



## In Brief

### Culver Coffee 'Drink of the month' for Relay

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive will donate all proceeds from its "drink of the month," starting in February, to Culver's cancer-fighting Relay for Life, which takes place in April. According to Culver Academies student Ian Greenberg, one of the organizers of the event, Culver Coffee owner Dawn Minas will share all proceeds from a chosen drink, starting in February with the shop's popular Mexican hot chocolate.

### Dembowski to visit Culver REAL site

State Representative Nancy Dembowski will visit Culver's REAL Services nutrition site Fri., Feb. 13, for its noon meal. The public is welcome but reservations are requested by Feb. 11, and may be made by calling 574-842-8878. A suggested donation of \$3.50 is requested for the meal.

### Items sought for Relay auction

Donations are being sought for this year's Relay for Life online auction, which will offer a variety of items for open bidding over a two week period to be announced. Culver Academies student and Relay fund raising coordinator Ian Greenberg says, "We are looking for just about anything (in good taste) to put in the auction. For example, a gift basket with historic Culver items could be the perfect item."

Businesses or individuals may donate items, all of which are tax deductible, adds Greenberg. Proceeds from items go towards the April, 2009 Relay for Life's goal of fighting cancer. Those with items to donate or questions may contact Greenberg at 574-842-7777 or via email at greenbi@culver.org.

### Community meal at Grace Feb. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, Feb. 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.

### Mad Ants tickets

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## A vast, icy landscape

A far cry from the sparkling pleasureland it is during the summer, Lake Maxinkuckee under ice and ominous winter clouds -- as captured by Tony Straw of Culver -- presents a somber and wind-swept vista to the passerby. The bench above will no doubt remain largely unoccupied for a few more months.

PHOTO/TONY STRAW

# Thrown into adulthood

## Community rallies around student who lost both parents within three weeks

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The sudden death of Culver Community High School senior Liz West's parents -- both within three weeks of each other -- late in 2008 left the community shocked and Liz and her sister Margaret reeling, and left Liz facing a choice: to be broken and surrender her life to the pain, or to move forward with strength and resolve. Thanks to the legacy left by her parents, and a remarkable outpouring of support and encouragement from Culver and the surrounding communities, Liz West chose the latter.

Liz's mother Karen passed away Nov. 25 from a brain hemorrhage ("Like an aneurism," Liz explains) after complaining her head felt "like it was exploding." Those would be Karen West's last words. She was rushed to the hospital in Winamac and eventually air lifted to Memorial hos-

pital in South Bend, where she was pronounced dead.

Liz's father Bill, ill since she was a seventh grader, had been released from the hospital a few months before Karen's death, having suffered a mild heart attack which led to a stroke and some time in a coma. "He had been sad after mom died," Liz recalls.

When she couldn't wake him the morning of Dec. 10, Liz assumed her father was sleeping hard and left for school. "He'd gotten up to go to the bathroom (during the night before), and I got up to check on him," says Liz, who took care of her father's 13 medicines each morning and 18 each evening. "He was joking around: 'Why are you always there checking on me? I'm ok. Go to bed.'"

Though she's still waiting on the official cause of death, Liz is fairly certain her father's passing was related to the trauma of losing his wife of 32 years so unexpectedly.

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## 'Just because you left, I didn't give up'

### Bill and Karen West's parental legacy

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The late Bill West, says his daughter Liz, was "an amazing cook" whose "dough dabs" she and other family members treasured. "It's like a pancake but instead of sugar in the pancake mix, you use salt. But it's not super salty...it had a different taste. His mom made them when he was little. You'd ask dad to make you a dough dab if you needed a snack."

Liz isn't sure, now, exactly how he made them. "I don't really know what

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Liz West

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## Rumors misconstrue CCHS gun threat incident

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

As rumors will do, rumors flying late Wednesday and early Thursday morning concerning a gun threat at Culver Community High School have spread some misinformation, according to Culver school superintendent Brad Schuldt.

Schuldt says a verbal altercation between two students Wednesday at the school was halted before it led into physical conflict, thanks to the intervention of CCHS principal Albert Hanselman. On the school bus home, however, it's been alleged that one student threatened to return to the school the next morning with a gun and "go after" the other student. The Pulaski County Sheriff's department and Culver police department were called, says Schuldt, and they visited the home of the student alleged to have made the threat, speaking both to the students and the student's parents. The student was also ordered to stay away from the building until the matter is sorted out.

"There never was a gun or an arrest made," notes Schuldt. "There was some talk going around that he was arrested, but he never returned to school after yesterday."

Noting the school had "excellent assistance from the law enforcement community" in the incident, the superintendent says the school will deal with the matter from its own disciplinary standpoint in terms of any school codes having been violated.

Today, Schuldt says, the school day has been fairly normal with the exception that "some of the rumors have been somewhat disruptive" and there have been

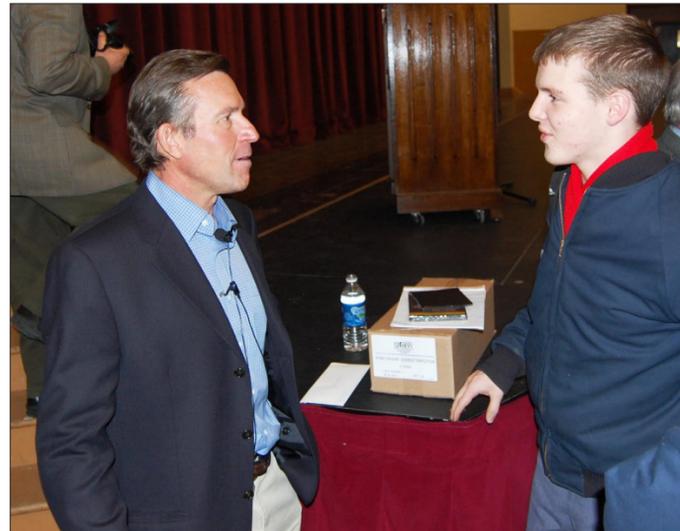
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## Renowned climber to Culver students: live dreams, but manage risks

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The man who is undoubtedly the most accomplished mountain climber of recent decades attributes his success -- and survival -- not so much to facing risks as to managing them wisely.

That principle has driven Ed Viesturs' approach to decision-making at altitudes over 20,000 feet, where pushing beyond boundaries of safety and survival has cost other climbers -- including close friends of Viesturs -- their lives. His message for students and faculty at Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium Feb. 4 was one of not fearing to live dreams and push limits, but remembering



World renowned mountain climber Ed Viesturs chats with a cadet after Viesturs' lecture at Culver Academies' Eppley Auditorium.

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some phone calls to the school from parents and others expressing understandable concern.

Hanselman will send a letter home with students intended for parents, to address the issue and disseminate facts, Schuldt adds. "Kids do say things sometimes when they get angry, and they need to understand there are ramifications to these things."

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ingredient to use. He had them memorized: a pinch of this, a dab of that. He'd just go make it; he didn't have to pull out the book or measuring cups. And it was always good. Ask anybody in my family about dad's fried chicken or barbecue."

She says she'll miss talking to her dad and the movie nights they shared each Wednesday since she was six years old.

She'll miss her mom, Karen's goofiness, she says. "When I was little, she used to say, 'co-o-ool!' when you did something good. She was always joking around, trying to act like kids my age did."

Liz West was a hard working daughter, helping to care for her ailing father for years before his death. But like most of us, she looks back and wonders if she should have done some things differently. "A lot of people are excited to get out on their own. I would have wanted to be with them a little longer. I was like that: I wanted to go to college far from home, but if I had known, I would have done more...even though I was a kid, I would have tried to have done better."

"It's going to be hard," she adds. "That they're not going to be here when I graduate, things like that."

That Bill and Karen West, husband and wife for 32 years, loved – and were proud of – their children is amply evident. "My parents never missed a track meet," recalls Liz, who excelled at track. "They came to sectionals one time, when it was my mom's day off... they were there when I got the sectional high jump. That was really important to me."

Her father, an accomplished high jumper in his own right in younger days, would sometimes come to her practices and watch. "He'd say, 'This is what you're doing wrong,' and eventually it would work and I'd get over the next (hurdle) height. They kind of liked bragging about it. They were proud of me and my little sister. They went to all her choir performances."

Liz plans to attend Ivy Tech in Lafayette to study surgical technology or radiology, which will make her the first in her family to attend college. In spite of the challenges, not doing so was never an option in her mind. "My parents wanted me to go," she explains. "Even after my mom passed away, me and dad talked about it. He hates living in the city, but he said he would move wherever I go to college. I want to be like, 'I did this (attend college) for you (my parents) and me. Just because you left, I didn't give up on everything. I'm still going to do what you wanted me to do.'"

Bill and Karen West would be proud of that, too.



## Braving the ice for a bite

Pictured above, at left, is Rob Olejniczak of Starke County and, at right, Rob's uncle, Greg Olejniczak, a Marshall County resident. The men spent at least part of Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 1) braving the chill on Lake Maxinkuckee in hopes of snagging a fish or two. Unusually cold temperatures at work during this season's cold snap, combined with a steady diet of temperatures between zero and 30 degrees for weeks on end, have made this a particularly good season for ice fishing, at least in terms of ice solidity. The two Olejniczaks were trying their luck near Aubbeenaubee Bay.

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## Cats in the hat

Members of Wesley Preschool's junior class enjoyed a "hat day" Jan. 20, trying on hats brought in by George Gregorash. Gregorash, a Culver resident and former official of the US Federal Reserve, has served as advisor to 25 foreign central banks in Europe, Asia, Africa and the middle East during the last 15 years, representing the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The hats and native costumes were gathered by the Gregorash family during various postings in foreign countries.

In the photo above, on the floor, Wesley students Ruth Counts, Cabot, Ellert, Alisa Hinds, Anna Gregorash, Nicky Huss, and Luci Overmyer. On the couch are students Sidd Smith, Wesley instructor Jennifer Luttrell, students Ches Michael, Connor Schmedlin, Marcel White, instructor Jill Gavlick, and Chloee Danti.

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there's any time I need to do something, they've been real easy going about it. I missed Monday last week; I was at the social security office, and I just had to bring in a paper saying I was there. They don't count it against me."

A family friend, who happens to be an attorney, was called while Liz was still at the hospital awaiting news of her father's condition, to make sure the paperwork was handled correctly. The same friend is helping Liz attain legal custody of 14-year old sister Margaret, handling the ins and outs of her father's life insurance, and various and sundry bills pertaining to both parents' medical and death-related costs.

Even at her mother's funeral, Liz had to think of the future. There, she says, "I asked one of the workers if I could have my mom's job (at the Bass Lake Pub and Restaurant) because we really needed the money."

## From older sister to caretaker

"We," now is just Liz and Margaret, leaving Liz more or less in the role of parent, an arrangement both are getting used to. Understandably, Liz says Margaret has had some adjustments to make in becoming accustomed to her older sister as parental figure. But, says Liz, "I think she has to realize she does have to listen to me more than she did...I try to keep it as, 'I'm not your mom; I'm still your sister, but you have to listen like I am your mom. You still have to have your chores done and not fail in school. Rules are still rules.'"

But, says Liz, Margaret "understands we have to go through what we do to get through this. I make sure she goes to school dances and stuff...I'm still going to let her be a child, have fun, hang out with friends."

When Liz moves to Lafayette for college, she says, Margaret will join her, attending high school there, though the younger West sister hopes to return to Culver to graduate, as her older siblings did before her. Margaret, says Liz, has her trepidations about moving, "but she wants me to go to college."

Having helped the household function with mom at work and dad ill for some time, both girls have had to take on adult responsibilities earlier than most. For her part, Liz is already used to managing money. "I've been paying the bills and writing checks since freshman year. It's harder now. I have to make the money and pay bills. But it's not new. I know when it has to be paid and which bills are more important than others."

## Coping via friends and community

How, in the wake of such a tidal wave of change, has Liz West coped?

"I go to church and talk with my pastor a little," she says. But her capacity to move forward, as it happens, was largely inspired by her parents. "(They) taught me (when things are bad) you're going to be upset about it, but you have to think of the future. If you sit and say, 'I wish they were here' for the next 14 years, you'll be in debt. I've had my down times; I will cry sometimes. I miss them. But now I have to go do laundry and make sure there's dinner. There's times when it hurts, but I have to keep going and get everything done...I've had to throw myself into adulthood."

She's also had friends to lean on, including her best friend – who called Liz's parents "mom and dad" and helps Liz keep their memory alive by sharing her own stories of their lives.

Liz, by the way, is still part of the basketball team, contrary to reports she quit. "I'm an honorary coach," she points out, adding she's at games and practices when she can be. "I obviously can't make every practice. I have to work and I have other things that are a little bit more important than basketball, but I didn't quit the team."

Work for Liz, at Bass Lake, takes up four days a week after school, and she says she can't afford to miss a day. "On a half day (of school), I'm going home to cook dinner and do laundry," she says, instead of going out for fun with friends.

Her hours at the restaurant and pub can't, she realizes, add up to the 40 hours her mother worked. There's a little social security money coming in, but otherwise, Liz will have to make do with the money she earns, which makes the generosity of those in the community all the more helpful.

Liz says she wasn't surprised that longtime friends like Shelly Johnson and the Kirklund family stepped forward to help; what she didn't expect was such an outpouring of concern, support, and assistance from the community at large, for which she's "really thankful."

Mishawaka radio station B100, which conducts an annual "Christmas Wish" campaign to generate aid for those in need, called Liz before the holidays, saying eight separate people so far had called concerning the West's situation. "They paid one month's rent, \$50 for utilities, gave me gift certificates for places all around Culver...they gave us gas cards, they had gift bags there for us."

One CCHS grad came to Culver and picked up Liz's car when it needed work, taking it to Bremen Chevy and having safety checks conducted, replacing the wipers and turn signal at wholesale cost, no labor charged.

Liz West's reputation as an athlete made her a familiar name to players and fans alike at area schools, where a number of teams including LaVille, Argos (the first to raise funds for her, she notes), and John Glenn (where a day was designated during which teachers wore jeans and donated money). The Culver Youth Community Organization, comprised of students from CCHS and Culver Academies, made the West family the recipient of monies it had collected for Christmas giving.

"People have been donating money into my checking account," she says. "That's money I'm living on now."

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That's been very, very helpful. Food donations were great...gifts at Christmas time were really nice. It's nice to know people will come out from families even if they're not related, and be very helpful."

Liz West's determination to persevere is apparent, and it's one very tangible way her parents – at least in part the authors of that strength of will -- will live on.

*Those wishing to contribute monetary or food donations to Liz West may do so at the First National Bank of Monterey (at the Culver or Monterey branch), to Elizabeth West's checking account. Food may be dropped off at the bank or the high school.*

## Letter to the editor

### Kernan-Shepard offers opportunity for improvement

For the last two years I've been a student of the Toyota Production System, more commonly known as "lean manufacturing," in an effort to improve the overall health and performance of my company. One of the central tenets of lean manufacturing is kaizen, or continuous improvement; we make our processes better today than they were yesterday, and tomorrow we'll make them better than today.

With the idea of kaizen in mind, Governor Daniels sparked an internecine skirmish when he touted reforms taken from the Kernan-Shepard Report on Local Government in his recent state of the state address. I attended a meeting here in Plymouth four days later, where concerned local officials and volunteer first responders ambushed a trio of state legislators. I don't think there were any casualties, but it was as icy inside the meeting room as it was outside on the courthouse square.

I understand the concerns of our local officials, and many of them voiced valid reasons for leaving things as they are. I have a lot of respect for each of them and the services they provide. I wonder however, if they have yet to adopt a kaizen mindset.

I remember the bad old days at the BMV, when I would try to renew my auto registration over my lunch hour. I would take a number, look for an empty chair, try to get comfortable with my Russian novel, and hope for a miracle. Today I can visit the BMV and be in and out in less than ten minutes--every time! This is an example of kaizen in action, and I say "well done" to Governor Daniels and all the employees at the BMV.

Kaizen transformations are most successfully implemented with leadership and support from the top, and with everyone else in the organization understanding the vision and contributing to the process of improvement in their own areas of influence. Clearly, we're not at this point yet when talking about transforming local government in Indiana.

I support Governor Daniels in his call for better local government, but I think most of the ideas for improvement should come from the people in the trenches. Change is always difficult, but providing better service for all Hoosiers should be everyone's goal. Here are my recommendations:

Governor Daniels, call for reform, but don't impose changes in a top-down fashion.

Local officials, be open to change and bring your best ideas to the table.

Legislators, work for change and listen to the local officials, some of your best constituents, along the way.

Local government is likely going to be more difficult to transform than the BMV. It won't happen overnight, but if we all put the needs of Hoosier citizens first, there's no reason to think we can't see similar results.

**Gary Freymiller**  
Plymouth

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library (upstairs adjacent to the magazine and newspaper area) and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. (near the store entrance). These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours.

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.

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, Feb. 12

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwans Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Friday, Feb. 13

Nancy Dembowski at REAL Meals, 11:30 a.m., Culver beach lodge.  
Culver Comm. Schools teacher in-service (classes A.M. only)

### Saturday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day Culver Academies theatre production, "Bullshot Crummond," 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium.

### Sunday, Feb. 15

Open gym, 1 p.m., Culver Middle School gymnasium  
Culver Academies theatre production, "Bullshot Crummond," 2 p.m., Eppley Auditorium.  
Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Monday, Feb. 16

President's Day (Culver Public Library closed, no school at Culver Comm. Schools)  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.

### Tuesday, Feb. 17

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m.  
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Wednesday, Feb. 18

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

### Thursday, Feb. 19

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwans Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement.

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## Culver Citizen: world traveler

Longtime Culverite Gary Shaffer recently sent this late 1980s photo he 'rediscovered' in his files, taken during his tenure in the Navy while stationed in Israel. The photo was printed some 20 years ago in the Citizen, but Gary -- face obscured by the newspaper -- thought it was worth a second look. The editor agrees, and welcomes readers to send in photos of themselves or others 'globetrotting' (or just USA-trotting) with the Citizen, or sharing it with celebrities and other notables, on-camera.

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## Obituary - Zechiel

**Leona J. Zechiel**

Jan. 21, 1911 - Feb. 5, 2009

Leona J. Zechiel, 96, a Culver resident all her married life, died at 8 a.m. Feb 5, 2009 in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

The daughter of Lula and Albert Grosvenor was born in Bourbon on Jan 21, 1913. She graduated with the class of 1931 in Bourbon.

On October 19, 1933, she married Ferris Zechiel at Tipp City, OH. He survives at 100 years old.

Leona is also survived by a daughter: Betty (Stan) Reinholt and a son: Larry (Ruth) Zechiel, 5 grandchildren - Susan (Marty) Mansfield, Dean (Tina) Zechiel, Jo Zechiel, Ryan (Mindi) Reinholt, and Beth (Rob) Herzog, and 10 great grandchildren.

A homemaker, Leona loved to cook, garden, crafts, sew, teach Sunday School, and read her Bible. She was a 50 year member of Culver Homemakers, Marshall County Extension and a member of Community Bible Fellowship Church of God.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Carol Ann in 1940; three sisters, Hester Kuhn, Iris Peirson, and Bernice Calvert; five brothers, Arnold, Victor, Leonard, Harvey, and Calvin Grosvenor; also a set of infant twin siblings.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of Leona Zechiel on Sat. Feb 7, 2009 from 12 - 2 p.m. Rev. Bob Huddleston and Bob Collier will officiate funeral services at 2pm on Saturday. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given in Leona's memory to the Atlanta Bible College.

Notes of condolence and sharing of memories of Leona Zechiel may be emailed to the family at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home website obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

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

## Death notice - Amond

Edward F. Amond 77, of Indianapolis - formerly of Culver, passed away January 14, 2009. Survivors include his children, Doug (Susie) Amond and Kim Amond- Wright; sister Joanne (Dan) Kennedy; former wife, Shirley Drews-Amond; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. A remembrance gathering will be held this summer in Culver, Indiana and a notice will be posted in the *Culver Citizen*.

## First birthday - Wright



Madison Marie Wright, daughter of Tim and Deana Wright, celebrated her first birthday Jan. 5, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Carolyn and Roger Miller of Grovertown. Maternal great-grandmother is Anna-belle Miller of Walkerton.

Paternal grandparents are Joyce and Harold Wright of Ar-

gos. Paternal great-grandparents are John and Patricia Mullins of Etna Green and Audrie Wright of Plymouth.

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## Obituary - Sturman

**Nell Sturman**

May 11, 1924 - January 24, 2009



Nell Sturman, 84, of Indianapolis passed away January 24, 2009. She was born May 11, 1924 in Chicago, Ill, the daughter of Karl and Jean (Adams) Sturman.

Nell attended Warren High School, graduating in 1942 and

Butler University, graduating in 1946 with her B.A. She spent many happy summers at the family home on Lake Maxinkuckee. She worked at the U.S. Army finance center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison and at the Indianapolis Star. The majority of her employment was as a secretary at Sturman and Co. Inc., a sales organization founded by her father.

Nell's love of music was a lifetime interest. She was an accomplished pianist and played semi-professionally for a time. She very much enjoyed her family and friends.

Nell is survived by nephews Dr. John K. Sturman, Jr., James F. Sturman, and Stephen W. Sturman, niece Susan L. Beeman, and her cat Amadeus.

Private family services will be conducted. Donations can be made in her honor to Culver Academies, 1300 Academy Rd. Culver, IN, 46511.

## First birthday - Miller



Owen Matthew Miller, son of Roger and Windie Miller of Plymouth, celebrated his first birthday Jan. 14, 2009. He has three brothers: Caleb, 12; Erik, 9; and Ethan, 7; and one sister, Abigail, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Sabrina and Brian Six of Plymouth. Maternal great-grandmother is Peggy Hostetler of Plymouth.

Paternal grandparents are Carolyn and Roger Miller of Grovertown.

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Love is probably one of the hardest words to define. The reason for this is "Love is a feeling." There are many different kinds of love, such as: 1. Father & Mother's love for their children. 2. Children's love for their parents, 3. Children's love for each other, 4. Love for one another, 5. Love for material things, 6. Husband and wife's love for each other.

I want to think about a mother's love for a child. When does it start? It starts before the baby is born. The mother feels the baby and knows it is hers; so she starts by buying clothes, getting a room ready, getting a crib, and all of the other things that a baby will need on the day the

baby is born.

This is truly "Love in Action!"

When Cara and I adopted our daughter Angela, we went through 13 months of

that we had a daughter, we started loving her before we even saw her. Cara had our bags packed with clothes, food, toys, and all kinds of things. This is truly "Love in Action."

Even before I or you were born, Jesus loved us; just like a mother who loves her baby before the baby is born, Jesus loved us.

He put his "Love in Action." He knew that Adam and Eve had sinned and all must die, but he made a way for us to live eternally.

Man can't go to heaven with sin, so Jesus made a

way for forgiveness. He was truly "Love in Action." While he was on earth, he healed the sick, made the lame walk, the deaf to hear, and the blind to see. When he died and arose again and went to heaven, he put that "Love in Action."

Maybe this will help us understand the sayings of Jesus when he said in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man but this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

He has proven by his actions when he died on the cross and said of us, "Father, forgive them!"

What kind of love are you showing by your actions? Do you love Jesus?

If you do, show it by your actions.



## Pastor's Corner

By K.C. Dehning  
Trinity Lutheran church

paper work, cancellations to go to China, home studies, and some disappointments along the way, but the day we finished our paperwork and heard from our agent



## Scott and the 'Grey Ghost'

Pictured at left is the iconic Roy "Sheep" Scott with Culver Academy's first "horseless dray," the "Grey Ghost," a 1920 Model T Ford of which Scott - a beloved figure at CMA and in town - was driver before his long-time tenure as head janitor at the school.

Scott's daughter, Thelma Hodges, would become a highly regarded figure in Culver politics and business in the 1970s and 80s.

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## Nostalgia

### 75 years ago

Feb. 14, 1934

- Last week's cold wave which brought sub-zero temperatures also brought Culver's annual ice harvest, the Medbourn ice company taking advantage of the favorable weather by starting work Sunday. About 165 men have been working 11 to 12 hours daily to get in the crop before warmer temperatures prevailed, the ice averaging 9 1/4 inches and being of good quality. Rain and unfavorable weather caused work to be suspended Tuesday morning, but was resumed at noon. It is believed today will give the company an adequate supply of ice, the houses being over half full. As the new ice code provides that no ice can be shipped to towns where a home company supplies sufficient ice for local consumption, the Medbourn company has lost a considerable portion of its trade and will not need as much ice as in previous years. Tuesday the Miller Dairy also began putting up its supply of ice for the year.

- About 140 school children have been given a full treatment for checking diphtheria and smallpox, the final course being given Friday by the doctors of Culver assisted by nurses Miss Ruth Werner and Miss Lucille Rigens.

### 50 years ago

Feb. 11, 1959

- Donald Osborn, a Republican, heads the Culver town board for 1959. He has also been placed in charge of the police and street departments of the community. Republican Willam R. Easterday is the board's choice to handle the water and sewer departments for the year. Jesse Sims, lone Democrat on the board and retiring board president, will supervise the park, beach, and recreation

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departments during the present year. At the Feb. 2 meeting, the members of Culver's volunteer fire department were present en masse to request a salary for Mrs. David Burns, who answers all phone calls to the fire department. She is on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and it was suggested she be given a \$300 annual salary for her efforts. Assistant postmaster Harold Fitterling brought up the need to finish the street markers in town, a project started by the Lions Club. It was decided to ask the club if it will finish the job or if the town should take over.

- Warner Williams, distinguished artist-in-residence at Culver Military Academy, has been accepted into the prestigious National Sculpture Society. A graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, Williams is presently finishing work on bas-relief portraits of Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch and DePaul University's benefactor Frank J. Lewis.

- CMA superintendent Maj. Gen. Delmar T. Spivey announced the establishment of four endowed scholarships by Maj. Reuben H. Fleet, aviation pioneer and businessman of San Diego, Calif. Fleet is also a 1906 graduate of the Academy and member of the board of trustees. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each.

### 20 years ago

Feb. 18, 1989

- Several members of Culver Community Jr-Sr High School's business professionals of America placed at the BPA district competition in Warsaw last Saturday, including Bonnie Schroeder (first place out of 75 candidates in office support), Phyllis Hogan (first place in job interview), Brenda McCallister (second place in job interview), and Sandra Kelso (seventh place in Accounting I). Shirley Slyh is the local BPA sponsor.

- Real estate representatives Mary Baker and Dot Taicler displayed some items for the Culver food pantry, part of Gallery of Homes' pledge to donate \$10 worth of food for every listing they get in Culver and every home sold. Gallery of Homes is located at 116 N. Main St. in Culver.

- There were five to six inches of ice in the channels Tuesday afternoon and many anglers were taking advantage of the mild temperatures to try and catch the big one. Dale Sensibaugh was one of many ice fisherman not willing to take the risk of venturing out on the lake itself. Earlier in the day, a fisherman had to be plucked out of Myers Lake near Plymouth.

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## History highlight:

Feb. 26, 1914

Workmen are setting poles in town for electric lights. By May 28, Culver made the little bow and was introduced into larger company May 21 at 7:40 p.m. when the electric current from the Plymouth Electric Light and Power Company's plant was flashed along the intervening 12 miles of wire and blazed forth on every street corner in town...





# Sports



## CMA's Young is undisputed champion

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

ROCHESTER — Culver Military senior Daniel Young is trying to stay humble. Probably not an easy feat at 40-0 this season.

Among 10 area wrestlers to make it out of Saturday's Rochester Individual Wrestling Regional, Young stood alone at the top of the podium as the undisputed 145-pound champion, while Plymouth earned five top-four semistate cuts, including 135-pound runner-up Chase Lewandowski. Triton had two wrestlers claim Merrillville berths, CMA had two total and Culver Community claimed one.

"I'm just trying to keep it humble," said Young. "The past season doesn't matter when it comes to tournament time. You wrestle every match like it's do or die. I just try and go out there and trust in God and just go after it."

"Another step forward," said CMA wrestling coach

Matt Behling of Young's performance Saturday. "This is a kid that when you take the time he puts in practice and you add it with what he does after practice,

a Plymouth Sectional title at last weekend's tourney opener, Young claimed two first-period pinfall victories to reach the championship Saturday before dispatch-

ing, keep the motion going."

Although he fell short of reaching the championship, Young's teammate Josh Brown also had a career-highlight performance at Rochester.

Last weekend, Brown fell 5-1 to Plymouth's Chuck Holmquest in a battle for the 125-pound Plymouth Sectional championship, and on Saturday, Brown lost a 6-4 decision to regional runner-up Tony Stevens of Penn while Holmquest lost a tight 1-0 decision to eventual champion Nick Schrader of Mishawaka to set up a rematch between the sectional rivals in the consolation bout. Holmquest secured a takedown with 10 seconds left to knot the score at 5-all and force the overtime period, but it was Brown who had the final say with a double-leg takedown into a cradle for a 6:31 pinfall and third-place regional result.

Triton will advance two wrestlers to the Merrillville meet as Blake Hoffer and Matt Lindsey took fourth at 171 and 103 pounds.

Hoffer, who was struggling going into Saturday's meet with persistent pain from a dislocated shoulder,

lost a 15-7 major decision to eventual tourney champ Huey Hudson from Riley, in which he re-injured the shoulder. He forfeited his consolation bout with Culver Community's Robert Molebash, who will advance to the semistate with a third seed from Rochester.

"He probably could've wrestled, but we didn't want to risk anything," said Triton head coach and Indiana wrestling Hall of Famer Sam Davis. "He hit it during the match with Hudson, and it was pretty sore. Robert's a very good opponent, and we figured why risk hurting it when we're going anyway?"

"Blake injury-defaulting really helps out with the seed," said Molebash. "It was disappointing that he didn't wrestle but he's a good friend of mine, so I'd rather just see his shoulder get better than anything else."

Joining Molebash and company at the Merrillville Semistate next Saturday, John Glenn's Travis Mowery and Craig Fitzgerald both earned top-four cuts at the LaPorte Regional over the weekend. Fitzgerald moved to 41-0 with

a regional heavyweight championship, and Mowery placed third at 112.5 advance. The Merrillville meet starts at 10 a.m. EST.

ROCHESTER INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING REGIONAL At Rochester  
103: 1. Jarred Brooks (Warsaw), 2. Lymen Stoneburner (Mishawaka), 3. Jacob Schroder (Rochester), 4. Matt Lindsey (Triton); 112: 1. Alex Gregory (Penn), 2. Nicholas Nielsen (South Bend Riley); 119: Justin Brooks (W), 2. Cory Hildebrandt (P), 3. Matt Guerra (M) Josh Olsen (South Bend Adams); 125: 1. Nick Schrader (M), 2. Tony Stevens (P), 3. Josh Brown (Culver Military Academy), 4. Chuck Holmquest (Plymouth); 130: 1. Josh Harper (M), 2. Bobby Marcuccilli (Wawasee), 3. Grant Anglemeyer (P), 3. Austin Nelson (Tippecanoe Valley); 135: 1. Trenton Reinoehl (M), 2. Chase Lewandowski (PLY), 3. Paul Manbu (W), 4. Zach Nixon (South Bend Clay); 140: 1. Steven Sandefur (M), 2. Trace Hall (SBR), 3. James Letsinger (P), 4. David Pitts (R); 145: 1. Daniel Young (CMA), 2. Tyler Lymburner (SBR), 3. Alex White (M), 4. Pat Davenport (P); 152: 1. Adam Keener (W), 2. Tim Forte (M), 3. Austin Kunze (P), 4. Issac Yoder (TV); 160: 1. Richard Morin (M), 2. Adam Arsenault (South Bend St. Joseph's), 3. Malcolm White (South Bend Washington), 4. Kyle Ullery (SBR); 171: 1. Huey Hudson (SBR), 2. Joey Smith (M), 3. Robert Molebash (Culver), 4. Blake Hoffer (T); 189: 1. Timmy Buckingham (SBR), 2. Dustin Boyd (M), 3. Brock Vermillion (PLY), 4. Jeff Veal (P); 215: 1. Christian Lentz (M), 2. Eric McDaniel (SBW), 3. Tom Schwartz (WAW), 4. Nikolas Lindke; 285: 1. Travis Thomas, 2. Pablo Auces (SBR), 3. Damon Howe (PLY), 4. Evan Nixon (SBW).



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Military Academies senior Daniel Young, top, wrestles South Bend Riley's Tyler Lymburner, bottom, in the 145-pound championship match at the Rochester Wrestling Regional Saturday. Young won the championship and moved to 40-0 on the season.

he's earning everything he gets. He's a tremendous kid to coach. He understands wrestling, the technique... I'm happy for him."

A third-place finisher in the 130-pound class at last season's state tournament, Young has been ranked the top contender for the state crown at 145 throughout his senior year with the Eagles. After taking home

ing South Bend Riley's Tyler Lymburner 6-1 for the crown.

"The first minute and a half he took me out of my game and slowed me down," Young said of the title bout. "Then I started with body fakes and moving my feet, and it paid off because I took him down with 30 seconds left. I just tried to keep my feet mov-

## Lady Cavs' vs. Glenn: 'LaVille part two'

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

CULVER — Lady Cavaliers' head coach Ashli Faulkner called it LaVille part two.

After a disappointing loss to the Lancers at home Saturday night in which Faulkner questioned her players' intensity, the Cavs' coach was underwhelmed once more by her team's level of play against visiting John Glenn.

Following a back and forth quarter and a half, the Falcons closed out the second stanza 7-3 to take a 21-15 halftime lead over Culver, then opened the third frame 6-2 to put the home team behind by double digits en route to a 41-31 season-closing road victory at Culver Friday.

"Honestly, I was pretty much speechless as far as our performance tonight," Faulkner said. "Obviously that was a big way to close the half and a big way to keep pace with them. That was definitely the killer

point in the game. When you don't come out of the locker room fired up, when you don't come out of the locker room at the beginning of the game or at half-time fired up, it's hard to play and I credit John Glenn because they did pretty well tonight."

While Friday's result represented the second straight Northern State Conference loss for the Cavs — they finish the conference at 3-4 — it was Glenn's second consecutive NSC win following another road victory at Knox earlier this week, and the Falcons conclude at 4-3 in NSC play and end their regular season at a near-.500 9-10.

"The kids did a nice job tonight," said Glenn head coach Dan Hutton. "Defensively they held (Gwen) Zehner and (Patrice) McBee pretty well... I think we followed the game plan again tonight. These kids are starting to catch on that we don't make up a game plan just for the heck of it." As in their loss to LaVille

last weekend, Zehner and McBee were held well below their averages with a combined 12 points, and once again the visitors were the beneficiary of early foul trouble for Zehner, who was forced to sit out a sizable stretch with two fouls in the first half.

Culver was led by both starter Gwen Zehner and reserve Alison Zehner with eight points each. Gwen tore down nine caroms for a game-leading rebounding effort, as well.

With the regular season now over, John Glenn will host Rochester in Sectional 19 action at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Culver enters Sectional 34 play Wednesday at Winamac with a game against the winner of a first round game between the hosts and North Judson. While the Cavs enter the tourney on a two-game skid, Faulkner hopes they can take some inspiration from last season's Culver

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## Cavs take hit from Falcons' offense

By James Costello  
Sports Writer

CULVER — Culver played great team defense, but the Falcons' team offense was just a little better.

The Cavs' 2-3 zone didn't allow a single player to reach double digits for John Glenn, including shooter Lonnie Shetler and athlete Andrew Alexander, but four Glenn players put up eight points apiece as the Falcons claimed a 46-42 Northern State Conference road win at Culver Community Friday.

"They've got several kids that are tough match-ups at times, and their balance was the difference, I thought, tonight," said Culver boys basketball head coach Kyle Elliott. "You've got a decent opportunity if you're trying to key in on a couple kids, but when they have such balance — it seems like when we would try to take one away that was getting a little streaky, it seems like here would come another young man for them."

While finishing below their scoring averages Friday, Shetler and Alexander were each able to put eight points on the board at Culver, as were both senior forward Nathan Ridgway and sophomore forward Aaron Stegemiller.

Shetler helped the Falcons off to a 9-2 start with a game-opening 3-pointer and a pair of first-quarter

treys as Glenn took a 12-8 advantage going into the second stanza. The Cavs battled back to a 14-all tie at the 4:07 mark of the second frame on the strength of a 6-2 quarter-opening run, but Glenn closed out the frame 5-0 with a wing triple and a post move by Stegemiller, both off dishes from senior point man Jared Rhodes, whose lucky number Friday was four as he finished with a game-high four assists, recorded four points and grabbed four rebounds and four steals. Ridgway, meanwhile, racked up all of his eight points attacking the basket after the break, including seven points as the NSC rivals battled back and forth in the third frame.

"I thought Culver did a great job tonight of turning Lonnie Shetler into an average player because he wasn't able to knock down jump shots, and that's a part of Lonnie's game we've got to develop," said Glenn head coach Travis Hannah.

Also a factor in the game, Glenn held a four-free throw advantage as the Falcons made eight trips to the charity stripe, seven of them after the break. While the visitors finished 9-of-16 at the stripe, Culver went 5-for-10 in free throws in eight trips of its own.

"One of the things we talked about was attacking and getting to the free-throw line, but unfortunately we

weren't able to do that," Elliott said. "I thought we did attack the bucket a lot harder than we have in the past, especially early on. Our inability to convert when we got to the free-throw line was very disappointing in that first half. In the second half we weren't able to get to the line, and anytime you can get to the line, stop the clock and extend the game, that was our goal."

Culver trigger Zoe Bauer also finished with sub-par offensive numbers Friday, finishing with just nine points, but senior Adam Neace stepped up big in his absence, exploding with a game-high 20 points going to the rack for Culver.

"I was very happy with Adam's play. I thought he attacked the bucket very hard tonight," said Elliott.

Glenn improves to .500 at 7-7 and improves beyond .500 in NSC play for the first time this season at 3-2 with the win over the Cavs. Hannah said it wasn't a particularly pretty win, but he'll take it.

"It wasn't a great effort. It wasn't a very pretty basketball game for sure, but it's a conference game and it's a win on the road, and sometimes you've got to find way to win those ugly ones. I give our kids credit for being able to do that tonight," he said.

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## Tanke-Jusina qualifies for state finals

WARSAW — Culver Girls Academy's Michelle Tanke-Jusina qualified for the state finals with a win in the 500 free at the Warsaw Girls Swimming Sectional Saturday.

The Eagles sophomore finished the race in 5:32.77, 1.91 seconds faster than second-place Peyton Zehner of Logansport.

The two-day state finals start Friday with the prelims at the Indiana Univeristy Natatorium at IUPUI.

WARSAW GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL At Warsaw

Team scores: 1. Warsaw 279, 2. Plymouth 244, 3. Columbia City 172, 4. Culver Girls Academy 160, 5. Logansport 154, 6. Huntington North 120, 7. Tippecanoe Valley 86, 8. Pioneer 65, 9. Rochester 33, 10. Manchester 25, 11. Argos 19.

Results (top 3 plus local finishers)  
200 medley relay: 1. Plymouth 1:58.33 (Mae Christiansen, Calley Cook, Allyson Gergely, Kenzie Miller), 2. Warsaw 1:58.58, 3. Columbia City 1:58.58, 4. CGA 2:00.40 (Catherine Potter, Michelle Tanke-Jusina, Kathryn Marr, Mary Margaret Peter); 200 free: 1. Peyton Zehner (Log) 2:02.86, 2. Morgan McCloskey (Log) 2:06.53, 3. Cook (Ply) 2:06.90; 200 IM: 1. Leah

Moore (War) 2:17.67, 2. Gergely (Ply) 2:23.02, 3. Jenna Bosselman (CC) 2:25.83, 4. Christiansen (Ply) 2:26.84, 6. Kelsey Strahla (A) 2:31.86; 50 free: 1. Audrey Petro (War) 25.51, 2. Tanke-Jusina (CGA) 26.73, 3. Claire Wack (War) 27.44; Diving: 1. Abigail Beach (Pio)

3. Cook (Ply) 5:35.01; 200 free relay: 1. Warsaw 1:44.74 (Marisa Vogel, Kayla Hutcherson, Moore, Petro), 2. Columbia City 1:45.18, 3. Logansport 1:46.32, 5. CGA 1:51.55 (Powell, Carson Canonie, Potter, Peter); 100 backstroke: 1. Miller (Ply) 57.21, 2. Richter (CC)



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CGA's Kathryn Marr competes in the 100 fly prelims at the Warsaw Sectional Thursday.

336.15, 2. Jordan Graham (Log) 317.75, 3. Joy Rich (Ply) 290.55, 4. Kirsten Thomason (Ply) 287.90, 6. Jamie Powell (CGA) 246.70; 100 fly: 1. Moore (War) 1:00.80, 2. Gergely (Ply) 1:03.49, 3. McCloskey (Log) 1:03.84, 4. Marr (CGA) 1:08.25, 5. Strahla (A) 1:08.65, 6. Katelynn Brashere (Ply) 1:11.03; 100 free: 1. Miller (Ply) 52.79, 2. Haley Richter (CC) 52.94, 3. Petro (War) 56.49; 500 free: 1. Tanke-Jusina (CGA) 5:32.77, 2. Zehner (Log) 5:34.68,

58.32, 3. Potter (CGA) 1:05.73, 4. Christiansen (Ply) 1:07.31; 100 breaststroke: 1. Jenna Bosselman (CC) 1:14.77, 2. Cassie Hacker (HN) 1:15.13, 3. Jordan Satoski (TV) 1:16.10, 5. Dani Wise (P) 1:16.89; 400 free relay: 1. Plymouth 3:51.52 (Cook, Christiansen, Gergely, Miller), 2. Logansport 3:57.40, 3. Warsaw 4:05.55, 4. CGA 4:06.01 (Marr, Canonie, Powell, Tanke-Jusina).

## Boys basketball

### Davis leads Eagles

Sophomore Wells Davis tallied a game-high 24 points to lead Culver Military Academy to a 63-52 basketball win at Tippecanoe Valley Saturday.

CMA 63, TIPPY VALLEY 52 At Akron Score by quarters CMA: 11 30 46 63 Tippy Valley: 16 24 38 52 CMA (63): Blayne Baker 0, Ramsey Bradke 3, Travis Britt 4, Wells Davis 24, Jermaine Myers 15, Carl Rivera 10, Trace Thevs 3, Trevor Weaser 4. TIPPY VALLEY (52): Taylor Burkhardt 2, Josh Cooper 0, Dan Kitch 10, Gus Lukens 0, Ross Miller 8, Zach Owens 23, Caleb Rovenstine 0, Anthony Tolson 9, Devin Vogel 0. Records: CMA 12-4, Tippy Valley

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### Eagles soar

Wells Davis erupted for a game-high 26 points and 11 rebounds to lead Culver Military Academy's basketball team to a 69-51 win over visiting Westville at Fleet Gymnasium Friday. CULVER MILITARY 69, WESTVILLE 51 At Culver Score by quarters Westville: 7 19 35 51 CMA: 8 28 55 69 WESTVILLE (51): Jason Heckman 6 5-7 17, Jeff Lawson 0 2-2 2, Andy Popp 1 0-0 2, Kyle Nole 0 0-0 0, Kurtis Jones 0 0-0 0, Nick Sevigny 0 0-0 0, Gurpreet Singh 2 0-2 5, Jesse Mills 0 1-2 1, Danny Warnke 0 0-0 0, Ben Reed 2 3-4 7, Jake Shores 1 0-1 2, Jon Silverthorn 1 1-2 3, Doug

Warnke 2 3-3 8, Reilly Wilson 2 0-0 4. TOTALS 17 15-22 51. CULVER MILITARY (69): Jermaine Myers 2 2-4 6, Wells Davis 12 2-4 26, Ramsey Bradke 0 0-0 0, Blayne Baker 0 0-0 0, Brian Wang 0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 6 1-2 16, Alex Dodane 0 0-0 0, Carl Rivera 5 1-1 11, Trace Thevs 3 1-3 7, Trevor Weaser 0 1-2 1, Nick Ahlers 0 0-0 0, Willie Strong 0 0-0 0, David Zaccaria 0 2-4 2. TOTALS: 28 20/30 69. 3-point goals: Westville 0, CMA 3 (Britt 3). Personal fouls (fouled out): Westville 18 (Wilson), CMA 19 (Britt). Rebounds: Westville 22 (Lawson 4), CMA 22 (Davis 11). Field Goals: Westville 17-40 (43 percent), CMA 28-48 (58 percent). Turnovers: Westville 19, CMA 11. Assists: Westville 8 (Popp 5), CMA 10 (Myers 6). Officials: Gary Morris and Dave Blough. Records: Westville 6-6, CMA 11-4. JV scores: Westville 40 (Jesse Mills 15), CMA 34 (David Zaccaria 9).

## Hover project models cultivation of student leadership, teamwork

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It's apparent, talking to Culver Community High School senior Max Good and project assistants Jordan Cooper and Marshall Mas-

The students opted to up the ante and construct a multi-seat craft (the first one was a single-seater) and, in Good's words, to make it "bigger and badder, with more power."

through the school care of Tom Schmidt or by calling 574-842-3391.

The club also hopes to get the craft out on Lake Maxinkuckee this year, something they weren't

craft progresses. "It's been hard to communicate that way," Good admits. "But we've been very persistent and pushed through our communication problems. It's like watching a family of kids develop. I've made friends with kids I never would have talked to before."

Those friends include two female students, a new factor in the club. "There's something about girls being able to stay more focused than guys," Good smiles. "They're doing a lot of detail work... they do better than some of the guys I've got working with them out there."

"Some?" adds Schmidt with a laugh. "How about all!"

"We've got a great, strong group of kids," Good notes, explaining Cooper and Master will likely replace him in a supervisory role next year, with hopes that the hovercraft project will be ongoing year after year. "We're a small club trying to do big things," he adds.

Building a "bigger" hovercraft is obviously one of those "big things," but Good and the club are also, in the process, building something likely to stay with them for years to come...maybe even a lifetime.



Culver Comm. High School students (from left) Max Good, Jordon Cooper, and Marshall Master with part of the hovercraft they're constructing this year.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

ter, that there's much more to the school's Industrial Technology Club's building of a hovercraft – the second such craft in a row for the club – that merely building a hovercraft.

Instead, the effort could be seen as something of a model of bringing students into a hands-on, rewarding project which also manages to teach them skills in areas of leadership, group cooperation, conflict resolution, and community service, facts of which Good is keenly aware.

"I've grown more, maturely," he notes. "A lot of kids are growing up more when working on this project."

Those kids include the club's crew of ten students, according to CCHS industrial tech instructor Tom Schmidt, and all of them are under Good's supervision. Following the success of last year's hovercraft project, which culminated in third and fourth place wins at the Hover Club of America's annual race on Lazy L Lake at Terre Haute last year, Good says students interested in working on this year's project had to fill out an application.

"We picked the kids that were most motivated and reliable," he says, with Schmidt noting about 50 percent of applicants had to be turned down.

"Some of them just wanted to come down and mess around," observes Master.

Widespread student interest is understandable. As reported last year in the Citizen, CCHS is one of very few schools in the state to take on such an unusual project, and its success – in terms of race results but also in the students' ability to construct a working, water-ready racing craft – was contagious.

"The learning part was also finding the right people to put with the right job," Schmidt adds, something student leaders like Good, Cooper, and Master learned from as well. "There's a lot of trust and leadership going into this, and responsibility they don't normally have. It has created some conflict resolution skills for us!"

Of course, such personal skills go hand in hand with the sheer thrill of constructing the craft, something Good says couldn't have happened without generous supporters in the surrounding community.

"We've been working pretty hard," notes Good, "and we thought this was a good time to tell our sponsors how much we've accomplished in a short time, the workforce we've built up, and the buzz around the school. We can't go a day without somebody talking about the hovercraft!"

Using plans from an online source, Schmidt and the students found it necessary to tweak the printed designs to suit the materials they had on hand, all the result of sponsor donations. Sponsorships have increased this year, but, "as with all projects like this, we're always a dollar short," notes Schmidt. "We could use some more support."

### Project will benefit Relay

The club, which sponsored a team at last year's first annual Culver Relay for Life, plans to jump into the Relay effort with both feet this time around. "Max's goal is to try to get the hovercraft done in time for Relay, if possible," Schmidt explains, "and use that as a fundraiser."

The hope is to offer "rides" on the hovercraft, probably as a fundraiser leading up to the Relay, but also potentially at the event itself, if Relay organizers approve.

The IT club is also supporting Relay by selling plaques, including a more general, purple design for \$10 and "memorial" plaques for \$20, personalized with cancer survivors' or victims' initials with the option of "color coding" to reflect particulars such as pink for breast cancer. These plaques, explain the students, are available

able to accomplish with the first craft. "I hope it creates a lot of talk around the community and people see it around the lake."

If so, Good believes this would be the first such craft on Maxinkuckee, at least since the late 1970s, when he says his mother recalls a lake resident running a similar vehicle in those pre-hovercraft days.

And, of course, the plan is to race the new, improved craft in the annual Hover Club event again this spring. Schmidt notes the new craft won't limit the race to just one driver, but will allow several students to "pass the baton" and race. And, adds Cooper, the improved size and power of the new vehicle means the driver no longer has to be the lightest member of the team. Thanks to Cooper's efforts at finding a sticker manufacturer, the CCHS craft will race adorned with sponsor names on its body (Good points out the club also makes its own plaques to thank sponsors).

### 'It's like watching a family of kids develop'

One of the challenges for Good and all the participants has been the need to work in shifts due to class schedules, with individuals sometimes unable to communicate directly with each other as work on the

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## Ambassadors for Culver

Culver Middle School seventh graders Kristen Gergely, left, and Maeve Kline were selected by their sixth grade teacher, Marilyn Day, to be part of People to People, a world leadership forum founded in 1959 by president Dwight Eisenhower and interested in promoting world peace and education. Flying to Washington, D.C. the week before America's presidential elections, Gergely and Kline experienced a great variety of capitol city area landmarks, including the capitol building itself, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court building, the National Archives, the Saudi Arabian embassy, the Lincoln, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials, Jamestown, colonial Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the World War II memorial (at which they are pictured above), the Holocaust museum, the Air and Space museum, and a number of other sites. The week concluded, said the girls – addressing Culver's Kiwanis club Jan. 29 – with a cruise and party. Kline's most memorable experiences included gaining a new appreciation for history and meeting a number of new people. Gergely was most impressed with the experience of meeting and greeting grateful veterans at the Vietnam War memorial.

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### Correction

In the Jan. 29 Culver Citizen, Culver Community High School student Shelagh Wise was inadvertently omitted from the "A-B" honor roll listing for the second grading period. The Citizen regrets the omission.

## Culver schools snow makeup days

April 13 (Easter Monday) and May 8 will both be snow makeup days, according to the Culver Community Schools calendar. School will be in session both days, instead of off as the days had been previously listed. The Culver schools' calendar is available online at [www.culver.k12.in.us](http://www.culver.k12.in.us).

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### on sale to support BEAM efforts

Marshall County youth philanthropic organization BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) is selling tickets to the March 15 Fort Wayne Mad Ants basketball game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne. 600 tickets were donated to BEAM by Mad Ants owner and Culver resident John Zeglis, with proceeds supporting the organization's operating budget for the next two to three years. Tickets are \$10, a half-price discount from the regular ticket price. Those wishing to purchase tickets are encouraged to

contact BEAM head Myles Pinder through the Culver Community High School, 574-842-3391.

### Fishing, Indian items sought

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver is seeking items in preparation for upcoming displays later this year at its Center for Culver History museum. Specifically, the Society is seeking vintage fishing lures and other fishing-related items -- particularly those used on Lake Maxinkuckee -- as well as items related to local Native Americans.

Items for loan or dona-

tion may be brought to the Center, located in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library in downtown Culver. The Center is open now Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### CES sixth graders collecting for troops

Culver Elementary School sixth graders are collecting items for American troops and would greatly appreciate help from the community. Boxes of supplies are planned to be shipped March 20. Items needed include baby wipes, individual serving

size powdered mixes for water bottles, beef jerky, hard candy, hand sanitizer, chap stick with SPF, wipes for eyeglasses, any non-perishable food item (examples include pop tarts, granola bars, noodles in a cup, microwave popcorn), magazines (Reader's Digest, People, etc.). Individuals are encouraged to bring items to the school.

### Culver 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, a compilation of

statistics from teams from 1968 through the present. The cost of the book is \$10. 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.

### Marshall County Unemployment Support Group

The Marshall County

Unemployment Support Group meets Mondays in February (Feb. 9, 16, 23) from 10 a.m. - noon at the Plymouth Public Library's Jim Neu Family Room. You are not alone! Contact Ellen Weist, @ www.jdt@tnaisp.net.

### 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.

## Viesturs, from page 1

to do so with support, teamwork, and a realistic grasp of one's limits.

Described in his introduction as "a true American hero" by CMA grad Robert Vaughn, who sponsors the series of outdoor-related lectures of which Viesturs' talk was a part, Viesturs said he began his fascination with mountain climbing as a teen, in spite of his flat, Illinois upbringing, when he read a book about the first team to climb Mount Annapurna, possibly the most difficult mountain on earth to climb.

Viesturs moved to the Pacific northwest, learning the ins and outs of climbing on the "amazing, beautiful Alpine peaks" there, gradually accumulating experience and know-how from more practiced climbers. Beginning with a job in 1982 as a trainer and guide, Viesturs climbed Mount Rainier in Washington over 200 times, all along hoping to eventually make his way to Mt. Everest, the 29,002-foot peak in the Himalayas.

Noting a climb to Everest's peak takes from six to ten weeks -- much of it spent hauling loads of camping equipment to three campsites at gradually increasing heights -- Viesturs said he finally got his chance, eschewing the use of supplemental oxygen and working with a team of about eight. In the end of many Everest climbs, he explained, the team often chooses just two members to actually ascend the peak, and he and another climber were given the opportunity, but turned back with the awareness that "we would probably reach the top of the mountain, but would die on the way down," due to deteriorating weather conditions. "Imagine having to make that decision at that point," he said. "I didn't want to die climbing these mountains, knowing I could go back the next year and try it again under better and safer conditions. You listen to the mountain. No matter how prepared I was, the mountain decided what I could and couldn't do."

By 1989, Viesturs found himself standing atop Everest, "looking down at a sea of clouds" and able to see 80 miles into the distance. It would be one of a number of Everest endeavors for the climber, who described some of the challenges of the last few thousand feet on the great mountain. "Every step is exponentially harder. To walk the length of this room could take an hour. You take one step and then breathe 15 to 20 times. From high camp to the summit can

take 12 hours. It hurts, it's painful, difficult, cold, and you want to go home. Yes, it would be easier at any moment to quit and go down (but) at the summit you get to look back at what you did, and it's a really satisfying moment."

In 1996, Viesturs was invited to join an expedition climbing Everest while filming for an IMAX documentary on the subject, the crew toting along the added challenge of a 42-pound camera. Filming along the way up, the group would make the "instinctive decision to go down instead of going up (to the summit of the mountain)," said Viesturs.

"On the third day, a storm blew in, and eight people died high on slopes of Mount Everest. We immediately quit filming and began organizing a rescue effort. We raced back up the mountain to rescue survivors, and we were able to bring several down."

Two people the group wasn't able to rescue were good friends of Viesturs', Rob Hall and Scott Fisher, a fact that came as an "emotional blow" for him.

Against the voices of many who decried the climb as foolish in the wake of the deaths, Viesturs decided to resume the climb, film crew in tow. "I wanted to turn that season into something more positive, to show people you could climb Everest and live to talk about it," he explained. The resulting film, "Everest," became the largest grossing IMAX film in history.

Along the way to the summit, Viesturs added, he came across the bodies of his friends, bodies which conditions won't allow removal of. Viesturs vowed to spend a little time next to his departed friends on the way back down the slope.

Viesturs noted his wife is very supportive of his efforts, even his decision to tackle Mount Annapurna, "one of the most dangerous mountains in the world" and a peak that "became my nemesis." The existence now of his children also influenced Viesturs' caution in climbing Annapurna, though he eventually succeeded after walking away once. "It took me 18 years to accomplish that," he recalled. "I was elated."

The climber says that peak, which started his mountain climbing journey in the pages of a book all those years ago, also ended it. He noted all people have figurative -- of not literal -- "Annapurnas" in their lives to overcome,

and said he ended his best-selling autobiography ("No Shortcuts to the Top: Climbing the World's 14 Highest Peaks") by saying he truly has lived his dreams and "you can too."

Viesturs also congratulated current Culver cadet John Sabo on his achievement of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

## Lady Cavs, from page 1

Community boys squad, which entered sectional on a three-game slide before winning the program its first ever sectional title.

"It's going to be tough going it with two losses. It's not how we wanted to go into it, but that's the position that we are faced with," she said. "Our boys did it last year so why can't we do it this year, and that's what we're trying to get across to them."

Also at Friday's season closer, Culver senior Liz West, who tragically lost both of her parents in a roughly one-month span from November to December, was presented with more than \$3,000 raised by Glenn and other surrounding schools. The money will help offset the cost of living for West, who is raising her younger sister in the wake of her parents' death.

"The way the surrounding community has rallied around Liz has been absolutely amazing," said Faulkner. "I'm so proud of Liz; she's so strong. She had to grow up so much in such

a short time, and she's done it with pretty much flying colors... The support she's had from the community is absolutely amazing, and it's nice to see because it shows there really are good people out there, and when there is a crisis like that they can rally together."

• JOHN GLENN 41,

CULVER 31

At Culver

Score by quarters

Glenn: 8 21 30 41

Culver: 7 15 21 31

JOHN GLENN (54): Emily Traversa 0 1-2 1, Jacy Borlik 4 5-11 16, Cayla Ochs 1 0-0 2, Kim Podell 4 3-4 11,

Savanna Bruski 4 1-2 9, Amy Pearish 1 0-0 2, Rosemarie Banks 0 0-0 0,

Alyssa Schmidt 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14

12-20 41.

CULVER (31): Nicole Carnegie 2 0-0

5, Susannah Baker 1 1-2 3, Olivia

Knapp 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 2 0-5

4, Whitney Sanders 1 0-0 3, Allison

Zehner 3 0-0 8, Sarah Bailey 0 0-0 0,

Cindy Miller 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 4

0-0 8. TOTALS: 13 1-7 31.

3-point goals: Glenn 1 (Borlik),

Culver 2 (Sanders, A. Zehner);

Turnovers: Glenn 20, Culver 21;

Rebounds: Glenn 29 (Podell 8),

Culver 30 (Zehner 9); Assists: Glenn

16 (Borlik 5), Culver 8 (Baker 3);

Steals: Glenn 13 (Borlik 7), Culver

5 (Carnegie 3, A. Zehner 3); Fouls

(fouled out): Glenn 7 (None), Culver

14 (None); Records: Glenn 9-10, 4-3

NSC; Culver 9-11, 3-4 NSC.

## Cavs, from page 1

Inversely, Culver slides to 4-11 on the season and remains winless in the conference, but Elliott saw some heartening signs from his players Friday night.

"Unfortunately, we're still at 0 wins, we're 0-5 in conference play, and it's very disappointing to be there in the conference to say the least," he said. "But more importantly, you've got to take it one game at a time and as I told the kids I felt this was one of our better games of the year from top to bottom. We had a lot of kids stepping up and making plays."

• JOHN GLENN 46,

CULVER COMMUNITY 42

At Culver

Score by quarters

Glenn: 12 19 34 46

Culver: 8 14 30 42

GLENN (46): Jared Rhodes 0 4-4

4, Lonnie Shetler 3 0-0 8, Brock

Solmos 1 0-2 2, Andrew Alexander

4 0-0 8, Carsen Heim 2 0-2 4, Trey

Rhodes 0 0-0 0, Corey Ross 0 0-0

0, Jake Kosinski 1 0-0 2, Nathan

Ridgway 2 4-5 8, Josh Horvath 0

0-0 0, Aaron Stegemiller 3 1-1 8,

Andrew Morton 1 0-0 2. TOTALS:

17 9-16 46.

CULVER (42): Adam Neace 8 4-5 20,

Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Justin Master

2 1-5 5, Zoe Bauer 4 0-0 9, Patrick

Mulvihill 1 0-0 3, Kyle Pugh 0 0-0 0,

A.J. Neace 1 0-0 3, Larry Clingler 1

0-0 2. TOTALS: 17 5-10 42.

3-point goals: Glenn 3 (Shetler

2, Stegemiller), Culver 3 (Bauer,

Mulvihill, A.J. Neace); Rebounds:

Glenn 21 (Rhodes 4, Alexander 4),

Culver 22 (Bauer 5); Assists: Glenn

10 (Rhodes 4), Culver 8 (Master

2, Bauer 2, Pugh 2); Steals: Glenn

9 (Rhodes 4), Culver 7 (Clingler

2, A.J. Neace 2); Turnovers: Glenn

13, Culver 17; Fouls (fouled out):

Glenn 12 (None), Culver 14 (None).

Records: Glenn 7-7, 3-2 NSC; Culver

4-11, 0-5 NSC.

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