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## In Brief

### Citizen now has cell phone number

CULVER —Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may now be reached by cell phone at (574) 261-7887. Those with stories or wishing to contact the editor with greater ease and frequency are encouraged to use this number.

### Lenten observance at area churches

Culver's Council of Churches will hold ecumenical Lenten observances at several area churches on Sundays in Lent at 4:00 pm. St. Mary of the Lake will host the event on Feb. 10, United Methodist Church of Leiter's Ford on Feb. 17, Grace United Church of Christ on Feb. 24, Emmanuel United Methodist Church on March 2, and Wesley United Methodist Church on March 9. All are invited.

### 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.

### Boys & Girls Club dance Feb. 8

Culver's Boys & Girls Club will hold a Valentine's dance on Friday, Feb. 8, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Culver Elementary School gym. Current CBGC members and those with new membership forms signed by parents will have free admission to the event, which includes music by All-Pro DJs, cookies, and punch. All others pay \$2.00 to get in. Drop off and pick up will be at the south entrance to the gym.

### 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 runners and walkers meet

CULVER —Join the Culver Runners and Walkers at 8 a.m., Saturdays at the Culver CoffeeCompany to meet up with fellow runners and walkers. After a brief time to check-in and find out the routes for the morning, we'll hit the roads around Culver. Anyone who wants to get some exercise is welcome. See "brief" page 2

# Culver songs touch lives in Africa

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

On January 11, a crowd gathered at Culver Academies to celebrate the culmination of months of work – a crowd ranging broadly in age, background, ethnicity, and point of origin, many of whom had traveled from other states to attend. That diverse and multifaceted mixture was appropriate for the occasion, which marked the release of a new CD of music performed by students, faculty and guests of Culver Academies, all aimed at raising money and awareness regarding the plight of many children in Africa.

While they are quick to highlight the collaborative nature of the effort, two Academy seniors – Alex Banfich of Plymouth and Romina Clements of Flagstaff, Arizona – rise to the fore as two of the primary reasons for the project's success.

While the CD is part of their senior service project, Banfich and Clemente note that the Leadership Committee for Africa started at Culver four years ago "as a way to make people aware of what's going on in Africa," says Clemente. "AIDS, orphans...it's an epidemic. Over the past four years, there have been a lot of connections with organizations (in Africa), lots of fund raising and awareness raising, lots of big network connections. Two years ago, a group of Culver students went to South Africa. There are all these networks."

She points out that the Leadership Committee for Africa has a number of facets to it, including committees focusing on fund raising, amaranth grain (a nutritional aid), communications, and work projects (which includes trips to Africa). Banfich adds that the group focused on the Winston, SC-based Amani Children's Foundation in Kenya, whose efforts include seven homes for orphaned children, many with AIDS or HIV. "Our CD profits went there," Banfich says.

Amani founder Dr. Jane Stephens has informed the Culver group that its efforts are contributing more to Amani than the girls may have realized. "She told us, 'We're always looking over our shoulder and going, 'oh that's LCA's doing.' We thought we were just another little donor.'"

The Culver CD is the latest in a series of fundraising CDs for Amani, which usually include leading youth



"Seasons of the Heart," a CD featuring various musical and vocal groups from Culver, made its official debut at a January launch party. The CD is the Senior Service Project of Alex Banfich (left) and Romina Clemente, who are joined by Jane Stephens, founder of Amani Children's Foundation, and Academies Band Director Maj. Bill Browne.

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choirs in America and introductions from famous names such as Maya Angelou and Regis Philben (who contributed to a St. Mary's College CD recently). Clements says that they considered drawing from the Academy's pool of famed graduates, but decided instead to "make it more personal." Culver Trustees Jim Henderson and Jane Eberly contributed the spoken introduction to the disc.

Banfich points out that the adult responsible for these efforts perhaps more than any other is Academies Student Life coordinator Nancy McKinnis, who was "there through the entire thing supporting both of us."

While both girls have been involved in LCA for most of their Culver tenure, Romina Clemente cites a sophomore trip to South Africa as the point that electrified her involvement in LCA. "It was one of the most humbling, life-changing experiences of my life, to see those children

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# Culver Scouts' talent on display at Derby

By Jeff Kenney, Citizen editor

Cub Scouts and parents from Culver's Pack 290 gathered on Jan. 26 for the Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby race, held in the basement of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Scouts – who range in age from kindergarten to upper elementary school – are supplied with a block of pinewood and encouraged to be creative in design, color, and other details of their race car, said Tiger Cub leader Jim Coiner. "This is teaching them about responsibility, about how



Payton Lowry, right, looks on as Chuck Robbins, left, and Jim Coiner, middle, prepare to launch Pinewood Derby cars in the Wolf class on Jan. 26.

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to cut and handle their own projects," he explains.

Parents will probably need to help in some areas, of course, though Webelo den leader Rich Vela notes that second year Webelo Scouts are expected to do all the work themselves.

Scouts race in each of their respective age classes, with an additional Open Class for non-Scouts, including adults, who might like to join the competition. Everyone has to abide by the same rules, however. "The cars can't weigh more than five ounces," Vela explains. "They put their cars on the table and they're not allowed to touch any of them until race time."

Cars are judged based on their respective classes in a variety of categories,

including judge's choice, best detail, best paint job, smoothest finish, strangest shape, most patriotic, and a host of others. Race winners from each class will then race against each other to determine the grand champion, which this year was Tiger Cub Wyatt Coiner. Shane Lowry, parent of Wolf Pack member Payton Lowry, is pleased with the Derby and the Scouts in general, and the effect the group has had on his relationship with his son and his family as a whole. "It's been a good bonding thing," he says. "It's an extension of our family time. (The Scouts) have a lot of neat activities, family growing activities. We've grown

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## Maxinkuckee Mist

Indiana weather has lived up to its fickle reputation in the past week, which saw this unseasonably warm, foggy weather – visible on the lake shore at Culver Academy – at the start of the week and icy temperatures and several inches of snow by the end of the week.

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there be able to smile and laugh and appreciate their education. I knew I had so many resources and opportunities here, and it would take only a little initiative to help them."

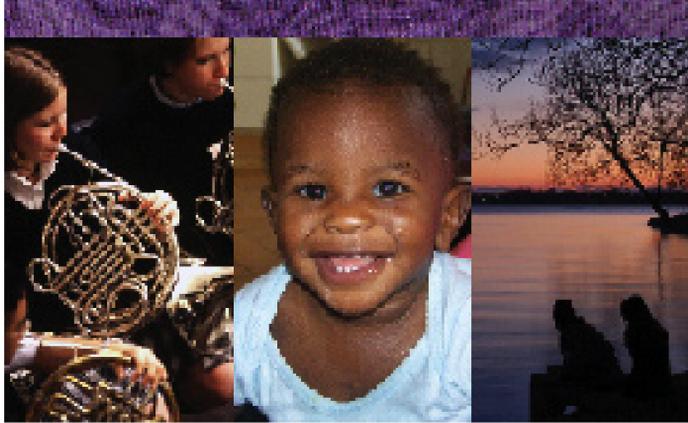
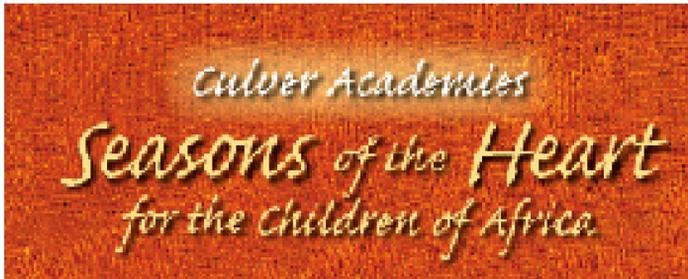
Once the idea for the CD was formed, says Clemente, Zarex Production studio in South Bend gave the group "a huge discount" in creating a master CD. They also note that Academies Head of Schools John Buxton was supportive from the start, arranging financing for the initial recording, while Amani paid for production of the CDs. At a cost of \$3,100, the disc had already brought in \$4,000 before the end of January, after only arriving at Culver on Dec. 14.

The disc itself, says Banfich, is titled "Seasons of the Heart" and is -- appropriately enough -- divided into seasons. "We had a summer section. Some are just fun, summer sounding songs, some are songs from the Culver summer camp Naval

band with the Woodcraft kids singing along. That's... mixed with band pieces and orchestra pieces...Christmas songs recorded at (Culver's)

that. It's pretty personal and nostalgic to anybody who's been to school here or has a child that's gone here."

Copies of the CD, say the



Vespers and holiday services. It has the Culver choir, the gospel choir, the Naval band, the string orchestra, the wind ensemble, and the folk choir. It's a tradition for CGA (Culver Girls Academy) to sing "Treasured Memory," so we recorded

girls, are available at the Academy bookstore, the Culver Coffee Company, and the Amani website ([www.amanichildren.org](http://www.amanichildren.org)).

The CD launch party on Jan. 11 gave LCA a chance to highlight the contributions of so many. "The

whole point of the launch party was to give the the people involved a chance to see what they can do," says Clemente. "It's about empowering people as well."

"I was very surprised how many came to the launch party," adds Banfich. "We had over 120 plus the various choirs who performed."

The party was also an exciting opportunity for the students to meet Jane Stephens, with whom they had collaborated via numerous phone calls and emails. On the bill was a variety of performances by Culver's folk ensemble, flute choir, the Woodcraft choir (which included specially-invited members of the Academy and surrounding community who had attended Woodcraft and donned their uniforms for the occasion). In addition, Stephens and Buxton were among those to address the attendees, who had traveled from all over Indiana and out of state.

That commitment, say the girls, is symbolic of the genuine "team" spirit that fed the CD project. "So many people were touched by the CD," says Clemente.

"Once you start something like this," adds Banfich, "everyone's so supportive. Romina counted up the students that performed on the CD and it was 99. And there were twice that many involved. People from all over the nation contributed: the people who made the CD design, Maj. (William) Browne and Mrs. (Mary) Weirich took a lot of time picking out songs they thought were important...even the (Academy) post office called us really enthusiastically when they got the first shipment of CDs. So many people were so enthusiastic about it."

And, even though Alex Banfich and Romina Clemente will graduate this year and -- like their classmates -- leave Culver for points across the US, "I think (LCA) will always stay in Culver as long as there's the passion for Africa," Banfich says. "The CD will keep going strong. I'd say it's pretty timeless."

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as a family because of the Scouts."

Malik Guerra, a Bear Scout, hopes his Derby efforts will contribute to his future aspiration. "I like to build things because I would like to be an inventor," he notes, adding that it took him about three days to build his car using "the pine-wood derby block, a motor from an army boat, a guy (action figure), a bazooka, a machine gun, and a police shield."

This year, says Vela, race maintenance man Chuck Robbins also built a brand new track for the Derby. Vela also cited Chuck Dilts for his efforts as fundraiser for the event, and Cub Master Dona Vela, who also handed out the awards this year to the 18 boys who participated.

Besides the grand champion, winners of the 2008 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby are:

**Tigers:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Wyatt Coiner; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dakota Bennett; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Adrian Craig; 4<sup>th</sup>: Trenton Jones; 5<sup>th</sup>: Nikolas Vela.

**Wolves:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Michael Boland; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dalton Reinhold;

3<sup>rd</sup>: Payton Lowry; 4<sup>th</sup>: Caleb Sheridan; 5<sup>th</sup>: Dominick Basham; 6<sup>th</sup>: Lucas Vela.

**Bears:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Jack Campbell; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alan Dilts; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Garrett Reinhold. **Webelos:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Tyler Bare; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Malik Guerra; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joshua Vela.

**Open Class:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Chuck Robbins; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Vela; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Deniese Vela.

**Pack 290 Finalists:** Grand Champion: Wyatt Coiner; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jack Campbell; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Michael Boland; 4<sup>th</sup>: Tyler Bare. Judges Choice: Dominick Basham; Best Detail: Malik Guerra; Best Paint Job: Alan Dilts; Shiniest Paint: Garrett Reinhold; Smoothest Finish: Trenton Jones; Strangest Shape: Caleb Sheridan; Most Futuristic: Dakota Bennett; Most Patriotic: Josh Vela; Best Use of Color: Lucas Vela; Most Colorful: Wyatt Coiner; Most Realistic: Adrian Craig; Most artistic: Michael Boland; Coolest engine: Jack Campbell; Fastest Looking: Tyler Bare; Most Unusual: Dalton Reinhold; Most Humorous: Nikolas Vela; Best Theme: Payton Lowry.



Caleb Sheridan, left, and Malik Guerra admire race cars entered into the Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby on Jan. 26.

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and distance and pace are up to each individual. Any questions, please contact Karen Heim at (574) 842-8914 or karenheim@yahoo.com.

Feb. Market Basket classes

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

- 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 or 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.

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## Death notice

Homer R. Personette Sept 28, 1938 - Jan 28, 2008  
 Homer R. Personette, 69, of Knox, IN, died at 11:10AM on January 29, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, surrounded by family and friends.  
 Homer is survived by his sons - Richard Personette of Wanatah, IN, Scott Personette of Sebring, FL, and Sonny (Carey) Personette of Argos, IN; daughters - Janice (Paul) Broecker of Culver, Susan Personette of Mesa, AZ, and Peggy

(Frank) Ahlenius of Monterey, IN; 13 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, sisters - Mariola Morrison, Barbara (Harold) Peters, Belle Neidlinger, Jeanne (Gary) Hillabrand, Kay (Tom) Langdon, Susie (Ray) Schrader and Bonnie (Harold) Smith, and brother-in-law Harold Henderson.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents, sister - Virginia Henderson, and grandson - Charles Personette.  
 Visitation with the family will be held at the Bonine-

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, IN on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 from 4:00 - 8:00PM EST. Rev. Jim Irwin will officiate funeral services on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at 11:00AM EST at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.  
 Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Marshall County.  
 Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodm.com.

## Death notice

Albert 'Dude' Tolson Sr. Jan. 31, 2008  
 KNOX — Albert "Dude" Tolson Sr., 65, of Knox, died Thursday, Jan. 31 at Starke Memorial Hospital.  
 He is survived by his wife, Martha Tolson of Knox; sons: Douglas Wayne Tolson of Culver, Albert Tolson Jr. of Hamlet and Gregory Scott Tolson of Knox; daughter,

Sherry Lee Bentley of Knox; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers: James "Bub" Tolson of North Judson, Raymond Tolson Jr. of Knox, Hager Tolson of Knox,  
 Jerry Tolson of Argos, Danny Tolson of Grandview, Fla. and Mike Tolson of Knox; and sisters: Helen "Sis" Mullins of Knox,

Louise Thompson of Knox, Jackie Collins of English Lake and Anna Howard of North Judson.  
 Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

## Engagement

John Grogg of Indianapolis and Kelli Griewank of Plymouth announce their engagement to be married June 7, 2008 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.  
 The future bride is the daughter of Tim and Deb Griewank of Plymouth. She is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth High School and will earn her bachelor's degree in psychology from Manchester College in May.  
 The future groom is the son of Tom and Sandy Grogg of Marion. He is a 2003 graduate of Marion High School and earned his bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Manchester College in 2007. He is an environmental monitoring technician with Groundwater and Environmental Services in Indianapolis.



## 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., Feb. 7: Chopped steak with gravy, Key West vegetables, lima beans, apple juice, dessert, milk.  
 Fri., Feb. 8: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, country gravy, hash browns, orange juice, fruit cup, and milk.  
 Mon., Feb. 11: Hamburger with cheese, potato salad, cauliflower/broccoli, applesauce, bun, and milk.  
 Tues., Feb. 12: Riblette w/ BBQ sauce, bun, macaroni and cheese, zucchini, fruit salad, cookie, and milk.  
 Weds., Feb. 13: Salisbury steak, carrots, broccoli, bread and margarine, strawberries, and milk.  
 Thurs., Feb. 14: Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, brownie, milk.

## School board discusses JESSE, Kernan-Shepard

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow Culver - The Culver Community School Board has selected Ned Davis as president of the board, Marilyn Swanson, vice-president and Jack Jones, secretary. The officers will also serve as the board of finance.

A resolution to commit to JESSE program for three years met with some discussion among the board members. Ed Behnke, member, asked if Culver Community was paying more than their equitable share of the costs of the program. He also noted that newspaper reports indicated Plymouth schools discussed withdrawing from the program and was concerned about the increased cost to the remaining schools in the 10-school cooperative.

Brad Schuldt, superintendent, told board members that without JESSE, Culver Community Schools would assume full cost for learning disabled students. The cost of the JESSE program is based on the number of children in the local school system, Schuldt continued. Culver has a student enrollment of 181 identified for severe to casual learning disabilities.

The breakdown of reimbursement from the state for Level 1- \$8,300; Level 2

- \$2,250; Level 3 - \$531 and Pre-School -\$2,750. Schuldt noted that of the total JESSE budget for Culver of \$843,538, and \$475,300 of the amount was dedicated to the high incidence student. When questioned by Behnke about the remaining fund disbursement, Schuldt said it was used for low incidence student instruction, teachers, directors, testing, and busing.

The resolution to commit to the program for three years was passed with Davis, Swanson, Jones and Chris Kline in favor and Behnke abstaining. Members Jim Wentzel and Gene Baker were absent.

A committee to meet with government officials to discuss the ramifications of the Kernan-Shepard report recommending school consolidation will be composed of Kline, Behnke and Schuldt. The board agreed to endorse an op-ed piece written by Kline for submission to local papers.

Kline points out in his editorial "Digging into the commission's report didn't make us feel better. Upon what data are they basing their recommendations? According to their own data preliminary research on Indiana suggests that an optimal balance of

cost efficiencies and student achievement is realized in school corporations with an enrollment between 2,000 and 4,000. This preliminary research is based on an unpublished PHD dissertation. How did a preliminary, unpublished report lead to such a definitive recommendation?"

In other business, the contract for Jerry Hollenbaugh, JESSE vocational director, was approved.

A 10-person committee for textbook selection was approved. Meeting with George Irvin, middle school administrator, the committee will choose the English and Language Arts texts.

On the recommendation of Carol Jackson, library director, Carol Saft was appointed to the Culver Union Township Library board.

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## Academies present 'Barefoot' onstage

This Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 pm, Culver Academies will present Neil Simon's play, "Barefoot in the Park" on the Eppley Auditorium stage. The classic romantic comedy stars Academies

students Samantha Newman-O'Gara, Ben Jeffers, Piper Werle and John Lewis. The story -- the perfect recipe for laughter -- follows two young New Yorkers as they begin their married life together.

## New at the Monterey PL

**Adult Fiction**-Blood Dreams by Kay Hooper; **Fiction**- The Darkest Evening Of The Year by Dean Koontz; **Elementary Fiction**- Jake Stays Awake by Michael Wright; **Periodical**- Creating Keepsakes; **DVD**- The Game Plan

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## The Holy Season of Lent

On Wednesday, February 6, churches throughout Christendom celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the longest single season in the church calendar. It calls for Christians to live in a period of spiritual preparation and renewal through repentance, prayer, and meditation upon our Lord's passion and death.

In the first century, Lent corresponded with the forty hours Jesus' body lay in the tomb. The early Christians reflected and prayed during these hours, remembering the time following Jesus' death upon the cross through his resurrection on Easter morning. By the third century the forty hours extended to the six days we know now as Holy Week. In the fourth century, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday received particular emphasis.

Eventually, Lent was lengthened from the six days to thirty-six, symbolizing a tithe (ten percent) of the calendar year. Finally, four days were added to the thirty-six to make the forty days we now observe. The use of forty stems from the Biblical significance of the number forty: in Noah's time it rained for forty days and forty nights, Moses met with God on Mount Sinai for forty days, and Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. Sundays have always celebrated Christ's resurrection (each Sunday being referred to as "little Easters"), hence they were excluded from the forty day period of Lent. Yet, the spirit of Lent does enter into our Sunday worship as we proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection.

The beginning of Lent is determined by when Easter occurs. The Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. determined Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the Vernal Equinox.

[This year due to the lunar cycle Easter is nearly the earliest it can possibly be March 23<sup>rd</sup>.] It followed naturally, then, that Lent would begin 46 days prior to Easter (forty days of Lent plus six Sundays). Prior to 1099 A.D. Ash Wednesday was only known as the "Beginning of the Fast". Pope Urban II in 1099 decreed that the first day of Lent be referred to as "Ash Wednesday" due to the ancient custom of ashes placed upon the foreheads of penitents (a sign of repentance and grief).

The day before Ash Wednesday is known as Shrove (which means to cleanse) or Fat Tuesday. The faithful seek to cleanse themselves of their sins, hence "shrove". It was, also, the custom to collect all the fat, which was forbidden during Lent, and make doughnuts (the German custom) or pancakes (English).

Prior to the Council of Nicea, Lent was a time to instruct converts to the Christian faith. They repented and prayed during this season as preparation for their baptism on Easter morning. The Council declared in 325 A.D. that Lent was the time for all Christians to repent and pray. No weddings or public entertainment were allowed. *Alleluias* and the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* were prohibited in public worship.

One of the main disciplines of the Lenten Season was fasting. The apostles in the first century fasted on Fridays, corresponding with Jesus' crucifixion on Good

Friday. Commonly, the entire church fasted on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The tradition of fasting from meat on every Friday was a common practice. And during Lent certain foods were prohibited, such as meat, dairy products and eggs. Protestant churches traditionally have not emphasized the necessity for any such fasting, most likely to disassociate themselves from their Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. Yet, Martin Luther in his Small Catechism did state that "fasting and other outward preparations" are useful in preparing to receive communion.

During Lent we, at Grace United Church of Christ, reflect on greater ways to strengthen our relationship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. A "Meditation Garden" is erected in the back of the sanctuary for private and personal prayers and reflections. It will officially open prior to the beginning of our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Hours will be posted as to when the church will be open so that the greater Culver community may utilize the "Garden," as well. Guided meditations and reflections will be made available to those who desire a more structured experience with the symbols of the season. One must see for oneself the beauty of the garden in enclosed area of the church.

Regardless your religious affiliation, may we center ourselves upon God's power to transform our sin into an instrument of life and salvation. May we get in touch with God's righteousness, knowing that God's love for the world is demonstrated by the cross.

*(The Reverend Robin Keating is pastor and teacher at Grace United Church of Christ, 407 N. Plymouth St., Culver.)*



*Pastor's Corner*  
ROBIN KEATING

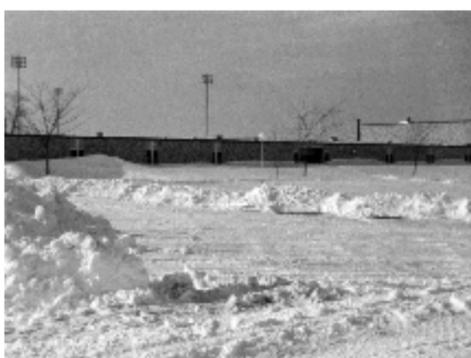
## Blizzard of '78 memories

Culver farmer Paul Winn recalls his experiences 30 years ago in Indiana's 'blizzard of the century.'

By Paul Winn  
The weatherman had been telling us a few days before, that things were setting up for a major winter storm that could be serious. This time he was right! The wind began to howl out of the west, the sky darkened and it wasn't long before the snow started coming down. By noon that day, it was a white-out. You couldn't see a quarter mile away. It continued all afternoon and I am sure through the night.

When we got up early the next morning we could hardly get the door open to get out of the house. Things looked very dreary outside.

There was no one moving on the roads anywhere. The wind had stopped blowing and it was very still. Huge drifts were everywhere.



Joyce was up and getting breakfast and we wondered what, if anything, we could do. I happened to think we had a bulldozer and if I could get it started on this zero degree morning, I might be able to push some snow off the roads. About that time, our one employee, Truman Neher, walked from his house, through the fields, and showed up for work. We decided to try and start up that dozer. We put heaters on the engine and it started. We also started a 4-wheel drive pick-up truck and began to move snow.

Our farm is the first farm north of State Rd. 110, on State Rd. 117. We left the farmstead heading east, to Queen Road. We couldn't go west out our driveway at all. We went south on Queen

Road to State Rd. 110. We could see that the east-west roads weren't drifted very bad at all. The north-south roads were impassable.

While riding that old dozer, I thought about four



The blizzard of '78 wrought massive snow piles on Main Street and drifts over the windows of Culver High School (below).

of my neighbors who were dairy farmers and how were they going to get their milk picked up.

I stopped before going on 110 and got in the pickup truck and let Truman drive the dozer for a while so I could warm up a little and drink some of that hot coffee that Joyce had fixed for us.

We traded off warming up in the truck so we could keep the dozer going. We headed East on 110. Our first stop was the Larry Zechiel farm and pushed snow there, then we continued east to Eldon Davis farm, about 1/8 mile north of 110, on Peach Road and opened up so the milk truck could get to the farm. Then we went back west again to Queen Road, north 1 1/2 miles to the Don and Betty Davis dairy farm. We went back to 110 to 117 and started north. We got up about 1/8 of a mile and could go no farther.

The Kenny McCune farm was west of us, what is now owned by Jim Irsay, and Kenny had lots of milk

in his bulk tank and if the milk truck couldn't get to it, it would have to go down the drain. We had to help Kenny, too, if we could, because every one of my neighbors would help me if I ever needed help. But in this case, I just happened to have the dozer. We started that old dozer in a north-westerly direction right across the fields, which is now the Mystic Hills Golf Course. I owned it at that time, so I didn't have to ask anyone for permission to cross the land. We cut a path through the snow that was about 3 feet deep in places. We finally made it to 20B Rd. Now, after all that work, would the milk truck get through in time to save the milk?

As I said earlier, State Rd. 110, an east and west road, was not bad. State Rd. 31 north and south, probably was taken care of because of so much traffic, and those farmers were sending their milk to Deans Milk Co at Rochester. Those trucks probably would make it.

One of the dairy farmers called Dean's and said to send a truck, that the milk was ready to ship and they could get to the farms.

It wasn't quite as simple to get to McCune's farm. We had to put Kenny's big tractor and my dozer on the front of the truck to keep it in the path we made through the fields. but we finally made it about 10 PM that first night and had to continue this process until the plows could get through and get the roads opened up, which was several days.

I do not want to sound like the hero in this story. Farm people have always been known to help each other when there was a need and I know I have been helped many times by these same neighbors anytime I needed help!

*Paul Winn and his wife Joyce both graduated from Culver High School in 1952. They have lived all their married lives near Culver.*

## Community Calendar

### 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

### Friday, Feb. 8

Boys & Girls Club Valentine's dance, 5:00-7:00 pm. Culver Elementary school gym  
"Barefoot in the Park" (play), 7:30 pm, Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies.

### Saturday, Feb. 9

"A Chocolate Extravaganza" class, 4:00 pm, Market Basket & Co., SR 17.  
"Barefoot in the Park" (play), 7:30 pm, Eppley Auditorium, Culver Academies.

### Academies.

### Sunday, Feb. 10

Open gym, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Culver Middle School gym

### Monday, Feb. 11

Knitting Class, 10:00 am, Culver Public Library  
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 pm, Culver Public Library  
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 pm, Culver Public Library  
Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4:00 pm, Town hall  
Culver school board mtg., 7:00 pm, Administration Bldg.

### Tuesday, Feb. 12

Fitness class, 9:00 am, Culver Public Library  
Children's Valentine class, 3:30 pm, Market Basket & Co., SR 17.

### Wednesday, Feb. 13

Lions Club mtg., 6:30 pm, Depot/town park  
Parks & recreation board mtg., 7:00 pm, Town hall.

### Thursday, Feb. 14

Fitness Class, 10:30 am, Culver Public Library  
John Zeglis, Ft. Wayne Mad Ants, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 pm, Culver Public Library

### Upcoming Highlights, Feb., 2008:

Complexions Dance Co., Huffington Concert series, Culver Academy, Feb. 26

## Call your editor -- it's easier!

I didn't intend our memories of the blizzard of 1978 to last for three weeks, but when Paul Winn's recollections and the Flora's wonderful photos came in, I couldn't resist making the blizzard last one more week, which reflects the time it took everyone to dig out that year!

I want to thank the Winns, the Floras, Connie Van Horn, Tim Warrick, and Bob Hartman, among others, for their help in making those stories possible. Next week we should be back to normal with the return of the nostalgia column

### View from Main Street

and this editorial. A belated apology is in order for a headline mixup a few weeks ago which puzzled several of you (understandably) and made it appear that the column pertained to our formal town marshal, Richard Woodward, instead of the look back at Culver flooding in 1983 that actually ran that week. Some have asked

about the Woody column, which for the record did run a previous week paper.

One very important point for those of you who have tried to track me down and nearly hired private detectives to do so: for just that reason, I now have a Culver Citizen cell phone for your convenience. I encourage any and all of you to consider using this number to reach me: (574) 261-7887.

As much as I'd like to be in the office more, it's difficult, but I plan to keep the cell phone with me most of the time. Even if I don't answer, I do have voice mail and hope you'll leave a message for me. Besides email, that will definitely be the quickest way to contact me...so please do!

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# Sports



## Davis leads Culver to victory over Glenn

By Dee Grenert  
Sports Editor

**NORTH LIBERTY** — Culver Community senior center Jon Davis entered Saturday's contest against John Glenn as a question mark.

He finished as an exclamation point.

The 6-foot-3 workhorse, hobbled by a sprained ankle, muscled his way to a game-high 22 points and raked down five rebounds in the Cavs' 51-42 Northern State Conference win at North Liberty Elementary School in a game originally scheduled for Friday. The win is Culver's first over the Falcons since the 1994-95 campaign.

Davis scored the go-ahead bucket — the game's only lead swap — with 5:59 left in the game, during a 12-0 Culver stretch.

"(Davis) became a horse for us," Culver Community head coach Brett Berndt said. "He sprained his ankle against LaVille last Friday and didn't play the second, third or fourth quarters. He did not have a full practice all week, so we didn't know how much he'd play tonight. For him to come through like he did was huge."

Although Culver pulled away in the fourth frame, the Falcons looked like the team to beat well into the third quarter. Glenn led by nine points on three different occasions, the last after Daniel Stegemiller's bucket with 5:37 left in the third quarter.

Davis then seized control. He bowled to the basket and scored on back-to-back third-quarter post moves, despite double-team pressure.

After playing mostly man to man, Glenn switched to a 2-3 zone during the second half, searching for a way to neutralize Davis.

"Our biggest problem was we couldn't stop Davis inside," John Glenn head coach Travis Hannah said. "He's a four-year player. He's much stronger and more athletic around the basket than he was a couple

years ago. He's been a fun kid to watch develop. We put our strongest player on him at the end, even though he's a guard, because we were running out of options."

The Cavs claimed the upper hand with a well-executed spread. Point guard Lucas Hanselman dumped the ball to Adam Neace, just off the left block. Neace turned and hit Davis cutting to the rack for a basket and foul. The Culver big man converted the old-fashioned three-point play to put the Cavs up 36-34.

"Glenn was playing zone, and we were content to spread the floor and play it out," Berndt said. "Adam did a great job reading the play from the high post. With each possession our kids' confidence grew."

Culver stretched its lead to six points with another Davis basket, followed by a steal of the inbound pass and two charity tosses from Justin Master.

Master's biggest contribution, though, came on the defensive end of the floor. The 5-9 junior held Glenn leading scorer and 3-point specialist Brody Solmos to four points. Solmos not only failed to connect from downtown, he only fired three attempts from behind the arc and wound up 1 of 5 from the field.

Neace, meanwhile, held Austin O'Connor — coming off a career-high 26 points against West Central — to seven points.

"We put Justin Master and Adam Neace on their best two shooters, and we're very happy with the way they played defense," Berndt said. "(Solmos) has got probably the quickest shot, and then O'Connor hit a bunch of 3s in the last game. We were concerned about them."

"We told Justin Master, 'you're going to find (Solmos),' " Berndt added. "Justin did a great job not letting him touch the ball. He takes great pride in his defense."

Culver sealed the win with Neace, Master, Zoe Bauer, Hanselman and Davis

combining on a 10-of-11 fourth-quarter mark from the free-throw line. Hanselman also nabbed seven rebounds and handed out six assists.

Junior forward Michael Fansler paced the Falcons with 14 points and seven rebounds.

However, Glenn, which hit an ice-cold 29 percent from the field and just 3 of 21 from 3-point range, suffered through a nearly 10-minute second-half stretch with just a single field goal — a drive from Conrad Schubert. During that spell, the Falcons went from a 31-28 lead to a 47-37 deficit.

Typical of the Falcons' second half, they missed a pair of 3-balls and a put back on one trip down the floor while trailing 46-37. The clock expired during a similar barrage of missed shots in a gym used because of a music program scheduled at John Glenn High School.

"You can't shoot 29 percent and expect to win," Hannah said. "We had to play on the same floor as (Culver) did. At the end we had to count on them missing free throws, and they didn't. We didn't shoot the ball well. We shoot 29 percent tonight. I just got done telling the guys that we're shooting 48 percent from the 3-point line at home."

"One of the problems was we got up eight or 10 points in the second quarter, and then we had a two-minute stretch where our defense let up and couldn't find anybody," Hannah added. "We gave up a layup or two. They hung around, hung around and got us."

Both teams play again Thursday. Culver heads to Argos, while Glenn hosts Jimtown.

• **CULVER COMMUNITY 51,**  
**JOHN GLENN 42**  
At North Liberty  
CULVER (51): Adam Neace 1 2-4 4, Lucas Hanselman 3 1-2 7, Justin Master 2 3-4 7, Zoe Bauer 2 2-2 7, Matt Marrs 2 0-0 4, Jon Davis 6 10-13 22. TOTALS: 16 18-25 51.  
JOHN GLENN (42): Jared Rhodes 1 0-0 3, Lonnie Shetler 0 0-0 0, Brody Solmos 1 2-2 4, Conrad Schubert 2 2-4 6, Austin O'Connor 3 0-0 7, Nathan Ridgway 0 0-0 0, Phil VanWanzele 1 0-0 2, Jake Singleton 0 0-0 0, Michael Fansler 5 3-3 14, Austin Davis 1 0-0 2, Daniel Stegemiller 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 16 7-9 42.

Score by quarters  
Culver: 6 18 30 51  
Glenn: 14 25 34 42  
3-point goals: Culver 1 (Bauer), Glenn 3 (Rhodes, O'Connor, Fansler); Turnovers: Culver 17, Glenn 16; Rebounds: Culver 19 (Hanselman 7), Glenn 24 (Fansler 7); Assists: Culver 12 (Hanselman 6), Glenn 9 (Rhodes, Fansler 3); Steals: Culver 7 (Master 3), Glenn 4; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 10 (none), Glenn 19 (none); Records: Culver 9-8 (3-3 NSC), Glenn 6-9 (1-4 NSC).

## High school fencing Academies has three champions

**CULVER** — Culver Academies won three of six divisions at the Great Lakes Conference championships Saturday. The three champions were Gene Shmurak (men's foil), Mary Saran (women's saber), and Ana Warr (women's epee).

Marvin Hargraves took second in the men's epee and Raffi Nersessian was third in the men's foil. Mary Halpin was eighth in the women's foil. The men's foil team finished second in the team division.

## Despite Culver losses, CMA's James unstoppable

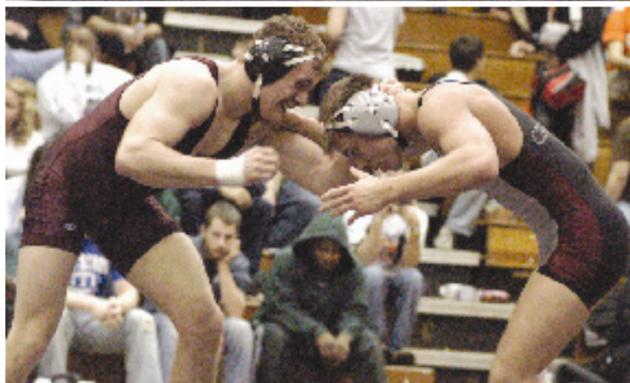
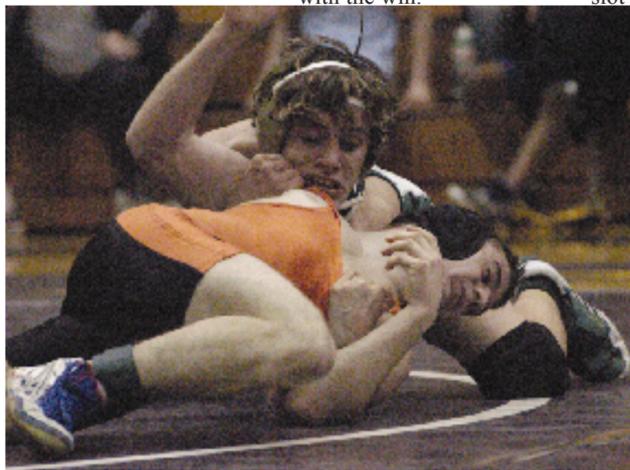
By James Costello  
Sports Writer  
**SOUTH BEND** — While Clay Regional team champion Mishawaka put the icing on its Wednesday victory over South Bend Riley at the team meet with six championships Saturday, Triton had the most to celebrate about with an unprecedented two weight class champions, a feat never before accomplished in the Class A

who had previously beaten the Rockies junior at sectional last weekend. Good lost in the consolation match of the 119 division to finish fourth, thus falling one place shy of a semistate berth Saturday.

Lewandowski fell 9-0 to Mishawaka junior Josh Harper, who had already beaten him at the Clay team regional Wednesday. Harper remained undefeated at 38-0 with the win.

years, Flora had never beaten Riley in numerous matches, including a sectional championship loss last weekend at Plymouth.

The two were dead even at 3-all heading into the final period at Clay. Flora fell a point behind on a Riley reversal in the last few seconds but pulled off a reversal against all odds just prior to the buzzer for a one-point victory to earn a semistate slot in his final year.



Top photo: Culver Community's Jesse Good, bottom, fights the pin against Wawasee's Bobby Marcuccilli in the consolation match at the South Bend Clay Regional on Saturday. Good finished fourth at the event.

Below: Culver Military Academies' Branden James looks for position against Mishawaka Marian's Caleb Norville in the 171-pound championship at the Clay individual wrestling regional meet. James won the championship 10-0.

school's history. Rockies wrestling was unable to seize a championship Saturday, but Plymouth did enjoy the distinction of clinching several top-three spots to send a total of five wrestlers on to the Merrillville Semistate next Saturday.

Plymouth's Chuck Holmquest advanced to the finals at Clay with a last-minute pinfall victory over Culver Community's Jesse Good,

Deurloo was also charged with wrestling a Caveman whom he'd lost to Wednesday in 285-pound champion Randy Morin. Deurloo — outweighed by more than 50 pounds — may have lost the rematch, but he looked much more competitive in Saturday's 3-1 loss.

But possibly Plymouth's greatest win of the day was posted in the 215 consolation match between senior Drew Flora and Wawasee's Braxton Riley. In three

Culver Military Academy will also send two wrestlers to Merrillville.

Daniel Young was penalized for locking hands in the third period of the championship round, and ultimately lost the 130-pound regional championship with a sudden-death takedown by Mishawaka's Trent Reineohl, while Branden James clinched the championship at 171 pounds.

James remained undefeated Saturday, closing with an outstanding 42-0 record and a regional title.

At a level of the state tournament where odds are starting to level out, James was as dominant as ever with two first-round pinfall wins in the opening rounds and a 10-0 win over Mishawaka's Caleb Norville — no slouch with a record of 39-2 heading into the bout — for the championship.

A senior with CMA, James is currently ranked second in state in his weight class. He finished fourth at state last year and seems unstoppable in the march toward

his ultimate goal of a state championship. "Every match is just another step to the top of the podium, the way I see it," said James. "I can't wait until next weekend."

Also Saturday, LaVille's Zach Troxel took third at 125 pounds with a victory over Clay's Joe Vargo in the consolation match. The Lancer senior will be his team's lone representative next Saturday at Merrillville.

## Sports briefs

**Boys basketball Vikings plunder CMA**  
Tippecanoe Valley's boys basketball team downed Culver Military Academy 72-30 Saturday at Fleet Gymnasium.

Trevor Weaser scored 11 points to lead the Eagles.  
• **TIPPECANOE VALLEY 72,**

**CULVER MILITARY 30**  
At Culver  
TIPPECANOE VALLEY (72): Ryan Scherzer 3 0-0 7, Jordan Boggs 1 2-2 3, Chad Hoffer 3 4-4 11, Ross Miller 1 0-0 2, Kyle Ritchey 0 0-0 0, Shane Salyer 6 3-5 15, Caleb Rovenstine 0 0-0 0, Steven Tillman 3 0-2 8, Taylor Burkhart 1 4-4 6, Brad Shepherd 0 0-0 0, Anthony Tolson 1 1-2 3, Devin Vogel 1 3-4 6. TOTALS: 25 18-23 72.  
CMA (30): Ramsey Bradke 0 1-2 1, Carl Rivera 2 4-5 8, Trevor Weaser 5 1-2 11, Conrad Chura 3 0-0 8, Chris Hamm 0 0-1 0, Blayne Baker 0 0-0 0, Michael Grover 0 0-1 0, Trent Sanders 0 0-0 0, Alex Cuk 0 0-0 0, Pete O'Daniel 1 0-0 2, Trace Thews 0 0-0 0, Josh Wright 0 0-0 0. TOTALS 9-2 6-11 30.

Score by quarters  
TV: 15 31 53 72  
CMA: 4 10 22 30  
3-point goals: TV 4 (Scherzer, Hoffer, Vogel, Tillman), CMA 2 (Chura). Free Throws: TV 78 percent (18-of-23); CMA 55 percent (6-of-11). Fouled out: TV (none); CMA (Weaser). Technicals: TV bench. Officials: Steve Arko and Dave Blough. JV score: TV 45 (Rovenstine 9, Tolson 9); CMA 41 (Luke Schumacher 20, Thews 10).

**Girls basketball Freshmen lead Cavs**

Culver Community freshmen Gwen Zehner and Patrice McBee led the Cavs to a 43-38 Northern State Conference girls basketball win over John Glenn at North Liberty Elementary School Saturday.

Zehner, a 6-foot-2 center, and the 6-3 McBee scored 19 and 15 points respectively to lead the Cavs.

Glenn's Brittany Adkins tied for game-high scoring honors with 19 points, including a quartet of 3-pointers.

• **CULVER COMMUNITY 43,**  
**JOHN GLENN 38**

At North Liberty  
CULVER (43): Susannah Baker 2 2-4 6, Tiffany Leyva 0 1-4 1, Whitney Sanders 0 0-2 0, Reannon Lewis 1 0-0 2, Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 9 1-1 19, Alison Zehner 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 4 7-8 15. TOTALS: 16 11-19 43.  
GLENN (38): Emily Traversa 0 0-0 0, Ila Jackson 1 2-2 4, Jacy Borlik 2 0-2 4, Cayla Ochs 1 0-0 2, Kelli Price 1 1-2 3, Brittany Adkins 7 1-1 19, Savannah Bruski 1 2-2 4, Kelsey Kosinski 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 14 6-9 38.

Score by quarters  
Culver: 11 20 31 43  
Glenn: 5 20 24 38  
3-point goals: Culver none, Glenn 4 (Adkins); Turnovers: Culver 18, Glenn 9; Rebounds: Culver 23, Glenn 17; Assists: Culver 14, Glenn 7; Steals: Culver 5, Glenn 6; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 10 (none), Glenn 18 (Borlik, Bruski); Records: Culver 4-16 (2-5 NSC), Glenn 9-11 (3-4 NSC).

## Girls swimming CGA fifth at sectional

CGA's swim team finished fifth at the Warsaw Girls Swimming and Diving Sectional Saturday.

Mary Margaret Peter recorded the Eagles' best individual finish with a second-place time in the 200 free.

• **WARSAW GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL**

Team scores: Logansport 262, Plymouth 235.5, Huntington North 173, Warsaw 170, CGA 164, Columbia City 143, Tippecanoe Valley 82, Rochester 59, Pioneer 39, Manchester 34, Argos 3.5

At Warsaw  
200 medley relay: 1. Logansport 1:53.17 (Lauren Zehner, Emily Fawcett, Susie Fawcett, Peyton Zehner), 2. Plymouth 1:53.92 (Liz Hoffer, Lauren Overmyer, Allyson Gergely, Kenzie Miller), 4. (tie) CGA (Catherine Potter, Courtney Adams, Jennifer Molly, Alex Banfich); 200 free: 1. Molly Brown (HN) 2:02.64, 2. Mary Margaret Peter (CGA) 2:09.13, 3. Calley Cook (P) 2:09.22; 200 IM: 1. Miller (P) 2:10.53, 3. Adams (CGA) 2:21.45, 5. Gergely (P) 2:23.55; 50 free: 1. P. Zehner (L) 25.97, 6. Taylor Hampton (P) 26.93; Diving: 1. Jordan Graham (L) 300.65, 2. Stacy Vervynck (P) 212.40; 100 fly: 1. Amy Marion (HN) 1:03.70, 3. Gergely (P) 1:04.33, 4. Molloly (CGA) 1:06.19, 6. Cameron O'Banion (CGA) 1:07.68; 100 free: 1. Haley Richter (CC) 53.77, 4. Overmyer (P) 57.76; 500 free: 1. Brown (HN) 5:22.05, 3. Cook (P) 5:49.30; 200 free relay: 1. Plymouth 1:43.21 (Hoffer, Gergely, Overmyer, Miller), 5. CGA 1:50.71 (Potter, Kathryn Marr, O'Banion, Peter); 100 backstroke: 1.

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## CES lists students of the month

Culver Elementary School has announced the students of the month for December.

- Kindergarten: Ashley Black, Mrs. Bonine; Carter Stevens, Mrs. Robertson; Austin Jones, Mrs. Urbin; Nicole DeKoker, Mrs. VanDePutte.
- Grade 1: Mackenzie Himes, Mrs. Bailey; Ethan Stacy, Mrs. Berndt; Mackinna Burleson, Mrs. Dickerhoff; Sarah Luttrell, Mrs. Jefferies.
- Grade 2: Logon Welsh, Mrs. Ahlenius; Dominick Basham, Mrs. Moise; James Fagan, Mrs. Tharp; Malachi Griffith, Mrs. Arvelo.
- Grade 3: Dylan Johnson, Mrs. Cultice; Allie Harris, Mrs. DeSalle; Dakota Allen, Mrs. Gonsoroski; Steven Franklin, Ms. Young; Austin Jones, Mrs. Zechiel; Dylan Johnson; Mr. Elliott; Staci Jefferies, Ms. Kinney.
- Grade 4: Amanda Cline, Ms. Rife; Tatyana Romero, Mrs. Shepard; Zach Sage, Ms. Toll; Derek Keller, Mrs. Schmidt.
- Grade 5: Dennis Klausung, Mrs. Kinzie; Angela Lewellen, Mrs. Stevens; Megan Yeager, Mr. Young; Henry Scaggs, Ms. Boyer.
- Grade 6: Megan Deon, Mr. Albright; Brittany Wilkman, Ms. Day; Grace Lorenz, Mrs. Trent; Mark Lehman, Mrs. Morrison; Stephen Lehman, Ms. Lyman; Joseph Nehemiah, Mr. Crittendon

## CES announces Culver's best

Culver Elementary School has announced its Culver's Best for

December. Those named to the list include: Owen Keller, Gabriel Sherman, Adrian Borys, Angel(Earles) Howard, Kagnie Hoffman, Kamrinn Lowry, Nicholas Cornwall, Nolan Shaffer, Lily Sayavonsing, Abby Gregory, Trenton Jones, Wyatt Coiner, Taylor Noah, Marcella Cooper, Taylor Guzzo, Cloee Winkler, Ally Jones, Sarah Stefan, Madison Brewer, James Fagen, Kaysha Redford, Ethan Shuman, Shilo Guerra, Caleb Sheridan, Issaiah Bailey, Robert Caddy, Zackary Kisela, Cash Harris, Rolanda Reichard, Dylan Lewandowski, Diana Hutton, Gavan Compton, Machayla Allen, Mackennna Evans, Tevia Jones, Jennah McCarthy, Kaylee Bailey, Michael Davidge, Garrett Jenkinson, Cameron Thomas, Mike Skiles, Mark Lehman, Jacki Lindsley, Staci Jefferies and Donny Baugh.

## PTO hosts book fair at CES

Culver Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair from February 4th to February 9th, a book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning.

The event will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. The theme of the fair is "A Book Fair Blizzard."

The Scholastic Book Fair will be available to the children of Culver Elementary School from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day. The book fair will be open to the community on Tuesday, February 5th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

One of the book fair's primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the fair can check each teacher's classroom wish list, then purchase and donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, the Culver Elementary PTO will use funds raised at the book fair to purchase books and other resources for the school's library.

## "Sports" from page 6

Richter (CC) 57.88, 2. Miller (P) 59.14; 100 breaststroke: 1. S. Fawcett (L) 1:07.83, 3. Adams (CGA) 1:12.96, 5. Overmyer (P) 1:14.54; 400 free relay: 1. Logansport 3:47.78 (P. Zehner, McCloskey, S. Fawcett, L. Zehner), 4. CGA 3:56.81 (Molloy, Peter, Adams, Banfich), 5. Plymouth 4:06.63 (Cook, Mae Christiansen, Kristen Holloway, Hampton).

### Hockey

#### CMA B blanks Barons

CMA B shut out the Cleveland Barons 4-0 in hockey action Saturday.

Max Terher collected a pair of goals for the Eagles, while Dominic Panetta scored CMA's first goal and assisted on two more. Alex Feighn also found the net for the Eagles.

- CULVER MILITARY B 4, CLEVELAND BARONS 0

#### At Culver

FIRST PERIOD  
CMA – Dominic Panetta (Tommy Ott) 1:01.  
SECOND PERIOD  
CMA – Max Terher (Panetta) 5:15.  
CMA – Alex Feighn (Blake Roubos, Conner Kucera) 4:13.  
THIRD PERIOD  
CMA – Terher (Panetta) 11:06  
Shots: Cleveland 26, CMA 42. Saves: Tom Comunale (CB) 38; Matt Mahalak (CMA) 26. Records: CMA 18-9-4.

#### CMA JV wins

Ryan Kolden's third-period goal broke a 3-3 tie and led CMA's JV hockey team to a 4-3 win over Brother Rice Saturday.

Ryan Stec, Austin Carlson and Rhett Schaefer also scored for the Eagles.

- CULVER MILITARY JV 4, BROTHER RICE 3

At Culver  
FIRST PERIOD  
BR – Bennett Packer (Gordon Wells, Enrico Jackson) 1:28.  
SECOND PERIOD  
CMA – Ryan Stec (Ryan Everson) 10:54.  
CMA – Austin Carlson (Ryne Sternberg, Kenneth Harris) 10:22.  
CMA – Rhett Schaefer (Quinn Edwards) 9:30  
THIRD PERIOD  
BR – Nathan Tinetti (unassisted)

11:39  
BR – Andrew Sohn (Wells, Rick Varos) 8:35.  
CMA – Ryan Kolden (Schaefer) 4:55.  
Goalies: Jacob Lubben (CMA); Zach Garagosian (BR).

#### CGA falls

Victory Honda defeated CGA's hockey team 3-1 Saturday.

Stephanie DeSutter scored the Eagles' lone goal.

- VICTORY HONDA 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1

At Culver  
FIRST PERIOD  
VH – Brooke Zaleski (Linda Ko) 12:34.  
SECOND PERIOD  
VH – Casey Dockus (Shelby Kusarski, Bailey Lane) 12:48.  
THIRD PERIOD  
VH – Brittany Shand (Dockus, Katie Zimmerman) 14:58.  
CGA – Stephanie DeSutter (unassisted) 13:06.  
Records: CGA 14-12-2.

#### CGA JV wins

CGA's JV hockey team collected a 3-1 victory over Loyala Academy Saturday.

Courtney Zotos and Jenna Iwaniec both scored in the third period to snap a 1-1 deadlock. Willow Smith added a goal and an assist.

## Tri Kappa meeting notes

On Monday, January 21, the Epsilon Nu chapter of Tri Kappa held its monthly meeting at the Culver Elementary school library. The meeting was hosted by Terry Baker & Marilyn Day.

Mrs. Barbara Winters commended the sisters for their donations of ice cream toppings for the Culver Elementary schools R.E.A.D. program. Mrs. Karen Blocker stated that the children had a marvelous time and there were plenty of toppings to go around. Updates for Culture, Education, and Ways and Means were read. It was announced also that Mrs. Jessye Gilley will be the new recording secretary.

The friendship basket was made by Terry Kresk and won by Samantha Johnson. The next meeting will be held on February 18th.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization with the objective of supporting programs in charity, culture, and education.

- CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY JV 3, LOYALA ACADEMY 1

At Culver  
FIRST PERIOD  
CGA – Willow Smith (Courtney Zotos, Mindy Privett) 2:29.  
SECOND PERIOD  
LA – Maggi Tyska (Gia Pugh) 6:41.  
THIRD PERIOD  
CGA – Zotos (Privett, Smith) 6:04.  
CGA – Jenna Iwaniec (Olivia Skerry, Stella Serne)  
Saves: Lexie Ludwig (CGA) 17; Katie O'Grady (LA) 22.  
Records: 8-8-2.



## Best Kept Secret

Jazz trio Justin Ross (guitar, at left), Bill Hargraves (drums), and George Middleton (keyboards, at right) – all members of the Culver Academy faculty and staff and known collectively as Best Kept Secret – warmed up the Culver Coffee Company and an appreciative audience on Jan. 25. The group plans to play at Culver Cabana later this month.

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## Culver Comm. Schools menu

**Thur., Feb. 7:** Breakfast: Cheese omelet or cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Biscuit & sausage gravy or soup, yogurt, potatoes, juice, milk.

**Fri., Feb. 8:** Breakfast: Pancake on stick or cereal w/donut, juice, milk. Lunch: Pretzel w/cheese, corn, applesauce, milk.

**Mon., Feb. 11:** Breakfast: PB&J uncrustable or cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Chhicken patty sandwich, potatoes, peaches, pretzel twist, milk.

**Tues., Feb. 12:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal w/muffin, juice, milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, pineapple, chiffon dessert, milk.

**Weds., Feb. 13:** Breakfast: Maple waffle or cereal w/milk, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dog sandwich, Fritos, celery w/peanut butter cup, pears, milk.

**Thur., Feb. 14:** Breakfast: Egg & cheese on biscuit or cereal w/biscuit, juice, milk. Lunch: Love me chicken nuggets, cupid mashed potatoes, yours always oranges, Valentine cookie, be mine milk.

**Fri., Feb. 15:** Breakfast: Fruit pastry or assorted Kellogg cereal w/cracker, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs or French cheese bread, corn, applesauce, milk.

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# Unburying treasure

## Shaffer's collection displays part of bygone Culver era

Gary Shaffer's enthusiasm for Lake Maxinkuckee runs deep – sometimes several feet beneath its waves -- and he's willing to dive to the lake bottom to bring that enthusiasm to fruition.

Besides inheriting his business operation working with boat lifts, piers, and watercraft on the lake from his father – longtime Culver barber Very Shaffer – Gary has also inherited some of Ver's interest in artifacts, especially local ones. In particular, Gary Shaffer has developed a hobby of collecting antique bottles from the lake, and part of that collection is on display this month on the Culver-Union Twp. Public library's upper floor.

Shaffer, who grew up in Culver and graduated from Culver High School, discovered his first bottle in the lake outside his parents'

house on the lakeshore, at age 14, a Rumford medicine bottle.

He didn't develop an interest in collecting the bottles, however, until he returned to Culver in 1995 after a stint in the Navy.

"My dad did the (lake) business and he was fairly young when I joined the Navy," says Shaffer. "When I



Gary Shaffer (above) examines one of the bottles he has collected from Lake Maxinkuckee, on display this month at the Culver library. One of Shaffer's most prized bottles -- and the oldest -- comes from Henry Stein bottlers in Plymouth, circa the 1890s (right).

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ers in the 1920s; Shaffer's collection of several bottles represents the trajectory of the business. "They had soda before Coke came to Plymouth, and then it went to Coke," says Shaffer. "A lot of these bottles are local," Shaffer notes. "You think of the way the train came from Terre Haute and Logansport, and then there are some Chicago ones. My theory on where to find bottles in the lake is: as far

as a guy could throw them! Where the train used to run along the west shore towards town, the railroad was real close to the lake. You know these guys tossed them out the window. And a lot I find up at the park near the train station."

Shaffer sometimes takes along his daughters, Kelsey and Lauren to go "hunting for bottles," as the girls call it. His wife, Barbara, is supportive as well, and no doubt son Nolan – who just started kindergarten – will eventually get involved. As with any hobby, sometimes the bottles can create some work. "They're so dirty when they come out that you have to soak them. I have maybe 100 or so that we've cleaned... (the really old ones are) so rough that the sand has etched the glass. Any of the Culver dairies, we'll clean them up as best as we can."

Culver's dairies are part of a nearly forgotten era in Culver's history, the days when several local entities – Miller's, Cloverleaf, Culver Military Academy, and others -- supplied the community with milk, each dairy with its own unique glass bottles. "I didn't know there was a Zechiel dairy until I found that bottle. That dairy was on the west shore near where the south shore starts."

"Of course, 50 to 70 years ago, every town had their own little (dairy operations). Now milk comes from Illinois or who knows where; things can be shipped anywhere. These little bottling companies -- dairies, soda bottling companies -- are not around any more. They get absorbed by the biggies. (The bottles are) kind of like a time capsule to the past. So I thought I'd bring these in here (to the library) and let some other people enjoy them."

said I was going to reenlist, he said, 'I'm getting up in years.' So I came back here to help him... I started working with him in 1995. I took it over in 2000 and have expanded it into a full-time job."

Shortly after his return, he found a bottle with his foot while working in the lake. "That's how I find a lot of them: you step on them. I'll stop what I'm doing and try to bring it up with my foot or dive down and get it. Sometimes I find it's only a Snaple bottle, but I think 'I'm cleaning the lake this

way,' so I'll take it home and recycle it. When you find one you haven't found before, it is like finding treasure."

Shaffer is only interested in older and more unusual bottles. His oldest comes from Henry Stein bottlers in Plymouth, which he learned dates from 1892-1898 before the business went to son George Stein in 1905 and then the Ebert Broth-

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