



In Brief

CRC volunteers needed

The Culver Town Council is looking for interested citizens to sit on our Culver Redevelopment Commission as three seats are needed. This commission meets on the second Monday of every month or as needed to discuss economic development issues. This seat is a one year term appointed by the Council or Council President. No party affiliation is necessary but you must be a resident of the town limits of Culver. Interested parties should send a letter of interest to the Town Hall, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN 46511 no later than Tues., Jan. 12, 2009.

'Fancy Nancy' tea party at Culver library

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host a "Fancy Nancy" tea party in the children's room at 10:30 a.m., Sat., Jan. 10. Tea and cookies will be served and there will be a storytime with "Fancy Nancy" books. Children are encouraged to wear "dress up" clothes (dresses, sunglasses, feather boas--anything that is "fancy") to the free, all-ages event. Questions may be directed to the library at 574-842-2941.

Lions, Council of Churches host chili supper Feb. 6

The Culver Lions Club in conjunction with the Culver Community Council of Churches will host a chili supper Friday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the railroad station-depot, 615 Lakeshore Drive in Culver. Cash donations will be accepted at the door, with all donations going to the Culver food pantry, which operates out of the Grace United Church of Christ on Plymouth Street, Culver. Make it a special Friday evening by attending the Chili Supper and then taking in the Culver Community High School boys' basketball game, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. All are

Icy ride

Above: Four-year-old Spring Ye and older brother Hong Ye, a freshman at Culver Academies, took advantage of the strange weather phenomenon Christmas day and took in some sledding on the Culver Elementary School playground. The entire property was more or less a solid sheet of ice, prompting fast, smooth sledding with little or no effort (and sometimes with no sled). In spite of this week's relatively "green" landscapes around town, the pre-Christmas ice storm and subsequent thaw and re-freeze yielded some amazing sights like the playground's condition.

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Relay 2009 kicks off in Culver

Early December kickoff events for this year's second annual Relay for Life in Culver have resulted in more than 175 participants and 25 teams registered for the April 17 event to fight cancer. The effort has already raised more than \$10,000 toward the \$200,000 goal.

A campus kick-off at Culver Academies was held Dec. 5 in the Shack for students, faculty, and staff, while a kick-off for Culver community residents -- plus faculty and staff -- was held Dec. 8 the train station-depot in Culver and a kickoff event at the Culver Community High School Dec. 15.



Culver Community High School was one of three area sites hosting a kickoff event for the 2009 Culver Relay for Life. Pictured above at the event, from left to right, are CCHS physical education instructor Cristyn Cottone, CCHS student Paige Norwich, and Culver Academies student Katie Barnes.

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event, and are encouraging everyone in the area to get involved. It is hoped the 2009 event will raise \$200,000.

As the American Cancer Society celebrates its silver anniversary in 2009, Culver Academies will be hosting the second annual Relay, whose theme this year is "Living a Healthier Lifestyle."

Academies parents and alumni will also be encouraged to participate in an online auction either by donating an item or by bidding online. This is a new fund-raising event as part of the 2009 relay, according to organizers. The auction will begin March 15 and continue through April 15.

Last year's event was the first Relay in Indiana entirely organized by high school students. The 2008 event raised \$107,000 as over 1,000 people -- students, town residents, and visitors -- dedicated 13 hours overnight to the fight against cancer at Oliver Field. Organizers are thrilled with the prospect of growing this

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For Greenberg, Relay is part of service lifestyle

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver Academies junior Ian Greenberg was heavily involved in last year's phenomenally successful Relay for Life in Culver, and the Portland, Oregon native is back at the center of this year's event as well, working under the fundraising umbrella in the area of sponsorships and events. "My mission is to get community businesses involved (in this year's event)," says Greenberg. "We brought the community together last year to a point. I'm trying to keep that goal in focus while starting a new goal."

The Relay lacked a cohesive business sponsorship program for its debut event,

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Community, trustee's office meet holiday and year-round needs

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The end of the holidays -- especially in light of current economic concerns -- signals the end of a great deal of work on the part of Union Township trustee Marlene Mahler in bringing Thanksgiving and Christmas food and gifts to needy area families, but it won't end her ongoing work in what her budget dubs "poor relief" in Culver and the surrounding area.

Such tax-funded assistance, Mahler pointed out to members of Culver's Kiwanis Club Dec. 18, differs from welfare, which locally is based in Plymouth.

"If someone this month has a problem -- say they can't pay their electric bill -- they can come to me and I can help them once every six months up to \$200," Mahler notes. "I can find them a place to live for a couple nights if someone is kicked out of their house. It's a temporary, emergency situation. My cell phone is how I'm reached, 24/7. I get called a lot. Most of the calls I get are, 'Hey, they

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Your township tax dollars: who, what, and where

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

According to 10-year Union Township trustee Marlene Mahler, the total tax-funded budget for Union Township is \$308,000.

Mahler's annual salary is \$12,000 (though she notes the position does include paid insurance, "which is fantastic!").

\$25,000 is budgeted for maintenance of the township's seven cemeteries as well as one acre of Culver's Masonic cemetery: the old-

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Duff brought art, culture, friendship to Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Charles Duff at work in his in-home studio in 2005.

PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

With the loss Dec. 28 of retired Academies art instructor Charles Duff, the Culver area lost not only a well-known local artist, but a beloved friend to many in and out of the community. His passing leaves a cultural and personal void in Culver. The following article, written by the editor in relation to Duff's art exhibition at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library and printed below in abbreviated form, appeared in the Culver Citizen in 2005.

"I was meant to be an artist," says Culver resident and retired Culver Academies instructor Charles Duff, thinking back on his decision to devote his life full-time to the pursuit of his art. "Nothing else worked as well as art. Art was the only time I had contentment."

Charles Duff's name -- and that of his wife, Anne -- is familiar to many longtime Culver residents, perhaps most prominently for their years teaching at Culver Academies, where Charles began in 1976, retiring in 1996. Since then, he has devoted a great deal of his time to his artwork, using watercolor, tempera, wax, caustic, and pastel in the small, bright attic studio he and Anne have set up in their Culver home.

But his life of art has been an ongoing process, says Charles, who has been at it, in one form or another, since childhood and has continued fairly consistently. He was born and reared in the West Virginia mountains and his childhood there, he says, close to nature

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Medallion recognizes employees

Culver Medallion employees Dec. 17 enjoyed a Christmas dinner, their Christmas gifts and received recognition for accomplishments throughout the year. Outstanding Attendance, You Make The Difference, Safety Committee Members and Members of the Employees Activity Committee were presented certificates of recognition.

The following employees were recognized for their Outstanding Attendance in 2008. Employees received a certificate and a Visa gift card.

Pictured from left to right: Viorica Cociorvan, Pam Allen, Sandra Bailey, Linda Belpedio, Denny DeMarco, Mitchell Jones, Tim Lindsey, Sally Kline, Maria Shorosh, and Tom Byrski, front row.

Mid-year in 2008 employees nominated co-workers for the "You Make the Difference" Award. A team of employees evaluated the nominations and one winner was selected per month. Employees received the "You Make The Difference" certificate during a monthly recognition ceremony, a letter from Ron Katz, Elkay Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, a special parking spot for the month and a Visa gift card. Employees nominated were living the company values: Our Word Is Our Bond, We Value Quality in All We Do, Making a Profit is an Honorable Endeavor, Knowledge is Power, Our Employees are Our Most Important Asset and We are in Business Forever.

You Make the Difference winners: left to right, Jonathon Gaskill, Jose Huizar, Deb Howard, Linda Painton and Lee Ann Buzbee.



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and with a kinship to nature, has been a great inspiration to his work.

"What I paint is nature," he explains. "It's not realism, but what lies behind nature that I'm trying to capture... the spirit."

He attended the University of Miami, from which he graduated before joining the Air Force and serving as a fighter pilot. It was his experiences in the Air Force that cemented the notion, at the time, that, "art's for me." Then as now, he notes, the artists' profession was not one of money and security; many around him thought he was crazy for making the decision to commit himself to a life in art. "But," he notes, "there's more to it than money."

Undaunted, he journeyed to his ancestral home of Scotland and attended the Edinburgh College of Art, which is also where he met, as he smilingly described her, "Scot's lassie" Anne. They were engaged before they left Edinburgh, and married in the United States, where he attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and earned his Master's in Fine Arts.

He spent several years as an illustrator for the Navy but decided he wanted to teach, and after a few years of teaching in Virginia, took a position in 1976 at Culver Academy, where he was a beloved and respected part of the faculty, both by students and fellow teachers. "I enjoyed the students," says Charles, reflecting today on his years at the Academies. "They made it all worthwhile."

Speaking of her colleague at his 1996 retirement, fellow

Academies instructor Nancy McKinnis said of Charles, "His calm, steady, supportive demeanor helps to create an ideal environment for students to create and learn. He has an uncanny sense for knowing what to say, when to say it, and how to say it when he talks to students about their work."

After his retirement, Charles taught at Ancilla College here and there, but mostly dedicated himself to his work, something he had looked forward to doing for some time. He may be seen these days around town, simply enjoying being out, or perhaps taking photos or making sketches at a local site for a future painting. Many of his scenes are local, ranging from recognizable landmarks – like the lake or a well-known work showing the east side of Main Street some years back – but many are deceptively simple landscapes or objects from nature, a subtle study in light and color aimed at expressing an idea, he says, that will begin forming in him and need to be put down on canvas.

"When I'm painting," says Charles, "I'm not conscious. There's something else doing it."

He quotes Leonardo: "Painting is making poetry visible," which is perhaps as apt a summation of what Charles Duff seeks to do with his artwork, as any.

Over the years, Charles has had shows in the U.S. and Europe, and his work is in private collections all over the world as well. His show at the library this June will be his first locally, and he hopes to have his art, first and foremost, seen, noting that many people have been asking him about a show of his work for some time.

A personal tribute to Charles Duff by Nancy McKinnis appears on page 4, this issue.

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est part, formed when the cemetery was still planned as strictly a township endeavor. The rest, she says, is private or organization owned.

\$63,000 goes towards the township's portion of the Culver-Union Twp. volunteer fire department, for equipment, supplies, and trucks. A special fund is fed annually from that budget to purchase a new fire truck every seven years, Mahler notes. Also, that fund feeds into monies towards rescue boats, rescue squad vehicles, and grass fire trucks.

The township recreation fund is \$17,000 per year. \$15,800 goes to Culver's town park, with \$350 to the VFW for flags for the cemetery and other places. \$450 goes to REAL Meals for older adults. The town park itself, Mahler notes, is almost self-sustaining in its funding, with Culver's town budget used to pay the park director and for maintenance and parking lot funds.

\$93,000 is the township's share of Culver-Union Twp. EMS service funding. \$15,000 per year, derived from interest from CD money, is used towards EMS-related funding emergencies.

All township income is derived from property taxes, says Mahler. "If you look at your tax bill, only about three percent comes back to the township. Over 60 percent goes to schools, six percent to the county, and some to the state.

John Benedict, Mahler explains, is president of the township advisory board, with Connie Van Horn and Bobbie Ruhnow serving as well.

Recent statewide legislation has affected Mahler and her work, she adds. In July, 2008, her work as township assessor was ended, as was that of all such assessors around Indiana. State legislation capping property taxes seems unlikely to affect her office directly, she added, though the change "will definitely affect schools."

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were here this morning to turn off my electricity. What can you do?"

She also can refer people in need, she adds, to the Council of Churches, the Neighborhood Center in Plymouth or the Gift of Warmth program through NIPSCO.

As might be expected, the economy being what it is, poor relief-related requests have increased of late. Mahler says needs are up 20 percent this year. "Thank God and all of you that all those requests will be answered," she notes, referring to township-wide drives, organized through her office, from groups like Kiwanis, area churches, schools, and other organizations towards holiday food baskets and gift programs.

The trustee's office, she says, is able to keep tabs on who's in need at the holidays – and year-round – using information from area schools, individuals, and churches. People also fill out applications in her office (at which is kept a cross-referenced spreadsheet, she says, so there's no "double dipping" from the same family).

This year, as in years past, a massive community effort was quietly underway to supply food and gift baskets to area families for the holidays. "Grace Church (in Culver) took 12," notes Mahler. "The Methodist and Catholic churches took a number of them. The Academy girls' hockey team and one of the girls' dorms adopted a family instead of doing a gift exchange, and individuals adopt families. Those people go out and buy food and gifts, both. At the elementary school, the fourth grade kids every year do odd jobs and collect money, and the teachers take them



Union Twp. trustee Marlene Mahler

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

to town and they divide into groups and go through the grocery store and buy groceries. I picked up over \$600 worth of groceries from them. The high school and middle school had boxes, and parents, teachers, and kids brought food in. It's a huge effort; so many people have given and donated."

Mahler says most of the area's holiday-related funding is from aforementioned donations, while the rest of the year's poor relief comes from her own township budget, which currently allots a total of \$18,000 for relief. Out of that money, \$1,800 is for indigent burials, or burial of those who have no families or other funding sources for burial (up to \$900 may be paid towards a given burial). \$50 goes towards supplies, and the rest is used to pay emergency bills as needed.

She says the \$200 she's allotted to help a given individual or family and the \$50 she can add on her own from the Salvation Army – of which Mahler is also a representative -- "doesn't always make it."

After the holidays, says Mahler, any donated money not used specifically for holiday-related food and gifts comes back to her budget and may be used for general poor relief throughout the year. Since those funds aren't tax dollars, she explains, they also may be used for needy residents outside Union Township but within the Culver School district; budgeted tax money may not be used to aid non-township residents.

Mahler says over the last two years, she's had between \$1,000 and \$1,500 left over after Christmas baskets were completed. "At \$100 per person, I can help a lot of people throughout the year (with that)."

"Is it going to be enough?" Mahler asks. "I've seen new people this year. One lady I delivered to the other day, her husband worked for the same company for 15 years and lost his job. Her hours were cut. They've been six months without a paycheck. That would be devastating for me. It's everyday people now that are coming in, people that were two-income families."

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Obituary

Diane Christine Bauer

Dec. 30, 2008

MONTEREY — Diane Christine Bauer, 40, of N. Maple Street, Monterey, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at 6:15 a.m. at St. Vincent Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Bauer was born April 17, 1968 in Winamac to Francis Theodore Bauer and Patricia Margaret Scheuer Bauer. She graduated from Culver Community High School in 1986 and from Vincennes University where she earned her LPN degree.

Bauer was a nurse for more than 20 years and was employed at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac. She was a former employee of Miller's Merry Manor in Culver and Plymouth, Hickory Creek in Winamac and Manor House at Chase Center in Logansport.

She was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey. Bauer enjoyed summer days by the pool with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law Garry Stotler and nephew, Phillip Turflinger.

She is survived by a son, Kaleb P. Bauer of Monterey; three sisters: Janice Stotler of Monterey, Francine (Thomas) Turflinger of Bloomington and Carolyn (Anthony) Vantwoud of Monticello; three brothers: John Bauer of Yorktown, Ind., James Bauer of Monterey and Tedmund (Amy) Bauer of Monterey; two nephews and 10 nieces.

Visitation took place from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at Frain Mortuary, 305 E. Main St., Winamac. The rosary was recited at 7:15 p.m. Friday, followed by a Scriptural Wake Service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services took place at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at 11 a.m. (EST) with Rev. Bert Woolson officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulaski Memorial Hospital Hospice or St. Anne's Catholic Church.

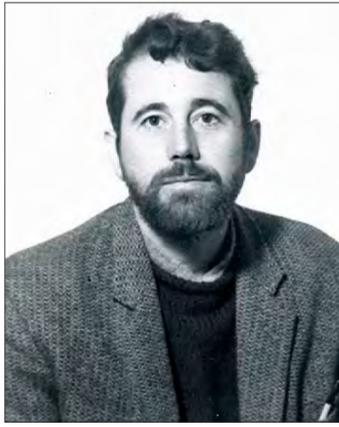
Electronic messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com.

Frain Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary

Charles Theodore Duff

Oct 25, 1932 - Dec. 28, 2008



Charles Theodore Duff of Culver died on Sunday, Dec. 28, of Parkinson's disease. He was 76.

Mr. Duff was an artist whose work was shown and admired across North America and Europe. He worked in a variety of media, including watercolor, egg tempura, waxencaustic, pastel and printmaking. He was born in Charleston, W. Va., on Oct. 25, 1932. He spent most of his childhood on his grandfather's farm in West Virginia, where his artistic interest was piqued by the hilly terrain, green grass and rustic charm, and grew as he traveled and lived throughout the United States and abroad.

"What I paint is nature. It's not realism, but what lies behind nature that I am trying to capture the spirit," he once said. His work has been shown in Indiana, New York, Connecticut, Virginia, Scotland and Italy, and hangs on walls of patrons around the world.

Mr. Duff had an unending curiosity and interest in learning. He was an avid organic gardener. He loved classical music and nature, and he was fascinated with math and languages. Friends and family described him as a walking encyclopedia and knew that if they did not have the answer to something, Charlie would.

After graduating from high school at age 16, Mr. Duff earned a bachelor's degree in geology and German from the University of Miami, Fla., and a master's degree in printmaking and painting from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. He also studied at Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland, where he met his wife, Anne.

Mr. Duff taught fine arts as a master instructor at Culver Academies for 20 years and as an adjunct professor at Ancilla College for eight years. His calm, steady and supportive demeanor created an ideal environment for his students to create and learn. He also worked as a cartographer and illustrator at the U.S. Naval and Oceanographic Office in Washington, D.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot and was based in England during the Korean War.

He is survived by Anne, sons Timothy Duff and Jeremy Duff, daughter Susanna Barnett, daughters-in-law Jane Duff and Becky Duff, son-in-law Jim Barnett, granddaughters Erica Duff and Katie Barnett, and grandsons Graham Duff and Henry Barnett.

A Requiem Mass will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth on Friday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. A short reception will follow. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Duff's name to the Culver Academies, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511, or to Rush University Medical Center-PD Research, 1725 W. Harrison Street, Suite 755, Chicago, IL 60612.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

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

Obituary

Flossie June Garn-Sirus

Apr 27, 1935 - Jan 3, 2009

Flossie June Garn-Sirus, 73, of South Bend, formerly of Culver, passed away on Jan 3, 2009 at the Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, IN at 4:20 a.m.

June was born on April 27, 1935 in rural Marshall Co., one of several children born to Charles & Cleo (McClane) Garn. She attended the Culver School system. She married Will Sirus on Oct 1, 1989 at the Culver Eagles.

June was a former employee of the Culver Military Academies, having held several positions. She enjoyed singing and once entertained the Oprah Winfrey audience before the show. She was passionate about volunteering her time, cooking meals for the homeless, and taking in stray pets.

June is survived by her husband - William P. Sirus of South Bend, daughters - Susan Napier of Culver and C. Beatrice (Alan) Wentzel of Kewanna, sons - Billy Napier of Las Vegas and James (Barbara) Napier of Culver, sisters - Sarah Behnke of Culver, Mary Wolverton of Burr Oak, Wanda Miller of Plymouth, and Margaret Newland of Coldwater, Michigan, grandchildren - Shari, John, Shawn, Stephanie, Gene, Emily, Becky, Alison, Phillip, Todd, Paula, Neil, Amanda, and Denise, and 30 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family was Tuesday, Jan 6 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Rev. Dan Huhn will officiate funeral services on Wed. Jan 7 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family in June's memory.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

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

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 8

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Lisa Moise, Culver Elementary School, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Parks and recreation board mtg., 7 p.m., town hall.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium

Monday, Jan. 12

Knitting class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Al-Anon Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Overeaters Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4 p.m., town hall
 DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
 Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

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

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Hooked on Books book group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station/depot
 Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake rectory basement

Thursday, Jan. 15

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
 Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
 Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
 BZA mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
 Knights of Columbus #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake rectory basement

Birth - Morgan

Bill and Jennifer (Kline) Morgan of Carmel announce the birth of a son born Dec. 17, 2008 at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis.

Robert Grayson Morgan weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. He was welcomed home by a brother, Will, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Kline of Culver. Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth and Wayne Kline of Culver and Esther Boswell of South Bend.

Paternal grandfather is Dr. William Morgan of Asheville, N.C.

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Wedding - Kibort, Muckleroy



Emily Kibort and Mark Muckleroy were united in marriage Dec. 6, 2008 at the Hickory Hill Chapel Silsbee, Texas at 5 p.m. Bro. Robert Carter performed the double ring ceremony. The bride's gown had a chiffon dropped waistline with a chapel train. Her bouquet was comprised of red and white roses.

The maid of honor was Becky Muckleroy. The best man was Don Muckleroy of Silsbee, Texas.

A reception was held at Becky and Don Muckleroy's home in Silsbee, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Janet Pettill of Plymouth. She graduated from Culver High School in 1982 and is currently employed at John S. Eppes, CPA in Silsbee, Texas.

The groom is the son of Herbert and Mary Muckleroy of Silsbee, Texas.

He graduated from Silsbee High School in 1974 and is currently employed at Mead West Vaco, Evadale, Texas.

They will reside in Silsbee, Texas.

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90th birthday - McCollough



Anne McCollough of U.S. 31 in LaPaz recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Anne Irene Pertics was born on Sept. 19, 1918 in South Bend to Sophia and Elias Pertics. She attended school in South Bend but later moved to LaPaz with her family and graduated from LaPaz High School. She married Clyde C. McCollough, now deceased, and continues to live on the family farm in LaPaz.

This special birthday was celebrated with immediate family — seven children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses, and great-grandchildren — at a surprise party in Plymouth.

Death notice - Salyers

**Anna G. Salyers
 Dec. 28, 2008**

KNOX — Anna G. Salyers, 85, of Knox, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008

She is survived by two daughters: Sally (Jeff) Babcock of Walkerton and Shirley Archer of Knox; two sons: Robert (Beverly) Salyers of Indianapolis and Richard (Julie) Salyers of Culver; a brother, Gerald (Pat) Gagratz of Crown Point; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. (CDT) at the M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Burial followed at Round Lake Cemetery.

M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox was in charge of arrangements.

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Culver Boys & Girls Club offers hope

Editor's note: What follows is the first in a series of semi-regular columns pertaining to Culver's Boys & Girls Club, based at the Culver Elementary School, and the needs and challenges faced by club members and youth in general. Author Jennifer Wright, M. S., is director of resource development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County, of which Culver's successful club is a member.

In a world that can seem threatening and lacking promise for many of America's children, the Culver Boys & Girls Club provides a tangible measure of hope. The Club offers young people what they need and want most: adults who respect and listen to them; a safe environment where they can have fun and be themselves; and interesting, constructive activities that channel their energy into challenging pursuits. All Boys & Girls Club programs are based on a youth development strategy that builds self-confidence and self-esteem, and foster a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and influence.

For the past year the club programs have been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from the community. We have actively sought to enrich the lives of girls and boys through quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

Today, more than 250 local boys and girls are taking advantage of the programs and services provided by the Club. They benefit from trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers who help them take control of their lives, envision productive futures and achieve their goals.

Four key characteristics define the essence of a Boys & Girls Club. All are critical to exerting a positive impact on the life of a child: 1.) A dedicated youth facility designed solely for youth programs and activities. 2.) Hours of operation that include daily after school and in some cases on weekends, when kids have free time and need positive, protective outlets. 3.) Professionally trained staff who provide for them a positive model and mentor. 4.) And affordable membership fees for all youth who cannot afford, or may lack access to other community programs. Our dues are only \$25 per year and financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Look to this space monthly for activities and information on how your local Boys & Girls Club is making a difference in the daily lives of the children in our community. Our mission is the club's reason for being: To enable and inspire the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Please call MaryAnn Tidwell at 574-250-0103 for questions regarding club programs.

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Charles Duff - a tribute

By Nancy McKinnis

Since 1980, four years after Charlie Duff came to Culver, I had the privilege of working with him in the Fine Arts Department until he retired in 1996. When I arrived, I had just completed my college degree and although Culver did not have an intern program at the time, I became an intern under Charlie. He quickly became my friend and mentor.

I admired Charlie because he was a practicing artist. I was inspired by his work.

As a novice teacher I valued Charlie's wealth of knowledge. His interests were broad. He had a varied career from his rural roots in West Virginia, to his time as a fighter pilot and his studies and career as an artist and teacher. Charlie expressed an unending curiosity for learning. He loved nature and classical music, and he was fascinated with math and languages. Charlie was a walking encyclopedia.

When I had a question about something, I knew Charlie would know the answer and if he did not, he would want to know the answer.

I was also inspired by the way Charlie got the best out of his students. His calm, steady, supportive demeanor helped to create an ideal environment for students to create and learn. He had an uncanny sense for knowing what to say, when to say it and how to say it when he talked to students about their work.

Shortly before Charlie's retirement, the *Culver Par-*



Charles Duff

ent featured an interview with him and in response to the question: "what is the secret of life?" Charlie replied, "to know thyself." When he was asked what advice he had for students, he answered, "always try to follow your dreams." I believe Charlie achieved this secret of life and pursued and enjoyed his dreams. His authenticity was the quality I dearly loved about him. It was evident in his genuine expressions of love for Anne and his children, his care and thoughtful interactions with his students and most vividly in his eloquent art that featured all that he embraced in nature and landscapes.

Despite his illness with Parkinson's disease, Charlie painted and sketched as long as he could and never lost his power of observation, his keen mind and sense of humor was still apparent during the waking hours of his final chapter. Now more than ever we enjoy Charlie's prints and drawings displayed in our home. His etchings and paintings are appreciated by many. I relish the fact that when I view his artwork today I continue to enjoy and appreciate his life. I will dearly miss Charlie. For this, his legacy, I feel truly grateful.

Nancy McKinnis began at Culver Academies' in 1980 as a Culver Girls Academy counselor and fine arts instructor. She currently teaches in the Leadership department and directs Culver Girls Academies Leadership Training Program. She lives in Culver with her husband, Scot, and three children.

Nostalgia

75 years ago

Jan. 10, 1934

- Paving of Lake Shore Drive and Ohio Street near the school building was finished Monday afternoon. The next projects planned under the CWA are landscaping of the school grounds and several sewers on the west end of town. Word has been received of permission granted for writing a history of Union Township over the past 100 years. This task has been assigned to E.R. Corwin and will be based in the local library. Mr. Corwin started work Monday and asks that anyone with newspapers prior to 1905 bring them to the Citizen office. *(Editor's note: Corwin's project, of course, went on to be published as "One Township's Yesterdays," reprinted in the 1970s by Culver's Tri Kappa and also available full-text online on the Culver Public Library website, www.culver.lib.in.us).*

- Formal approval of the location and building of an airport in Culver has been issued by state officials and it is expected work will begin in a few days. The airport will be located east of the Academy golf course and north of the Vonnegut orchards, with easy access to Road 10. The Academy has offered to donate a lease of the land to the town of Culver, and a steam shovel, necessary so the land could be controlled by a municipality, as dictated by federal standards. Two runways are planned to be built.

- Five Culver people were in an automobile accident near Murfreesboro, Tennessee Saturday morning that injured two and totally wrecked the car. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Val Hermann and two sons, John and Billy, and Tom Lindahl. They were returning from vacationing in Florida when the car skidded on the wet pavement and overturned in the ditch.

- "Deadheads" will be the topic of Sunday night's services at the Evangelical church, one of three special monthly services sponsored by the Reformed, Methodist Episcopal, and Evangelical churches of Culver.

- The term of Culver postmaster C.L. Shively expires in March, prompting the US Civil Service Commission to announce an open competitive examination to fill the position. Applications must be on file in Washington, DC by Jan. 19.

50 years ago

Jan. 7, 1959

- The combined year-end statements of the Culver, Argos, and LaPaz branches of the State Exchange Bank continue to show a really marvelous growth. The combined assets of these great banks as of Dec. 31, 1958,

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amount to \$30,716,099.11, nearly \$1 million more than the same period last year. W.O. Osborn, dynamic president, announced the directors and all the official family are highly pleased with the year's business. It was the opinion of the local banks that the communities they serve are in good financial condition and interesting to note that the banks make every conceivable kind of loan, including for dairy, truck, mint, onion, potato, small grain and corn farms, and other types of loans.



Eugene Benedict Sr.

- Eugene Benedict has assumed the position of trustee of Union Township, the first Democrat to hold that position in many years. The Benedict family is one of Union Twp.'s most respected pioneer families. The new trustee's great grandfather Benedict once owned the land on which sits Culver Military Academy's homestead, parade grounds and golf course. He operated a blacksmith shop and saw-mill on what is now known as the Maxinkuckee village. He was largely responsible for clearing a great deal of that

land with his ox teams. Eugene Benedict graduated from Culver High School in 1932, having been born one of six children in 1914. In 1937 he married Miss Opal Mikesell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mikesell of West Washington St. in Culver, one of the area's strong Republican families! In 1941, the Benedicts purchased the farm where they now live, MaxinkuckeeHighland Farm, on 18B Road between Peach and Queen Roads. This is the same farm where our trustee was born 44 years ago. The Benedicts live on the farm with sons Eugene Jr. and John, a junior and freshman, respectively, at Culver High School. The new trustee has become nationally known as a breeder of landrace hogs, and is director of the Marshall County Farm Bureau Co-Op, among other accomplishments. He and his family are involved in the Culver Methodist church.

- For the first time in nearly two weeks, the Reverend Father Joseph Lenk of St. Mary's church was able to be downtown for a short while on Monday. The Citizen is happy to report he has recovered from a serious infection of the nose and upper lip.

- This weather report will be awfully short as our fingers are too cold to hit the typewriter keys. It was 13 below zero at 7 o'clock Monday morning, making Culver within a single degree of being the coldest place in all of Indiana Monday. The reason some of us didn't get to church Sunday morning is the mercury hit five below right at 11 o'clock a.m.

25 years ago

Jan. 4, 1984

- In front of the Culver beach lodge (and many private residences), the ice is cleared off of snow for skating and is plenty thick enough for anyone who wants to skate. On Monday, Katie Napier, age 6, and Darci Elli, almost 5, were sharpening their skills for skating in front of the beach lodge.

- One way to cope with cold weather is to go ice fishing and ignore it. Longtime Culver resident Dave Burns was hard at it Monday afternoon. The day before, he boasted of large bluegill and walleye catches.

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Sports



Cavs taste victory, loss at holiday tourney

FULTON — Culver Community's boys basketball team split a pair of games at the Community State Bank Holiday Tour-

AJ Neace's steal with five seconds to play helped Culver Community hold off Caston, 39-36. Neace's theft followed a near-steal

Zoe Bauer, A.J. Neace), Rebounds: Triton 25 (G. Carpenter 8), Culver 15 (Bauer 5), Assists: Triton 13 (Meister 3, G. Carpenter 3), Culver 12 (Master 3); Turnovers: Triton 10, Culver 10; Steals: Triton 9 (Meister 3), Culver 3 (Master, Mulvihill, A.J. Neace). Total fouls (fouled out): Triton 11 (None), Culver 18 (Master). Records: Triton 7-0, Culver 2-5. Game two LAVILLE 57, CASTON 54 (OT) LAVILLE (57): Jay Carbiener 1 3-4 5, Glenn Halasz 10 2-6 27, Jordyn Williams 2 0-0 4, Drew Dutoi 0 0-0 0, Cody Coblentz 0 0-2 0, Codee Kimbel 1 1-2 3, Jacob Mangus 5 3-7 13, Colton Priser 1 1-1 3, Justin Baker 1 0-0 2. Totals: 21 10-22 57. CASTON (54): Allen Russell 1 0-0 3, Trevor Hoover 0 0-0 0, Wes Rigney 10 9-13 33, Caleb Brown 0 0-0 0, Brent Wibel 0 0-0 0, Brant Hartman 0 0-0 0, Alex Herd 2 0-1 4, Sam Jones 5 5-9 14. Totals: 18 14-23 54. Score by quarters LaVille: 7 21 36 50 57 Caston: 15 25 37 50 54 3-point goals: LaVille 5 (Halasz 5), Caston 3 (Rigney 2, Russell); Rebounds: LaVille 29 (Baker 8), Caston 43 (Rigney 17); Assists: LaVille 6 (Coblentz 2), Caston 5 (Russell 2); Turnovers: LaVille 7, Caston 20; Steals: LaVille 8 (Carbiener 2, Williams 2), Caston 3 (Hoover, Jones); Blocked shots: LaVille 0, Caston 5 (Rigney 5). Total fouls (fouled out): LaVille 21 (Kimbel), Caston 21 (Hoover). Records: LaVille 1-5, Caston 0-7. Consolation round: Culver 39, Caston 36 Score by quarters Caston: 6 16 26 36 Culver: 10 20 30 39 CASTON (36): Allen Russell 1 0-0 3, Trevor Hoover 2 2-3 7, Wes Rigney 3 4-5 10, Caleb Brown 0 0-0 0, Brant Hartman 0 0-0 0, Alex Herd 3 2-3 11, Sam Jones 2 1-2 5. TOTALS: 11 9-13 36. CULVER (39): Adam Neace 2 2-5 6, Brock Elliott 0 1-2 1, Justin Master 3 0-0 6, Zoe Bauer 4 2-2 11, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 3 0-0 7, AJ Neace 3 1-2 8, Larry Clingler 0 0-2 0. TOTALS: 15 6-13 39. 3-point goals: Caston 5 (Herd 3, Russell, Hoover), Culver 3 (Bauer, Pugh, AJ Neace); Turnovers: Caston 13, Culver 13; Rebounds: Caston 19, Culver 25; Assists: Caston 11, Culver 10; Steals: Caston 5, Culver 7; Fouls (fouled out): Caston 15 (none), Culver 17 (none); Records: Caston 0-8, Culver 3-5. (Sports writer James Costello contributed to this story.)



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Triton's Griffyn Carpenter (33) gets up on Culver Community's Justin Master, left, during Community State Bank Holiday Tourney first-round action Friday at Caston.

ney over the weekend. The Cavs opened the four-team competition with a 68-48 loss to three-time defending champion Triton Friday. The Class A No. 1 Trojans, led by tourney MVP Colton Keel, went on to win their fourth straight crown with an 88-56 win over LaVille Saturday night.

The Trojans had three players in double digits against Culver, including Keel with 10, Griffyn Carpenter with 18, although they were led by Joel Meister with 19 points.

Culver was led by Zoe Bauer with 19 points and five rebounds.

"Zoe had, I think probably his best night offensively," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "He was doing a good job reading the open lane, and finding good match-ups."

In the consolation round,

by Culver senior Justin Master, who poked the ball loose into the backcourt and out of bounds, forcing the Comets to inbound from underneath Culver's basket with seven seconds left in the game.

Bauer, an all-tourney pick, led the Cavs with 11 points. • CASTON HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT At Fulton Game one TRITON 68, CULVER 48 TRITON (68): Ben Montalbano 2 3-6 7, Joel Meister 7 5-6 19, Dustin Krefl 1 0-0 3, Cody Carpenter 0 1-2 1, Austin Davis 1 0-0 2, Griffyn Carpenter 6 4-4 18, Colton Keel 5 0-0 10, Zac Moriarty 3 2-2 8. Totals: 25 15-20 68. CULVER (48): Adam Neace 5 10 14, Brock Elliott 1 0-1 2, Justin Master 2 0-0 4, Zoe Bauer 9 0-1 19, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, A.J. Neace 1 2-3 5, Larry Clingler 2 0-0 4. Totals: 21 3-6 48. Score by quarters Triton: 17 25 43 68 Culver: 6 17 24 48 3-point goals: Triton 3 (G. Carpenter 2, Krefl), Culver 3 (Adam Neace,

Cavalier wrestlers place three in top eight at tourney

By James Costello Sports Writer

ROCHESTER — Plymouth was out three wrestlers from its usual lineup, but the Rockies still managed sixth place at the 16-team John McKee Memorial Wrestling Invitational Saturday at Rochester.

Northern Lakes Conference foe Northridge claimed the tournament championship with three firsts



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Robert Molebash, right, grapples with Northridge's Reece Farnham for the 171-pound championship Saturday. Molebash topped Farnham 5-3.

and three runners up for a score of 227.5, followed by Peru with 207.5 and South Bend Clay in third with 191.5, while Plymouth took sixth with 152 points, Knox was ninth with 107 points, Triton finished one point ahead of Bremen with 85 points in 10th place, LaVille was 12th with a score of 67 and Culver Community finished 14th with 50 points.

Although Culver finished 14th Saturday, the Cavaliers were able to place three athletes in the top eight. Robert Molebash earned Culver a championship at 171 pounds with a 5-3 victory over Northridge's Reece Farnham to bring his record to an impressive 23-1 so far this season.

• JOHN MCKEE MEMORIAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT At Rochester TEAM SCORES: 1. Northridge 227.5, 2. Peru 207, 3. South Bend Clay 191.5, 4. Churubusco 182, 5. Rochester 155, 6. Plymouth 152, 7. Tippecanoe Valley 112, 8. South Bend Washington 110, 9. Knox 107, 10. Triton 85, 11. Bremen 84, 12. LaVille 67, 13. Caston 56, 14. Culver Community 50, 15. T.C. Howe 44.5, 16. North Miami 28. INDIVIDUALS (Top eight wrestlers place): 135: 7. Gavin Norton (Culver); 171: 1. Robert Molebash (Culver); 189: 6. Jacob Sheridan (Culver).

Lady Cavs' incentive trophy inspires real win at tourney

By Dee Grenert Sports Editor

BOURBON — Culver Community's girls basketball coaching staff brought a trophy to The Winning Edge Holiday Tourney Saturday at Triton.

After repelling a late LaVille surge, the Cavs took home a piece of new hardware with a 44-37 championship-round win at The Trojan Trench.

"This is our incentive trophy," Culver Community

game-high 13 points and snagged seven rebounds for the Cavs' balanced attack.

Two more sophomores — tourney MVP Gwen Zehner and Whitney Sanders — added nine points apiece, with Zehner ripping down nine boards and Sanders swiping four steals from the point of Culver's 1-3-1 zone. Meanwhile, sophomore point guard Nicole Carnegie handed out a game-high four assists and effectively handled the Lancers' full-court press.

"The balance was huge, and all the girls wanted to win," Faulkner said. "The way everyone contributed was huge." Sanders' second triple of the game, delivered from Carnegie off an out-of-bounds play, put the Cavs up 33-14 with 4:31 left in the third quarter, and seemingly in control.

How head coach Ashli Faulkner said, displaying an old trophy, affixed with a paper declaring the Cavs tourney champions. "We did this as a coaching staff this week in practice. They need to believe that they can win; they need to have that confidence. We knew they had it in them.



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT

Culver Community's Whitney Sanders (31) tries to drive against LaVille's Elaine Schmeltz, left, during the first quarter Saturday.

ever, LaVille picked up its intensity on the defensive end, started rotating the ball against the Cavs' zone and made a game of it, thanks in part to Culver's 4-for-15 fourth-quarter mark from the charity stripe.

The Cavs made good use of the 3-point line. In addition to the triple to provide Culver with its biggest spread, Sanders also drained a trey for a 3-2 score with 5:10 left in the first quarter — the only lead swap of the game — and Cindy Miller, following a timeout with 9.3 seconds left in the opening stanza, beat the buzzer from the top of the key for an 11-4 Culver lead.

Although Miller missed short on a 3 with the second quarter winding down, Zeh-

ner gathered the rebound for a half-ending bunny and 26-13 Culver lead. "We're really working hard at trying to get (Miller) to shoot (3-pointers) with confidence," Faulkner said. "I have complete confidence in her ability to make that shot. She wanted to count that as an assist on the stat sheet on Gwen's basket, but it was big for her to hit that first shot." On the other end of the bench, LaVille turned the ball over 16 times in the first 16 minutes and hit just 26.3 percent — 5 of 19 — from the field before the intermission.

• THE WINNING EDGE HOLIDAY TOURNEY Championship: CULVER COMMUNITY 44, LAVILLE 37 At Bourbon Score by quarters Culver: 11 26 36 44 LaVille: 4 13 23 37 CULVER (44): Nicole Carnegie 2 0-5 4, Susannah Baker 0 2-4 2, Patrice McBee 3 7-10 13, Whitney Sanders 3 1-3 9, Alison Zehner 1 2-2 4, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3, Gwen Zehner 4 1-8 9. TOTALS: 14 13-32 44. LAVILLE (37): Emily Fuller 2 3-4 8, Erica Schmeltz 4 2-4 10, Elaine Schmeltz 1 0-0 2, Anna Boits 1 0-0 3, Kaitlyn Kopetski 1 0-2 2, Cori Lindke 2 8-8 12, Bekah Fagan 0 0-0 0, Hannah Amor 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 11 13-18 37. 3-point goals: Culver 3 (Sanders 2, Miller), LaVille 2 (Fuller, Boits); Turnovers: Culver 23, LaVille 25; Rebounds: Culver 33 (G. Zehner 9), LaVille 32 (Er. Schmeltz 11); Assists: Culver 9 (Carnegie 4), LaVille 4 (Fuller 2); Steals: Culver 8 (Sanders 4), LaVille 6 (Elaine Schmeltz 3); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 17 (Baker), LaVille 24 (Fuller, Er. Schmeltz); Records: Culver 5-7, LaVille 3-7. Consolation: Triton 25, Caston 23 Score by quarters Caston: 3 9 13 23 Triton: 5 13 19 25 CASTON (23): Haley Markley 2 0-0 4, Shelby Loeffler 1 2-6 4, Emily See 3 0-1 6, Jada Powlen 3 1-2 9, Lauren Tam 0 0-0 0, Brittney Offenberger 0 0-0 0, Jessica Showley 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 9 3-8 23. TRITON (25): Paige Davis 2 2-3 8, Bethany Lemler 0 1-2 1, Kelsey Cooper 0 0-0 0, Savannah Tatzman 2 0-1 4, Kayla Tutorow 2 4-8 8, Amanda Miller 0 0-2 0, Brittany Wallace 1 0-1 2. TOTALS: 7 9-19 25. 3-point goals: Caston 2 (Powlen), Triton 2 (Davis); Turnovers: Caston 10, Triton 13; Rebounds: Caston 32 (Loeffler 12), Triton 30 (Cooper 7); Assists: Caston 7 (Loeffler 7), Triton 5 (Lemler 3); Steals: Caston 6 (Loeffler 4), Triton 5 (Miller 2); Fouls (fouled out): Caston 16 (none), Triton 9 (none); Records: Caston 1-10, Triton 6-7.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Team Cavaliers

CHS' Paul Paré recently caught up with several of Culver Comm. High School's sports teams. Pictured above is the girls junior varsity basketball team. Front row, left to right: Kaylee Miller, Chandler Gast, Amanda Steele, Karla Comacho. Back row: Chelsey Jones, Aspen Kitchell, Breanna Powers, Heather Overmyer (coach). More team photos will follow in future Citizens.

Marshall County bridal fair this weekend

The Marshall County Bridal Fair provides “one stop shopping” for brides to be, according to Gary Treat of The Bridal Shoppe. Treat said they schedule the event in early January so young women home from college or those planning a spring wedding can take advantage of meeting with vendors who provide everything to make beautiful successful weddings and receptions showcased under one roof.

This year’s Bridal Fair will be held Jan. 10 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Christo’s Banquet Center in Plymouth. There will also be two fashion shows at 12:30 and 2 p.m.

Treat said this is either the fifteenth or seventeenth year they have organized the event; however, Linda Shay, The Bridal Shoppe consultant, said it’s more like the twenty-fifth year.

Treat said, “Here at The Bridal Shoppe we make brides feel like a queen.” That’s exactly the feeling he wants for the entire fair as well.

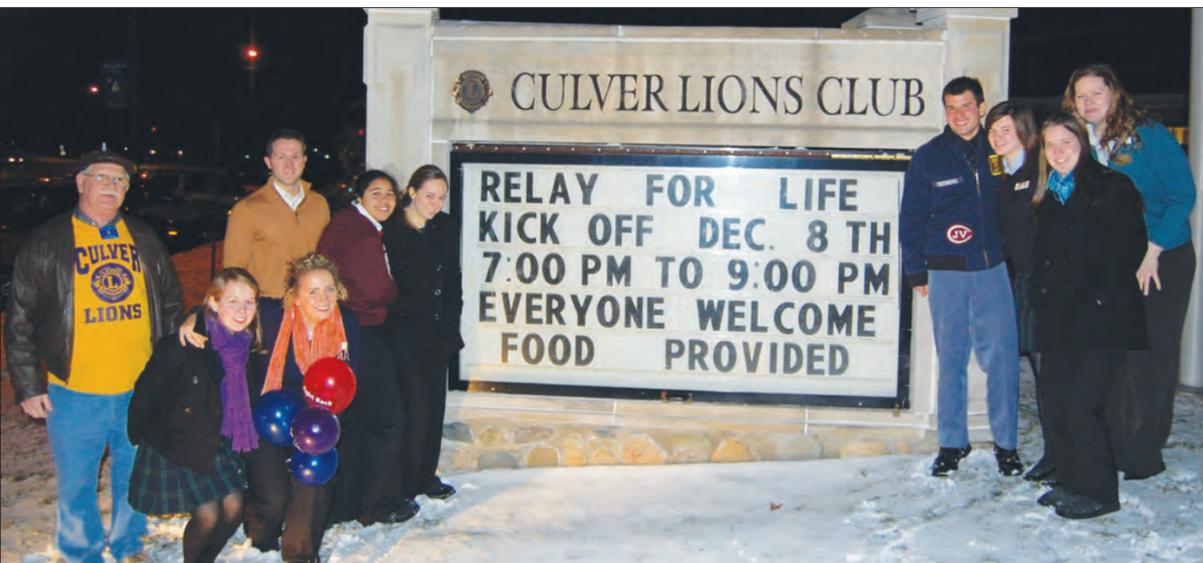
The thirty vendors’ displays will feature wedding attire, classical musicians, cake decorators, banquet facilities, DJ’s, caterers, florists, jewelers, salons and spas, house wares, decorators, and photographers/videographers. Treat said, “They are prepared to make reservations on the spot.”

Treat said, “All of the vendors will have spring promotional items.”

Admission is free.

Linda Shay, Bridal Consultant at The Bridal Shoppe, and Sara Emmons, one of the models for the fashion show. This is the third year that Emmons has modeled for the Bridal Fair.

PHOTO BY CAROL ANDERS



Ready to Relay

Leroy Bean, stationmaster for the Culver Lions Club train station/depot in Culver’s town park (far left) is joined by Culver Academies faculty and students Dec. 8 at the Culver community kickoff event for the 2009 Culver Relay for Life. Pictured with Bean, left to right, are Annelise Hansen, Alyssa Spratte, Dave Surovchak (adult, standing), Katie Barnes, Ashley Eberhart, Ian Greenberg, Destiny Cooper, and Michelle Schlaubitz. Students and faculty decorated the depot building and shared snacks and drinks provided by Larry Surrisi. The second annual Culver Relay for Life will take place April 17 at Culver Academies.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

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Organizers say individuals and groups can support the Relay for Life of Culver by participating in a number of ways: walking, sponsoring a team, donating in memory of loved ones lost, donating in honor of survivors, becoming a business sponsor, or donating an item for the silent auction. During these times, any donation, no matter the amount, can truly provide hope.

Relay for Life is a tribute to those who have been

touched by cancer. One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point, but everyone is affected by the disease. Successful events like the Relay for Life support the American Cancer Society’s mission to offer help and hope through cutting-edge research, widespread education, tireless advocacy, and numerous patient services, while improving the quality of life for all cancer patients and caregivers.

For more information, you may visit the Relay for Life website at www.culver.org/relay. Parents can reach the campus coordinators by e-mail at relay@culver.org or calling 574-842-7777

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he notes, something he hopes to change. He’s planning a Relay fundraising talent show uniting Culver Community Schools students and Culver Academies students, and already has commitment from Papa’s Pizza owner Brian McCormack for use of his restaurant for the event.



Ian Greenberg.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

But Greenberg doesn’t limit his community service endeavors to Relay. He’s made the Culver and Marshall County community the target of his zeal this year. “I always felt fortunate at home because I started off at my old school at six years old,” he recalls, “seeing inner city kids who had no families.”

As a child, Greenberg says, he spent time in a Shriner’s hospital for treatment of the foot-related ailment Seaver’s disease. “I was seeing kids who couldn’t even speak. I wanted to get every kid (in the hospital) a teddy bear, and I did it. That eventually led to me going to Costa Rica at age 13 (on a mission trip)...it makes me cry seeing these parts of the world. And you go to Chicago and people are complaining about stains on jackets!”

Greenberg got started in Culver fairly soon after getting back to school this fall. He was central to a campus-wide drive – at the suggestion of art instructor Bob Nowalk – to replenish Culver’s depleted food pantry, resulting in over 300 pounds of food collected from students (“And,” he adds, “we don’t

even go shopping!”) and a check for \$1,200.

“We did a \$20 challenge for teachers...and at church services we passed the hat, and we had an anonymous donor who matched what we (collected).”

Greenberg is also heavily involved with the Marshall County “Shop with a Cop” program, involving Academies parents in the project and challenging each CMA unit to sponsor at least two children at \$20 per child. He recalls his own experience last year with the program, in which Plymouth police take needy Marshall County children shopping for Christmas, with breakfast provided by the Lions Club. Children, he noticed, often asked for gifts for their parents before themselves.

He’s been involved in an annual “give back” drive on campus, in which clothing, food, school supplies, and other items are collected in bins and given to the Lions Club for disbursement. He’s also involved in CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization), a community service organization made up of student leaders from both the Academies and Culver High School.

Greenberg, who says he plans to eventually go into medicine and not-for-profit work, is known amongst his Culver peers for his determination in the area of service.

“Everybody (at school) knows (community service is) my passion,” he notes. “Nothing makes me feel better than helping others.”

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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.

Culver HS basketball history book on sale

Culver High School’s Business Professionals of America is selling copies of the Culver Community boys and girls basketball record book. The book is a compilation of statistics from teams from 1968 through the present. It includes coaches’ and players’ individual and team records, awards, and year-by-year, team-by-team scores. The cost of the book is \$10. Anyone who has followed basketball here over the years will want this novel idea for a Christmas gift. Copies may be purchased at the Culver High School.

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., through March 1. Cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire winter. Questions can be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Center for Culver History needs items

The Center for Culver History museum room in the Culver library will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Visitors can see the concept for the museum, view a few of the artifacts which will be in the museum and purchase any of the items the Antiquarian and Historical Society has for sale. The Center is also always in need of area artifacts to display in the space; items may be dropped off at the Culver Public Library.

Citizen cell phone

Please note our new contract information and cell phone number on page 3. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may now be reached at a new cell number, 574-216-0075. Please submit e-mail news items to the longstanding address, citizen@culcom.net.

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The 'REAL' Santa?

Santa Claus -- aided here by Ralph Winters -- greets Fr. Theodosius Walker of the Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Plymouth at Culver's REAL Meals' annual Christmas banquet and party Dec. 23, which was attended by a number of community members. Walker's mother, Ruth, is director of the Culver nutrition site, which meets weekdays at 11:30 a.m. at the Culver beach lodge.

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New Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located upstairs at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main St.; and the Culver Coffee Company, 634 E. Lake Shore Dr.. These drop-off boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours.

News drop-off no longer will be accepted at The Culver Citizen's former storefront location on North Main Street.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net and mailed to: The Culver Citizen, c/o The Pilot News, P.O. Box 220, Plymouth, IN 46563. Faxes may be sent to 574-936-3844.

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Short, quiet session concludes council's year

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's town council, in one of its shortest sessions in recent memory, met on an icy Dec. 23 night and took care of a few items of business, including encumbering monies for Culver's EMS and fire department as well as funds from the town's sidewalk budget. A list of town sidewalks in need of repair has been assembled by Dick Brantingham and the morning "walking ladies" of Culver, said street department head Bob Porter, who examined the sites himself.

Council president Sally Ricciardi, absent from the meeting, reportedly telephoned to request \$5,800 be encumbered for a new pole for the downtown fire siren, located at the town hall.

In approving the fire department's \$66,270 of monies, council member Ralph Winters pledged to support the department "as much as I can," noting rescue workers have helped him in the past, in locations.

Town clerk Casey Howard reported tree commission members Judy Sawhook and Dick Brantingham would like to remain on that commission, but that Culver's Re-development Commission will be losing three members at the end of the year: Kathy Clark, Jim Weirick, and Chet Marshall.

Howard also noted this -- her third year as clerk -- was the town's most stable year, at closing, she's seem. "I think we've adequately funded and even overfunded in some places," she said, suggesting many department heads have been more cautious with spending this year, due in part to the economy.

The council also opted to wait until its first meeting in January -- when more than the three council members present Dec. 23 would likely be on hand -- to make a decision regarding the status of town attorney Jim Clevenger, voted recently to complete attorney Ron Gifford's 2008 contract.

VFW men's cookoff benefits Culver pantry

Recently the Culver VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary held its annual "Chili Cook-off."

Good eats and good times were had by all, and the final winner was (besides the makers of antacids)...the Culver Food Pantry.

\$150 dollars was donated to the local food pantry in the name of the winner, "Joe the Bartender" (Joe Miller).

CCHS chemistry goes 'on the road'

By Lisa Caddy

Culver Community High School

Culver Community High School's advanced chemistry class traveled recently to the Fermi Lab in Batavia, Illinois, where they learned about permanent magnets and the movement of the earth. They also learned about quarks and leptons, which are fundamental particles of the universe discovered by the Fermi Lab.

The students enjoyed their visit. "I was amazed by the sheer size of the accelerators," said CHS senior Myles Pinder. "There were five accelerators and many brilliant people."

"There were all kinds of signs and guides to help us," added fellow student Gavin Norton. "They really did a great job. The trip was very educational and there were lots of interesting facts and intelligent people to talk with us."

The students also witnessed futuristic machines and sculptures.

"The main ring of the Fermi lab is four miles in circumference," commented CHS teacher Robert Konzelman. "That would fit the whole town of Culver in there."



Robert Konzelman's AP Chemistry students visited the Fermi Lab in Illinois. From left to right, Lauren Shaffer, Robert Konzelman (teacher), Jerry Smith, Jacob Sheridan, George Van Sky, Tony Leyva, Gavin Norton, and Olivia Knapp.

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Of note at Culver Elementary CES "Culver's Best"

Culver Elementary School announces its "Culver's Best" for October.

Students named to the list include: Summer Turney, Jeremy Penrod, Tia Romig, Jenna McCarthy, Daniel Bettinelli, Margaret McKinnis, Marisa Howard, Riley Stoll, Emily Jefferies, Rebecca Minix, Chyna Thomas, Alynna Richard, Dakota Allen, Brooke DeKoker, Kassie Dickey, Karianna Pappan-Muhammad, Cody Nystrom, Anna Blocker, Maggie Gormally, Grace Fleury, Shea Rhuly, Ethan Shuman, Kendal Miller, Morgan Keller, Owen Keller, Kamden Smith, Lucas Coburn, Nolan Shaffer, Ryan Tompos, Alex Wagner, Kirsten Arndt, John White, Shelton Barger, Hayley Wilkinson, Tracey Lindvall, Dalton Reinhold, Mackenna Evans, Danny Flenner, Teeno Hite, Josh Bodine, Gavan Compton, Caitlyn Cowell, Matthew Markovitz, Malachi Griffith, Starr Howard, Taylor Noah, Alyssa Buzzard, Kent Shaffer, Mariah Wilkinson, Dakota Clark, Nolan Shaffer, Jenna Moise, Damien Byers, Shane Stevens, Kaydence Crane, Justine Dexter, Derek Keller, Brett Johnson, Cecilia Kenney, Micaylah Rose, Kennedy Rainey

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CES Students of the month

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- **Kindergarten:** Kendal Miller, Brendan Palya, Gracey Sherman, Jane Wright
- **Grade 1:** Isabelle Ahlenius, Jordan Walker, Dakota Clark, Zane Kisela, Brooklyn Sellers
- **Grade 2:** Bailey Howard, Alynna Richard, Abigail Gregory
- **Grade 3:** Shea Ruhly, Paige Good, Sierra Craig, Brooklyn Noble

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• **Grade 4:** Aviana Ahlenius, Allie Harris, Kaytlyn Collins, Jennifer Dady, Anthony Luna, Wyatt Amor

• **Grade 5:** Jenna McCarthy, Megan Brady, Aaron Becker

• **Grade 6:** Bodhi Farquhar, Tia Romig, Megan Yeager, Mickella Hardy, Natasha Harris, Johnathon Hopple.

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