Buckman, Caleb Dehning, Elizabeth Garcia, Doran Heinsen, Marcus Clifton, Jacob Kinchler, Destiney Kollasch, Justice Rowe, Erin Salyer, Melissa Schalliol, Evan Smith, Kenneth Stamper, Wyatt Stidham, Morgan Weldon, Justin Wingard

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Monterey Elementary 1st Semester Honor Roll

All A's:
Grade 1: Ryan Bradley, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Zachery Moore
Grade 2: Melissa Bradley, Deanna Lewis, Bryce Reynolds
Grade 3: Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui
A-B Honor Roll:
Grade 1: Alyssa Bailey, Aurora Larson, Colton Minix, Haley Pennington, Jeb Smith
Grade 2: Christian Botello, Selina Cunningham, Emily Fisher, Kristin Heise, Rachel Kunce, Jasmine Miller, Raven Reese, Dillon Salyer, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett,
 Blythe Weldon, Cole Weldon
Grade 3: Kendra Binion, Makayla Felda, Katie Garland, Courtney Salyer
Grade 4: Michael Henson, Tyler Kleinhans, Lilly Linch, Rebecca Rainey, Zaria Salary, Victoria Shank, Taylor Smith, Megan Thompson
Grade 5: Kailey Heise, Whitney Hopkins, Elizabeth McElroy, Summer Moore, Alecia Rearick, Jessica Riley, Donna Zehner
Grade 6: Ashley Braasch, Caleb Dehning, Destiney Kollasch, Melissa Schalliol

Monterey Elementary 2nd Nine Weeks All A's

Grade 1: Ryan Bradley, Alyssa Kinyanjui, Zachery Moore
Grade 2: Melissa Bradley
Grade 3: Hailey Jones, Brianna Kinyanjui
Grade 5: Summer Moore
A-B Honor Roll:
Grade 1: Alyssa Bailey, Aurora Larson, Colton Minix, Haley Pennington, Jeb Smith
Grade 2: Christian Botello, Selina Cunningham, Emily Fisher, Kristin Heise, Rachel Kunce, Deanna Lewis, Jasmine Miller, Raven Reese, Bryce Reynolds, Dillon Salyers, Taylor Thomas, Landon Tibbett, Blythe Weldon, Cole Weldon
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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 11:00 am on the day before for reservations, at (574) 842-8878. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal.

Thurs., Jan. 31: Chicken Cutlets & Gravy, Creamed Potato w/ Cheese, Vegetable Salad, Tropical Fruit Salad, Bread & Margarine, Milk
 Fri., Feb. 1: Hamburger Gravy, Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Brussel Sprouts, Roll & Margarine, Fresh Fruit, Milk
 Mon., Feb. 4: BBQ chicken breast, cauliflower, bread & margarine, raisins, chocolate pudding, and milk.
 Tues., Feb. 5: Hot dog, mashed potatoes, cabbage, buns, mandarin oranges, and milk.
 Weds., Feb. 6: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail, peach cobbler, and milk.
 Thurs., Feb. 7: Chopped steak with gravy, Key West vegetables, lima beans, apple juice, dessert, milk.

Culver Comm. Schools menu

Thur., Jan. 31: Breakfast: Egg & Cheese on biscuit or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey & cheese sandwich, baked beans, jello, fresh fruit, milk.
Fri., Feb. 1: Breakfast: Mini pancakes w/sausages or cereal w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajita wraps, corn, fruit, milk.
Mon., Feb. 4: Breakfast: Pop tart or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, potato skin munchskins, peaches, munchie mix, milk.
Tues., Feb. 5: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal w/muffin, juice, milk. Lunch: Cook's choice of chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, pineapple, bread w/jelly, milk.
Weds., Feb. 6: Breakfast: Funnel cake or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili Macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit crisp, dinner roll, milk.
Thur., Feb. 7: Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Pretzel w/cheese, corn, apple sauce, milk.

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winner for CGA, while Catherine Potter and Cameron O'Banion both supplied two wins apiece. Mary Margaret Peter chipped in a first-place finish in the 200 free for the Eagles.
 • CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 100, SOUTH BEND ADAMS 70
 At Culver
 200 medley relay: 1. CGA (Catherine Potter, Courtney Adams, Jenny Molloy, Alex Banfich) 2:02.60; 2. CGA (Maddie Gillingham, Claire Reeser, Cameron O'Banion, Ari Grazian) 2:12.86. 200 freestyle: 1. Mary Margaret Peter (CGA) 2:12.30; Rebecca Tadajewski (A) 2:19.48. 200 IM: Courtney Adams (CGA) 2:23.93; 2. Catherine Potter (CGA) 2:32.73. 50 freestyle: 1. Alex Banfich (CGA) 27.60; 2. Virginia Lodge (A) 28.68. Diving: 1. Alyson Liew-Spiger (A) 193.70; 2. Andrea Canacci (CGA) 136.60.
 100 butterfly: 1. Cameron O'Banion (CGA) 1:06.78; 2. Kathy Marr (CGA) 1:13.47. 100 freestyle: 1. Alex Banfich (CGA) 1:00.06; 2. Mary Margaret Peter (CGA) 1:00.69. 500 freestyle: 1. Jenny Molloy (CGA) 6:05.01; 2. Kathy Marr (CGA) 6:08.24. 200 freestyle relay: 1. CGA (Courtney Adams, Cameron O'Banion, Jenny Molloy, Alex Banfich) 1:53.13; 2. Adams (Drew Jackson, Heather Hoffa, Rebecca Tadajewski, Virginia Lodge) 1:56.77. 100 backstroke: 1. Catherine Potter (CGA) 1:09.27; 2. Maddie Gillingham (CGA) 1:14.79. 100 breaststroke: 1. Courtney Adams (CGA) 1:16.10; 2. Stephanie Gehring (CGA) 1:24.03. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Adams (Drew Jackson, Rachel Reeder, Rebecca Tadajewski, Virginia Lodge) 4:28.22; 2. CGA (Maddie Gillingham, Irena Balzekas, Rylee Tuggle, Stephanie Gehring) 4:39.06.

Bremen races past CGA

Bretny Bowen was a quadruple winner in Bremen's 126-57 win over Culver Girls Academy Tuesday.
 Alex Keller and Erica Laudeman added three first-place finishes apiece, while Ashley Lafferty and Jill Zeltwanger were both double winners for Bremen.
 Other Bremen winners included Holly Prawat, Brandi Klingerman, Kaitlin Cook, Leah Fanning and Anna Zeltwanger.
 Courtney Adams and Catherine Potter both won an individual event for the visiting Eagles.
 • BREMEN 126, CGA 57
 At Bremen (Tuesday)
 200 medley relay: 1. Bremen 2:01.25 (Ashley Lafferty, Jill Zeltwanger, Alex Keller, Betsy Bowen); 200 free: 1. Erica Laudeman (B) 2:09.97, 2. Brandi Klingerman (B) 2:11.41, 3. Anna Zeltwanger (B) 2:11.57; 200 IM: 1. Courtney Adams (CGA) 2:26.02, 2. Lafferty (B) 2:27.09, 3. J. Zeltwanger (B) 2:33.22; 50 free: 1. Bowen (B) 25.73, 2. Keller (B) 26.83, 3. Andrea Keller (B) 28.12; Diving: 1. Holly Prawat (B) 132.90, 2. Andrea Canacci (CGA) 128.50, 3. Molly Ryan (B) 108.35; 100 fly: 1. Al. Keller (B) 1:05.63, 2. Cameron O'Banion (CGA) 1:07.15, 3. Jenny Molloy (CGA) 1:09.69; 100 free: 1. Bowen (B) 56.74, 2. Lafferty (B) 59.60, 3. An. Keller (B) 1:02.04; 500 free: 1. Klingerman (B) 5:43.40, 2. Laudeman (B) 5:49.46, 3. Paige Fox (B) 6:00.76; 200 free relay: 1. Bremen 1:53.38 (Kaitlin Cook, Leah Fanning, A. Zeltwanger, Laudeman); 100 backstroke: 1. Catherine Potter (CGA) 1:12.14, 2. Fox (B) 1:13.70, 3. Maddie Gillingham (CGA) 1:15.84; 100 breaststroke: 1. J. Zeltwanger (B) 1:16.66, 2. Adams (CGA) 1:17.49, 3. A. Zeltwanger (B) 1:19.93; 400 free relay: 1. Bremen 4:00.32 (Laudeman, Al. Keller, Lafferty, Bowen).
 Hockey
 CMA JV wins
 Culver Military's JV picked up a 4-1 hockey win over Penn Gold Thursday.
 Austin Carlson, Charlie Graff, Connor Bartelman and Brandon Benn all scored for the Eagles.
 • CULVER MILITARY JV 4, PENN GOLD 1
 At Culver
 Second Period
 CMA – Austin Carlson (Kenneth Harris, Rhett Schaefer) 7:56.
 CMA – Charlie Graff (unassisted) 5:29.
 CMA – Connor Bartelman (unassisted) 0:27.
 Third Period
 P – Connor Walsh (Alex Banashak) 13:05.
 CMA – Brandon Benn (Phillips, Paul Leffler) 3:10.
 Shots on goal: CMA 56, Penn 4. Saves: Jacob Lubben (CMA) 3; Christian Sandroni (P) 52.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 31
 Fitness Class, 10:30 am, Culver Public Library
 Albert Hanselman, CHS principal, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 pm, Culver Public Library
Sunday, Feb. 2
 Open gym, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Culver Middle School gym
Monday, Feb. 4
 Knitting Class, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm, Culver Public Library
 Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 pm, Culver Public Library
 Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 pm, Culver Public Library
 Lions Club Bingo, 7:00 pm, depot, town park.

Tuesday, Feb. 5
 Fitness class, 9:00 am, Culver Public Library
 Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 pm
 Culver Public Library Board mtg., 7:00 pm, Culver Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 6
 "Altered Art" class, Market Basket & Co., SR 17, 12:30 pm
 Ralph & Barbara Winters at REAL Meals, 12:30 pm, beach lodge
Thursday, Feb. 7
 Fitness Class, 10:30 am, Culver Public Library
 Tom Heineman, Portside Marina, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 pm, Culver Public Library
Upcoming Highlights, Feb., 2008:
 Barefoot in the Park, a Comedy in Three Acts, Feb. 8 & 9, Culver Academies
 Complexions Dance Co., Huffington
 Concert series, Culver Academy, Feb. 26

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Need to jumpstart your weight-loss resolution? Best Loser Community Spring Challenge issued

PLYMOUTH -- As a first, very successful "Best Loser: Fat to Fitness Community Weight-Loss Challenge" wraps up, Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness and the Pilot News are announcing another team contest to get in shape for warmer weather.

A "Spring Challenge" has been issued and a call-out for team registrations has started. See the full-page ad elsewhere in this week's newspaper.

More than 425 people on more than 100 four-person teams are wrapping up their participation in the first \$1,000 contest that began in November. The winning Best Loser team will be announced in a special publication in the Pilot News, Feb. 6.

And now there's an incentive to continue the pursuit of community fitness.

"This is the perfect opportunity for teams participating in

the current challenge to continue and be motivated with their weight-loss goals," said Sandi Allen, Best Loser contest coordinator with Fitness Forum. "Perhaps more importantly, it's a tremendous opportunity for people who have been on the sidelines during the first contest to take part in the Spring Challenge. It's a great time to get in shape for coming warm-weather activities and to develop fitness and lifestyle changes."

Area residents, regardless of age, are being encouraged to take part in the Spring Challenge. Registration deadline is Feb. 14.

The "team concept" of the contest fosters support, encouragement and accountability to achieve weight-loss goals, organizers say.

Four-person teams can be comprised of family members, co-workers, Bible study groups, bowling teams, etc. All ages are welcome.

There is a \$40 entry fee per team (\$10 per member).

Teams must "weigh in" as a team three times during the contest at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness. The first weigh-in will be at multiple times during Feb. 19-23; second weigh-in April 22-26 and the final weigh-in May 20-24. There will be no weigh-in during the month of March.

At each of the three weigh-ins, weight will be recorded and team photos will be snapped. The contest winner is determined by the team's total percentage of weight lost, not individuals. Additionally, three special publications in the Pilot News during the contest period will track the teams' progress. Again, only teams' total percentages of weight loss will be published, not individuals.

Mary Holm, owner at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness, mentions other contest benefits.

"The 'Best Loser' isn't just about losing weight," Holm says. "It's about reaching for a goal, teamwork, and a healthier community. Assisting others in being good stewards of their God-given potential is at the heart of the mission of Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness. That's why we're so excited to partner with the Pilot News in promoting activities to create a healthier community. Healthy people can enjoy life more, be more productive, share a positive attitude, and may even live longer."

Although the weigh-ins will be conducted at Fitness Forum Sports & Wellness, there is no contest requirement to use its facilities. Weight loss can be accomplished in whatever manner team members may choose.

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