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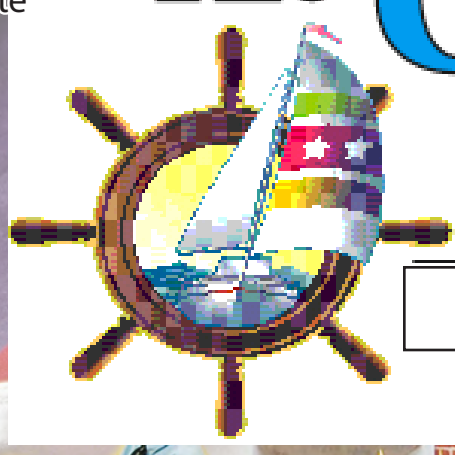
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In Brief

Children's Christmas party Dec. 6

The Culver fire department, VFW, and Lions Club-sponsored annual children's Christmas party will take place Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Santa will be there as well as a clown (complete with balloons and magic tricks), besides games and other Christmas fun. All area children are invited.

Adams to sign Culver novel Nov. 22

Culver author Marcia Adams will be signing copies of her new novel, "Adventures of Alexia, a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl: 1885" Sat., Nov. 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Culver Coffee Co. on Lake Shore Dr. Copies of the book -- the fictional, but historically accurate, adventures of a girl over 100 years ago in the Culver area -- will be available for purchase at the event as well.

Leaf raking reminder

The town of Culver would like to remind residents to avoid raking leaves to the end of streets and alleys, particularly where storm drains are located, as wet leaves can clog storm drains and cause flooding and other problems. Where possible, residents are encouraged to rake leaves onto the terrace between sidewalks and streets.

REAL Services

Thanksgiving meal

Culver's REAL Services will hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner Wed., Nov. 26 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Culver beach lodge in the town park. Those wishing to share this traditional Thanksgiving meal are asked to register at 574-842-8878 by Mon., Nov. 24. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for the meal.

Wesley Cookie Walk

Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver, will have a "Cookie Walk" Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. - noon.

Shoppers can walk along several tables and choose the cookies of their choice. There will be a variety of cookies available. The congregational members of the church make the cookies.

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A Culver Veteran's Day

Above: Various facets of the Culver community joined the nation in observing Veteran's Day Nov. 11, each in its own unique way. At left front, retired Culver High School teacher Latham Lawson, himself a Navy veteran, returned for the school's annual Veteran's Day convocation as featured speaker, impressing upon the collective student body the depth of sacrifices past veterans made. *Behind Lawson, student Shannon Dunfee explains each fold of the American flag as fellow students Nick Pritz and Shane Comiskey fold the flag. Center and right: Culver Academies' annual Veteran's Day observation took place outside the Legion Memorial building and featured 1999 CMA graduate Will Erwin, who has served in explosive ordnance disposal in Iraq, and who stressed the horrors of war as far less than the horrors of a world without freedom. At right, cadets bear Allied flags as part of a solemn observance concluding with a 21-gun salute.

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Culver marks Veteran's Day 2008

Lawson, Culver Middle, High Schools contemplate 'the cost of freedom'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A face familiar to generations of Culver High School students returned to the school for its annual Veteran's Day observance, leaving students with a grittily realistic sense of the true sacrifices veterans made in past conflicts. Latham Lawson, a retired history teacher who spent 39 years instructing Culver students, was the featured speaker at the event, held in the John Nelson Gymnasium at CHS.



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Though he spoke little about it, Lawson himself served in the US Navy from 1951-55. Instead, he described the "bright red uniforms and nice neat rows" of combatants during the Revolutionary War, which was never fought on Sundays or holidays, nor at night, and whose battles took place on previously agreed-upon land. Warfare technology, Lawson noted, contributed largely to the shifting practices that resulted in much bloodier battles fought during the Civil War, battles in which soldiers "fought them where you caught them: in cities, in towns, in peach orchards, wheat fields, and rock piles."

Instead of three minute waits between shots, as during the American Revolution, Civil War-era rifles shot every four to five seconds, leaving scores of dead on battlefield after battlefield.

Modern warfare came to the

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Liberty worth sacrifice, says Academies' Erwin

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver Academies ushered in Veteran's Day in much the same way it has for over 80 years now: with great solemnity, ceremony, and dignity outside the Legion Memorial Building, a structure built to be an ongoing tribute to the people and ideals memorialized each Nov. 11. As always, the eleventh hour of the day, a chilly lakeside gathering included Culver Military Academy cadets in full dress, marching into place and observing time-honored customs of the day, including the traditional 21-gun salute. They were joined by members of the Culver Girls Academy, faculty, staff, and other observers.

Academies head of schools John Buxton opened the ceremony by noting the number of graduated Culver students who find themselves asking university presidents and others why their institutions lack an observance of Veteran's Day, while others are moved to place flowers on the graves of veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and elsewhere, so striking is the impact of the school's annual Nov. 11 event.

Commandant Col. Kelly Jordan introduced the featured speaker of the event, Will Erwin, who graduated from Culver in 1999 after four years in the band. A 2004 graduate of Vanderbilt University, he became part of a US Army explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) unit assigned as a platoon leader to the 38th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company. Erwin was stationed in Iraq from Nov., 2006 to February of this year, conducting bomb disposal missions in Baghdad and Fallujah, and

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School board discusses tree plan

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The Culver Community School board of trustees was introduced to the last hire of faculty staff for the 2008-2009 school year at Monday night's meeting. Brad Schuldt, superintendent, presented the contract for Cristyn Cattone who will be the Physical Education teacher for the Middle and High School. Cattone will also be the Varsity Softball Coach.

Members of the Culver Tree Commission were present to discuss their proposal to create a visually pleasing tree corridor along School Street from State Road 10 to Academy Road. Mike Stallings, chairman, introduced members Tom Kearns, Judy Campbell, Judy Sawhook and Dick Brantingham.

Stallings gave a brief overview of the Tree Commission and what they had

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Medallion cuts 37 Nation's economic woes hit home

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The nation's economic woes hit home in Culver last week when Medallion Cabinetry announced its decision to cut 37 employees from its Mill St. plant, one of several of the company's locations across the US forced to reduce its workforce.

"Despite internal efforts to make adjustments," the Waconia, Minnesota-based company said in a press statement, "the prolonged downturn in our markets required that we make these current, difficult decisions...we deeply regret the necessity now to make these reductions (and) look forward to improving economic conditions that will allow us to continue our market growth."

Medallion opened its doors in Culver in 2005, when it was hailed as a much-needed boost to local industry.

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WNIT head visits Culver

Mary Pruess, president of WNIT-TV, Elkhart-South Bend, paid a visit to Culver Oct. 30 to update Culver's Kiwanis Club on the status of the station, which she said has already gone completely "digital" (doing away with its analog broadcast feed) and may add a handful of new, specialized channels for viewers in the coming months.

Pruess said the PBS affiliate, channel 34, has served viewers within a 50 mile radius of the Elkhart area for 30 years now. The station's studios will be moving in the near future to the downtown South Bend building occupied for many years by WSB-TV, which is building new studio space and "basically donated" its existing building to WNIT. Pruess said her station hopes to utilize the building as a kind of community hub allowing for more in-studio programming and audience participation.

Joining Pruess was Gail Martin, host of the WNIT-produced program "Dinner & a Book," which features a meal revolving around a different popular book each week.

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accomplished since its inception in 2006. He noted that an inventory of parkway trees in Culver determined trees to be removed and the optimum number of trees to be planted. The goal of the commission is to plant the 700 trees recommended plus remove or prune trees deemed to be unsafe to the public. He said that they had recently arranged for the removal of two trees on school property, one in front of the elementary school and one near Ohio Street that were unsafe.

Stressing that all labor is done through volunteer efforts, the goal of the commission is to plant 50 trees per year



Cristyn Cattone, left, the newest member of the Culver Comm. Schools' faculty, is greeted by Culver Middle School administrator Kelly Pulliam. Cattone is middle and high school physical education instructor and varsity softball coach.

CITIZEN PHOTO/BOBBIE RUHNOW

There were also concerns that the trees might cause more maintenance problems and also the concern that placement along the entrance to the high school would be an impediment to bus drivers' visibility. Stallings noted that all trees are planted in accordance with the town's very strict policy of setbacks.

The board decided to table the request until a decision could be made on the funding. Schuldts will explore options and report to the board at the next meeting. Stallings noted that the trees should be ordered soon for April planting and if the school is not interested, another section of Culver can be selected. Schuldts asked if the school could purchase trees at a cost of \$100 to plant at their discretion and Stallings said that was possible.

Gary Gabel, Group Alternatives, updated the trustees on the continuing services provided by his consulting firm. The firm meets with the corporation's insurance committee on a regular basis to review claim experience, assess the current insurance coverage, assist with any change in plans, and if necessary, assisting with a plan transition.

The school corporation is a self-insured entity, Schuldts explained. All employees contribute to the plan and the first \$50,000 in claims is covered by the school after which the stop gap insurance carrier steps in. A survey of annual benefits costs were given to trustees for review. It showed the annual benefit costs from 2000-2001 as \$707,548 for 164 employees, increasing to \$1,097,621 in 2005-2006 for 143 employees and for 2007-2008 the cost for 138 employees was \$859,475.

Gabel recommended the school's participation in a Wellness Program. The cost is \$85 per participant enrolled in the health plan and will screen blood pressure, health risk appraisal, appropriate blood tests, and individual and management reports. A 75 percent participation in the program is desired and is available to spouses of enrollees. A \$230 incentive pay will be offered to each participant who completes the program.

Under the superintendent's report, Schuldts noted that Governor Daniels has stated his intentions to pursue recommendations from the Kernan Shepard report completed earlier this year. According to the article in the Indianapolis Star, Schuldts said recommendations made would affect local governmental bodies, such as school boards, advisory boards, and library boards.

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expects to deploy again next year.

Erwin, the son of the late Lewis Erwin CMA '69 (Band) and Dr. Jacqueline Erwin of Culver's Humanities department, joked with the audience that he must be "one of the most unqualified Veterans Day speakers ever invited to Culver."

He described responding to his demoralized unit once with an assurance that "I know you've saved lives. That matters. That makes a difference. Now all that national and strategic-level stuff is way above our level, and way out of our lane. But tomorrow, you and I are going out, taking down some more IEDs, and we're going to save some lives."

Erwin described the simultaneous fulfillment and sadness derived from being a veteran and "seeing the tree of liberty refreshed with the blood of friends and the breaking of

families. It is the sadness of knowing that this tree will inevitably need more such refreshment."

He told the story of Andrew Nelson, a young combat engineer from Michigan whom Erwin met Christmas Eve, 2006 in Baghdad. "He was volunteering to become a bomb technician (and) was exactly the kind of soldier I like to recruit: sharp and enthusiastic. I scheduled him for the required tests, wished him a merry Christmas, and then he went back to his unit."

The next day, Erwin said, Nelson was dead, the victim of an armor-piercing bomb at age 19, survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Kristi.

Stumbling recently upon Nelson's widow's contact information, Erwin said he wrote her a short note. In her reply to him, she wrote:

"I loved him so much and still I can't accept that he is really gone, nor do I think I ever will accept it. All I can come to terms with is that he was so happy to be over there helping out and how much he loved being a soldier...all I could ever think of was. 'Why? Why do you want to go over there?' His response would always be, 'It's my turn to go; all those guys have been over there too long and I want to go and release some of them so they can go home to their families.' That's just how Andrew was."

"There is a greater evil than the one we fight," concluded Erwin. "It is the quiet thought that our liberty is not worth our sacrifice. It is the death of our hope, our faith, (and) our dreams. Veterans or not, we as a country can never surrender to this despair. The tragedies of war are better than what we would face if we had no veterans."

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'Jamming' at the library

Jon Gaskill entertains children at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Nov. 8 as part of the library's ongoing series of free children's concerts, "Peanut Butter and Jam." Gaskill, accompanied by acoustic guitar and beanie hat, played a number of classic children's folk and pop songs, with a dash of "kid-friendly" pop numbers from the Beatles and others thrown in as well. Children's librarian Ali Schuldt also passed out maracas, shakers, and tambourines for an enthusiastic group of youthful rhythm accompanists.

Death notices

Ellen Richard Nov. 8, 2008

ROCHESTER — Ellen Richard, 77, of Rochester, died Saturday, Nov. 8, her residence.

She is survived by four daughters: Mary and Jim Rockenbaugh of Peru,

Rita and Jim Jenkins of Rochester, Ruth and Dwight Gunter of Rochester and Jane Richard of Rochester; eight sons: Frank and Ruby Keitzer of Rochester, Theodore and Lynda Richard of Rochester, Hugh and Vicky Richard of Rochester, Charles Richard of Rochester, Carl and Charla Richard of Rochester, Joe Richard of Rochester, Mark and Kris Richard of Holiday, Fla. and Ed Richard of Avon, Fla.

Also surviving are 34 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four more on the way.

Sisters Ladyne Millican of Jackson, Ga. and Ethel Loechner of Monterey survive with one brother, Richard and Ellen Reinhold of West Virginia.

Visitation was from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Services were at 4 p.m. Nov. 11 at the funeral home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester with her grandson, Thomas Landis officiating.

Burial was at Citizen's Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorials may be made to the Manitou Training Center.

Electronic condolences may be sent to goodfamily@rt-col.com.

Gladys Tettenborn Nov. 10, 2008

KNOX — Gladys Tettenborn, 91, of Knox, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2008 at Golden Living Center, Knox.

She is survived by sons: Allen (Toni) Tettenborn of Culver and Dennis (Sandy) Tettenborn of Elkhart; brother, Orville Klima of Wisconsin; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, was in charge of the arrangements.

Richard J. Cruse Sr. Nov. 12, 2008

Richard J. Cruse Sr., 83, formerly of Knox, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth.

He is survived by a daughter, Shari (Mike) Spaid of Culver; son, Richard Cruse Jr. of Ft. Wayne; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, Nov. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. CDT at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Philip M. Keller Nov. 13, 2008

MONTEREY — Philip M. Keller, 87, of Monterey, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008 at 7:35 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

He is survived by a son, William (Cathy) Keller of Monterey; daughter, Marsha (Michael) Daugherty of Winamac; brother, Richard Keller of Monterey; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 8 p.m. with a spiritual wake at 7:30 p.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey.

Burial was at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey.

Memorials may be given to St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Janice Howard—Collins Nov. 16, 2008

ARGOS — Janice Howard-Collins, 68, of west Marshall Road, Argos, died Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2:15 a.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester following a one-year illness.

She is survived by four sons: Tim Brock of Culver, Ind.; Marty Brock and wife Sherri of Culver, Ind.; Jack Moriarty and wife Jeanetta of Argos, Ind. and Galen "Nat" Moriarty and wife Sarah of Bourbon, Ind.; a daughter, Launa (William) Fields of Hazard, Ky.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three brothers: Harold Dean (Marid-ean) Howard of Rochester, Denton (Gloria) Howard of Jonesboro, Ind. and Olin (Betty) Howard of Argos, Ind. and one sister, Claudette (Hobart) Stevens of Lakeville, Ind.

Visitation took place Tuesday, Nov. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Plymouth Church of Jesus Christ, at the corner of 12th road and U.S. 31, Argos, Ind.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, at the church with burial to follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family at Collins

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Holiday events notice

The Culver Citizen will soon begin listing local holiday-themed events in a separate calendar through December. Clubs, organizations, businesses, schools, and other public entities planning holiday-themed events are encouraged to send them to the Citizen by email (citizen@culcom.net), postal mail (110 N. Main St., Culver, IN 46511), fax (574-842-2160), or by dropping them off in the Citizen office drop box at the downtown address above. Events may also be reported by phone by calling the editor at 574-261-7887 (cell) or 574-842-3229 (office). Please be aware that, as with all news, 5 p.m. Friday is the deadline to submit items for the following week's paper.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 20

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Lisa Moise, CES teacher on character building, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
BZA mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg, 7 p.m., church rectory basement

Friday, Nov. 21

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," Culver Academies fall play, 7:30 p.m., Eppley auditorium

Saturday, Nov. 22

Marcia Adams book signing ("Adventures of Alexia, a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl: 1885"), 1-4 p.m., Culver Coffee Co., Lake Shore Dr.

"Twilight Talk," 1-4 p.m., Culver Public Library

"The Man Who Came to Dinner," Culver Academies fall play, 7:30 p.m., Eppley auditorium

Monday, Nov. 24

Knitting Class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Culver Academies' Thanksgiving vacation begins

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Culver Public Library

closes at 1 p.m. for Thanksgiving today

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

REAL Meals Thanksgiving dinner, 11:30 a.m., Culver beach lodge

Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot/train station

Thursday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving; schools

closed, no public events

scheduled.

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REAL Services

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

Thursday, Nov. 20: Meatballs & noodles w/ gravy, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts, roll & margarine, apricots, and milk.

Friday, Nov. 21: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad & dressing, Italian Beans, garlic bread & margarine, pineapple, and milk.

Monday, Nov. 24: BBQ chicken, cauliflower, corn, bread & margarine, pudding, raisins, and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Pork fritter & bun, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, fruit cocktail, peach cobbler, and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Chicken breast stuffed w/ dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, Cranberry Sauce, dinner roll, pumpkin pie, and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Closed for the holiday

Friday, Nov. 28: Closed for the holiday

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Bravery

A true story for Veteran's Day

By Jim Walsh

Bravery in combat in Korea had many forms. Just jumping off the line of departure into the face of the enemy took courage. Moving forward despite incoming mortar rounds took fortitude.

Two soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division, 35th Regimental Combat Team's Able and Dog companies did more than called for against Chinese Communist Troops, though in very different ways, on Hill 440 in North Korea in late October, 1951.

Able's riflemen fired from the hip as they advanced up 440. Machine gun tracers barely cleared heads to suppress enemy fire. It didn't the grenades flipping out from Chinese defensive positions. Tracers looked like hot fireflies pricking the sky where the enemy trench wound like a snake upward toward a formidable bunker. The sounds from various caliber weapons played a deadly symphony. It grew louder and fiercer every step of Able's skirmish line. To move forward was a plunge into the teeth of a barracuda. Grenades plugged the tide of attacking GIs. They hustled for cover behind boulders, in shell holes, anywhere down low, but kept up their fire, though going no further uphill.

Across the sweeping ridge line, Able's PFC Mike Hibser, looking a hump-backed soldier, flung himself recklessly upward toward death on the crest. Leaping trenches, jumping boulders, he dashed with a flame thrower's liquid in triple cylinders on his back, a Buck Rogers' look. He carried a nozzle in hand to squirt fire and roast the heavy machine-gun firing from the bunker above the horseshoe curve. As if posing for a photograph, Hibser stood at the enemy's gun hole amidst exploding grenades and flashing muzzles. He aimed his nozzle to free its flame. It trickled out like a faucet leak. Despite the grenades, Hibser tried again. It didn't even trickle. Shooting erupted in a frenzy at the spectacle of Hibser ripping the flame thrower from his back to escape down a defile from a hail of lead and grenade fragments. Then he fell, plunging downward, rolling into a deep abyss. As if in salute, awe struck GIs and Chinese soldiers momentarily ceased firing.

Waves of tracers resumed the chafing of the crest bunker. It was a strange block of lumpy construction on a windy, treeless pinnacle that lurched out at all who gave challenge for mastery of the hill. Chinese soldiers swept GI trench lines with their own lead in response. Both sides exchanged fire for what seemed forever, but Able's assaulters stayed pinned down.

Strikingly dominating the ridge line again was another humpback soldier. The gait was familiar. Hibser? He'd



return, this time with more flames of hell on his back! A flashing torrent of liquid fire forced the enemy from their gun holes. Faces sizzled, logs, mats of straw erupted in flames. Finished, Hibser flung his flaming instrument down. He fell, rolling down the sharp slope like a prostrate log. When the Commie bunker erupted with Vesuvius' shriek across the crest, the shock waves were felt in the deepest trenches. Hibser's heroic endeavors inspired Able's soldiers to charge, overrunning the objective.

Chogie bearers flooded GI trenches, dropping off cans of water, fragmentation grenades, boxes of ammo, bandoleers, combat rations. Chogies were civilian South Korean men hired to bring supplies up, and using litters, carry the wounded off the hill. No sooner unburdened, than heavy enemy incoming mortar rounds fell on the conquered trenches. The fearful faces of Chogies, like a fleeing fold of sheep lashing at one another, beat their way off the hill far from the counter-attacking Commies.

Dog Company ammo bearer, Pvt. Earl Diemer, hopped up from his fox hole and bolted down the trench tailing the last Chogie. Just when the whole machine gun squad had attributed a touch of stability to the mustiest soldier in the 35th Regiment, he'd bugged out.

The exchange of mortar and artillery rounds built up to a roar. Shells clobbered both sides of the trench. Grenades sent shreds and chips from rocks to render flesh. Above the din of battle, cries came from serrated flesh.

"Medic, medic," some GI shouted.

"Litter bearer! Where are the litter bearers?"

"Bugged out."

"They be coming," cried a voice piercing the smoky air. Diemer! His M-2 carbine, its bayonet fixed, pointed at the backs of Chogie bearers.

The litter bearers went about carrying the wounded as inscrutably as their armed guard. His squad mates were conscience stricken thinking Diemer a bug out in the face of the enemy.

Diemer was a heroic riddle without a single clue explaining why.

Jim Walsh, who lives with wife Joann near Lake Maxinkuckee, is a veteran of the Korean War whose photos and stories about the war have been published in the Library of Congress book "Voices of War: Stories of Service from the Home Front and the Front Lines" and on the accompanying website at www.loc.gov/vets/stories/voice-sofwar, as well as in Notre Dame Magazine and Military History Magazine. Walsh says the story above is true and Diemer a hero, even though no medal was ever awarded him.

Culver 'hung out her flags' on first Armistice Day

Each year the nation -- and part of the world -- celebrates what we in the States call Veteran's Day, known formerly as Armistice Day after the official signing of the treaty that ended the bloodiest war in human history up to that point, the Great War, World War I.

So how did Culver react to that very first Armistice Day? According to the Nov. 13, 1918 *Culver Citizen*, "with the official confirmation of the signing of the armistice received about 10 o'clock Monday morning by Telephone Manager Colby from the office of the Chicago Daily News and by a wire to (CMA's) Maj. Glascock

from H.P. Wolfe of the Columbus, Oh., Dispatch, Culver began to hang out her flags."

Culver's public school, reported the paper, "took the initiative when teachers and pupils marched in a long line through Main Street with flags waving and drums beating. Then gathering around the community flag they were led by their music teacher Miss Buswell in patriotic songs; later on the Liberty guards took them in tow and marched them up and down the streets."

About 7:30 that evening, over 500 Culver Military Academy cadets marched into town in a promised celebration, headed by the

band and academy officials with the local Liberty guards bringing up the rear as an escort of honor. At the flagstaff, it was reported, was a British officer with three years' experience in the war and then teaching trenchwork and bayonets at the school, Maj. Yates.

"S.C. Schilling and Capt Hunt made short impromptu talks and the Girls' quartet sang two patriotic selections," said the *Citizen*, which added that the "raw east wind" broke up the celebration, though "the Liberty guards and their lady friends adjourned to the drill hall where a dance was held until about 11 o'clock p.m. Burr Oak also had a big blowout with a bonfire and speeches."

On the Academy campus earlier in the day, the entire

batallion formed up and a 21-gun salute was fired. "Yells of joy followed the dismissal of the boys who then formed a celebration of their own, marching with peaceful broomsticks instead of the stermer weapons of war."

It was also noted that the football team that week was allowed to play after a month of "enforced quarantine due to the influenza," which underscored the strange fact that America lost more to the flue epidemic during the years of WWI than to the war. According to the *Citizen* of the following week, between 40,000 and 45,000 Americans perished in the war, while some 78,000 died from the flu. "Yet we fear war," added the *Citizen*, "and joke about the 'flu.'"

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Sports



CHS fall athletes honored

175 students in grades 7-12 were recognized Nov. 12 at the Culver High School's annual fall sports awards banquet.

Top row, left photo: seventh grade honor roll athletes (front row, left to right) Shane Comiskey, Torie Elliott, Tori Christlieb, Courtney Littleton ; (second row), PJ Thompson, Hayes Barnes, Nick Pritz, Trent Elliott; (third row), Don Clark, Shawn Russell, Kayla Shaffer, Kennedi Thomas.



Top row, right photo: All-Conference athletes (front row) Stephan Vantwoud, Adam Neace, Broderick Schmidt; (back row) Leanna Overmyer, Susannah Baker, Beth Wodyla, Patrice McBee.



Bottom Row, left photo: eighth grade honor roll athletes (front row) Clare Hartman, Morgan Osborn, Abby Van Horn, Ali Overmyer; (second row) Micah Budzinski, Collin Stevens, John Ahlenius, Bradley Beaver; (third row) Makennon Hicks, Kortney Smith, Alex Baker, Crystal Looney.

Bottom row, right photo: high school honor roll athletes (first row) Kalee Miller, Chelsey Jones, Aspen Kitchell, CJ Dehning, Hilari Weldon; (second row) Joe Krsek, Cole Flora, Trent Becker, Leanna Overmyer; (third row) Justin Master, Drew Cultice, Alex Hnatusko, Kalie Thompson, Parker Woodward.

CHS Athletic Director Andy Thomas officiated at the event, which took place in the high school auditorium.

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Culver football 2008

Pictured are team photos of Culver Comm. High School (above) and Culver Military Academy (below) football squads.

CCHS: First row, left to right: Dylan Ricks, Brandon Ditmire, Joe Krsek, Bobby Back, Dillon Surrent, Jacob Cavazos, Jeremiah Ray, Brian Nelson, Luke Dunfee, Cole Flora, AJ McHugh, RJ Greer. Second row: Coach Andy Thomas, Robert Molebash, Parker Woodward, Andrew Jackson, Jacob Sheridan, Chris Purtell, Dennis Davis, George VanSky, Sam Hendrickson, Nate Niswander, Sam Hissong, Julian Black, Kyle Dulin. Third row: Coach Tom Bendy, Michael Salary, Chris Bowen, Zoe Bauer, Kyle Garland, Max Burgess, Jeremiah Harvey, Ryan Carter, Keagan Minix, Kevin Hogan, Nick Zehner, Coach Mike Buschman, Coach Chad Hollenbaugh.

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CMA: Front row, left to right: Alfred Morris, Leroy Warr, Drake D'Ambra, Carl Rivera, Spencer Carey, John Sabo, John Brown, Jim Turner, Tabari Byrd-Williams, Thomas Wilson. Second row: Ryan Haase, Jackson Upcheshaw, Coach Ed Kelley, Coach Andy Strati, Coach Kurt Christiansen, Coach Andrew Dorrel, Coach Mike Goldstein, Coach Kevin Danti, David Johnson, Chris Kuzak. Third row: Ryan Stec, Josh Wright, Zach Deery, Albert Maicco, Andrew Schmit, Luke Schumacher, Trace Thews, Conor Casey, Michael Kime, Ryne Sternberg. Fourth row: Cameron Garrison, Yorel Warr, Joey Sanchez, Ned O'Connor, Jacob Ashcraft, Mitch Hoback, Garrett Lee, Alex Canacci, Tom O'Neill, Mitch Anthony. Fifth row: Anthony Pitts, Randy Schoch, Ralph Laux, Colt Vessels, Will Strong, Will Crawford, Austin Haden, Deshaun Brown, Jacob Schubert, Turner Morsches, Manger Jake Pflaumer

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Local soccer participants honored at MSRA banquet

ELKHART — The Michiana Soccer Referees Association (MSRA) held the seventh annual Area Soccer Recognition Awards Banquet, and several Marshall County schools were represented.

Leading the way was coach Harry Canellakis and the Culver Girls Academy, which was named the team of the year, along with Mishawaka Marian on the boys side. Both squads advanced to the IHSAA final four. Jenna Iwaniec, of CGA, was named the Girls Player of the Year, while Marian goalkeeper Cody Camp was the Boys Player of the Year.

Plymouth's Curt Feece was named Girls Coach of the Year after leading the Rockies to a 12-2-4 record and NLC championship.

Argos' Kelsie Hollabaugh was chosen as one of five Outstanding Players, along with Sarah Blaase (Penn), Jennifer Deeter (Adams), Morgan Hiler (St. Joseph) and Erin Maddux (Elkhart Memorial).

Other award winners of local interest include Boys Coach of the Year Scott Bauer and Outstanding Player Jesse Sharp, both of Warsaw.

Sports brief

Girls basketball Eagles win big

Culver girls basketball topped off its basketball season with a 77-31 rout of Bethany Christian at Fleet Gym Friday.

Sophomore Kylee Shipley knocked down a game-high 24 points and pulled in eight rebounds for the Eagles, with senior guard Katie Barnes following closely with 22 points. Cassie Fel-

ton added 12 points to the Eagles' effort.

CGA 77, BETHANY CHRISTIAN 31

At Culver
Score by quarters
BC: 8 16 24 31
CGA: 19 40 57 77
BC (31): Twila Albrecht 0 2-2 2, Erin Helmut 3 2-2 8, Ali Hochstetler 1 0-1 2, Sarah Lederman 2 0-0 4, Mattie Lehman 0 0-0 0, Chris Minter 0 1-1 1, Jenae Rupp 4 3-5 11, Jodi Stutzman 1 0-0 2, Marla zumFelde 0 1-4 1. TOTALS: 11 9-15 31
CGA (77): Katie Gower 1 0-0 2, Moira Kelley 1 0-0 2 Katie Barnes 9 0-1 22, Kylee Shipley 10 4-4 24,

Emily Loehmer 3 3-6 9, Cassie Felton 6 0-0 12, Erica Sims 2 0-1 4, Marquisha Wright 1 0-0 2, Andrea Lin 0 0-0 0, Monica Weaser 0 0-0 0.

TOTALS: 29-4 7-12 77.
3-point goals: BC 0; CGA 4 (Barnes).
Free throws: BC 9-15 (60 percent); CGA 7-12 (58 percent). Shooting: BC 11-37 (30 percent); CGA 33-72 (46 percent). Fouls (fouled out): BC 11 (none), CGA 17 (Kelley, Sims).
Rebounds: BC 32 (Helmut, Rupp, Lederman, zum-Felde 3); CGA 43 (Shipley 8); Officials: Ron Day and Tim Filson. Records: BC 0-1, CGA 1-0. JV score: BC 19 (Mattie Lehman 6), CGA 16 (Monica Weaser 9).



The Culver Lions Club held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting Nov. 12 with approximately 65 people in attendance. Prior to the program, Mick Henley, the Club's "Tail Twister," did an impersonation of Minnie Pearl and tried to stump the astute audience with some trivia involving automobiles. Needless to say he was no match for this audience. The speaker for the evening was Sue Nikirk, activities director for the Culver Public Library. She talked about the many programs offered by the library. In addition, Charlie Shields officially joined the Club and was taken into membership. He was sponsored by Ed Pinder, and the induction was conducted by Past District Governor Art Birk. In the photo above, Shields (second from left) is joined by Birk, Pinder, and Lions Club President Dan Adams.

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Containers will be provided. Cookies can be purchased for a cost of \$5 per pound.

CBGC Thanksgiving hours

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will be closed Thurs., Nov. 27 and Fri., Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving Break. The club will re-open Mon., Dec. 1 during normal club hours, 3-6:50 p.m. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

Culver Coffee Co. anniversary/holiday open house

Culver Coffee Co. on Lake Shore Dr. will celebrate its five-year anniversary as a Culver business -- and the upcoming holiday season -- over the weekend of Dec. 4-7 with an open house event featuring live entertainment, special sales, and free samples. More information will appear in a future issue of the Citizen.

Winter open gym

An open gym will be held for adults at the Culver Middle School gym this winter, Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m., from Nov. 30, 2008 to March 1, 2009. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Twilight Talk at the Culver Library

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a book and movie discussion on Twilight Talk, Sat., Nov. 22, from 2-4 p.m. The Twilight movie opens in theaters Nov. 21, so let's get together to discuss the most exciting moments. Did you love it, did you hate it? This is a spoiler alert! If you don't want to know what happens, plug your ears. Free snacks, music and raffle will be part of the festivities, which will take place at the library, 107 N. Main St., downtown Culver. Call 574-842-2941 for more information.

St. Mary's Nativity pageant Dec. 19

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church will hold its annual Nativity Pageant, reenacting the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus, Fri., Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Following the pageant, which will feature children playing the various roles in the Nativity, an Advent party and carry-in will take place in the basement of the church at 124 College Ave. in Culver. Area children are welcome to the tryouts and rehearsals for the pageant, which take place at the church from 9 - 10:30 a.m. the first two Saturdays in December. The public is welcome to the pageant.

Culver library initiates Food for fines

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will accept donations of non-perishable food and personal items for Culver's food pantry to offset fines accrued for already returned items, between Nov. 3 and Jan. 3. Each item donated is good for one dollar off a patron's fine. Donated items may not be used to pay for lost or damaged items, and will not be accepted to pay fines for items still unreturned. Items should be brought to the circulation desk and given to a clerk along with the patron's name.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group (sponsored by the Culver Community Council of Churches): Meets at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver each Monday evening at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," and "Forgiveness." For more information, call Pastor Robin Keating at 574-216-0331 or Michael Rakich at 574-842-4625.

Holy Walk in Bremen

Bremen area churches will join together Dec. 5 and 6 to host the Bremen Holy Walk, an annual reenactment of the journey from Judea to Bethlehem — a journey of love.

The Holy Walk begins at the Bremen High School gymnasium, 511 W. Grant St., with the first bus leaving at 6 p.m. on Friday and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

No reservations will be taken and no admission is charged.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History is in need of area artifacts to display in our recently renovated space, the future home of our museum. Items can either be a permanent gift to our collection or a loan. Artifacts may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library.

Citizen cell phone

Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached by cell phone at 574-261-7887.

Area children to learn origins of St. Nick at Dec. 6 party



St. Nicholas, seen here at St. Mary's in 2005, will return to Culver on St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6.

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Saint Nicholas will return to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church Sat., Dec. 6 at 2:30 p.m. for the church's annual Saint Nicholas Day party for all ages. St. Nicholas himself, dressed more as he would have during the fourth century A.D. (that is, as a Christian bishop), will appear at the party to greet participants and discuss how Christmas traditions concerning Santa Claus evolved from the real-life St. Nicholas. Multi-media looks at the various ways St. Nicholas has been presented (and his evolution into the figure we today know of as Santa Claus) over the years will be shown, as well as a short animated clip on St. Nicholas' real life. There will also be refreshments, games, and music, all aimed at a fun and educational look at the real life of the beloved, iconic saint.

Children will also learn about the European tradition of St. Nicholas' leaving chocolate coins in the shoes of children on Dec. 6, a tradition that began during his lifetime of leaving money in the stockings and shoes of needy families in the city where he lived. St. Nicholas may be demonstrating that tradition in Culver on Dec. 6 at the event.

St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop in what is today Turkey during the fourth century, has been a beloved figure in Christian and nonchristian circles since his own lifetime, and has evolved in more modern years into "Santa Claus" (a derivative of the Dutch "Sinter Klauss," which means, "St. Nicholas").

Everyone is invited to this free, ecumenical event for all ages. The party will take place in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Ave. in Culver. For more information, please contact the church at 574-842-2522 or via email at stmarys@culcom.net.

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Council rescinds vote, Culver EMS remains unchanged

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council Nov. 11 voted to rescind its Oct. 27 decision to make one of two existing full-time positions on the town's EMS into a paid administrator, a decision EMS head Millie Sytsma said would likely force one of the department's two current full-time staff out of a job.

Sytsma said the council's Oct. decision "didn't go over well" with EMS members, who agreed to maintain the present status of the department's two full-time staff members, neither of which are full-fledged administrators. Instead, Sytsma said, the department would prefer to use the allotted money for part time PRNs and extra hands to offset the shortage of present EMS volunteers. "I'm proposing we cancel the last four or five months of discussion and keep like it is," she said, adding the department will form an EMS committee for future planning to include members of the council, the township board, and others.

Sytsma also said the EMS board voted she remain head of the department, and informed the council of a holiday project the EMS is planning – funded by members – to distribute groceries, funds, or gifts for needy township residents Dec. 20. The council also approved the purchase of three new radios for the department.

- The council also decided to hold sessions during the first week of December to interview the 11 candidates – chosen from a much larger list by the council during a recent work session – for the position of Culver's next town manager. Candidates range from area applicants to as far away as Iowa and New Mexico.

- Audience member Dennis Burkett of Culver raised concerns about properties on Ohio, Mill, and South Main Streets that may violate the town's nuisance – and other – ordinances with regards to vehicles and other de-

bris onsite.

Police chief Wayne Bean noted he has spoken with Burkett and town clerk Casey Howard with regards to the Ohio St. property, though Howard noted she felt uncomfortable sending a letter to the property owner without council consent. Also discussed was a South Main St. property some have claimed may be a health concern. Town building inspector Russ Mason said he, the county building inspector, and fire chief Mike Grover checked the outside of the property a year ago and all concerns they raised as a result were taken care of by the property owner. Mason said he has no jurisdiction at present to enter the house. The council asked town attorney James Clevenger to write a letter to property owners at the three locations discussed.

- Council member Lynn Overmyer, part of a council committee to look into having an impact study conducted of Planned Unit Development and other major development in the area, said she received a response from the firm Umbaugh and Associates, who said they don't conduct such studies. Instead, a Bloomington-based firm which does handle such studies, said Overmyer, suggested a town of 1,800 might not be able to handle the cost involved. She noted the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council is conducting a study of the environmental impact of a proposed PUD on the southeast shore of Lake Maxinkuckee, and has agreed to share its findings with the council. She added two committee members, Mike Stallings and Joan Volkert, both of whom have had relevant experience with PUDs in other communities, have "come up with a lot of good ideas for the (Culver) plan commission."

- Fire chief Mike Grover noted a new fire alarm pole to replace the existing mounting at the town hall site has been shipped, and that NIPSCO will replace the old

chimney on which the alarm is mounted, with the new pole. The new siren, he noted, uses single phase power with a battery backup, with council member Ralph Winters suggesting the "jerry rigged" three phase line presently running from the nearby dry cleaning building be removed.

- Street Department head Bob Porter reported a recent sewer collapse requiring Thomas Excavating to dig down to find the source of the problem, which included an old faucet tap and mop head obstructing the sewer line. Thomas will have to return, Porter said, to fix the problem. The council approved the cost of both visits as well as parts to repair the sewer line.

Porter also said the town's leaf machine broke down recently, but should be back in operation Nov. 12; the council approved his request to run a three to four man crew on Saturdays through November to expedite the leaf pickup process in Culver.

- Police Chief Wayne Bean said his department has been "pinching pennies" and will cut the budget used for department vehicle purchases in half next year. Counting money Bean hopes to encumber from this year, he said he hopes to purchase a new police car for the department next year, most likely a Dodge model.

- Town attorney James Clevenger said he has been in touch with Russ Mason about possible zoning violations at the Ratcliff property on the south shore of the lake, involving several semi trailers now parked on that property, on the corner of South Shore Dr. and Sage Rd. Mason said he is unsure whether existing ordinances cover the trailers, and that he's more concerned with five storage sheds there, which do violate ordinances.

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fore during World War I, Lawson noted, impressing upon this audience the sheer suffering and death that accompanied that "great war" and led to the advent of today's Veteran's Day.

"They dug holes to put armies in," he explained. "What happens when it rains? The trenches collect water, rats, and fleas. If you didn't get shot, you got bit. We lost more men to disease in World War I than rifle shots. And we had a whole new cadre of weaponry: submarines, airplanes, torpedoes, machine guns, poison gas, and the guns fired three shells a second."

After describing fighting methods that left rows of dead in each battle, Lawson noted, "They did this for four years

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and lost tens of thousands per day. The cost of freedom was magnified exponentially. When the Americans entered the war, it was new blood for the allied side. The Germans surrendered because we were extra bodies they couldn't match. In a railroad car in France, officers agreed they would stop firing at the same time. They picked an arbitrary day about three or four weeks down: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the war would be over. For soldiers in the trenches, that was not good news. It meant another month to survive. No one wanted to be the last man shot, the last casualty on the death list."

Describing the lonely journey back from the battlefield after the war, Lawson concluded with, simply: "The cost of freedom."

CHS teacher Cheryl Geik led a recognition of veterans and parents of siblings of those now serving in Iraq and Afganistan, bringing student children and siblings before the audience in honor of family members serving.

The CHS choir, under the direction of Diane Darrow, added a moving tribute in song to the observation, which also included the Jason Crittendon-directed CHS band performing several pieces, most notably a musical tribute to each branch of the US Armed Forces, during which veterans of those branches were asked to stand. Veterans themselves were represented by members of Culver's VFW Post 6919 and the Monterey American Legion Post 399.

CHS student Shannon Dunfee read a poem, "Dear Veteran," by French teacher Vickie Dearth, who could not attend the ceremony due to illness, and also explained the significance of each fold of the American flag, while Shane Comiskey and Nick Pritz followed formal flag folding procedures to demonstrate.

The event also included an explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance by Luke Dunfee, Gwen Zehner, and Jerry Smith and concluded with a reading of "It is the Veteran" by Kimberly Irsa and the playing of Taps.

Railroaders in 'Train'-ing?

Below: Alan Dilts, left, looks on as younger brother Austin scrutinizes a model train with assistance from Jon Schmidt, Hibbard resident and representative of the Hoosier Valley Rail Museum in North Judson. The museum was one of a number of area organizations showcased Nov. 8 at the Culver Public Library, part of a (hopefully) annual event.

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'The Man Who Came to Dinner' comes to Academies stage



Culver Academies premiered its fall play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Saturday night. Left to right: Academies student players Josh Woolfolk as Sheridan Whiteside, Rachael Ridenour as Maggie Cutler, Trent Shafer as Bert Jefferson.

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etc.), the play is considered one of Kaufman and Hart's masterpieces of comedy.

The performance includes 20 students and five faculty members, with 12 students working behind the scenes and three faculty involved in directing, building and designing the production.

The show runs Nov. 21 and 22 at the Academies' Eppley Auditorium. All shows are at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Call 574 842-7058 for show information.

CES works to improve alternative lunches, aid struggling parents

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Culver Elementary School has responded to some parents' concerns over lunches served to students with unpaid balances by making some changes in its policies to accompany the rise in price of school lunches that goes into affect after the New Year, and by encouraging parents to consider free and reduced lunch assistance available.

CES students with a negative balance of \$10 or more are given an "alternative lunch" which previously consisted of a peanut butter "wafer" and milk. One concerned parent contacted the school and the *Culver Citizen* after her child was served the meal. CES principal Chuck Kitchell took her concerns seriously.

"We had to adjust what we do with negative balances in lunch accounts," he said, explaining how the alternative lunches came about and noting parents are always notified well in advance of the \$10 cutoff limit that their child's account is in the negative. However, concerned that the wafer meal was too little, Kitchell says, "I talked to Caren Clifton, our cafeteria director, and we've changed (the alternative meal contents). We're going back to an "Uncrustable," which is a prepackaged item with bread with peanut butter and jelly inside. Plus they get fruit and milk."

"I feel bad for the parent and the child anytime we have to give a child an alternate lunch," Kitchell adds. Most importantly, he says, the school tries to get parents having trouble paying for lunches to sign up for the state-subsidized free and reduced lunch program, which he says some parents unfortunately feel uncomfortable doing. "Some parents look down on having to take free and reduced lunches," Kitchell explains. "After Jan 1, lunch prices are going up 50 cents, and breakfast too. We really encourage parents to come in and fill out the (free and reduced lunch) application. People don't know if your child is on free and reduced; they don't go to a different line or get a different meal."

The price increase and actions taken regarding parents with negative lunch balances came about, he says, because the corporation's cafeteria fund was reaching negative levels that were "pretty high." School superintendent Brad Schuldt intervened and cuts in cafeteria staffing accompanied price increases for parents.

The cafeteria fund, notes Kitchell, is intended to be self-funded, and a number of students' accounts were seeing high numbers in the red.

Kitchell says probably over 50 percent of CES' student population receives free and reduced lunches at this point, and that Monterey Elementary is in the 70 percent vicinity. The economic woes facing the nation aren't helping. "We know people are hurting," he says. "We feel bad raising prices and giving alternative meals. But we're also encouraging people to use free and reduced lunches and not to feel bad."

Parents may obtain free and reduced lunch applications at any of the school corporation buildings.

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Students of the month, Culver Elementary School

CULVER — Culver Elementary School students for September are:

- Kindergarten: Joshua Stefan, Wyatt Ringer, Damian Dunn, Trayden Schrimsher, Ty Hesters
- Grade 1: Jady Evans, Owen Valiquet, Austin Jones, Nicholas Cornwall, Gabriel Sherman
- Grade 2: Brandon Jones, Samantha Smith, Sam Schaller
- Grade 3: Pierce Ellert, Brooklyn Noble, Luke Schaller, Danny Cook
- Grade 4: Tanner Hoffman, Betse Ellert, Cameron Marrs, Patrick Kline
- Grade 5: Addyson Allyn, Clare Nowalk, Tevin Jones, Megan Brady, Riley Stoll
- Grade 6: Damien Lough, Janele VanDePutte, Starr Howard, Joseph Cavazos, Garrett Jenkinson, Mark Mayer

Students of the month, Culver Middle School

Culver Comm. Middle School held its Student of the Month Breakfast Wed., Nov. 12 in the cafeteria. Those students honored were chosen by their teachers during the months of August, September, and October.

Those seventh grade students honored were: Chevy Bailey, Hayes Barnes, Caitlynn Brewer, Elijah Burgess, Victoria Christlieb, Shane Comiskey, Justin Croy, Caleb Dehning, Megan Deon, Trent Elliott, Victoria Elliott, Justice Goodman, Abby James, Mark Lehman, Courtney Littleton, Megan Lyczak, Joseph Nehemiah, Logan Neidlinger, Stephen Paolini, Shawn Russell, Melissa Schalliol, Gunnar Schmidt, Emily Shidler, Kennedi Thomas, P.J. Thompson, Adam Tompos & Timmy Wireman.

Honored eighth grade students were: Erin Bau, Bradley Beaver, Micah Budzinski, Holley Caddy, Paige DePalma, Patience Durbin, Michelle Elam, Peter Foersch, MaKennon Hicks, Trista Littleton, Mary McKinnis, Tylor Minix, April Nystrom, Felicia Slusher, Abby VanHorn, Josh Walters, Justin Wheeler.

School closings

Culver Comm. Schools will be closed Nov. 27-28 for Thanksgiving. There will be no afternoon classes Dec. 9 due to a staff in-service. There will be no school Dec. 19 for a teacher work day, and Christmas break begins. Dec. 22.

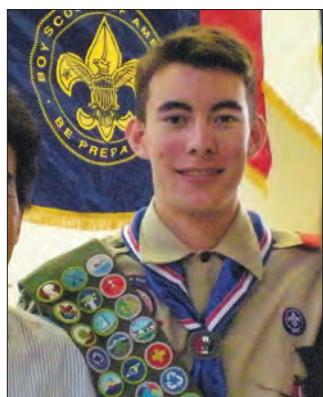
Culver Academies' cadet attains Boy Scout Eagle rank

On Sat., Nov. 1, Daniel Ching, Culver Academies' cadet, received the Boy Scout Eagle Scout rank at his Court of Honor in Cary, Illinois.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement ranking in Scouting and is awarded to only 5 percent of all Boy Scouts. The scout must complete requirements in leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

Scoutmaster Larry Emmons said, "Awarding the Eagle Scout badge is an important and serious matter. It is a goal toward which this Scout has been working

for many years and is the culmination of the efforts of his parents and Scout leaders. This is an occasion for



Culver cadet and Eagle Scout Daniel Ching.

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pride and for job, but also a time for contemplation."

When asked what the Eagle Scout rank means to him, Ching replied, "Nowadays, I am a card carrying Eagle Scout, gold lettering and all! But, it seems not too long ago I was with my troop, climbing trees and constructing monkey bridges, building camp shelters from branches and leaves, trying to construct a 'camp tool' from things in nature, running around a field at night with the stars overhead in search of hidden glowsticks, sharing colorful spun tales while seeing how close we could get to the fire without melting our chairs in order to escape the night chill. Even now that these childish activities are long gone, I still use the skills that I learning in Scouting almost everyday. Scouting is something that stays with you for your entire life on a deeper level than mere shiny plastic in your wallet."

Ching, a senior, is a member of Troop 209 at Culver Academies. According to Scoutmaster Emmons, two more scouts have received their Eagle Scout rank this school year and will receive it at their Court of Honor in the spring.