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In Brief

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 boy's basketball game, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Culver youth soccer registration

Culver youth soccer registration will take place Sat., Jan. 17, and Sat., Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culver Public Library. Registration is \$15 for preschool and kindergarten and \$20 for first through eighth grades. There are reduced prices for families of three or more, and a late fee after the Jan. 31 deadline. Contact Bruce Snyder, 574-842-2576 or bksnyder@wildblue.net.

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 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.

CES Market Day benefits PTO

Culver Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization encourages area residents to take a look at available items from the school's involvement in the Market Day program. Order forms – as well as date and time of order pickups – are available online but visiting www.marketday.com and searching for Culver Elementary School. All funds raised go towards PTO and are returned to the children of CES with the intention of benefiting all CES students. The current goal is to raise sales enough that the annual brochure sale – in which students take home

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Preparing for a worldwide stage

Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes parade down an Academy Road lined with onlookers and supporters Sunday, part of a "dress rehearsal" for the Troop and Equestriennes' participation in Jan. 20's historic presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., at which they will be one of only about 50 various entities chosen to participate. A flurry of statewide media were on hand for Sunday's parade as well.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Ready for the inaugural

Culver Troopers, Equestriennes parade in Culver in inaugural 'dress rehearsal'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If Culver Academies' communications director Bill Hargraves was a little overwhelmed by the presence of five television stations from Indianapolis and South Bend – besides a number of area newspapers and other media – descending on Culver Academies Jan. 11 to capture some of the excitement of Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop's and Equestriennes' participation in the inauguration of president-elect Barack Obama, it was a good sort of overwhelmed. He and other staff involved in preparation were busy answering questions and directing the flow of interested media and onlookers that Sunday afternoon as the mounts and their riders paraded down Academy Road and Lake Shore Drive, up Forest Place, and back again to the school. The parade, led by the Academies' band under the direction of William Browne, was greeted by scores of area residents, lining the streets and filling available parking spots with vehicles and responding to the procession with enthusiasm.

Culver Academies' director of horsemanship Ed Little says preparation for the inaugural parade began close to a year ago, and included a campaign to purchase enough all-black horses to accommodate the parade. The Culver class of 1949, he says, made the purchase possible.

At the beginning of the school year, Little notes, out of 25 new cadets in the Troop, only three or four knew how to ride. "We have aggressive beginning riding training," he says. "We try to do all parades we can, and that includes our Sunday garrison parades. By October, we're adding additional practices in the mornings and evenings, and there's also practicing in our equitation classes. Kids carry flags and deal with parade noises during class."

Rather than a single individu- See Parade page 2

From the high seas to Maxinkuckee

Chad Van Herk's unusual journey to Culver bank manager

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



Chad Van Herk

PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

a banker," says the Plymouth High School graduate and Cum Laude Ball State University grad (class of 2001,

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Culver man dies in ice boat accident

Rescue team finds King at center of Lake Maxinkuckee

By Maggie Nixon
Managing Editor

CULVER — A 72-year-old man has died after the ice boat he was on fell through Lake Maxinkuckee Saturday.

Police were called to 520 Peru Court, Culver, shortly before 3 p.m. Suzanne King reported to police her 72-year-old husband, Ronald, had taken his ice boat — a craft similar to a sailboat equipped with skis, powered by a sail — out on the frozen lake. She was concerned he had not returned after nearly an hour.

Upon arrival, Culver Deputy Chief of Police Chad Becker said a "search" was done from the residence using binoculars. "The boat craft was not visually located from that



Members of the Culver-Union Township Fire Department, Marshall County Dive Team, and Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement Division were on Lake Maxinkuckee Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, to remove from the lake the ice boat Ronald E. King of Culver was operating when he was found unresponsive and unconscious in unfrozen water the previous day. Transported to St. Joseph hospital in South Bend, King later died as a result of the incident.

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area," he said. A second search was conducted from the west shore of the public access site, but the ice boat was not observed from there either.

"An incident command was started at the public access site by Culver Police," Becker said. "At this time, the Culver Fire Department was requested for personnel in regard to a search, which was started by sending fire units around the lake."

Becker said within half an hour after the fire department's search began, the department was able to locate the boat near the center of Lake Maxinkuckee, Indiana's second largest lake.

"After fire personnel walked to the boat, they were able to locate the victim partially submerged in an open area of the lake that had not frozen.

"King was found to be unconscious and unresponsive, however he had been wearing a life jacket," Becker said. The jacket was able to keep King afloat and his head above water. A basket was used to transport King across the lake after Culver-Union Township EMS pulled him from the water.

After being treated at the scene, King was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center-Plymouth before being taken to South Bend.

According to Marshall County Coroner William Cleavenger, King died at 11:03 p.m. Saturday.

Culver Police, Fire and EMS were assisted by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, the Marshall County Dive Team and the Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement Division.

On Sunday, fire and police department crews returned to the scene to remove the ice boat from Lake Maxinkuckee.

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Bearing gifts

For the second year in a row, employees of Culver's Medallion Cabinetry visited the Academy Road based Pathfinders group home in Culver, bringing gifts for residents of both that home and the Knox Pathfinders home. Besides a check for the Knox home, Medallion employees presented individual presents for residents and a plethora of food for a Christmas dinner. Residents and staff also joined Medallion employees in Christmas carols at the Dec. 23 visit.

In the photo at left, Donna Louk of Medallion Cabinetry presents a check to Pathfinders representative Jennifer McKee as group home resident Rebecca Jackson, at right, looks on. In the right-hand photo, standing from left to right: Medallion staff Kathy Evans, Susan Fields, Trula Amich, Denny DeMarco, Rhonda Hogue of Pathfinders, Medallion's Terry Reising, group home residents Bonnie Bradley and Louis Troike, and Medallion's Donna Louk and Mary Lou Elder. Seated: group home residents Susie Weiger, Rebecca Jackson, Blake Hunter, Nancy Davis, Tracy Seitz, Sandy Rearick, Dab Chandler, Otis Young and Theresa Lowry.

PHOTOS/JEFF KENNEY

Dance Kaleidoscope "Magical Mystery Tour" hits Culver

Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series continues Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with the Dance Kaleidoscope "Magical Mystery Tour" onstage at the Eppley auditorium.

Indiana-based Dance Kaleidoscope (www.dancekal.org), led by artistic director David Hochoy, is an eleven-member company trained in the rigorous modern dance technique of Martha Graham as well as classical ballet. Their extensive repertoire offers a human emotional landscape examined in literal and abstract terms and Magical Mystery Tour is no exception. Viewers will follow the dancers with the songs of the Beatles as they take you on a "hippie" and "flower child" journey through the 1960's, complete with incredible costumes by New York costume designer Barry Doss.

The public is welcome at the event. The Eppley box office has two locations; please note the location for hours of operation. The Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center box office is located in the foyer of the main entry facing Academy Road, and is open Mon. through Fri., 1 to 4 p.m. The Eppley Auditorium box office is located in the lobby, and is open one hour prior to any ticketed performance. Email Marsha Coven to request tickets at covenm@culver.org or call the box office at 574-842-7058. All seats are reserved seating. Ticket prices are \$20 (orchestra/mezzanine; senior/student \$15) and \$15 (balcony; senior/student \$10). All ticket sales are final. The box office accepts cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

Parade from page 1



Members of Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes, in the school's temporary horse barn, are busy preparing for a "dress rehearsal" for the Troop and Equestriennes' participation in Jan. 20's inaugural parade.

PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Area viewers will no doubt be watching intently during the presidential inaugural parade Jan. 20, when Little, Waller, and other Academies staff and students will help Barack Obama and all America to make history.

al as in years past, Little explains, an entire committee is in charge of getting information to Washington, D.C. in order to qualify the school for an inaugural invite.

"This year we were fortunate that we were allowed to take 100 students. We've had some kids that are eliminated (for various reasons), but we've had very few that won't be able to ride with us."

As might be expected, participating students are excited. "They really take these practices seriously. If not, they'd either be missing practices or easily be eliminated. They have just done a wonderful job this year. We have great bunch of kids."

Little says he's in charge primarily of getting the logistics together and preparing things for the parade itself. "Mark Waller is the horsemanship department's new director of programming and will be the one actually directing students for practices and at the parade."

"This is my fifth (inaugural) parade," Little says. "I've ridden in three. I was going to sit out of this one out, but I'll be there and may walk the parade."

Van Herk from page 1

with a Business Administration degree). "I moved to Florida in early 2002 after having purchased a 27 foot sailboat from a couple who had circumnavigated the globe in her in the 1970s and '80s."

"I had dreams of tropical paradise dancing in my head and, throughout college, had only one foot in the classroom and the other foot on an odd-numbered highway, headed South. It is often said that a boat is merely 'a hole in the water into which one throws one's money.' 'Twiga' (the boat) absorbed my limited cash like an old, dry sponge...I was down to my last \$500 cash."

"(I) walked away from the canal where 'Twiga' was docked and found the closest respectable business I could find, which was the local branch of BankAtlantic, on the 17th Street Causeway near Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale Florida. The rest is history."

Raised mainly in Plymouth by "seafaring parents" Van Herk says he is "happily returned to Marshall County after having sailed my little boat through the Bahamas and Caribbean for a year...and having weathered substantial stormy seas and a hurricane or two."

His wanderlust satisfied, at least for now, he says he traded his boat (not literally) for a small farm house on State Road 17 which he plans to "slowly resuscitate" and make a home. That home is shared with girlfriend Elizabeth, two labs Sahara and Maverick, a number of indoor and outdoor cats, and two horses. Elizabeth, he notes, has worked at Culver Academies for eight years as an equine professional, teaching lessons and organizing and directing the horses and their care. She will be accompanying the Black Horse Troop to the Inauguration of President-elect Obama.

Van Herk was hired by Larry Miller when the bank was still a Fifth-Third branch. "I became attuned to the local community and its warm, tight-knit, veritably small-town style," he says. "I do my best to fill (Larry's) shoes...and on the occasion I do indeed find myself emulating Larry's character -- whether intentional or not -- I find that it comes quite naturally after having worked with him for two and a half years. I am also quite

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happy to continue the tradition of fresh popcorn on Fridays, any donations for which go to a local charity."

"I will always treat my customers as individuals first and clients second," Van Herk says, adding he is "quite proud to work for such a strong small-town bank with a very modern infrastructure...even in this economically troubling time, we at First Farmers are reaching new record levels in profitability and liquidity. It has been a blessing."

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Campbell, Marina at heart of more than 50 years of Maxinkuckee boating

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Among the giants Culver lost last year, which the Citizen wasn't able to profile with more depth at the time, was former Culver Marina owner Jack Campbell, whose business formed the backbone of lake-based recreation here for over 50 years.

Born in Kendallville, Campbell became involved in the marine business at age five in 1932 when his parents bought a marina on Sylvan Lake at Rome City, says daughter Susan Thews. The family stayed there until 1953 when they moved to Culver, bought the Behmer Boat Company on Lake Maxinkuckee, and changed its name to the Culver Boat Company.

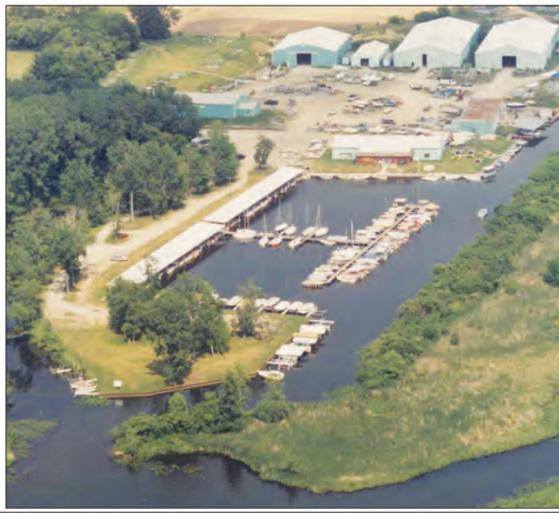
In the interim, says Campbell's son, Jack Jr., Jack Campbell Sr. had served in the US Navy during World War II. In the early 1950s, young Jack Sr. was racing boats at various Indiana lakes when he discovered Maxinkuckee and the Behmer marina for sale, at 600 South Shore Drive, where Campbell would live until his death.

He married Lila (whose last name happened also to be Campbell) in 1950, the two having three children – David, Jack Jr., and Susan – before her death in 1982. He remarried, to Marilyn, in 1986.

In the beginning of the Campbell's management of the Culver Boat Co., says Jack Jr.,

"They just sold, repaired and stored boats."

But the elder Jack Campbell's father, O.D. Campbell, died in 1969 from a sudden heart attack, and Jack found himself managing the marina.



This aerial photo from years past indicates the scope of the expanded Marina facilities after the operation moved to its present locale on the east shore of the lake in the 1970s.

PHOTO COURTESY SUSAN THEWS/THE CAMPBELL FAMILY

In 1971, notes Thews, the business was outgrowing its South Shore location and had begun renting storage for the many boats utilizing the facilities. In addition, the operation included a wholesale business distributing boat hoists

and trailers all over the Midwest, "anywhere within a days' driving distance of Indiana," notes Campbell Jr.

"At that time," he adds, "the old business was rapidly expanding, and the whole marine industry was taking off. The end of the 1960s through the 1970s, that's when fiberglass came in. They quit building wood boats in 1968 and everything switched into fiberglass. It was a lot lower maintenance and the cost was lower. Stern drives started becoming popular, and higher horsepower motors... (recreational boating) became affordable for a lot of people."

Explains Thews, "We purchased 50 acres of ground on the southeast corner of the lake from Dr. Norris, and (dad) got a DNR permit to dredge a harbor there."

A year or two after that, another 20 acres adjoining were added, and eventually – though some 20 years later -- another 10 acres, making 80 acres total.

The Campbells dredged the harbor at the new site and dammed it up, adding a seawall, stalls for 140 boats, and several storage buildings. Eventually, the operation could store close to 500 boats. A building was added for the company's distributing operation, which Thews says Dave Campbell managed. The corporate name changed around 1974 to Culver Marina, Inc.

In later years, says Thews, she and Jack Jr. would run the day to day retail operation, with Dave overseeing it all. "My dad started transitioning out of the hands-on end of it in the early to mid 1990s. He'd say, 'I'm going to Florida; you guys can run it all!'"

While it's undeniable the Culver Marina was (and is) See Campbell page 7

Community Calendar

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

Sunday, Jan. 18
Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium

Monday, Jan. 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no classes at Culver Comm. Schools
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 11 a.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium
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
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Tuesday, Jan. 20
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Presidential Inaugural Parade featuring Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop & Equestriennes, Washington, D.C.
Plan commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library
Dance Kaleidoscope, Huffington Concert Series, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium

Wednesday, Jan. 21
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Thursday, Jan. 22
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

Obituary

Ronald Earl King June 10, 1936 - Jan. 10, 2009



Ronald Earl King, 72, a resident of Culver and Kokomo, died at 11:03 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend following an ice boating accident on Lake Maxinkuckee. He was born June 10, 1936, in Peru, the son of Cecil V. and Laura Esther (Edwards) King. He married Suzanne Burton, in Kokomo, on Jan. 21, 1961, and she survives.

Ron was a 1954 graduate of Peru High School and a 1959 graduate of GMI as a co-op student with Delco Radio. He earned his master's degree

from Purdue University in 1967. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was employed for 42 years with Delco Electronics, retiring in 1999. His memberships included the First Presbyterian Church in Kokomo, the Purdue 400 Club, and the Y's Men. He was a regular Red Cross blood donor.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; one son, Brian A. King and his wife, Becki, Tipton; two daughters, Karen Alyea and her husband, Mike, Fishers, and Stacy Hildebrand and her husband, Greg, Plymouth; six grandchildren; and one brother, Carl E. King and his wife, Pat, Marion. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Ron's life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2000 W. Jefferson St. Kokomo, with Pastor Jerry VanAuken officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery with military honors provided by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Purdue University for scholarships and/or the Lake Maxinkuckee Association with envelopes available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Obituary - Hamman

Ralph F. Hamman Dec. 20, 1923 - Dec. 24, 2008

Services for Ralph F. Hamman, 85, of Monterey were held at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna on Saturday, December 27, 2008 from 4 to 8 P.M. and Funeral Sunday December 28, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. He passed away Wednesday December 24, 2008 at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. Born December 20, 1923 in Kewanna, Indiana, he was the son of the late Herbert and Golda Woolington Hamman. On December 19, 1962 he married Phyllis Hopkins, she survives. Ralph was a 1942 Kewanna High School Graduate, he was a WWII Army Veteran and a member of the American Legion Post 399, Monterey and the V.F.W. Post 6919 Culver. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, and playing cards.

He formerly owned and operated the Monterey Lumber Company retiring in 1987 after 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis I Hamman of Monterey, four sons Kenny Hamman and wife Sue of Winamac, Brian Hamman and wife Carolyn of Culver, Tony Bean and wife Twyla of Monterey and Kevin Bean of Logansport, one daughter Kim Mitch and Husband Jack of Yorktown, brother Ron Hamman of Kewanna, sisters Ruth Talbott of Kewanna and Betty Frazie of Ft. Wayne, 8 Granddaughters and 6 grandsons and two Great granddaughters and 6 Great Grandsons.

Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Rachel (Galbreath) Hamman and he was also preceded by daughter, Connie (Hamman) Conley and grandson Christopher Conley, 2 sisters, Lucille Newcomer and Ginger Good and 2 brothers Herbert "Bud" Hamman and Robert Hamman.

Military Rites were conducted Saturday January 3, 2009 at the Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Monterey.

Death notice - Tillotson

Tim E. Tillotson II Jan. 6, 2009

BOURBON — Tim E. Tillotson II, 21, of Bourbon, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 at Northern Indiana Manufacturing, Bourbon.

He is survived by his parents: Tim E. and Tonia Tillotson of Bourbon; sisters: Trish and Tayah Tillotson of Bourbon; brother, Trevor Tillotson of Bourbon; grandparents: Carolyn and Gerald Pike of Culver, Larry and Gerri Staner of Bremen, Velma Tillotson of Bourbon and Eugene Tillotson of Goshen; and great-grandmothers: Esther VanBlaricom of Plymouth and Hazel Staner of Bremen.

Visitation was Monday, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and for one hour prior to services at Bourbon First United Methodist Church Tuesday. Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorials may be made to the Tim E. Tillotson II Memorial Fund in care of First State Bank, 101 W. Center St., Bourbon, IN 46504.

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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... and the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When [the wise men] saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy (Matthew 2:9-10 NKJV).

The wise men were on an incredible journey of faith. They knew and believed the prophecies of the Old Testament about One who would be born. When they saw this new and wondrous star in the skies, they believed that it was a sign of the birth of the One spoke of in the Scriptures and they began the journey to see and worship this Child by following the star.

Did the wise men know where they were going?

Apparently not, for the Scriptures tell us that they stopped at the wrong place, Jerusalem. They had to be told from the Scriptures where the Child was to be found.

Another person in the Scriptures also went on a journey, not knowing the destination. Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1 NKJV). Both Abraham and the wise men journeyed to the same land under the direction and guidance of the Lord. Abraham was given the promise that one of his descendants would fulfill the promise of a Savior made to Adam and Eve and he traveled to the land where the Christ would be born. The wise men traveled to the same land to witness and worship the fulfillment of that promise. From this, we learn that the Christ-child is the Savior of all people, Jews and Gentiles. He is the Savior of the world. Both Abraham and the wise men traveled, not knowing where they were going, but in faith, trusting the guidance and direction of God.

We are on a journey as well. Each day, each week, each month, each year, we continue our journey through life. We do not know how long this journey will last. We do not know what we will encounter on this journey. We do not know the joys or the sorrows that await us on this journey. However, when we travel in the same way as Abraham and the wise men - that is, in faith - we will reach the same destination: the Promised Land, worshipping the Savior of the world.

Abraham was directed by God, Himself, and shown the land where he was to live. By the leading of a star, God made known His only-begotten Son to the Gentile wise men. But who, or what, guides us on this journey? Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6 NKJV). Faith in Jesus - in His life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins - is what brings us into the presence of our Savior.

Our journey through life will have many twists and turns; joys and sorrows; hills and valleys. As you journey along your unique path, traveling in faith, Jesus will lead you to the final destination and an enjoyment in heaven of

Pastor's Corner

By K.C. Dehning
Trinity Lutheran church

Nostalgia

75 years ago

Jan. 17, 1934

Four closely matched teams will compete in the county invitational tournament here Saturday. If there is any favorite in the event, it must be Bourbon, which has had a strong record so far. However, Plymouth has been developing rapidly in the last few weeks and must be considered. Culver's chances are the most doubtful as the team has been playing erratic ball since Christmas and feels the absence of Tom Lindahl, who was recently hurt in an automobile accident. But Culver has the advantage of playing on its home floor, and has the talent to win the meet if playing in top form.

Work on the airport project northeast of town began Monday with ten men employed in preliminary clearing of the land. In tearing down the old barn that must be removed to make way for the runways, it was found the structure was built of walnut and no nails were used, wooden pegs holding the beams and boards together, making the structure an old landmark. Work also started on landscaping the (public) school grounds.

50 years ago

Jan. 14, 1959

In announcing its calendar for the 1959-60 school year, Culver Military Academy noted it will now dismiss cadets for a Thanksgiving weekend holiday from Weds. through Sun. For many years, Thanksgiving was a time when parents visited their sons, military exhibitions, parent-teacher conferences, special chapel services, and a formal dance were held. Townspeople and Lake Maxinkuckee will receive the news with mixed emotions. Many of them have rented rooms and in some

with regret discontinue the services of our fine outside Society Editor. Accordingly, all local news of society, churches, clubs, and other organizations must be brought into the newspaper or phoned in at Viking 2-3377.

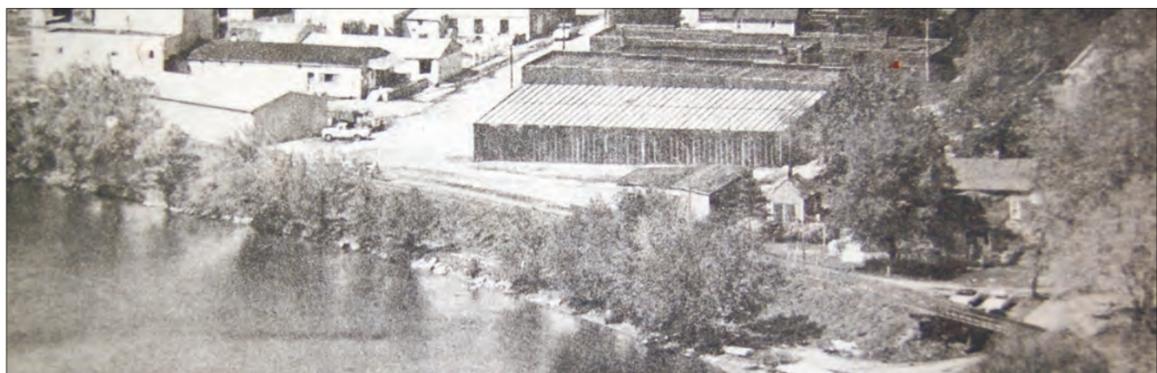
The Agriculture club at Culver High School has elected its new officers. They include Leroy Beach as president, Larry Zechiel as vice-president, and Norman Thomas as secretary-treasurer.

25 years ago

Jan. 18, 1984

Mike Overmyer was named Citizen of the Year last Weds. night by Culver's Lions Club. He has worked with 4H all his life, including as an adult, served on the township council, the county council, county beef committee, served as fair board member several times, and helped organize the Culver Young Farmers chapter. He was very active and held offices when the Culver Jaycees were meeting. He has been with the Culver United Fund for several terms and helped with the Lakefest. He is president of the Maxinkuckee Players and a member of the Wesley United Methodist church choir. He recently joined the Culver Lions Club and has participated in a number of that group's activities. Lions president Dennis Westafer presented the award.

The Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, Inc. was presented the Community Service Award by the Lions Club. On Feb. 16, 1982, John Babcock of the Culver Planning Commission made a motion to establish a committee representing the Academy, town, and Lake Maxinkuckee Association after environmental impact studies made for the Culver Educational Foundation showed a need for a lake management



The way we were

The above photo, one of several aerial photos of Culver from the 1976 Culver Citizen, shows the east end of Jefferson Street, taken from an angle facing west. At left, part of the co-op grain elevator (which burned down in 1976), site of today's Culver Cove, is visible. The buildings at right would become part of Top Shop waterbeds. In the lower right corner, the old railroad viaduct can still be seen. At the top, near middle of the photo, today's Culver Cabana building is visible.

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cases their entire houses to relatives of cadets. Many Culver housewives will miss this added revenue. The same is true for the Three Sisters and Don-Marie restaurants. Ample recreational activities for cadets staying on campus during the holidays will be provided by the school.

Steadily mounting costs of all phases of newspaper production have made it necessary for the Citizen to affect all possible economies at this time. Until further notice, we must

program with construction restrictions, landscaping and planning programs, and increased regulations dealing with sewage, fertilizer, and drainage. That September, the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, Inc., was established and has since then raised over \$240,000 in pledges, besides completing restoration of the Wilson ditch wetlands. Margaret Dehne, executive director for the Environmental council, accepted the award.

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Sports



Cavs edged out by Jimtown defense

By Dee Grenert Sports Editor
CULVER — Jimtown surrendered three first-quarter rebound baskets to Culver Community Tuesday.

The Jimmies solved that little problem by allowing just three field-goal attempts — all misses — in the second stanza on their way to a 42-33 Northern State Conference boys basketball win over the Cavs at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

while Frye chipped in eight points, including a triple that snapped a 9-9 deadlock with 1:11 left in the first frame, and started a 15-2 half-ending run that put Jimtown up 24-11. Frye's second trey gave the Jimmies a 38-19 lead with 5:24 left in the final quarter.

Also for the Jimmies, Tyler Forgey latched on to five steals, and Josh Ruben handed out three assists.

"Shane Cook hit some big 3s, Logan Frye hit some big shots," DeShone said.

We only took three shots, and then only scored four points in the third quarter."

Meanwhile, Jimtown kept close tabs on Culver leading scorer Zoe Bauer, leaving the talented sophomore with little room to operate. With Bauer locked down, the Cavs searched in vain for alternative sources of offense during the middle quarters.

"Zoe's a strong player, but he's still only a sophomore," Elliott said. "It's a different game for him this year. He's learning on the fly. We need other kids to step up and relieve the pressure from Zoe. We've had certain games where we've had kids step up, but not consistently enough.



PHOTO/ALAN HALL

Culver Community's Zoe Bauer, right, guarded by Jimtown's Logan Frye, left, looks for an open teammate last Tuesday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Utilizing primarily a switching man-to-man defense — with an occasional 1-3-1 half-court zone mixed in for good measure — Jimtown held Culver scoreless in the second quarter and allowed just four points in the third, while benefiting from 14 turnovers during the 16-minute span.

"Jimtown may have lost a lot on the offensive end from last year, but they haven't lost anything on the defensive end," Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott said. "They forced us out of our offensive spacing, and left us with an inability to attack. That was very evident with four points in what amounted to a half. They took us completely out of our rhythm."

For the game, the Cavs struggled to a 12-for-33 finish — 36.4 percent — from the field, a mark helped considerably by a 6-for-8 fourth-quarter showing, as well as five putbacks.

"We had a great defensive effort, especially in the first half," Jimtown head coach Randy DeShone said. "Our players are very good at moving and coming off screens. I thought we made (Culver) take tough shots. This was an improvement game for us.

"The 1-3-1 is something new; we wanted to give them a different look," he added. "We did a good job finding their shooters, and I think it threw them off a little bit. For the first time, it was very good."

Shane Cook and Logan Frye combined to finish 5-for-8 from 3-point range for the Jimmies. Cook tied for game-high scoring honors with 13 points,

"We're improving. We still aren't fully understanding what we need to do with our offense, but it's getting better."

For Culver, sophomore post Larry Clingler nailed all six of his field-goal tries, highlighted by a quartet of rebound buckets. He tallied 13 points and yanked down a game-high 10 rebounds for the Cavs. Clingler's work on the offensive glass kept Culver close until Jimtown's defense asserted control in the second quarter.

"Larry Clingler definitely played his best game of the year for us, and he was going up against two guys bigger than he is," Elliott said. "He scored 13 points and grabbed some rebounds. That's the type of thing we're looking for from him.

"In the first quarter we got some good shots that we missed, and Larry was there to clean it up," he added. "The second quarter was not a high point for us,

but the game was already out of hand."

Adam Neace chipped in seven points before hobbling off the floor late in the game. Elliott expects Neace to play Saturday when the Cavs travel to New Prairie. Junior point guard Patrick Mulvihill handed out three assists for Culver.

CULVER COMMUNITY 33
 At Culver
 Score by quarters
 Jimtown: 15 24 28 42
 Culver: 11 11 15 33
JIMTOWN (42): Justin Brown 0 0-0 0, Shane Cook 5 0-0 13, Logan Frye 3 0-0 8, Richard Geraghty 1 0-0 2, DJ Washington 1 0-0 2, Tyler Forgey 0 6-6 6, Josh Ruben 2 0-1 4, Isiah Johnson 2 0-1 4, Austin Pirtle 1 1-2 3. TOTALS: 15 7-10 42.

CULVER (33): Adam Neace 2 3-4 7, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0, Justin Master 2 1-1 5, Zoe Bauer 1 0-0 2, Patrick Mulvihill 1 0-0 2, Kyle Pugh 0 0-0 0, AJ Neace 0 1-2 1, Larry Clingler 6 1-4 13. TOTALS: 12 9-15 33.
 3-point goals: Jimtown 5 (Cook 3, Frye 2), Culver none; Turnovers: Jimtown 14, Culver 17; Rebounds: Jimtown 14 (Ruben 4), Culver 22 (Clingler 10); Assists: Jimtown 12 (Ruben 3), Culver 7 (Mulvihill 3); Steals: Jimtown 8 (Forgey 5), Culver 3; Fouls (fouled out): Jimtown 16 (none), Culver 13 (none); Records: Jimtown 3-5 (1-0 NSC), Culver 3-6 (0-2 NSC).

Barnes' absence bad for CGA and OD

By Dee Grenert Sports Editor

CULVER — Culver Girls Academy clearly missed injured four-year starting point guard Katie Barnes Saturday.

Strangely enough, Barnes' absence hurt Oregon-Davis too, at least for a half.

The Class A No. 4 Bobcats shrugged off a sloppy first half, drilling 7-of-13 second-half attempts from downtown to run away from the Eagles, 74-48 at Fleet Gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

That second-half accuracy stood in stark contrast to the opening 16 minutes when O-D adopted a one-pass-and-chuck-a-3 strategy, and finished 3-for-20 from beyond the arc.

"We had to get a little more focused," O-D head coach Terry Minix said. "We know Katie Barnes; she plays AAU with us. Without Katie, I think our girls thought they could just coast through this. We're trying to make them understand that when you step on the floor you have to be ready to compete.

"It looked more like an open gym in the first half — just throw the ball up," he added. "Those shots are fine, if they're within the offense. We teach catch and shoot, but it needs to be within the offense. They got a talking to at halftime, and played more focused in the second half."

Murray State recruit Aubrey Minix piled up 19 of her game-high 25 points — including four of her five 3-pointers — after the intermission to lead five O-D players in double figures. Junior point guard Gabi Minix posted strong all-around numbers with 15 points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Defensive catalyst Kelsey Minix, who sank a pair of 3-pointers in the first two minutes of the third stanza that pushed O-D's lead to double figures for good, Caley Savoie and Samantha Sims chipped in 10 points apiece for the Bobcats.

"Kelsey hit a couple of big shots — she and Sam were two we got on about catch and shoot — and that gave us some breathing room," the O-D skipper said. "Defensively, she does so much for us.

"We started making good passes, got some good breaks, and Gabi broke

their backs with a couple of plays," he continued. "I think we were able to wear them down. If there's one thing we are, we are in good shape."

CGA, playing in its first game since Dec. 16, held its own for the opening 15 minutes, even as Barnes sat out with what head coach Gary Christlieb termed a "mild stress fracture."

"We put her in the scorebook, but didn't play her," Christlieb said. "She's had probably 15 to 20 minutes of practice long court this week. We decided to give her a little extra time to heal. Playing without Barnes threw a little bit of a wrench, but I saw a lot of good things. I'm real pleased with the way we played."

Senior forward Cassie Felton, listed at a conservative 5-foot-9, racked up 20 points and 13 rebounds for CGA.

"Cassie Felton played a monster game," Christlieb said. "We thought she would have a size advantage, and she made use of it."

Sophomore standout Kylee Shipley filled in nicely at the point with 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Her old-fashioned 3-point play with 1:03 left in the first half trimmed the Eagles' deficit to four points — 29-25 — before O-D finished the quarter strongly for a 36-27 advantage at the break.

"I thought Shipley did a nice job as a point guard," Christlieb said. "I thought all of our kids stepped up. Katie Gawor, Erica Sims and Alexis Christlieb all did a nice job."

However, O-D took advantage of the Eagles' revamped lineup, racking up 23 points off 27 turnovers.

"We turned the ball over too many times," Christlieb said. "They scored 23 points off turnovers. That's the difference in the game."

A positive for CGA, and sore spot for the Cats, came on the glass where the Eagles claimed a 40-27 advantage, including 13 offensive boards.

"We were just standing around waiting for someone else to get the ball so we could run," Terry Minix said. "We had nobody box-



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GREBERT

CGA's Erica Sims, left, drives the baseline against Oregon-Davis' Aubrey Minix, right, Saturday at Fleet Gymnasium.

ing out. If somebody wants more playing time on our team, they'll get it if they rebound. Right now we're looking for a kid who will rebound."

Both teams return to action Tuesday. O-D heads to John Glenn, while CGA hosts West Central.

OREGON-DAVIS 74
 CGA 48
 At Culver
 Score by quarters
 O-D: 10 36 57 74
 CGA: 5 27 39 48
 O-D (74): Sam Sims 4 0-0 10, Gabi Minix 6 2-5 15, Alivia Sims 0 2-5 2, Kelsey Minix 4 0-2 10, Aubrey Minix 8 4-4 25, Nicole Mickow 0 0-0 0, Katie Schwenk 0 0-0 0, Caley Savoie 5 0-0 10, Elizabeth Richie 0 0-0 0, Maria Duncan 0 0-0 0, Justyne Kranenburg 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 28 8-16 74.
 CGA (48): Alexis Christlieb 0 0-0 0, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Moira Kelley 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 7 2-3 18, Emily Loehmer 2 1-2 5, Erica Sims 2 1-2 5, Monica Weaser 0 0-2 0, Cassie Felton 8 4-6 20. TOTALS: 19 8-15 48.
 3-point goals: O-D 10 (A. Minix 5, S. Sims 2, K. Minix 2, G. Minix), CGA 2 (Shipley); Turnovers: O-D 10, CGA 27; Rebounds: O-D 28 (G. Minix 9), CGA 40 (Felton 13); Assists: O-D 16 (G. Minix 6), CGA 13 (Shipley 5); Steals: O-D 15 (G. Minix 4), CGA 3; Fouls (fouled out): O-D 14 (none), CGA 14 (none); Records: O-D 10-2, CGA 7-4.
 JV scores: O-D 40 (Kranenburg 8, A. Sims 8), CGA 26 (Weaser 9).

Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Culver gets NSC win
 Culver Community picked up a 54-40 Northern State Conference girls basketball win over New Prairie at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Friday.

Sophomore center Gwen Zehner scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Cavs, while classmate Whitney Sanders canned a trio of treys en route to 14 points.

CULVER COMMUNITY 54
NEW PRAIRIE 40
 At Culver
 Score by quarters
 New Prairie: 7 9 18 40
 Culver: 13 26 47 54
NEW PRAIRIE (40): Katie Waldo 1 1-2 3, Courtney Spencer 4 0-0 10, Olivia Findley 2 0-2 6, Lisa Jasinski 0 0-0 0, Kirstin Lestinsky 0 0-0 0, Brina Miltenberger 1 0-0 2, Brooke Fedder 1 0-0 2, Katie Lestinsky 0 2-3 2, Megan Campos 0 0-0 0, Katie Singleton 3 4-4 10, Kourtney Keck 1 3-4 5. TOTALS: 13 10-15 40.
CULVER COMMUNITY (54): Nicole Carnegie 2 3-8 7, Susannah Baker 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 1 2-4 4, Whitney Sanders 5 1-2 14, Alison Zehner 2 2-3 6, Gwen Zehner 7 6-8 20, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3. TOTALS: 18 14-25 54.
 3-point goals: New Prairie 4 (Spencer 2, Findley 2), Culver 4 (Sanders 3, Miller); Turnovers: New

Prairie 24, Culver 25; Rebounds: New Prairie 19, Culver 29; Assists: New Prairie 9, Culver 7; Steals: New Prairie 8, Culver 14; Fouls (fouled out): New Prairie 19 (none), Culver 14 (none); Records: New Prairie 2-12 (1-3 NSC), Culver 6-7 (2-2 NSC).
 JV score: New Prairie 32, Culver 13.

Hockey

CMA falls

CMA's varsity hockey team dropped a 2-1 decision to Penn Gold Thursday.

Ryan Everson scored the lone Eagles goal.

PENN GOLD 2
CMA (H.S. Varsity) 1
 At Culver (From Thursday)
 FIRST PERIOD
 P — Blair Zentz (unassisted) 14:33.
 P — Zachary Hiss (Zentz) 12:43.
 THIRD PERIOD
 CMA — Ryan Everson (unassisted) 5:30.
 Shots: Penn 10, CMA 39. Saves: Christian Sandroni (P) 38, Michael Wortell (CMA) 7.

CGA ties

Chicago Young Americans (U19) scored with 11 seconds left in the third period to tie CGA's hockey team 3-3 Saturday.

Stephanie DeSutter, Alicia Schaefer and Taylor Giacini all scored for the

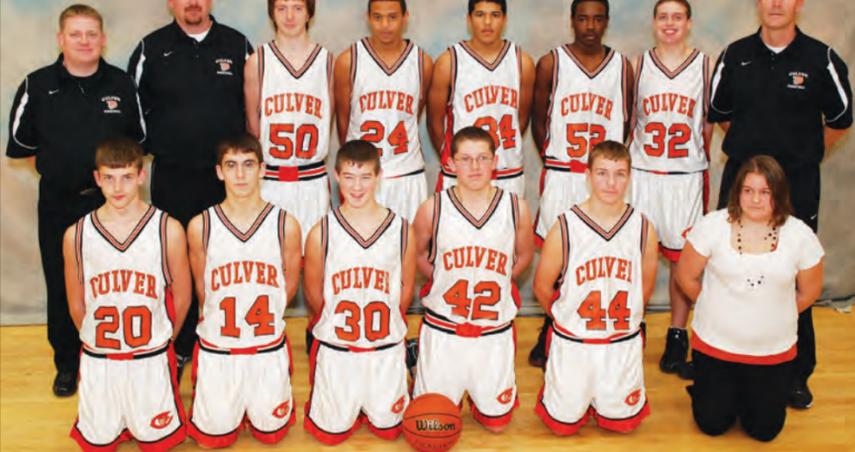
Eagles.

CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3
CHICAGO YOUNG AMERICANS (U19) 3
 At Culver
 SECOND PERIOD
 CGA — Stephanie DeSutter (Kaye Sitterley) 12:36.
 CMA — Kallen (Carr) 10:44.
 CMA — Pridmore (unassisted) 6:36.
 THIRD PERIOD
 CMA — Alicia Schaefer (Kristen Stafford) 11:42.
 CMA — Taylor Giacini (Hannah Smith, Corinne Henning) 0:55.
 CMA — Senne (Richards) 0:11.
 Shots: CGA 32, CMA 22. Saves: Lauren Fields (CGA) 19, King (CMA) 29. Penalty Minutes: CGA 4, CMA 4.

CGA JV loses
 CGA's JV hockey team lost to Chicago Young Americans (U16) 2-1 Saturday.

Elexi DeYoung tallied the Eagles' sole goal.

CHICAGO YOUNG AMERICANS (U16) 2
CGA (JV) 1
 At Culver
 FIRST PERIOD
 CMA — Laura Jordan (Alex Kazmer, Ashley Baugher) 2:09.
 CMA — Kazmer (Kelly Lahr) 0:07.
 SECOND PERIOD
 CMA — Lexi DeYoung (Kaylee Niestrom, Melissa Paluch) 12:16.
 Shots: CMA 17, CGA 27. Saves: Stacey Dierking (CMA) 26, Lexie Ludewig 15.
 Penalty minutes: CMA 2, CGA 12.



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Team Cavaliers

CHS' Paul Paré recently caught up with several of Culver Comm. High School's sports teams. Pictured above is the freshman basketball team. Front row, left to right: Chase Siple, Joe Krsek, Dylan Ricks, Randy Kline, Brandon Ditmire, Kelly Bonine (manager). Back row: Ryan Carol (coach), Kyle Kruger (coach), Keagan Minix, Julian Black, Kevin Hogan, Johnny Anderson, Nick Zehner, Kyle Elliott (coach).

More team photos will follow in future *Citizens*.

Campbell, from page 3

synonymous with boating on Lake Maxinkuckee, Jack Jr. notes his father's operation wasn't the only one on the lake. "Sam Allen ran (a marina) on the west shore for a while. If people thought we had no competition, they're crazy. Fishburn was doing great business on Bass Lake. There were marinas in Monticello, Peru, Wawasee, Tippecanoe, Michigan City, and Laporte."



In later years, Jack Campbell (seen at right in this photo) opened his restored carousel and other rides to area children.

PHOTO COURTESY SUSAN THEWS/THE CAMPBELL FAMILY

day, but it wasn't like that."

Instead, notes Jack Jr., the hard work needed to keep the place going included every summer weekend, many holidays, and seven days' worth of work per week, particularly during the summer.

All the hard work paid off. Over the years, Jack Campbell won numerous awards from various boat companies for top sales, and Culver Marina was always, says Jack Jr., in the top five or ten in sales amongst boat companies Campbell worked with.

In later years, Campbell enjoyed refinishing wooden boats, a task he had tired of prior to the end of the 1960s, after years of winters spent refinishing such boats. He also had a great love of circuses and wooden amusement rides, carousels in particular.

Over the course of several years, Campbell restored carousels, "kiddie cars," boat rides, and other vintage amusement rides, and set them up in one of the large buildings on the Marina property during the summer. "Every Sunday he'd let whoever wanted to ride on them ride for free," recalls Jack Jr. with a smile. "It was word of mouth. He loved doing that."

That was halted when a bad amusement park accident caused Indiana to significantly tighten laws on such rides, causing insurance costs to skyrocket.

His many restored items were eventually sold to a carousel museum on Lake Ontario in Olcott Beach, New York, for use in an old-time amusement park.

"He didn't want to just sell it to anybody," says Jack Jr. "The horses were worth big money. But he tried to work with the museum any way he could, so they could be kept in one piece and inside."

Campbell, in fact, won a national award for his restora-

tion of a carousel, and was scheduled to host an event for the National Carousel Convention. "It was bittersweet," recalls Jack Jr. "A few days before they were scheduled to come, (he was) hauled to Indy for heart surgery, so he couldn't attend. That was around 1997. We went ahead and hosted (the event)."

The Culver Marina was sold out of the Campbell family in May, 2004, over 72 years after the family began working with the business, more than 50 of those years on Lake Maxinkuckee. Thews had left the operation in 1996, and - says Jack Jr. - none of Jack Sr.'s grandchildren were interested in taking it on.

"We grew up thrown into it whether we wanted to be or not," recalls Thews. "But I think we all enjoyed it."

"It was a great way to grow up," affirms Jack Jr. "Dad believed in starting you at the bottom, so they had me sweeping floors and assembling boat hoists on the lake. I went through mechanics school so I could fix engines and do anything that needed to be done on any boat."

Through those many years, in his restoration work as well as with regards to the marina, Jack Campbell wasn't one to draw much attention to himself.

"He was a pretty private person, very quiet," says Thews. "He obviously enjoyed his work. But he wasn't one that would go out and speak to a group or anything like that. But I felt very fortunate all those years to work with him at the Marina. He taught me all about business and customer service. He was very adamant about how you treat customers."

Campbell's son Dave agrees. "He had tremendous integrity in his business dealings and enjoyed a sterling reputation among his peers," he notes.

The Marina, adds Thews, was always very supportive of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and Maxinkuckee Yacht Club, among other local efforts. "(In Sept., 2007), the Yacht Club made him an honorary lifetime member. He was very touched by that. They just called us out of the blue. He was pretty quiet; not one for a lot of self-promotion. But he was really proud of that."

"I think he was well respected on the lake for his fairness. A lot of people knew him over the years."

CES sophomores learn English through writing children's books

By Rene' Porter
Culver Comm. High School

One of Sue Allen's English 10 classes had the opportunity to write and design a children's storybook as a classroom assignment.

The educational objectives were reviewing literary terms, using descriptive details, and inserting dialogue. Some students reviewed plot and conflict, while others worked on sequencing events. All students worked on sentence fluency, grammar, and usage as they improved their stories. After they revised their books, the students critiqued each other's work.

"The students loved making decisions about their own topic, said Allen. "They also found it very challenging to look at what is appealing through the eyes of a child. They knew that even though the plot could be simple, they still would need to consider format, graphics, and front and back covers. I would definitely do it again."



Sue Allen's English 10 class wrote and designed children's storybooks as a learning tool.

Front row, left to right: Jeremiah Harvey, Zoe Bauer. Back row: Jeremiah Ray, Kaceigh Ahlenius, Tyler Hughes, C.J. Dehning, Christina Null, Jessica Smith, Nicolette Banfield, Mark Maes, Clarissa Baker. Middle row: Sue Allen (instructor), Paige Norwich, Jaclyn Bauer.

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sales catalogs - won't be necessary. Teachers and parents from PTO volunteer for the labor of unloading and other Market Day-related work. Those with questions are encouraged to call the school at 574-842-3389 and ask for Lisa Moise or Lisa Allyn.

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.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday Luncheon

A Soup-er Bowl Sunday Luncheon will be held Feb. 1, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 State Rd 17, about three miles west of the hospital at Redwood Rd. There will be five kinds of soup, sandwiches, veggies, desserts, and drinks. Adults: \$7.50, Children 6-12: \$4, Children under 6: free.

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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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Inaugural origins

How Culver Academy's Black Horse Troop began its inaugural tradition

Robert B. D. Hartman
Culver Academies historian

Shortly after photographs of William McKinley's first Inaugural Parade hit the newsstand, Culver's Commandant of Cadets, Major Leigh R. Gignilliat, reflected that the procession of the new president's eighty horse honor guard from the First Cleveland Cavalry was the most impressive sight in the entire march.

Gignilliat's promotional juices began a fast flow. If only the Culver Military Academy had such an organization, it would provide the impetus for wide-reaching publicity!

On March 13, Colonel Alexander F. Fleet, the Culver superintendent, wrote to J. B. Perkins, the millionaire industrialist who had purchased the horses especially for the parade. H. E. Cook, the Academy's equestrian director, was sent to Cleveland to purchase as many horses as his funds would allow. When he returned from Cleveland on March 19, sixteen horses were off-loaded from the box car at the Academy spur north of the main campus.

The corps had been given a half-day off to greet the new arrivals, the band played, and the salute gun fired. All the horses were jet black, five to seven years old, and none were less than fifteen hands high.

The Culver Black Horse Troop had been established.



As they had done in the 1913 inaugural, the Troop escorted the Vice President to the Capitol Building in 1917, then formed up to await the swearing-in ceremony. America was only a month away from declaring war on the Central Powers, and the inaugural festivities were very subdued.

PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES

Less than two months later the Black Horse Troop made its first formal appearance in Richmond, Indiana, at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By Commencement Week in June, the Troop had become the school's crown jewel.

Culver's cadets and troopers marched in the Spanish-American War Victory Parade in Chicago in 1898, provided the escort to Admiral Dewey in St. Louis in 1900, and were featured at the Louisiana Exposition in 1903. Culver would march at any event Gignilliat felt would enhance its position as a top flight school.

In 1910, Gignilliat, now a lieutenant colonel, succeeded Colonel Alexander Fleet as superintendent. It came as no surprise, therefore, when, at the dedication of the Academy Mess Hall on April 11, 1911, he introduced Indiana Governor Thomas Marshall and made an offer he could not refuse.

"Someday in the future [he hoped the Academy] would have the honor of escorting [Marshall] along Pennsylvania Avenue," an obvious reference to the presidential election

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some eighteen months away. Marshall accepted the offer and noted that, aside from Gignilliat, "Only Mrs. Marshall contemplated such high honors for me." While the governor did not capture the top spot on the Democratic ticket, he was elected as Woodrow Wilson's running mate.

The morning after Wilson's victory in November of 1912, Gignilliat wired the vice-president elect that Culver's offer still stood. Marshall responded forthwith and confirmed the invitation. The War Department, however, was in charge of the parade and Vice Presidents were not entitled to an escort!

Undeterred, Gignilliat initiated an end run by sending his brother-in-law, William Alexander Fleet, a former faculty member at Princeton University, to meet with the president-elect at his New Jersey headquarters.

He returned to Washington armed with a handwritten note, to wit: "Mr. Marshall, by all means, must have an escort next March fourth. I would consider it a personal favor." Army chief-of-staff Major General Leonard Wood, not surprisingly, felt compelled to authorize Culver's participation.

The redoubtable Captain Robert Rossow, head of the Black Horse Troop, departed on a special train for Washington early on February 28, 1913, with sixty-six horses, tack, and a supply of hay and grain. The entire corps of cadets left after breakfast.

Thomas Marshall held true to his invitation to the Black Horse Troop and it provided his escort for the formal ceremonies and enjoyed a most favored position. The Culver Corps of Cadets was positioned behind the midshipmen from the Naval Academy and the cadets from West Point who formed directly in front of the presidential stand.

It was a difficult parade for the Culver cadets and horses alike. The boys were in the saddle for almost twelve hours and their horses found the pavement and steel street car tracks made for difficult footing. Several went down, but "not a man lost his horse," according to Rossow. Rewards for a job well done followed.

When Wilson won a second term in 1916, his running mate again was Thomas Marshall. For the most part, the former Indiana governor had proven to be a non-entity and may be best remembered for saying "What this county needs is a good five-cent cigar." His presence on the Democratic ballot, however, ensured Culver another inaugural invitation.

The cadets found the mood in Washington somber and security concerns high. March 4, 1917, was a Sunday and, hence, the inaugural was postponed until the following day. Security was intense. Memories of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on the streets of Sarajevo three years earlier were ever-present in the minds of those charged with protecting Wilson and Marshall. Rossow was ordered to a security briefing at the Army's chief of staff's office. He was told that "a squadron of the Third U.S. Cavalry will escort the president. Yours will follow immediately to the rear of the president and vice president. If any person desires to harm either of them, it will be initiated after [the] escort has passed, and from a direction within your observation. This fixes the general responsibility for the president's and vice president's safety on you."

On Sunday, Rossow assembled the cadets and set their instructions for the following day. Rossow saw the duty of the Black Horse

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Memorable recent inaugural moments

1985: As the student horsemen began their departure for Washington on January 18, 1985, there was nothing particularly unusual about the weather; it was always cold for inaugural parades. But for the troopers, as well as the Culver Girls Academy Equestriennes, who were appearing in their first inaugural, it would be an adventure they would recall later as the "Trip to Hell," the Parade That Never Was. The Academies were, indeed, present for Ronald Reagan's second inauguration—but so, too, was Washington's worst snowstorm in recorded history.



The Equestriennes, unaware that they would not open a new page in Culver history as the first females to participate in an inaugural parade, brave the bitter winds during an abbreviated rehearsal.

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On Sunday night, a "no-go" decision had been rendered. For only the second time in the history of presidential inaugurations, the parade had been cancelled. (The other was Andrew Jackson's in 1833.)

The ten coeds were only eighteen hours from making Culver history as the first girls ever to ride in an inaugural parade. For the Troop and Equestriennes, it was a bitter pill. Yet all of them were relieved that the decision had been made.

1993: For the first time since President Eisenhower's second inaugural in 1957 the Troop was not going to be in Washington on Inauguration Day. It was among the uninvited!

In 1993, an all-out effort by The Academies to receive an invitation to participate in President Bill Clinton's inaugural parade had been met with rejection. Culver's riders could only watch—if they cared to—on television, and suck on the bitter pill of disappointment.

The rejection became a cause celebre and, within days the press and TV descended on The Academies. Culver President Ralph Manuel was interviewed by CNN, U.S. News and World Report, the Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, and Indianapolis Star. It was reported on "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour" and "The McLaughlin Group." Conservative radio/TV commentator Rush Limbaugh blasted Clinton's representatives for replacing the Troop with Elvis Presley impersonators, a lawn-chair drill team, and a gay and lesbian marching band.

There were other parades for the Black Horse Troop and the CGA Equestriennes in 1993. The inaugural would be for someone else to celebrate.

Troop to place itself between the chief executive and potential harm. Perhaps it was a melodramatic action, but he and Gignilliat viewed it as a national responsibility. Fortunately there were no incidents and the parade proceeded without a hitch.

When the corps returned to the Academy late on the evening of March 9, no one knew it would be last inaugural for Culver for more than four decades. The Great Depression, two world wars, the Korean War, and five presidential administrations would intervene before the Black Horse Troop would make another trip to Washington. In 1957, it returned, but without the corps of cadets, to participate in President Eisenhower's second inauguration. Since then the BHT has maintained a presence at every inaugural parade except in 1993 when it was not invited by the Clinton administration. In 1985, a highly select group of riders, the Equestriennes from the Culver Girls Academy, broke the all-male barrier to become an integral part of the parade contingent.

These writings are excerpted from Robert Hartman's book, "Boots and saddles: Bugle calls to a century of the Black Horse Troop, 1897-1997," with his permission. The book may be purchased at Culver Academies bookstore.

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