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In Brief

Red Cross blood drive May 13

The Culver community will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile Tuesday, May 13 from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the junior high gymnasium. Park in the southwest parking lot and follow the signs.

Previous donors are encouraged to participate and anyone that has never donated is also encouraged to do so.

Please have a picture ID with you. Anyone age 17 and older, weighing 110 pounds or more and in good health may donate. Call 1-800-GiveLife (1-800-448-3543) for an appointment.

LMEC workshop

On Saturday, May 17 The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council will sponsor an Invasive Aquatic Plants I.D Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. The LMEC has invited aquatic plant specialist Mark Mongin to Culver to teach residents how to identify the hydrilla plant and distinguish it from other aquatic plants common to lakes in this area. This workshop is intended for all lake users and will include marking and reporting procedures to be followed if the plant is found. Attendees will be working with live plant species as well as mounted plants.

No reservations are required.

Community meal at Grace May 15

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

Sidewalk applications

The town of Culver is currently accepting applications for our 2008 Sidewalk and Curb Program. Applications as well as updated sidewalk specifications may be picked up at the Town Hall, 200 E Washington St, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please know that a permit is needed and an inspection will need to take place prior to the project and after completion. This program is a first come first serve basis. The deadline to receive applications is July 1, 2008. Please inquire within for more information, 574-842-3140.

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Horning in on Spring

Culver Elementary sixth grader John Allman was part of the patriotic entertainment April 24 at the school's annual spring concert, which also included vocal performances from various grades. More photos next issue.



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Culver Middle School student Sarah Rakich discusses her photography with attendees at Culver's Tri Kappa's annual art show, held at the Culver Cove. Rakich won the prize for People's Favorite Artist, among other awards, for her work.

Art show highlights best of student art

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Tri Kappa has announced top winners in its annual student art show, which took place over the April 25-27 weekend at the Culver Cove.

Taking the People's Choice award was Culver Academies student Gualine Chen for his painting, "Savannah King." Culver Comm. Middle School student Sarah Rakich was voted People's Favorite Artist for her photography. First place in the Best of Show category went to Culver Academies student Angela Carlson for her "Portrait of a Student." Each of these students earned \$50 cash prizes.

Earning second place Best of Show (and a \$40 cash prize) was Culver Academies student Morgan Henshaw, for "Ode to Oregon II." Guanlin Chen also won third place Best of Show and \$30 for "Who do you say that I am?"

In the three dimensional art category, Culver Comm. High School student Stormy Marie Yockey won first place and a \$50 prize for "Mr. Kitty Box;" CCHS student Abby Hayworth won second place and \$40 for "Jigsaw;" third place and \$30 went to CCHS' Amanda Rabenau for "Swirls."

In the Color category, CCHS student Dominic



PHOTO PROVIDED

"Savannah King" by CMA student Gualine Chen won the People's Choice award at Tri Kappa's annual art show April 25-27.

Sheets took first place (and won \$50) for "Dom." Second place and \$40 went to Alena Williams, CCHS, for "Just Me." CCHS student Amanda Snyder won third place and \$30 for "Bright Dog." "Flower Study" by Brindy Hamstra, Culver Academies, was in fourth place and won \$35.

In the Black and White (non photographic) category, first prize and \$50 went to Academies student Michael Nayfor his "Portrait of a Friend." Clancy Tripp of Culver Academies came in second and earned a \$40 prize for "Portrait of a Student;" \$30 and third place

Confirmed by Bishop D'Arcy

Emily Rich was one of several Culver and Culver Academies youth confirmed April 26 by Bishop John D'Arcy of the Catholic Diocese of South Bend-Ft. Wayne. Confirmation rites took place at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. Looking on, far left, is Fr. Glenn Khorman, St. Mary's pastor, and, at far right, Rich's father and Confirmation sponsor, state police officer Bob Rich.

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Group photo page 2



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For the first time in Culver High School history, the CHS girls' track team took first place honors in the North Miami Relays, under the guidance of coach Peggy Arquette. The team, pictured above, includes: (front row, left to right) Whitney Sanders, Nicole Carnegie, Trinity Garcia, Liz West, C.J. Dehning. Back row: Sarah Bailey, Nicole Ziaja, coach Peggy Arquette, Lauren Shaffer, Patrice McBee, Hilari Weldon, Susannah Baker, Coleysa Henderson

CCHS girls track makes history

By Hilari Weldon

Culver Comm. High School Culver High School's girls' track team made history April 18 as they competed in the North Miami Relays. The team, coached by Peggy Arquette, took first place honors for the first time in the school's history.

"This was the best feeling in the world, like when the boys' basketball team won sectionals," said Coach Peggy Arquette.

The girls accumulated many ribbons at the meet. Firsts were given to the team of Liz West, Susannah Baker, and Trinity Garcia for high jump, and Lauren Shaffer also took a first in the two mile.

Receiving seconds were C. J. Dehning, Patrice McBee, Shaffer, and Nicole Ziaja in the 800 relay. Also receiving seconds were West, Baker, and Nicole Carnegie for long jump; Sarah Bailey, Carnegie and Hilari Weldon in discus; West, McBee, Garcia, and Whitney Sanders in the sprint medley; Garcia, West, Ziaja, and Sanders in the distance medley; Bailey, Weldon, Carnegie, and Coleysa Henderson in the throwers relay.

In addition, Sarah Bailey broke the discus record with the throw of 116' 10" and the 800 relay team consisting of Dehning, Carnegie, McBee, and Shaffer broke the school record as well.

In search of 'Dusty' Culverite's beloved pet missing

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When 84-year-old Iris Hyland's white face cockatiel flew out of her S. Main Street house in Culver May 1, the longtime local resident wasn't sure what to do. For a while, she says, he could be seen in a tree on Obispo Street, where Culver's volunteer fire department sought to retrieve the nervous bird. When firemen began raising a ladder to reach "Dusty," however, the noise frightened him into flight and as of

this writing, the beloved pet hasn't been seen since.

Word spread quickly around town that Dusty is missing — and to Hyland's prayer partners, a group of about 40 people to which she herself belongs — and she is hoping to bring home the three year old bird, who she says is the great grandson of a bird she used to own. Hyland is also offering a \$25 reward to anyone who finds Dusty, whom she describes

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90th Birthday

Broeker

Jane Broeker, Culver, celebrated her 90th birthday May 6, 2008.

Her family hosted an open house Sunday, May 4 at the Union Church of the Brethren from 1 to 4 p.m. at 10483 S.R. 17, Plymouth near the old West High School.

Her children are sons Chuck and Don of Culver, Tim of Monterey, daughter, Dian (Broeker) Harris of Blue Springs, Mo., and Michelle. She also has 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jane retired from the Broeker farm stand on S.R. 8 in her 80s.

She belongs to the RLDS Community of Christ Church.



She was a Marshall County 4-H Leather Craft leader for 40 years. Some of the clubs and organizations she belongs to include the West Neighbors Home Ec Club, Jolly Fifteen and the Bunco Card Club.

Dusty, from page 1



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Iris Hyland with her cockatiel, “Dusty,” who went missing May 1, and dog Jackie.

as “grey with a white face and a white and grey crest, and some white running down his wings.”

Finding Dusty may be a surprise; he’s a talking cockatiel. Hyland says he “would land on your head or left shoulder and start talking or whistling. The first thing he says when he wakes up is, ‘Good morning, Dusty, whatcha doin’?’” Dusty has a number of additional phrases he commonly uses: “Come to Mama,” “Dusty’s a sweetheart,” “Good morning, Dusty,” “Dusty’s a smart cookie,” “Jackie’s Dusty’s

big brother.” (Jackie is Hyland’s miniature schnauzer dog), and “Dusty’s Jackie’s baby brother.”

Hyland adds that Dusty has never been known to sit or land on the floor, so she doubts he would be found on the ground unless he’s tired. “I am very worried about him,” she says. “And I desperately want him back...I pray someone finds him and that a dog or a cat does not.”

Those who have seen Dusty, or have any information as to his whereabouts, are asked to call Iris Hyland at 574-238-2513.

Letter to the editor

Relay appreciation

On Friday, April 18th 2008, more than 800 participants gathered at The Culver Academies to combat the number one health issue facing Americans: cancer. Area residents showed their support by celebrating, remembering and fighting back for 13 hours at the 1st annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Culver. It was truly an inspiring event.

This year, the Relay For Life of Culver raised a generous more than \$100,000, which will support the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society through research, education, advocacy and service.

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Relay committee, volunteers, individuals, teams and companies who participated and made this year’s Relay For Life a tremendous success. We also thank our many corporate sponsors. The leadership of these employees and their families is heartfelt. The overwhelming support shown by everyone who took part in the festivities is a testament to our community’s determination to Fight Back against cancer.

We will never forget the glowing faces of our cancer survivors as they celebrated their collective victory, the glow of the touching luminaria and the dedicated participants who pledged to save one life from cancer this year. We hope to see you all again at next year’s American Cancer Society Relay For Life - because there is no finish line until we find a cure. Sincerely,

Trisha A. Metz
Community Representative
American Cancer Society

Death notice

Wayne D. Hissong

April 28, 2008

LEITERS FORD — Wayne D. Hissong, 87, of Leiters Ford, died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth Monday, April 28, 2008.

He is survived by children: Valerie (Kevin) Staples of South Bend, Vince (Becky) Hissong of Leiters Ford, Van (Theresa) Hissong of Culver and Paul (Vicky) Sudlow of Billings, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

Viewing was held at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver Thursday, May 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT. Funeral services were held at the funeral home Friday, May 2 at 11a.m. EDT.

Memorials may be given to the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 of Culver or to the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post 399 of Monterey.

Budy Poppy day

The town of Culver will officially recognize the annual observation of Buddy Poppy day in Culver, an event recognized by government leaders since 1922. Culver’s VFW Post 6919 and its Ladies Auxiliary will distribute Buddy Poppies assembled by disabled veterans and disctributed to disabled and needy veterans as well as wives and orphans of deceased veterans in an effort to “honor the dead by helping the living.” As part of its formal procolomation of the day, the town urged citizens to contribute generously and wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of gratitude to the men and women who risked their lives for American freedom.

Engagement

Anglemyer, Langhorne

Andrew Arthur Anglemyer of Nashville, Tenn. and Ashleigh Langhorne of Nashville, Tenn. announce their engagement to be married Oct. 11, 2008 at Vanderbilt Legends Club, Franklin, Tenn.

The future bride is the daughter of Joanne Langhorne of Brunswick, Ga. and Dr. George A. Langhorne of Marietta, Ga. She is a 2000 graduate of Brooke Point High School, Stafford, Va. She also graduated from Berklee College of Music, Boston, Mass. in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in music. She is employed with North-western Mutual Investment



Services as a financial representative.

The future groom is the son of Lee and Janet Anglemyer of Bremen. He is a 2000 graduate of Bremen High School. He also graduated from Anderson University in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in finance. He is employed as director of research at New Constructs.

Culver’s Deery is Health Ctr. director

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center/Plymouth has named Connie Deery as the Director of its Saint Joseph Health Center. Deery has served as the Health Center’s Interim Director since January 2008.

“I am very happy and excited and look forward to continuing the tradition of the Saint Joseph Health Center in serving the uninsured and underserved of Marshall County while continuing to make a difference in the lives of the people through the services we provide here,” Deery said. “Those services would not be possible without the dedication and passion of our volunteers, physicians, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, and all those who continue to support financially this great mission.”

Deery graduated from Valparaiso University in 1984 and earned a BA degree in Sociology. She has held an Indiana State license in Social Work since 1993. In 1986, Deery was hired at SJRMC/Plymouth as a

Business Office Manager, which included Social Worker/Discharge Planner, Lifeline Coordinator, and Volunteer Liaison. When



Connie Deery

the Health Center opened in 1999, she became its full-time Social Worker.

“Having been at the Health Center since the doors opened, I have learned a great deal under the prior directors,” Deery said. “I have been able to help many patients over the years from age 0 to 102 by

providing creative solutions to their needs and I look forward to continuing this.”

The Saint Joseph Health Center is located at 116 E. Washington St. in downtown Plymouth and provides healthcare to the underserved of Marshall County and the surrounding communities.



Weird science

Top: Culver Academies staff members (from left) Tony Giraldi, Chris Sheppard, Debbie Turner, and Tina Shepard inspect bizarre damage done to a tree on Academy property struck by lightning May 2. Two deep cuts run the height of the tree, one on each side of its trunk. The noise of the blast, heard some distance on the campus, brought a curious crowd, which marveled at the odd configuration of the damage.

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Thurs., May 8: Chicken & Noodles, mashed potoes, green beans, bread & margarine, fruit cocktail, brownie, milk.
Fri., May 9: Cheesy Potatoes & ham, spinach salad & diced egg, Italian dressing, stewed tomatoes, bread & margarine, pears, milk.
Mon., May 12: Pork

BBQ, lima beans, carrots, bun, pineapple, milk.

Tues., May 13: Meatballs, noodles & gravy, mixed veggies, Brussels sprouts, bread & margarine, fresh fruit, milk.

Weds., May 14: Beef Stew, biscuit, corn, fruit cup, krispie bar or cookie, milk.

Thurs., May 15: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, green beans, applesauce, cake, milk.

Fri., May 16: Chicken & broccoli casserole, beets, sweet potato patty, mandarin oranges, apple pie, milk.

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Non-toxic cleaning

Every year I get the urge to do spring cleaning. I lie down and wait for the feeling to go away, but it persists—so I usually give in and tidy up. At my place, spring cleaning sometimes means tossing stuff with toxic ingredients: mostly-empty paint cans, batteries, used computer monitors or other technology, or cosmetics such as old nail polish. In the past I used to throw this material in the trash. Now I know better — hazardous waste needs to be handled by professionals! And here’s how: the first step is determining which items are hazardous, and the second step is trashing them — safely. Better yet, use them only when necessary, buy only the amount you need, and give the extra away for someone else to use.



HOOSIER HABITAT: EASY WAYS TO LIVE GREEN
BY MARIANNE PETERS

What constitutes hazardous waste? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hazardous waste has one of these four characteristics: **It’s flammable.** Substances that could spontaneously combust, that have a flash point less than 140 degrees F, or that can catch fire under certain conditions are considered flammable, such as many automotive products.

It’s corrosive. Battery acid is an example of a corrosive material. These are characterized as any substance that could corrode a metal container, such as a barrel or drum—or human flesh, for that matter.

It’s reactive. Do you keep explosives in your garage? (And if you do, where exactly do you live?) Those are considered “unstable under normal circumstances.” “Normal circumstances” means if they are heated, compressed, or mixed with water—duck! Lithium-sulfur batteries are also considered reactive.

It’s toxic. Anything that’s harmful or fatal when ingested or absorbed is considered a toxic waste. Household cleaners or polishes, disinfectants, and insecticides are toxic. These are particularly dangerous in landfills because they can leach out and contaminate groundwater. Toxic wastes also include metals like mercury and lead.

I keep a bin in my garage for toxic trash. When the bin’s full, I take it over to the Marshall County Solid Waste District for safe disposal. Why go to the trouble? The Solid Waste District reports that 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste is generated every year by Americans, and the average home collects as much as 100 pounds of waste annually. Where does it all go? Without safe disposal, it could go into our drinking water, it could seriously injure us or sanitation workers, and it could affect the health of our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

The Marshall County Solid Waste District has a complete list of hazardous wastes on their Web site, www.recycleyourtrash.org. You can also contact them for that information (574-935-8618). Dangerous wastes can be dropped off at their Plymouth location during normal business hours; you don’t have to make an appointment.

The best way to reduce hazardous wastes’ environmental impact is to stop using them altogether. Some, such as batteries or motor oil, are hard to avoid. However, consumers have options these days. For instance, household cleaners such as Clorox have “gone green” and now make products with natural ingredients. You can also mix up your own cleaning solutions with common ingredients like vinegar or ammonia, which is a lot cheaper than buying them. (MCSWD’s Web site has some recipes for cleaning solutions). You can buy latex paints, which can be thrown in the trash. Be choosier about cosmetics: some brands of nail polish, such as OPI, have stopped using formaldehyde and toluene (a toxic inhalant) in their ingredients.

So now it’s possible to do spring cleaning with a clear conscience, knowing that your efforts to de-clutter your home will not add to toxic “clutter” in the local landfill.

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



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Jesus the teacher



Pastor’s Corner

By Tom Haynes
Wesley United Methodist

through the experiences I have had. I have the teacher’s view of things.

Dave Sampson and I were laughing at Evening Prayer last week after we read the Parable of the Sower from the lectionary. From our perspective, Jesus was clearly speaking as a teacher when he said these words, and this parable resonated with us. Here we are having just finished a grading period, and sometimes (sadly) even the best teaching falls on rocky ground or it lands in thorns. Happily, instruction also falls on good soil too.

It is easy to think of different examples of Jesus the teacher. I gave a test last week, and as students filed in and took seats, I was reminded of the Parable of the Bridesmaids. You see although five were wise, five also were foolish and had not prepared. Jesus counsels them to “remain awake therefore.” This could

almost be used as part of the freshman orientation curriculum.

I have never been asked to deliver a baccalaureate sermon, and a psychologist friend of mine would remark that “there are no accidents.” Were someone to ask me someday, I would probably preach on Luke 17. In these scriptures, Jesus heals ten lepers, and only one returns to say thanks. I would observe that most teachers have a much lower rate of people coming back, and this is a tribute to the power and quality of Jesus as a teacher.

My hope is that each of you might think about your life and the people who have made a difference to you. Go back and say thanks. Do it while you can. While you are reflecting on those who have transformed your life and made you who you are today, don’t forget to thank God as well.

I pray that each of you can find God’s hand in the beauty of Culver in the spring. There is a reminder of Christ’s resurrection in every daffodil. I am writing this article on Ascension Day, and today’s Gospel reminds me that Jesus is with us “always, to the end of the age.” Amen from the Culver Academies!

Tom Haynes is Interim Director of Religious Programs at Culver Academies.

Nostalgia



Thanks to Steve McDaniel of Lakeside Auto Supply, who took several photos of Culver during the spring of 1983. The photo above shows the 100 block of South Main Street looking west. At left is the Nan-E-Lou restaurant (located at the site of today’s Cafe Max), Andy’s Clothiers (owner Andy Venum sold the business to Pam Fisher several years ago; today it is Fisher & Co.), and Country Cousins antique store, one of whose operators was Thelma Hodges, as mentioned in a series of Citizen articles in February. Notice the window above Andy’s, which still has the name of H.L. Werner, watchmaker from the teens to the 1950s, last of all at that locale.

75 years ago

May 10, 1933

“I want to pay what I owe you,” announced a man to A.R. McKesson of the local Ford garage. “You don’t owe me anything,” replied McKesson. “I haven’t a thing against you on the books.”

“I know that, but six years ago I stole about 30 gallons of oil from you and I have been converted and want to clear up my past.”

Donald Hand stole the show at the presentation of “Cousin Gene” by an all-male cast under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aid Society Weds. night in the Community Bldg. His clever acting as a winsome young maiden captivated the audience which shrieked its approval at every move he made. Hand was supported by those actors of other plays Fletcher Strang, Donald Mikesell, Merle Miller and Arthur Simpson, among others.

Mrs. Robert Rossow, president of the Culver League of Women Voters, was elected a director of the state League of Women Voters at the annual convention Thurs. and Friday at Bloomington, Ind.

The price of gasoline in Culver was reduced by two cents per gallon the first of the week. The slash is believed to be an effort from larger oil companies to meet the “cutthroat” competition of smaller operators and gasoline bootleggers.

50 years ago

May 7, 1958

The big red, white, and blue mailbox in front of the post office has been moved to the corner, making it much more accessible to patrons who desire to deposit mail without leaving their car.

Last Sunday afternoon saw the dedication of the new, \$1 million Argos Community School building; George E. Eley, Argos saw mill operator and director of the State Exchange Bank of Culver and Argos, and trustee of Walnut Township, served as chairman during the impressive rites. The building was erected by the Russell L. Easterday Construction Co. of Culver.

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25 years ago

May 11, 1983

Congressman John Hiler opposes the US Postal Service’s efforts to close the Burr Oak post office and has written the Postal Rate Commission to urge rejection of the decision. Hiler argued that the Postal Service failed to consider the growth potential of the area and “devastating psychological impact” of the proposed closing.

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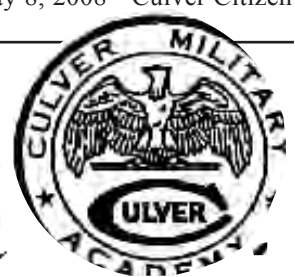
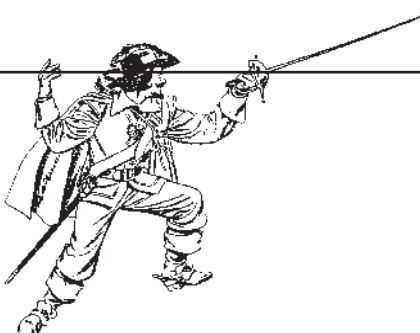
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Sports

CHS edged out by Zebras at Mystic Hills three-way

By James Costello
Sports Writer

CULVER — After an inclement start to the season, the weather during Wednesday's three-way meet at Mystic Hills was perfect for golf, and several golfers took advantage with season-lows at the meet. Rochester's scores were the most consistent and the Zebras claimed a round-best 163, followed by Culver Community with 171 and Plymouth with 176.

"I was pleased with how consistent they were," said Rochester head coach Chad Thomas. "This is a good match for us here because we have our conference tournament here on the 10th, so we get a good look at the course, and I get a good idea of who plays it well. It'll maybe help me make a good decision if I have to make any decisions next week on who to bring."

The Zebras were led by usual number three golfer Mason Heyde with an individual low round of 38, while Aaron Nelson followed up with a 40, Korbin Bennett carded a 42, and Tanner Lee finished in 43.

Plymouth's best score of the day was also turned in by the Pilgrims' usual number three golfer.

Sean Flynn got off to a fast start with a birdie on the first hole followed by a par on the par-5 second hole on his way

to a season personal best 41 at the meet. The Plymouth senior brought his A game in his first outing of the year at Mystic with three pars and two birdies for the day, although he got little indication from his opening tee shot Wednesday that things were going to go so well for him.

"I actually hit a pretty bad drive," said Flynn. "I ended up slicing real bad, but it was a dog-leg right, so it put me in pretty good position, actually. I hit a real nice wedge up on the green and decided to sink the putt. Then I hit a pretty bad drive on the next hole, too, but I just hit a couple nice shots and got up on the green and made the putt for par. I just think that focused me for the rest of the round."

"Sean's a senior, and he's been shooting consistently around a 46 all year long, and he had a couple good runs tonight," said Plymouth head coach Ben Waymouth. "He was at par or below par, and he hit a few bumps in the road. A 41 is a great score for him, because he's had some nights where he's not been able to practice. To come out and shoot a 41 is a great effort for him."

Pilgrims top-flighter Doug Booth lost his ball on the ninth hole, and had to play a dropped ball, although he still carded a solid 43 for the



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Culver Community's Ashton Duke putts on No. 3 at Mystic Hills Wednesday.

day despite his triple bogey on the hole. Freshman Mitch Holloway and Bryant Reese both scored 46 to round out Plymouth's score Wednesday.

"Overall, I'm pretty pleased. "Our best team total so far is a 176, and we had that tonight," said Waymouth. "Sean Flynn's score

definitely helped. The other guys had average efforts. Obviously you can always look at some kids' scores and say that round could have been better or lower... But overall we're improving each night out, which is the key."

Culver turned in two strong scores from its number one and two golfers, but the Cavs

struggled to find consistency in their three and four spots. Despite twin 46s by Chris Montgomery and Drew Norwich, Culver golf still finished its nine-hole round two strokes lower than last Saturday's 173 on the front nine of a windy Marshall County Tournament.

Culver head golf coach Kyle Elliott theorized the large crowd Wednesday may have been a factor in some of his golfers' performances.

"Overall, it was just exciting to get out and play on a decent evening first of all," said Elliott. "We had two good opponents, and it's good competition especially when you get a three-way, it's a little more of a tournament atmosphere with a little bit more of a gallery. We're not used to having a big following out on the course or anything. It puts a little bit more pressure on the kids. We were shooting some very good scores early on, and we just weren't able to bring those scores home. The last two to three holes just about everybody, our three, four and five, struggled with their score. We started out pretty well, but 171 overall wasn't too bad."

Lucas Hanselman carded a 40 to tie for third with Rochester's Nelson, while Ashton Duke carded a team-best 39 for his lowest score of the year so far.

"I really love to come out here with sunny weather instead of rainy weather," said Duke. "I thought I did a pretty good job out there today... The only thing it takes in golf is confidence. It takes planning, it takes dedication, you have to be dedicated to be out there and just focus one shot at a time."

Also Wednesday, the JV teams finished in the same order with Rochester carding a 183 ahead of Culver's 212 and Plymouth's 225.

The JV low medalist was Rochester's Cody Garrison with 43, while Culver's Conlan Deery shot a 47 to lead his team, and Don Barnes finished in 50 strokes to lead the JV Pilgrims.

• ROCHESTER 163, CULVER COMMUNITY 171, PLYMOUTH 176
At Mystic Hills Golf Course
ROCHESTER (163): Mason Heyde 38, Aaron Nelson 40, Korbin Bennett 42, Tanner Lee 43, Evan Hoff 44.
CULVER COMMUNITY (171): Ashton Duke 39, Lucas Hanselman 40, Chris Montgomery 46, Drew Norwich 46, Conlan Deery 47.
PLYMOUTH (176): Sean Flynn 41, Doug Booth 43, Bryant Reese 46, Mitch Holloway 46, A.J. Ruffing 54.

JV Meet
ROCHESTER 183, CULVER COMMUNITY 212, PLYMOUTH 225
Rochester (183): Cody Garrison 43, Thad Mooney 45, Travis Rom 47, Nick Weiss 48.
Culver (212): Conlan Deery 47, Anthony Bonine 52, Jacob Sheridan 56, Kyle VanDePutte 56.
Plymouth (225): Don Barnes 50, Chad Ballog 51, Michael Pedavoli 59, Riley Senter 65, Vern Miller 74.

Culver Scoreboard

Baseball

Cavs fall to ECA

Elkhart Christian Academy downed Culver Community 9-3 in a non-conference baseball game Thursday.

Drew Cultice and Zoe Bauer both doubled for the Cavs.

ELKHART CHRISTIAN 9, CULVER COMMUNITY 3
At Culver

ECA: 1 2 3 2 0 1 0 — 9 8 4
Culver: 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 — 3 7 3
Dan Bruckner (W) and Caleb Hartman; Drew Cultice (L), Alex Lazo (4) and Lazo, Cultice (4).

2B: Cultice (C), Zoe Bauer (C), Kyle Revella (ECA), Bruckner 2 (ECA).
Records: Culver 2-11, Elkhart Christian 7-5

Falcons win big

John Glenn's baseball team grabbed a 12-2 six-inning Northern State Conference win over visiting Culver Community Wednesday.

Glenn's Cody Singleton went the distance on the mound, while Lonnie Shetler and Brody Solmos both doubled for the Falcons.

Alex Lazo homered to lead the Cavs.

JOHN GLENN 12, CULVER COMMUNITY 2, 6 INNINGS
At Walkerton

Culver: 0 0 0 2 0 0 — 2 4
Glenn: 3 0 2 4 0 3 — 12 14
Bryce Lindvall (L, 0-2), Zoe Bauer (3) and Alex Lazo; Cody Singleton (W, 2-1) and Eric Bueno.

2B: Lonnie Shetler (JG), Brody Solmos (JG).
HR: Weddington (CMA), Connor Bartelman (CMA).

Records: Culver 2-10 (2-4 NSC), Glenn 8-7 (5-3 NSC).

Eagles win big

CMA beat potential baseball sectional opponent St. Joe, 16-6, Saturday.

Mo Weddington clubbed a solo homer in the second and stole home in the fifth and seventh innings for the visiting Eagles.

Connor Bartelman also went deep for CMA.

CMA 16, ST. JOE 6
At South Bend
CMA: 3 1 0 3 3 1 5 — 16 17 1
St. Joe: 2 0 3 0 0 1 0 — 6 11 6
David Gerths (W) and Mo Weddington; Osowski (L), Vasquez (6) and Guin.

2B: Aaron Overstreet (CMA), Trevor Grywatch (CMA), Jeff Mattson (CMA), Cass 2 (SJ), Zegee (SJ).
HR: Weddington (CMA), Connor Bartelman (CMA).

Records: CMA 8-2, St. Joe 7-8.

Golf

Cavs fall to Southwood

Culver Community's golf team lost by 10 strokes to visiting Southwood at Mystic Hills Monday. Team scores were: Southwood 157, Culver Community 167.

Lucas Hanselman paced the Cavs with a 39.

Southwood's Josh Teulker and Devin Dale tied for medalist with rounds of 37.

• SOUTHWOOD 157, CULVER COMMUNITY 167
At Culver, Mystic Hills Par 35
CULVER COMMUNITY (167): Lucas Hanselman 39, Ashton Duke 41, Conlan Deery 43, Drew Norwich 49, Chris Montgomery 44.
SOUTHWOOD (157): Josh Teulker 37, Devin Dale 37, Mitchell Morris, Jacob Shaw 46, Aaron Shaw 43.
JV score: Southwood 185, Culver 218.

Softball

Lancers dime Culver

LaVille's softball team collected its first Northern State Conference win of the season with a 15-0 five-inning victory over Culver Community Tuesday.

Stacey Dickson collected three hits and struck out nine for LaVille.

• LAVILLE 15, CULVER 0
At Lakeville
Culver: 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 0 3
LaVille: 7 7 1 0 x — 15 11 0
Erica Allyn and Alysha Wojdyla; Stacey Dickson and Gretchen Webb.
Records: LaVille 3-10 (1-6 in NSC), Culver 0-12 (0-7 NSC).

Tennis

CGA wins

CGA's tennis team collected a 4-1 win over Lafayette Catholic Wednesday.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 4, LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC 1
At Culver
SINGLES: 1. Romina Clemente (CGA) beat Anna Yaacoub, 6-0, 6-4; 2. Jessica Kutch (CGA) beat Katie Bouggy, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; 3. Brady Banks (CGA) beat Alyssa Sorenson, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES: 1. Averie Powell/Hali Reiffenrath (LC) beat Jocelyn Kinsey/Jill Sitjar, 6-4, 7-5; 2. Jessica Simon/Brindy Hamstra (CGA) beat Sarah Penix/Josie Jones, 6-0, 6-0.

Records: CGA 6-1, Lafayette Central Catholic 7-2.

Boys track and field

Cavs grab win

Culver Community's boys track and field team pulled out a 82-50 win over Knox Friday.

Justin Master grabbed a pair of individual wins to lead the Cavs. Other individual first-place finishes came from Jon Davis, Matt Kornblith, Stephan Vantwoud and Michael Stout.

Jared Benson won the 100 and 200 meters to pace the Redskins. Kenny Flores, Ethan Coad, Dane Christiansen, Danny Bartoli and Chris Steinke chipped in one individual win apiece for Knox.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 82, KNOX 50
At Culver
Long jump: 1. Justin Master (C) 17-7, 2. Jared Benson (K) 17-2, 3. Jeremy



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Culver Community's Robert Molebash clears a hurdle at the Lancer Relays.

Rhode (C) 16-1; High jump: 1. Jon Davis (C) 5-6, 2. Larry Clingler (C) 5-6, 3. Will Hauser (K) 5-4; Discus: 1. Matt Kornblith (C) 133-2, 2. Kenton Lovely (C) 131-11, 3. Kenny Flores (K) 123-7; Shot put: 1. Flores (K) 44-7.5, 2. Lovely (C) 44-1, 3. 3. Kornblith (C) 40-2; 100 meters: 1. Benson (C) 12.19, 2. Michael Salary (C) 12.21, 3. Rhode (C) 12.50; 200 meters: 1. Benson (K) 25.56, 2. Salary (C) 26.67, 3. Brock Elliott (C) 26.72; 400 meters: 1. Ethan Coad (K) 59.5, 2. Dennis Davis (C) 1:00, 3. Elliott (C) 1:04; 110 hurdles: 1. Dane Christiansen (K) 17.41, 2. Master (C) 17.55, 3. Robert Molebash (C) 20.34; 800 meters: 1. Stephan Vantwoud (C) 2:15, 2. Evan Coad (K) 2:21, 3. Salary (C) 2:23; 1600 meters: 1. Michael Stout (C) 5:22, 2. Vantwoud (C) 6:14, 3. Danny Bartoli (K) 6:34; 3200 meters: 1. Bartoli (K) 12:05, 2. Colton Measels (C) 13:21, 3. Blake Bennett (C) 13:52; 300 hurdles: 1. Master (C) 46.06, 2. Molebash (C) 48.30, 3. Mark Nevel (K) 53.36; Pole vault: 1. Chris Steinke (K) 10-6, 2. Molebash (C) 10-0, 3. Gavin Norton (C) 8-6; 3200 relay: 1. Culver 9:21; 400 relay: 1. Culver 50.10; 1600 relay: 1. Knox 3:56.

CMA beats Culver

Culver Military Academy's track and field team downed crosstown rival Culver Community 83-48 Wednesday.

Tabari Byrd-Williams was a triple winner for the Eagles, while hurdler Daniel Ching and distance runner Alejandro Arroyo chipped in two wins apiece. Kris Klondaris and Marcus Shannon picked up one individual win as well for CMA.

Jon Davis, Kenton Lovely, Stephan Vantwoud and Robert Molebash collected a blue ribbon apiece for the Cavs.

• CMA 83, CULVER COMMUNITY 48
At Culver
Long jump: 1. Tabari Byrd-Williams

(CMA) 18-4, 2. Justin Master (CC) 18-3, 3. Jon Davis (CC) 17-2.5; High jump: 1. (tie) Davis (CC), Larry Clingler (CC) 5-6, 3. Master (CC) 5-6; Discus: 1. Kris Klondaris (CMA) 138-8, 2. Matt Kornblith (CC) 126-1, 3. Kenton Lovely (CC) 124-11; Shot put: 1. Lovely (CC) 44-9.2, 2. Kornblith (CC) 39-6, 3. Jeremiah Harvey (C) 39-4; 100 meters: 1. Byrd-Williams (CMA) 12.0, 2. Klondaris (CMA) 12.6, 3. Jeremy Rhodes (CMA) 12.62; 200 meters: 1. Byrd-Williams (CMA) 23.34, 2. Ryne Stranbirk (CMA) 25.13, 3. Parker Woodward (CC) 25.17; 400 meters: 1. Marcus Shannon (CMA) 56.15, 2. Dennis Davis (CC) 59.17, 3. Brock Elliott (CC) 59.25; 110 hurdles: 1. Daniel Ching (CMA) 15.9, 2. Thomas Anderson (CMA) 16.1, 3. Blake Bennett (CC) 20.34; 800 meters: 1. Stephan Vantwoud (CC) 2:08, 2. Coleman Zimmerman (CMA) 2:11, 3. Hunter Dekoninck (CMA) 2:12; 1600 meters: 1. Alejandro Arroyo (CMA) 4:40, 2. Dekoninck (CMA) 4:39, 3. Michael Stout (CMA) 3:03; 3200 meters: 1. Arroyo (CMA) 10:04, 2. Trace Ostergren (CMA) 10:31, 3. Colton Measels (CC) 13:30; 300 hurdles: 1. Ching (CMA) 41.37, 2. Master (CC) 43.42, 3. Robert Molebash (CC) 49.44; Pole vault: 1. Molebash (CC) 9-6, 2. Joel Florek (CMA) 9-6, 3. Austin Welch (CMA) 8-6; 3200 relay: 1. CMA 9:16; 400 relay: 1. CMA 47:0; 1600 relay: 1. CMA 3:44.

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Tyler Thornton, Henry Ayala, Austin O'Connor) 3:56.2, 2. LaVille 4:01.8, 3. Culver 4:10.7, 4. Knox 4:29.4, 5. Oregon-Davis 4:41.3.

4 x 400 relay: 1. Glenn (Aaron Hunsberger, Andrew Alexander, Pat Shetler, John Bogucki) 3:41.2, 2. LaVille 3:50.2, 3. Knox 3:56.5, 4. Culver 4:09.4, 5. Oregon-Davis 4:13.7.

4 x 100 relay: 1. Glenn (Chris Lawler, Jacob Feece, Chris Patton, Tyler Thornton) :47.2, 2. LaVille :48.3, 3. Culver :49.2, 4. Knox :52.5.

4 x 200 relay: 1. Glenn (John Bogucki, Austin O'Connor, Michael Childs, Tyler Thornton) 1:38.2, 2. Culver 1:46.1, 3. Knox 1:46.8, 4. Oregon-Davis 1:52.2. LaVille disqualified (uniform violation).

4 x 800 relay: 1. Glenn (Patrick Shetler, Andrew Alexander, Jake Singleton, Austin O'Connor) 8:50.1, 2. LaVille 8:52.1, 3. Knox 9:31.7, 4. Culver 10:03.5, 5. Oregon-Davis 10:31.6.

High jump: 1. Glenn (Austin O'Connor, John Bogucki) 11-6, 2. LaVille 11-4, 3. Culver 11-2, 4. Knox 5-8, 5. Oregon-Davis 5-2.

Long jump: 1. Culver (Justin Master, Jon Davis, Jeremy Rhode) 53-7 1/4, 2. LaVille 52-0, 3. Glenn 51-0 1/4, 4. Knox 50-2 1/4, 5. Oregon-Davis 44-1 1/4.

Shot put: 1. Glenn (Craig Fitzgerald, Austin Davis, Scott Applegate) 122-0, 2. Culver 120-9, 3. LaVille 116-6, 4. Knox 112-3, 5. Oregon-Davis 86-1.

Discus: 1. Culver (Myles Pinder, Kenton Lovely, Matt Kornblith) 362-8, 2. Glenn 355-10, 3. LaVille 269-4, 4. Oregon-Davis 205-9, 5. Knox 170-8.

Girls track and field

Eagles nip Culver Community

CGA scooped up a one-point win — 60-59 — over Culver Community in a closely-contested track and field meet Wednesday.

Alex Banfich and Erica Sims grabbed a pair of blue-ribbon finishes for the Eagles.

Jenna Iwaniec, Lauren Johnson and Mary Margaret Peter collected one individual win apiece for CGA.

Alicia Allen, Sarah Bailey and Patrice McBee were double winners for the Cavs. Other Culver first-place marks came from Liz West, Lauren Shaffer, CJ Dehning, Sam Mersch, Jasmin Crockett, Whitney Sanders and Trinity Garcia.

• CGA 60, CULVER COMMUNITY 59
At Culver

Long jump: 1. Alicia Allen (CC) 14-11.5, 2. Sam Costas (CGA) 13-6.5, 3. Sam Mersch (CC) 13-2; High jump: 1. Liz West (CC) 4-8, 2. Susannah Baker (CC) 4-4, 3. Trinity Garcia (CC) 4-4; Discus: 1. Sarah Bailey (CC) 106-9, 2. Celeste Kato (CGA) 92-0, 3. Hilari Weldon (CC) 78-8; Shot put: 1. Bailey (CC) 33-0, 2. Kato (CGA) 31-7, 3. Coleysa Henderson (CC) 28-2; 100 meters: 1. Erica Sims (CGA) 13.28, 2. Allen (CC) 13.35, 3. Whitney Sanders (CC) 13.40; 200 meters: 1. Sims (CGA) 27.47, 2. Allen (CC) 27.57, 3. Jenna Iwaniec (CGA) 28.57; 400 meters: 1. Iwaniec (CGA) 1:03, 2.

Garcia (CC) 1:05, 3. Sammie Costas (CGA) 1:06; 100 hurdles: 1. Lauren Johnson (CGA) 17.28, 2. Nicole Ziaja (CC) 19.16, 3. Baker (CC) 19.32; 800 meters: 1. Mary Margaret Peter (CGA) 2:34, 2. Kay Sitterley (CGA) 2:36, 3. Kiley Trennepohl (CGA) 2:49; 1600 meters: 1. Alex Banfich (CGA) 5:22, 2. Sitterley (CGA) 5:42, 3. Trennepohl (CGA) 5:46; 3200 meters: 1. Banfich (CGA) 11:06, 2. Lauren Shaffer (CC) 13:48, 3. Willow Smith (CGA) 14:18; 300 hurdles: 1. Patrice McBee (CC) 55.37; 3200 relay: 1. Culver 12:18 (Shaffer, McBee, CJ Dehning, Mersch); 400 relay: 1. Culver 54.09 (Allen, Jasmin Crockett, Sanders, Garcia); 1600 relay: 1. CGA 4:24.

Culver finishes second

Culver Community's girls track and field team finished second at the Lancer Relays Tuesday.

The Cavs' Liz West and Trinity Garcia combined to win the high jump.

• LANCER RELAYS

At Lakeville

GIRLS

Team scores: LaVille 100, Culver Community 78, John Glenn 64, Oregon-Davis 52, Westville 23, Knox 22.

Shuttle hurdles: 1. LaVille (Stevie Vidmar, Kelsey Bettcher, Katlyn Bettcher, Alysha Fisher) 1:02.2, 2. Culver 1:02.6, 3. Glenn 1:04.9, 4. Westville 1:07.4, 5. Knox 1:12.0, 6. Oregon-Davis 1:13.5.

Sprint medley (100-100-200-400) relay: 1. LaVille (Hannah Christy, Stevie Vidmar, Abby Davis, Emily Fuller) 2:00.1, 2. Culver 2:04.8, 3. Glenn 2:06.9, 4. Oregon-Davis 2:07.9, 5. Knox 2:11.2, 6. Westville 2:18.3.

Distance medley (200-200-400-800) relay: 1. Glenn (Sarah Feeney, Tasha Johnson, Kim Podell, Amy Shirk) 4:35.2, 2. LaVille 4:39.0, 3. Oregon-Davis 4:59.1, 4. Culver 5:00.9, 5. Knox 5:26.9, 6. Westville 5:30.1.

4 x 400 relay: 1. Glenn (Maryellen Schmalzried, Tasha Johnson, Kim Podell, Amy Shirk) 4:36.3, 2. LaVille 4:40.4, 3. Oregon-Davis 4:42.0, 4. Westville 4:55.2, 5. Culver 4:56.0, 6. Knox 5:10.3.

4 x 100 relay: 1. LaVille (Emily Langford, Alysha Fisher, Emily Fuller, Abby Davis) :53.8, 2. Culver :53.9, 3. Westville :58.3, 4. Glenn :58.6, 5. Knox :58.7, 6. Oregon-Davis 1:01.2.

4 x 200 relay: 1. LaVille (Emily Langford, Alysha Fisher, Emily Fuller, Abby Davis) 1:53.3, 2. Culver 1:54.4, 3. Oregon-Davis 2:01.7, 4. Glenn 2:04.7, 5. Knox 2:14.1, 6. Westville 2:15.1.

4 x 800 relay: 1. Glenn (Kim Podell, Marijke Kunnan, Dori Borlik, Amy Shirk) 10:33.6, 2. LaVille 10:42.1, 3. Culver 12:01.0, 4. Knox 12:27.7, 5. Oregon-Davis 13:05.3.

High jump: 1. Culver (Liz West, Trinity Garcia) 9-6, 2. LaVille 9-2, 3. Oregon-Davis 8-10, 4. Glenn 8-6, 5. Westville 8-4.

Long jump: 1. Culver (Suz Baker, Samantha Mersch, Alicia Allen) 41-5, 2. LaVille 41-4, 3. Oregon-Davis 39-1 3/4, 4. Glenn 38-0 1/4, 5. Westville 36-9, 6. Knox 35-7 1/2.

Shot put: 1. LaVille (Ellen Schmeltz, Sarah Dudeck, Hannah Christy) 92-9, 2. Culver 88-2, 3. Oregon-Davis 81-6, 4. Knox 81-1, 5. Glenn 77-10, 6. Westville 66-3.

Discus: 1. LaVille (Jessica Heston, Sarah Dudeck, Hannah Christy) 254-6, 2. Oregon-Davis 236-7, 3. Culver 223-3, 4. Glenn 204-4, 5. Knox 184-3, 6. Westville 152-1.

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Culver Kiwanis holds Texas Hold'em poker May 24

The Culver Kiwanis announces its first annual charity Texas Hold'em poker tournament to be held May 24 at the Culver Cove. The event will start at 12 p.m. Registration to the event will begin at 10 a.m. The Culver Cove is located at 319 E. Jefferson St. in Culver, Indiana.

Vice President of Kiwanis and Chair event organizer Grant Munroe says, "The popularity of Texas Hold'em in this country is evident from the many televised tournaments, home games, and celebrity events seen in the media. We hope to attract beginner players as well as those people who have played in other tournaments. The purpose is to have fun and to support an organization that serves kids in the community."

A member of Kiwanis and chief of police of Culver Wayne Bean adds, "We hope those who like to play cards will come out and support the kids that Kiwanis supports. It's a great organization

that gives directly back to the kids in the community and does a lot to help send kids to college and activities they are involved in." Bean is helping to plan the event and believes it will bring people from Culver and surrounding areas, as he has helped plan similar events.

At the event, Kiwanis members will provide a free lunch and beverages as well as a cash bar. To enter the event, participants will pay \$100. Each participant in the tournament will receive chips that represent \$8,000. Participants can add \$2,000 in chips by paying an additional \$10. The prize pool depends on the number of entrants, but organizers expect the top prize to reach \$2,000. Prizes will be rewarded to the top 8-12 places.

Kiwanis president Dick Swennumson comments, "Kiwanis is an organization whose purpose is to serve kids in the community. We plan other annual events to raise funds for college or vocational

scholarships and to support local organizations, such as the Culver Community Choir, the BPA (Business Professionals of America), the Culver Boys and Girls Club, and many other organizations whose members or participants are kids."

"This is the first time we have organized a Texas Hold'em tournament, and it was a more complicated event to organize because of the special licensing [Indiana license #118726] with the state, but we'd like to plan for more of these events if people in the community enjoy it," says Munroe. Swennumson adds, "We hope even those who don't have a good poker face will come out and enjoy the tournament."

To preregister to the event or to obtain more information, call 574-842-2000. To learn more about Kiwanis, you can join the organization at a weekly luncheon meeting at the Culver Community library. Meetings are held at noon on Thursdays.

Dembowski seeks opinion on Kernan-Shepard report

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

State Representative (and former Knox mayor) Nancy Dembowski paid a visit to Culver's Kiwanis Club on April 10 and, after noting that property tax reform had been the topic of discussion in recent weeks at the club (discussed by Sen. Ed Charbonneau and county councilman Fred Lintner), addressed instead various aspects of the Kernan-Shepard Commission report, which was released last year and lists a number of recommended reforms in state and municipal government.

Dembowski said she's soliciting public opinion on the report. "Is it a good idea? Is it going to work on a local level?"

She suggested that one guiding principle of the report is that government should be "simpler and more responsive," adding a paraphrase from Charbonneau's often-used comment that if a Civil War soldier came back today, he would struggle to recognize modern technology, but not Indiana's largely unchanged systems of local government.

Dembowski picked a handful of specific recommendations to discuss, commenting on each and asking for audience feedback. She began with the recommendation that a "chief executive" be hired to replace existing, multi-person county commissioners, noting that a business today with three CEOs would be considered inefficient. In response to audience query, Dembowski said she felt that checks and balances for such a position would be in place by the same recall options that exist with mayors. David Baker, in the audience, added that "our country and state have a chief executive."

The Representative noted that the state of Florida has a larger population but fewer counties than Indiana, and cited that state as one that has adopted some of the proposals of Kernan-Shepard. She acknowledged that, as some in the public have alleged, that one portion of the proposal which has already been enacted into law -- elimination of the township assessor position -- won't necessarily save money for the state, but would garner more professionalism and consistency.



Kernan-Shepard, she said, also suggested the establishment of a county council of seven, nine, or 11 members to be more representative, and that council would be in charge of the county's chief executive officer.

From the audience, Argos Public Library director Jane Hall asked if bigger government means more efficient government. "They seem to imply that it does," Dembowski replied.

Hall shared her concerns that the Kernan-Shepard commission was compiled by one person -- Gov. Mitch Daniels -- and was conducted behind closed doors. She added that last year's public meetings to discuss the specifics of the commission were "very poorly advertised. No transcripts came out so that the public knew who they talked to and what was said. We're wanting to present this as very democratic and bipartisan, but to me this threw up a lot of red flags."

Audience member Bernard Busart suggested that inefficiency in the creation of Marshall County's recently-completed jail exemplifies a need for change. "Today's system is flawed," he said. "It needs polishing up."

Audience response to the proposal of a county chief executive ranged from "sounds good," to "that's too much power."

"I'm not suggesting this has to be taken verbatim," said Dembowski. "It may be we'll take some parts of it. We did something similar when we did the property tax caps. We're phasing that in. Perhaps we'll do a little bit of (the Kernan-Shepard

recommendations) piece at a time."

Audience member Dick Brantingham noted that "you can't assume the average person knows what (specific governmental procedures) we have today," with which Dembowski concurred.

She went on to seek feedback on the fifth recommendation from the report, that a county wide body oversee all public safety services, a system she said seems to work in Marion County today. Audience member Grant Munroe said he expected wide opposition to the proposal, with Hall adding that people are concerned about thorough public safety coverage under such a system.

Dembowski also addressed one of the more controversial proposals in Kernan-Shepard, that school districts be reorganized to include a minimum of 2,000 students per district. "We're not talking about closing schools with less than 2,000 students," said Dembowski. "The idea is the administration part. When I was in grade school, we had a county school superintendent. The schools would stay where they are."

Greg Fassett asked, from the audience, what would happen to local school boards in this scenario, adding that the consolidation that took place in Indiana in the 1950s saw a number of smaller schools close down with students being bused further to compensate. "A (local) representative (on a county school board) doesn't satisfy me," added Fassett. "That's just one more person on a board."

Hall noted that several small Marshall County schools were given awards of late for reaching students in their particular demographic area. "We feel we're losing control. Everyone's afraid."

"Is there a blueprint from other states that (this) works?" asked Hall. "These (members of the Kernan-Shepard commission) are seven individuals from Indianapolis and some colleges and businesses making these decisions."

Most of the audience seemed affirmative when Demboswki asked if further public discussion of Kernan-Shepard needs to be held. "The devil is in the details," added an audience member.

Recent papal visit includes Culver faces

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When Pope Benedict XVI made his first trip to America last month, several people representing Culver were on hand. Among these were Fr. Glenn Kehrman, pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, and Joel Florek, a freshman at Culver Academies who lives in Marquette, Mich.

This was Kehrman's second time seeing the pontiff -- the first being in Cologne, Germany in 2005 -- and Florek's first. Kehrman traveled from Culver with his niece and a friend, with a stop in Ft. Wayne and Fairfax, Virginia before making their way to Washington, D.C. for the papal Mass at National Park Stadium. After the Mass, says Kehrman, "we made the trek back to the beautiful shores of Maxinkuckee at 3:15 a.m."

Florek traveled with a group of teenagers from the Ft. Wayne Catholic Diocese and attended the Mass at Yankee stadium and youth rally at St. Joseph's Seminary. Of the 80 young people who write essays and sought recommendations from their priests for spots on the journey sponsored by the Diocese, Florek was one of only 14 who were chosen to go.

"We woke up bright and early to go to the youth rally where there were over 25,000 people gathered under the grace of God to see our Holy Father," recalls Florek. "He spoke words directed toward the youth of the church. He said that the youth of America are the church, and are the future of the church. The next day we went to Yankee Stadium to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father. Over 60,000 people sang and praised the word of the Lord that morning. What impacted me the most was when everyone in that stadium locked hands to say the Lord's Prayer. Something about that moment sticks in my head."

"At that time I felt as if I was ready for a new beginning. I took a deep breath and everything in the world felt right and I could feel God in our presence," Florek continues. "My experience with seeing our Holy Father will always be with me and I will never forget the people I shared those moments with."

"The central theme of this visit was hope," says Kehrman. "Hope in a real future filled with peace and love. For this to be accomplished he pointed out the need to really understand human dignity, and part and parcel of human dignity is a respect for religious liberty."

"It is quite a thing to see so



Culver Academies freshman Joel Florek, above, at Yankee Stadium last month, where he attended a papal Mass.

Below: Fr. Glenn Kehrman, pastor at St. Mary of the Lake church in Culver; Kehrman attended the papal Mass at National Park Stadium.

many people together praying for the Holy Spirit to renew the faithful and be instruments of God's love and peace," he adds. "Benedict reminds us that the teaching of Christ is always intended for the well being of all, not just those in power or those who make the laws. Respect for human dignity, mutual respect, and looking out for the poor and those who have no one to speak for them will lead to a better world. I do believe we have many reasons to hope!"



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School board discusses CCHS scores

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow “Under PL 221 requirements, we must have a public hearing when one of our schools receive probationary status.” Brad Schuldt, Culver Community School superintendent told his board members. “Although Culver Community High School received recognition in the US News and World Report magazine for outstanding scholastic excellence, under requirements for PL 221, our high school achievement scores fell below the 60 percentile putting us on probationary status.”

Schuldt then introduced Albert Hanselman, high school administrator, to speak to the trustees about methods being implemented to bring the school out of the probationary status.

Hanselman prefaced his presentation by noting that the along with himself, all faculty and staff were committed to accountability, although they aren’t necessarily in agreement with the different criteria used to judge the school’s achievement status.

Noting that the score of 57 percent was well below the 77.9 percent achieved four years ago that designated CCHS as “exemplary”, Hanselman said research indicat-

ed that a drop in scores between the freshman class and sophomore class (on which these test scores were based) seemed to be related to the help resources received prior to entering the freshman year and the lessening of intense training as the students entered high school.

Programs being instituted will include a grant being written whose funds will provide a computer for each student. There will be a remedial Language Arts and Math Arts for freshmen. Checking test scores will result in three groups receiving additional assistance in Language and Math. The groups will be based on students scoring below the 25 percentile, those at the 25 percentile, and those scoring above. There will also be a transition program for freshmen with a staff and teachers. The program will orient incoming freshmen on the policies of the high school, offer counseling, tutoring, and any further assistance a student may require.

There will be a “teen” teaching program with two teachers, including a special needs teacher for English, Math and Science.

A professional development program in English and Math will be held during Student Resource Time (SRT).

There will be a second period in English and Math labs, and finally, there will be staffing changes, Hanselman concluded.

Schuldt reported that Marilyn Day was retiring and Katie Ettlinger was resigning to pursue her Master’s degree. Kyle Elliott has been appointed Varsity Boys Basketball Coach and Ashley Thomas will be the cheerleading coach.

Summer School programs are being finalized. Culver Elementary mandatory sixth grade summer school will run June 1 to June 13. Science class will be held June 1 to June 5. Jump Start for grades one through six will run from July 21 to August 1. Additional dates can be found on the school’s web site. The cost of Drivers’ Education will remain \$395. Schuldt also noted that the Summer School band program would be expanded.

George Irvin, Middle School administrator, introduced the handbook for next year. The board will review and make recommendations. Irvin also gave the board copies of his “Indicator-for grades K-12” that lists items staff members must know for each grade level. He also recommended an additional staff member for Physical Education classes, which the

board said they were in favor of adding.

Schuldt announced that interviews have begun for Irvin’s replacement. Irvin will retire at the end of this school year. Schuldt said that to date there are 25 applicants some of whom are principals or assistant principals.

Chuck Kitchell, Culver Elementary administrator, said that an open enrollment would be available again this year. A school that is on a probationary status for two years, must offer enrollment in another school in the district if the parent desires. Letters to this effect will go out this week, Kitchell said. Last year, approximately 17 students were interested in transferring to Monterey with a final total of 11 students making the transition.

Board members congratulated the Choral Group and Art Show students for their accomplishments. They also noted recognition given to the Top Ten students and their mentors by the Chamber of Commerce in Culver and the Culver Kiwanis. The Culver Lions Club also honored the high school’s leaders. Praise was given the Building and Trades group on the completion of their 2008 house.



PHOTO/JIM SAWHOOK

Liberty Day

Congressman Joe Donnelly paid a visit to Culver Middle School’s eighth and eleventh grade classes April 28 as part of the national observance of Liberty Day. In the photo above, Donnelly, right, is flanked by Culver Lions Club member Barbara Winters, center, and Lions president Pat Birk, left. In the background is Culver Middle School principal George Irvin.

Donnelly’s visit was organized by the Culver Lions Club, who also distributed booklets containing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. After explaining the meaning of the Declaration of Independence and describing America’s system of government, Donnelly described his own work, which includes frequent visits to Washington, DC, he said, and two recent trips to Iraq. “150 young men and women from this area serving in Iraq will come home this week,” said Donnelly. “They’re our heroes. They’re heading out on patrol at midnight when you’re getting home from school...these are men and women who work in Culver or Plymouth, at the bank or at stores – they’re doing this....think of sacrifice they made.”

As part of a question and answer session with students, Donnelly also answered questions about gas prices and alternate energy, the content of the media, “big box” stores in the economy, and the planned US 31 bypass highway, which he said will be limited access and will bypass Kokomo. Donnelly also urged students to stay in school and learn a trade, and reminded them that they are the future of the country.

mas and Thanksgiving without their grandmother, Gaskill was allowed to walk free. He also stressed the long-term consequences of his actions. “Everywhere I go from here on out, any application for a job I fill out, I have to check a box that says I’m a convicted felon. This is a small town; wherever I go, I think people say, ‘look at this horrible guy and the bad thing he’s done.’”

He stressed his desire to give back to the community and the need for students to make good choices. “You can’t control what happens to you in life, but I do have a choice about how I react. I sat in those very seats (that you’re sitting in), but people couldn’t tell me what to do, which is why I did what I did. Just take 10 seconds if you’ve been drinking, before you choose to get behind the wheel of a car, and think about it.”

Noting that he wakes up daily thinking about Gerhardt and her family, Gaskill – who said he has been sober for four years now – urged students to call their parents or a non-drinking friend before getting behind the wheel. “Maybe the first 999 times, something bad won’t happen, but the one thousandth time it will,” he said.

Following Gaskill’s story, Hanselman told students that Gaskill had been president of student council and was voted prom king 12 years ago. “I never would have thought he’d be telling this story,” said Hanselman. “It took a lot of courage for him to (do so). I think he handled it really well.”

“Remember this story for the rest of your life,” urged Culver police officer Chad Becker.

Gaskill shares story to warn CCHS teens

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

When Culver Comm. High School students prepared for prom this year, they may have had on their minds a former member of their own ranks who visited the school May 2 to share a difficult recollection of a difficult set of circumstances in his own life.

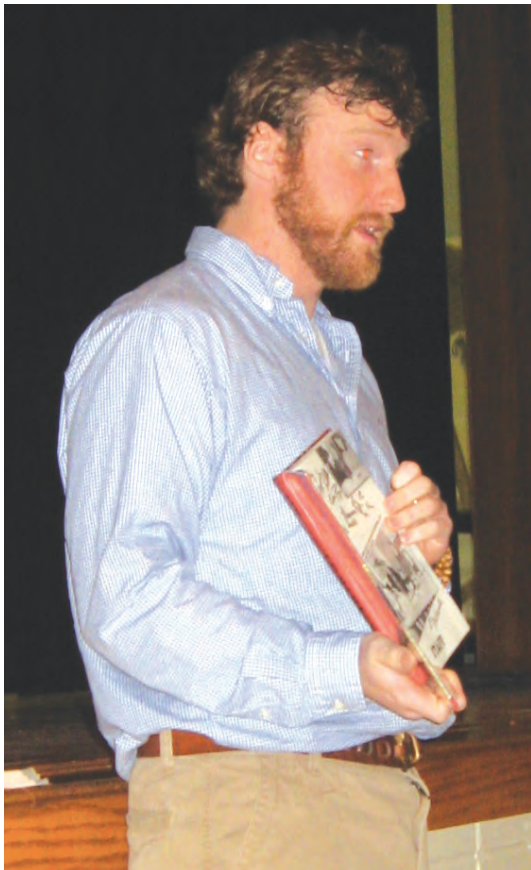
Jon Gaskill, a 1996 graduate of the school, spoke for the first time in public about the events that led to the tragic death of 82-year-old Orvilla Gerhardt on Aug. 28, 2004, as the elderly woman was retrieving her newspaper at her home near Valparaiso.

After opening remarks by CHS principal Albert Hanselman and Culver police chief Wayne Bean, Gaskill stood before over 200 students in the school’s auditorium and described himself as a non-drinking student at Culver who once sat in the same room and heard pre-prom warnings about drinking and driving. Holding his class yearbook, Gaskill also named many of the teachers he shared with his audience through his years in the school before attending college, from which he graduated four years later. There, Gaskill said, “we studied hard and we played hard. I was 19 years old at college when I had my first drink. I started to party, and I threw all caution to the wind. I went nuts and played way too much.”

Gaskill said he returned to Culver in 2001, eventually working at the Culver Comm. Youth Center (now the Boys & Girls Club of Culver) with young people there. “I felt it was important to give back to the community that has given so freely to me,” he said. “(Young people are) our future; you’re our future.”

In the meantime, however, he continued drinking, he said, because it made him feel socially acceptable. He made plans in 2003 for a trip to Alaska, believing he was bored by Culver. “But the boredom was inside me,” explained Gaskill. “I was bored with myself.”

He described the night in August, 2004 when he began drinking in celebration of his



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Jon Gaskill, a 1996 graduate of Culver High School, holds his class yearbook as he warns CHS students of the real-life dangers of drinking and driving, which brought about tragedy in his own life and the life of another family.

birthday, eventually leaving a friend’s bachelor party near Valparaiso. “I drank with reckless abandon,” he recalled. “Drinking made me everybody’s friend, it made me feel powerful. That was a big, fat lie.”

Shortly thereafter, Gaskill said, he awakened to a wrecked car and eventually an arrest which took him to a weekend in the Porter County jail, not realizing he was suspected of Gerhardt’s death until a few days later when detectives questioned him at length about the events of that night. “One detective couldn’t

look at me in the eye, he was so (angry).” Gaskill said. Choking with emotion, he described learning from the lead detective that he had struck and killed an 82 year old woman. “This was something I could never undo. I realized I couldn’t fix this...I almost threw up on the spot. And I realized I would be wearing those (prison) clothes for a long time.”

Gaskill spent a day alone in a cell contemplating the ramifications of what had happened. Eventually, his family learned where he was, and Fr. Jeff Largent, state police chaplain and former pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, visited him and tried to help calm him.

After his family bonded him out of jail, Gaskill checked into a Lafayette work rehabilitation center and later halfway house, eventually accepting, he said, that he had a problem with alcohol and drugs. Contemplating a possible 10-year prison sentence, Gaskill said “it scared the crap out of me to know I wouldn’t see my family. But then I thought about the lady I had killed, that her family wouldn’t see her again. They said she was a vibrant woman, that she often walked with her two year old granddaughter, that she jump roped. And here I was, thinking about myself. It was a humbling experience.”

Jon Gaskill was sentenced to six years in Indiana’s Dept. of Correction, time he split between the prisons at Plainfield and Westville, Indiana. The day of his sentencing, he said, he had to face the eyes of the victim’s family and watch his own family and loved one’s tears as he was taken away in shackles. Gaskill also described witnessing beatings and other acts of violence while in prison. “It’s not a pleasant place at all,” he said. “In a room full of 140 people, and it’s 96 degrees in there, tempers roar.”

The day he was released, said Gaskill, an article in a nearby newspaper said that while the Gerhardt family would spend their Christ-

Scoreboard, from page 6

Boys lacrosse

Eagles win
CMA’s lacrosse team picked up a 12-10 win over Heritage Christian Saturday.

Alex Niestrom and Pierce Leonard scored four goals apiece for the Eagles.
• CULVER MILITARY 12, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 10 At INDIANAPOLIS

CMA GOALS-ASSISTS: Alex Niestrom 4-0, Pierce Leonard 4-0, Jesse Rabishaw 3-1, Cory Hibbeler 1-0, Tommy Ott 0-3, Brandon Benn 0-3.

Records: CMA 11-5.
CMA routs Luers
CMA’s lacrosse team downed Bishop Luers 15-1 Wednesday.
Alex Niestrom rattled off six goals and an assist to lead

the Eagles.
• CULVER MILITARY 15, BISHOP LUERS 1
At Culver
CMA GOALS & ASSISTS: Alex Niestrom 6-1, Tommy Ott 1-3, Jesse Rabishaw 3-1, Brandon Benn 1-0, Cory Hibbeler 1-1, Cameron Dabir 1-0, Greg Miceli 1-2, Jonathan Watanabe 1-0.
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Records: CMA 10-5, Bishop Luers 3-5.

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