



In Brief

Town to conduct income survey

Over the next few weeks, the town of Culver and Ball State University will be conducting a Low to Moderate Income Survey (LMI). The purpose of this survey is for a grant application for storm sewer drainage improvements for the West-side of town. The survey is very simple and will be conducted via phone. In order to successfully secure many grants the LMI survey must reflect a certain percentage rate of the proposed project area. It is very important that each household complete this survey and the town of Culver encourages every citizen to participate. Any questions regarding this survey should be directed to the town hall office Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., at 574-842-3140.

Bloodmobile in Culver March 10

The Culver Academies will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile Tues., March 10 between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It will be held in the Fleet Gymnasium, a part of the athletic complex. Please park near the Ice Arena or Chapel and follow the signs. Previous donors are encouraged to participate, and anyone that has never donated is also encouraged to do so. Plan on a little more than an hour for the entire process and have a picture I.D. with you. Anyone age 17 and older and in good health may donate. Call 1-800-GiveLife for an appointment.

Budget-friendly meal programs at Grace

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver will present a series of nutrition and budget programs, held at the church. These will take place Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. They include Skillet Meals (March 24), Healthy Snacks (March 31), Bountiful Beans (April 7), and Eating In on the Run (April 14). All programs are free and open to the public.

National Security Agency historian at Culver

David Hatch, chief historian of the National Security Agency (NSA), will speak at Culver Academies as part of an ongoing series sponsored by the school's Global

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Gearing up for Relay

Above: With just over a month remaining and 50 teams on-board so far, participants and organizers of Culver's second annual Relay for Life (slated for April 17) are ramping up activities to raise funds for the cancer-fighting, all-night fund raiser, to be held at Culver Academies football field. In the image at right, staff of the Culver Coffee Company donated their labor and 100 percent of proceeds from a special Relay open house last weekend. From left to right, baristas Laura Newman, Teresa Daugherty, Rachel Bjornstad, and CCC owner Dawn Minas. In the image at left, Culver Academies junior Ian Greenberg, one of the event organizers, addresses Culver's Kiwanis Club Feb. 19 to speak about the event.

Culver tragedy touches Mishawaka, beyond

South Bend area community rallies around West benefit

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Michael Holdsworth of Mishawaka was sitting next to his brother, Aaron, listening to radio station B100 when he heard the story of Culver's Liz West – who lost both parents within the space of three weeks this past December, as reported in the Feb. 12 Culver Citizen – and the need she and younger sister Margaret were experiencing as Culver Community High School senior Liz quit the basketball team and took a job, with steps in motion to adopt Margaret.

"The story really touched our hearts," says Michael, a manager at Main Muffler in both South Bend and Mishawaka. "Our father was murdered in South Bend in the late 1980s, so we were blown away. We know what it's like to grow up without a dad. We heard (Liz's loss) was right around Christmas, and all the details of story. It started tearing us apart. I almost started crying right then. I knew right away something had to be done."

Holdsworth says his brother, who has always been in inspiration to him, told him the best way to approach doing something good for others is to get organized. One of his first steps towards that end was contacting the radio station, who referred him to Culver Elementary School sixth grade teacher Missy Trent, one of several in the area to contact the station about Liz and Margaret in relation to B100's "Christmas Wish" charity.

"He didn't ask me to help," says Trent, "he just wanted information. I emailed back and said, 'Tell me who you are and what you're planning to do.' When I heard, I said, 'This is wonderful!'"

Holdsworth's plan grew out of one of his friends driving by the Chippewa Bowl on South Bend's south side (at 225 W.

Chippewa Ave) and noticing a sign advertising the building's availability for benefits. The end result: a public benefit for Liz and Margaret Sunday, April 5 at Chippewa Bowl, from noon to 8 p.m.

There will, of course, be bowling for those who want it (a donation of \$20 at the door gets participants two games, a pair shoes, and "all the food you can fit in your stomach," says Holdsworth), but for those who don't bowl, there's plenty more to do.

Live music will include the Chris Walker Band, which Holdsworth notes is popular in the south, as well as other musicians. Holdsworth even sent an email to country star Ricky Van Shelton, whose song, "Keep it Between the Lines" meant a lot to Holdsworth. He and Aaron listened to the song with their father, he says, "when-ever he would take us to school," and it was played at their father's funeral. He hopes Van Shelton might contribute in some way to the benefit.

In the meantime, he and Trent have been working in their respective communities to ensure the benefit is known to all. "I made some calls, had posters made, and talked to as many media people as I could," says Holdsworth. "This community (South Bend-Mishawaka) is even better than I thought it was. Radio stations are doing free advertising, people are coming in the shop regularly, there are musicians donating their time.

"My biggest hope is to raise a lot of money for these two girls. After (April 5), I want them to take away for the rest of their lives that there's a lot of people who care; there's a lot of good in this world."

Trent, no stranger to community fundraising herself (she helped organize last year's Soup for the Soul benefit for Hem-

inger House, held at CES), says she feels "like a pro at this!"

She and her mother, who also helped assemble raffle items for Soup for the Soul, have begun work to gather items for a raffle as part of the April benefit. Already she's gotten a 27-inch color television and several other items, though she says she's only just begun.

The decision was made to seek area eateries to donate pizzas, dessert, and soft drinks, donations Trent hopes will increase as the benefit draws nearer. She notes the \$20 donation at the door in April includes either lunch or dinner, depending on when attendees arrive.

"This community really came out for the Soup for the Soul (event)," Trent recalls. "I think it's a wonderful community, and people will come out for this. I hope Liz and Margaret's friends at the school will come out and support it as well."

Trent also has a personal connection to the Wests in that Margaret was a student of hers both in fourth grade – which Trent taught previously at Culver – and again in sixth two years ago. "She would stay after school with me," Trent says. "She still comes to school to visit me. She's a student who will always be in my heart. That's another thing that pushes me with this: I feel so connected to her."

Holdsworth says Chippewa Bowl is "being awesome about the whole thing...(they) kind of opened the up the doors of the business and made it easier for us."

Holdsworth, born and raised in South Bend, moved to Florida with his mother after his father's death and returned to the South Bend-Mishawaka area after graduating high

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Council alley decision debated

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Efforts to resolve the question of whether to vacate a College Avenue-area alley by Culver's town council led into a sometimes heated discussion at the council's Feb. 24 meeting, as attorney James Easterday – representing property owner James Washburn – presented two letters from each of the property owners adjoining the alley besides Washburn, who petitioned the town to vacate and make the alley part of his land.

Previously, at the council's Jan. 27 meeting, Easterday presented Washburn's request, which came to the council after Culver's plan commission made a favorable recommendation to the council to vacate the alley, which Washburn said his family has used for decades as a driveway. At issue at that meeting was disagreement with the move by one adjoining neighbor, Elaine Eppley.

At the Feb. 24 meeting, Easterday – noting there are no town utilities in the alley – said Eppley and Washburn had worked out their differences on the matter, and presented a letter to that effect. He also shared a brief history of the alley with the council, dating back to the May 8, 1944 deed in which the alley was dedicated to the north almost to Academy Road for public highway purposes. In Oct., 1959, however, a group of residents came before the town board requesting vacation of the alley from Academy Road to the north side of the Washburn property, annexing the north portion into the Eppley land, which the town

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Dearth back home in Culver by 'miracles'

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

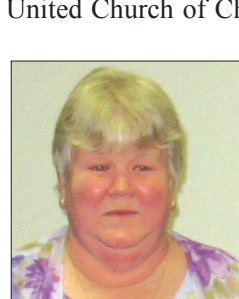
Popular and longtime Culver Community High School French teacher Vickie Dearth is finally back home, and says she feels the beneficiary of three miracles. First, the South Main Street resident's neighbor, Greg Caudill, happened to be driving by and saw her fall while on her back deck with her dogs. Second, Dearth was outside to begin with; had she fallen over inside her home, she likely would have laid there all day until fellow members of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver noticed her absence at the church's mid-month meal that evening. And third, her recent loss of some 50 pounds likely saved her life, according to one of the nurses that cared for her (Dearth notes she lost more than 50 more in the ensuing six months).

Dearth was taken to St. Joseph hospital in Plymouth and her family and friends called in, with the expectation being she wouldn't live much longer. "But," she laughs, "I kept being alive, so they put me in Miller's (Merry Manor nursing home) here in town."

Dearth was afflicted with MRSA (Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus Aureus), a bacterial infection whose effects, depending on the individual, range from very unpleasant to deadly. In Dearth's case, the infection attacked one of her heart valves and she wound up in open heart surgery. While recovering, she also contracted pneumonia and, while other ailments came and went, spent a total of over six months in various hospitals and the nursing home.

Though she's finally home, Dearth says the heart surgery has developed a

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Vickie Dearth in 2008.
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Manager about town

Recently installed Culver town manager became a member of Culver’s Kiwanis Club Feb. 19, and is here welcomed into the club by Kiwanis president Grant Munroe.

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board granted. Thus, explained Easterday, the alley is not a through alley, though a cul de sac entering at the Eppley property on Forest Place gives access if needed.

Present at the meeting was Eppley’s husband, Patrick Jensen, who said he and his wife use the alley all year round. He said the couple also has discussed building a smaller house with garage on an adjoining lot, for which alley access would be helpful.

“Once we lose that access to that alley,” he said, “we will never get it back again. It’s gone.”

Washburn reiterated the north half of the alley was already vacated, with council president Sally Ricciardi adding the Eppley cul de sac was originally added to give access to surrounding properties when the northern section of the alley was vacated. “I don’t really see how (vacating the present alley) puts you in a bind,” she told Jensen.

Jensen said he had no problem with vacating the alley, so long as an agreement he understood had been reached between Washburn and Eppley allowed those at the Eppley property to use the alley as needed. “We have no intention of backing out of our end of (the agreement),” Easterday replied.

Town attorney James Clevenger told the council any agreement regarding use of the alley was between the Washburn and Eppley parties, and the council should act based on the letters of agreement presented by Easterday, from Eppley and Pam Fisher, owner of the other adjoining property.

The council voted unanimously to grant Washburn’s petition and vacate the alley.

In other discussion, town manager Michael Doss asked for and received the council’s approval for several 2009 street department paving projects, including paving Hoosier Lane and repaving North Plymouth Street and part of West Shore Drive, at a total cost of \$76,575.

He also noted a low to moderate income survey conducted by a Ball State University professor would begin in coming weeks, a needed step to secure a grant towards a storm sewer project put in motion over the past year. The grant, he added, should be submitted by September 11, 2009.

Picking up on steps taken some months ago, Doss said he and street department head Bob Porter have been working towards a proactive, preventative approach to the problem of some area restaurants’ grease traps,

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school and college, is also no stranger to organizing efforts. He says, though, the West benefit is “the first time I’ve organized anything so touching or meaningful. I was organizing sporting events in high school, was on the student council, and I would go out and sell as many items as we needed to have school projects for our classes.”

Holdsworth says he’s

hoping to have an area radio station broadcast live throughout the event, in hopes people leaving churches and listeners in general will “come by and make it a really incredible event.”

“It’s getting exciting to see how this is coming together,” he says. “Once people heard the story (of the Wests’ parents) -- it’s such a shocking story – you

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Studies Institute, which has already brought past and present speakers involved in national security to the campus. Hatch will discuss the development and history of the NSA and it’s role in the American intelligence community at 7 p.m. at the Legion Memorial building, on the Academies campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Help needed with community garden venture

The Outreach Ministry at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver will be using part of the Academy Road lot owned by Culver Community Schools for a community garden. Help is needed with a variety of tasks from plowing to mowing, hoeing to harvesting, and distribution of produce to the food pantry. Those

with questions may contact Barb Quivey at Grace church (574-842-2331) or at home, 574-842-2329. Projects co-chair Connie Richie may be reached at 574-542-4810.

Community meal at Grace March 15

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

Fishing, Indian items sought

The Antiquarian & Historical Society of Culver is seeking items in preparation for upcoming dis-

think, ‘Is this real?’ As a kid you’re so disoriented by it...the full impact hasn’t hit her yet. But when that day comes, hopefully she’ll have some money in her pocket and memories that (say), ‘You shouldn’t give up. A lot of people in this world care.’”

“The fact that she’s sacrificing everything and making sure her younger sister’s taken care of: that’s not the

American dream, that’s the greatest dream anyone could have for a community. I thought if she could do that, I need to get off my butt and do something. I’m glad to be involved.”

Restaurants wishing to donate pizza or dessert, or individuals wishing to make monetary contributions or donate a raffle item are encouraged to contact Missy Trent at 574-806-1745.

like to make a difference in your life and others, please join this most rewarding volunteer program.

Many volunteer opportunities are offered including: Delivering goody bags, running errands, visiting with patients, being a part of a team, relieving caregiver, providing snacks, reading and writing.

To join the volunteer program, please contact Chelsey Beery, Volunteer Coordinator at 260-432-6075.

Citizen cell phone

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

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Talent needed for Relay benefit show

With March 14 approaching fast, Cuver Relay for Life coordinators say local talent of all sorts is greatly needed for a community talent show at Papa’s restaurant on Cuver’s Lake Shore Drive. The event, the evening of Sat., March 14 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., will include live music, movies, and of course plenty of food. The grand prize will be a \$250 gift certificate to PaPa's. Runners up, all the way to fifth place, will also receive prizes, according to Relay coordinator Ian Greenberg. Audience members are needed to decide who has the best talent, notes Greenberg, who adds there will also be special menu items throughout the evening, audience games, and various give-a-ways to help support the Relay for Life cause.

To sign up to perform or to make a reservation for a seat, email relay@culver.org.

Trinity Lenten series focuses on forgiveness, hope

The Rev. K.C. Dehning, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 Academy Road in Culver, will use the book, “Dying to Live: The Power of Forgiveness” by Pastor Harold Senkbeil, and its title, to deliver a series of sermons which considers the price of our salvation: Jesus dying that we might live through the power of forgiveness, according to Dehning.

“More and more, it seems that the world and its media are shaping our culture,” explains Dehning. “We work to be spiritual people, but how does one get and stay connected to the Creator? The book helps us to better understand as baptized Christians how this spiritual relationship takes place, and how this gives us a life of forgiveness and hope.”

This sermon series will be delivered during the Midweek Worship Services held at Trinity on Thursday evenings during Lent. Each worship service begins at 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Culver library sponsors ‘Read Across America’

In honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday in March the Culver-Union Township Public Library will be sponsoring Read Across America. Children who sign up will receive a cut-out of a car with their name printed on it. As the kids read, their car will progress along the road hanging up in the children's room. For every hour read, the car will move ahead to a new state, where they will receive a fact sheet about that state. The child has until March 31 to read 50 hours, which will complete all of the states. If the 50 hour goal is obtained, the participant will receive an award. All children who participate will receive a certificate of participation. Sign-up begins March 2 in the children's room and the contest is open to anyone grades K-6.

Nutrition Day planned with Richey March 11

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels has officially proclaimed March “Nutrition Month” in Indiana, in keeping with the national observance of the month. Towards that end, REAL Services nutrition sites across northern Indiana are hosting Nutrition Awareness Day March 11, including Culver’s site, which will host Karen Richie of Marshall County’s Purdue Extension Office. Richie will discuss – using a Power Point presentation as well as one-on-one with her audience – a variety of specifics concerning nutrition for older adults. The program will begin following the noon meal at the site, located in Culver’s beach lodge. All are invited to the event; those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by March 9 via phone at 574-842-8878. A \$3.50 donation is requested, but not required, for each meal.

Community Calendar

Thurs., March 5 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 Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement	Culver Public Library Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot/train station Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement David Hatch, chief historian of the National Security Agency, 7 p.m., Legion Memorial building, Culver Academies
Mon., March 9 Culver Redevelopment Committee mtg., 4 p.m., town hall Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Public Library DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration bldg.	Thurs., March 12 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
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A CES sentinel

No, that’s not a real US soldier standing guard outside the display cases in the main hallway at Culver Elementary School. Instead, the cardboard cutout adorns a display of some of the items collected by CES sixth grade teacher Missy Trent’s class, to be sent to US troops overseas March 20. CES art teacher Joyce Lyman created the flag-themed sign at the bottom, encouraging students and community members to bring more items. 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.

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Birth - Tenner



Adam and April (Pearson) Tener of Bourbon announce the birth of a son born Jan. 14, 2009 at 6:18 a.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Riley Matthew Tener weighed 10 pounds, 14 ounces and was 23 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Barb Pearson of Argos. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Nancy Tener of Bourbon and Mike and Carol Jones of Bremen.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. 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.

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Culver Elementary names students of the month, ‘Culver’s best’

CES students of the month

CULVER — Culver Elementary School named its students of the month for January. Students named to the list include:

• **Kindergarten:** Josh Havron, Darren Shock, Kaydence Crane, Cheyenne Lindsley

• **Grade 1:** Savana Cook, Dana Rodgers, Donavan Ziaja, Erin Renneker

• **Grade 2:** Jenna Moise, Taylor Noah, Maranda Otteman, Corey Jefferies

• **Grade 3:** Tracey Lindvall, Lindsey Proskey, Dylan Griewank

• **Grade 4:** Levi Shedrow, Wyatt Amor, Robert Caddy

• **Grade 5:** Everett Krueger, Danny Flenner, Courtney Black, Andrea Bermudez, Diana Hutton, Cheyenne Durbin, Brianna Overmyer, Teeno Hite

• **Grade 6:** Haley Klimaszewski, Maddie Coby, Abbi Atkins, Starr Howard, Paul Foersch

Culver’s best

CULVER — Culver Elementary School named its "Culver's Best" for January. Students named to the list include: Rebecca Minix, Bryce Howard, Ashton Keller, Jack Campbell, Trenton Jones, Paul Foersch, John Hopple, Keeley Stacy, Jack Rich, Zackary Kisela, Ryan Tompos, Jimmie James, Grant Dexter, Nora Kline, Bailey Howard, Kate Heim, Drake Gross, Isabelle Ahlenius, Josh Vela, Megan Brady, Kent Shaffer, Michael Davidge, Garrett Jenkinson, Austin Brissette, Jacob Fisher, Adrian Borys, Alexis Berdine, Lucas Cobern, Cara Oquendo, Damian Byers, Gracely Sherman, Taylor Lewandowski, Jordan Clingler, Dalton Durbin

REAL Services menu

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

Thursday, March 5: Turkey noodles, mashed potatoes, bread and margarine, green beans, fruit cup, brownie delight, and milk.

Friday, March 6: Perch, long grain rice, oriental blend vegetables, bread & margarine, pound cake, dinner roll and margarine, and milk.

Monday, March 9: Smoked Sausage & Bun,

green peppers & onions, mahed potatoes, carrots, sliced apples, and milk.

Tuesday, March 10: Country Fried Steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread & margarine, strawberries, and milk.

Wednesday, March 11: Pork Loin, peach & pecan sweet potatoes, Key West vegetable blend, wheat bread & margarine, blackberry cobbler, and milk.

Thursday, March 12: Chicken patty, red potatoes, broccoli, bun, applesauce, and milk.

Friday, March 13: Chili, shredded cheese & onion, oyster crackers, cole slaw, pears in seapon, fruit bar, and milk.

CBGC ‘Power Hour’ fulfills important scholastic need

Remember what it was like to be sent home with a homework assignment even your parents couldn’t help you with? As kids get older, it happens more often than you may think, but now there’s a place they can turn for help, the Culver Boys & Girls Club.

In today’s world of national educational standards, classrooms are increasingly becoming controlled, predictable environments. Once a student leaves school, however, the environment rapidly becomes clouded with friends, siblings, parents, an empty house, video games, television, the Internet, and countless other factors vying for the student’s attention.

Students often complain about homework: that it is too difficult; that they have too much work; there is no good place to work; there is not enough time to complete it; the instructions are unclear. Parents, who do not have the resources to keep up with the growing after-school demands on their children’s time, in turn echo these frustrations.

In response to this need the Culver Boys & Girls Club offers a comprehensive homework help and tutoring program for all its members aged 6 to 18 years. Power Hour provides members with the support, resources and guidance necessary to complete their homework –to start the school day with a sense of confidence and ability. As members complete homework assignments and bonus activities, they accumulate Power Points, which may be used to obtain Power Rewards – prizes, activities and incentives. In addition, Power Hour offers tutoring assistance for members who need additional work in special areas.

Power Hour offers a structured time and place for Club staff and volunteers to help members with an important aspect of the educational process – homework. Members emerge from the program better prepared for classes and proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

By working on homework after school, members reinforce skills and concepts learned that day. Young people who consistently complete their homework develop a deeper understanding of the work, and are ready to move on to more challenging concepts.

For the members of our Culver Club one of the most important components of Power Hour are “homework helpers,” adult or teen volunteers who help youngsters successfully complete their homework assignments. Club Supervisor Mary Ann Tidwell explains, “When the children walk in the door they know that from 3 to 4 they can do their homework. It’s at a point now where the kids expect it. If they don’t get it, we’ve done something wrong.”

For more information about this exciting program contact the Culver Boys & Girls Club at 574-842-3389.

Our mission is the club’s reason for being: To enable and inspire the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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

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OPINION

Good stewards of earth and America

Perhaps you’ve seen this picture, the aftermath of the Presidential Inauguration, circulated on the Internet. It shows the Washington Mall with the Washington Monument in the background and all the litter left behind by those attending the inauguration. The message’s math is wrong. It claims the cost of cleanup is \$1400 per person. Actually it’s \$14 per person (\$21 million divided by 1.5 million). Yet, the shock of the expense still hits home. (Please note: the expense attributed to other Presidential inaugurations is omitted). The item does ask some relevant questions. “Who did they think would clean it up?” “Did anyone even care?” It’s obvious there weren’t many Boy Scouts there. We were always taught to leave an area better than when we first found it.

But the most poignant question of all was: “Is this to be the new America?” My answer to that is a loud and resounding “Most certainly NOT!” This is the “old” America clinging, grasping to the past. The litter speaks to the “old” theological perspective that

God created the world for mankind to use and exploit. Littering exemplifies the idea that the earth will absorb and replenish anything we humans do to it. The King James Version (KJV) of the Bible reinforces this



Pastor’s Corner

By Rev. Robin Keating
Grace United Church of Christ

concept by emphasizing that mankind should “subdue it: and have dominion ... over the earth” (Genesis 1:28). The “old” thought was that this directive from God gave “carte blanche” (a blank check) to do whatever we wished to the earth. We now know that our God given mandate is to be wise stewards of the earth and all its resources.

A variance of this older perspective (“carte blanche”) has been adopted by the “Me” generation. That view envisions someone else as always being there to clean up our mess-

es. Be it the government or anyone else, but certainly not us. It is void of any responsibility or personal obligation. The idea that we need to “step up to the plate” is entirely missing. This perspective is certainly more recent than the KJV perspective, but is still the perspective of the past 50 years or so. This remains to be the “old” America.

Now the Internet item certainly made its point and would have been fine stopping with the disgrace of the litter. But unfortunately it did not. Instead the author disgraced him or herself by adding, “It looks like a housing project on the South Side of Somewhere.” I have seen similar litter left behind after an outdoor rock or country concert, an outdoor festival or parade, or any large outdoor gathering. Unfortunately when the author narrowly identifies the scene as that similar to a “housing project”, racism rears its ugly head. We know who lives in “housing projects on the South

Side”. A message of personal indignation becomes transformed into an insidious racial slur. This, also, is indicative of the “old” America, where we “scape-goat” others. This is evidence of the “old” America, where we perpetuate hurts and prejudices against others. Transformation into the “new” America will not take place until we, as a people, look with a critical eye and see how “old” ideas continue to surface. Most people I know would not forward an e-mail containing racist material. But when an e-mail, such as this, focuses on the righteous indignation of littering, there is an inclination to forward the material. Especially if it discredits another political party. A critical eye is needed to perceive the masking of racism within its content. While we have come a long way over the years, we still have further to journey before the “new” America comes to fruition.

I am offended by the litter. It is disgraceful. But even more so, I am offended by the racist innuendo. We, the American people, are better than that!

Nostalgia

75 years ago

March 7, 1934

- Two men were arrested by sheriff Charles Keller Sunday at the Burr Oak dance pavilion and charged with public intoxication. “John Doe” and Ora Conner were fined, it being the eighth time Conner has been arrested on intoxication charges. Sheriff Keller, who has been investigating reports of disturbances at the Burr Oak facility, warns that wholesale arrests of men, women, boys, and girls will be made next time he is called there to investigate a disturbance.
- Lake Maxinkuckee is being given wide publicity for its winter sports by Fox Movietone News, which was at the lake and Academy last week, filming various activities including tobogganing, skijoring, ice boating, skating, and fishing. On Saturday evening, the Indianapolis News carried a full page of pictures featuring those sports. Several local people were featured in the films, which will be shown at the movies in the near future.
- 13 more men were cut from the CWA roll in Union Township in accordance with the federal mandate reducing the relief force. Besides work on the airport, 21 men are now working on the school-

grounds and streets. The wage scale for CWA workers has also been scaled down: unskilled workers receive 40 cents per hour instead of the previous 50, and skilled workers are paid a minimum of 75 cents rather than \$1.20 per hour.

50 years ago

March 4, 1959

- Operations returned to normal this week at Culver Military Academy after an influenza epidemic that hospitalized at its peak 260 of the school’s 800 cadets. During the epidemic’s height the Academy gymnasium and North Lodge of the Culver Inn were converted into sick wards to take care of the overflow from the health center, said Dr. Milan D. Baker, Academy physician. Dr. Donald Reed of Culver assisted, as did faculty wives assisting nursing staff.
- Early Union Township 4-H workers were saluted during 4-H Club Week, in which it was noted that 160 boys and girls were enrolled in potato, poultry, corn, and pig clubs in Marshall County for the summer of 1918, with boys and girls first organized in Union Twp. in 1920 for a Potato Club. A Purebred Holstein Calf Club was launched in Union Twp. May 1, 1923, being promoted by C.W. Newman

and sons. Eight members each got one holstein calf, with all displayed at Culver’s fall festival that year. Tony Stuprich’s calf took first place.

- Culver has joined with many other forward-looking area communities and formed a much-needed planning and zoning commission. The town board last Monday night passed an ordinance setting up a town plan commission after a well-known Valparaiso engineering and survey firm presented the idea to the board and the Culver Chamber of Commerce. \$3,000 was allotted by the board to hire a qualified engineering firm to make necessary surveys and set up machinery for final adoption of final ordinances and regulations required for administration of the planning and zoning.

25 years ago

March 7, 1984

- The Culver Community High School Music Boosters are sponsoring a month of “Rent a Kid” to raise money for a trip to Disney World in Florida for the the senior high school band and the Cavalettes. The band will perform in a parade at Disney World and will also visit Cape Kennedy. This would be a good time to have your yard raked, windows washed,

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Sports



CMA's Young takes state wrestling title

CULVER — Daniel Young tilted his head slightly toward the stairs leading up from the floor of the Culver Academies recreation center to the wrestling room.

“One of the little things I do, one of my little OCD things is I never let myself walk up those stairs,” he said. “I always make myself run up them, no matter if it’s after practice and I’m dead tired or what. Just one

Everyone did it. Everyone helped me do it; I just went out there and wrestled... It was just an awesome experience to share with people that love me.”

CMA head coach Matt Behling was one of those on hand to share the experience with Young.

“When he won the state finals match, we were jumping around underneath the hallways,” Behling said. “Myself, Andy Nicola, his

“It was a little embarrassing. I’ve always liked the spotlight but I don’t know about that much,” laughed Young of his fanfare at the all-school meeting. “No, it was an honor. It was awesome to know that you were respected and that people know what you did. It was a good feeling.”

While Young is enjoying some much-deserved kudos for his state title, the road to get there wasn’t paved with good feelings.

The Eagles 145-pounder comes from a wrestling pedigree and is the third Young to win a state championship as older brothers Paul and JT were both two-time Indiana high school wrestling champs for Bloomington South, but his own trip to the top of the state podium was much more the product of an insatiable work ethic and sacrifice than familial destiny. “Little extras” like running up the stairs instead of walking, hitting the exercise bike after practice let out and wrestling and lifting weights throughout the offseason sculpted Young into the undefeated state champion he eventually became. While his classmates were back home for the nearly month-long Christmas break at CMA, Young was shacking up with Behling and practicing twice a day to maintain his competitive edge.

“We’re a private school and kids are able to go home,” Young said. “All the public schools are still working, and what motivated me was knowing that my opponent could’ve been working harder than I was. I couldn’t let that happen. I knew I had to stay over Christmas break because I may not have gotten the best workouts just at home by myself. I knew I had to stay and work with my coach twice a day, just doing more than my opponent was.”

Behling points out that dedication and sacrifice characterize Young perhaps more than anything.

“His work didn’t start two weeks ago, it didn’t start four weeks ago. His work started 365 days ago, and he did not let a day go by where he wasn’t preparing in some way for the tournament,” said Behling. “He spent Christmas break at my house so that we could get two workouts in. We’d work out at 1 a.m., and I’m not kidding. This kid, dedicated is an understatement.”

brother JT Young and Dan, we were all interlocked and it felt surreal. It was my first experience as a head coach coaching someone in the state finals, and when we won, I’ve never felt a feeling like it.”

Although he couldn’t be physically present at the IHSAA championships, another of Young’s brothers, Paul, watched his progress via live webcast hundreds of miles away, wrestling for Indiana University at Minnesota.

“Paul, my older brother who’s closest to me, wasn’t able to come. He was actually in Minnesota,” said Young. “He wrestles for Indiana University, and he was watching online. He said the whole team was watching, which is pretty cool. He said they were pumped for me.”

Young was also able to bring some of the good feelings back to Culver with him.

At a recent Culver Academies all-school convocation, students watched a highlight reel of the CMA champ’s tournament footage. The crowd erupted into a standing ovation for Young that Behling said lasted several minutes.

“Obviously I’m very proud of Dan for what he did and for what he accomplished for himself, but what he did for the school is amazing,” Behling said. “There’s definitely a lot of pride in the school right now. It’s the buzz around campus.”

Sports briefs

CMA (50): Travis Britt 9, Wells Davis 15, Jermaine Myers 13, Carl Rivera 5, Trace Thews 8, Trevor Weaser 0. WEST CENTRAL (45): Alex Chrzan 0, Jordan Danford 10, Eric Dietrich 2, Spencer Dobson 4, Taylor Fairchild 13, Aaron Heims 4, Lance Kruger 6, Trevor Nelson 4, Jake Smidler 2, Alex Yaggie 0. Records: CMA 16-4, West Central 6-14.

Girls hockey

Eagles lose
CGA’s hockey team dropped a 3-2 decision to the Ohio Flames Saturday. Shawna Lesperance and

Taylor McSheffery both scored for the Eagles. • OHIO FLAMES 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2
At Culver
FIRST PERIOD
OF – Kaleigh Chippy (Gina Buquet), 12:28.
SECOND PERIOD
CGA – Shawna Lesperance (unassisted), 9:14.
OF – Katie Henry (Katie Bilak), 8:48.
OF – Buquet (Chippy), 5:06.
THIRD PERIOD
CGA – Taylor McSheffery (Meghan Grievs, Corrine Henning), 13:50.
Shots: Flames 18, CGA 23. Saves: Samantha Maquire (OF) 21; Lauren Fields (CGA) 15. Penalty Minutes: Flames 8, CGA 12.

Cavs taste victory, defeat at season’s end

Neace, Master lead win against Westville

By Dee Grenert
Sports Editor
CULVER — Monday’s win over Westville felt especially good for Culver Community.

The Cavs not only snapped a six-game losing streak dating back to Jan. 23, but also sent seniors Adam Neace and Justin Master out as winners with a 47-35 Senior Night boys basketball victory at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Neace finished with six points, six rebounds and a pair of steals, while Master drilled all four of his fourth-quarter free-throw chances and handed out three assists.

“I’m very excited for our two seniors, Adam Neace and Justin Master,” Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott said. “Both of those young men gave everything they had to get us this win.”

Sophomore guard Zoe Bauer powered a balanced Cavs attack with 13 points and eight rebounds Junior Kyle Pugh chipped in nine points off the bench for Culver, which put all seven of its players into the scoring column.

The Cavs took control at the end of the third frame

and into the final stanza. With the score locked up at 25-25, Bauer snared a weak-side offensive rebound and skipped to sophomore AJ Neace in the right corner for Culver’s lone trey and a 28-25 lead with 1:18 left in the third quarter.

That trey jump-started a 9-0 Culver run, capped off by Pugh’s baseline jumper that put the Cavs up 34-25 with 3:43 left in the game.

Bauer, Master and the Neace brothers combined on that 15-for-19 fourth-quarter free-throw barrage to help the Cavs pull away.

Defensively, Culver’s mix of switching man-to-man, 2-3 zone and full-court pressure limited the Blackhawks to a 33 percent mark from the field, including a 6-for-23 tally from 3-point land.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 47, WESTVILLE 35
At Culver
Score by quarters
Westville: 13 18 25 35
Culver: 10 17 28 47
WESTVILLE (35): Andy Popp 0-0-0 0,



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GRENERT
Culver Community seniors Adam Neace, left, and Justin Master, right, watch the final seconds of the Cavs’ Senior Night victory over Westville last Monday at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

Jake Shores 5 0-1 12, Doug Warnke 4 1-3 12, Jesse Mills 0 0-0 0, Jeff Lawson 1 0-0 2, Jason Heckman 0 0-1 0, Ben Reed 2 0-1 5, Jon Silverthorn 0 0-0 0, Reilly Wilson 1 0-0 2, Gurpreet Singh 1 0-1 2. TOTALS: 14 1-7 35.
CULVER (47): Adam Neace 1 4-6 6, Brock Elliott 2 1-4 5, Justin Master 0 4-4 4, Zoe Bauer 2 9-12 13, Kyle Pugh 4 1-2 9, AJ Neace 2 2-4 7, Larry Clingler 1 1-2 3. TOTALS: 12 22-34 47.
3-point goals: Westville 6 (Warnke 3, Shores 2, Reed), Culver 1 (AJ Neace); Turnovers: Westville 17, Culver 9; Rebounds: Westville 26 (Reed 7), Culver 25 (Bauer 8); Assists: Westville 5 (Heckman, Silverthorn 2), Culver 8 (Master 3); Steals: Westville 2 (Warnke), Culver 7 (Ad. Neace, Pugh 2); Fouls (fouled out): Westville 26 (none), Culver 17 (none); Records: Westville 10-8, Culver 5-13.
JV score: Westville 39, Culver 28.

Cavs edged out by Lions

By Ron Haramia
Correspondent
BREMEN — Only one team wanted the goose egg, but both have it after Bremen and Culver Community played their final Northern State Conference boys basketball game of the season Friday night in the Lions’ Den.

Backed by an inspired fourth quarter where eight different players scored, the Lions finally pulled away from a very competitive Cavaliers unit, 59-46, to wrap up a perfect NSC championship season and keeping Culver from cracking the conference win column.

For three quarters the visitors on Senior Night looked like the team playing for

the conference crown. Led by Zoe Bauer (17 points, nine rebounds) and Justin Master (11 points), the Cavs stayed within striking distance heading into the final stanza.

“We battled and put ourselves in a position to win,” said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott.

“We prepared heavily for this game and would have liked to be the spoilers. The kids believed they could do it, but (the Lions) are the conference champs for a reason. They are tough to beat at home — especially with what they had to play for.”

Culver meets the winner of the Winamac-North Newton game at the Class 2A North Judson Sectional.

The Cavs defeated Winamac by three during the regular season.

• BREMEN 59, CULVER 46
At Bremen
Score by quarters
Culver: 9 22 34 46
Bremen: 12 24 37 59
CULVER (46): Adam Neace 2 0-1 4, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Justin Master 3 5-6 11, Zoe Bauer 7 2-4 17, A.J. Neace 2 2-3 7, Larry Clingler 0 0-0 0, Nate Niswander 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 3 0-0 7. TOTALS: 17 9-14 46.
BREMEN (59): Cody Barrier 1 2-4 4, Steve Cornett 2 4-6 9, Ty Holmes 0 0-0 0, Chris Hueni 4 5-6 14, David Leeper 2 2-2 6, Eric Zeltwanger 0 0-0 0, Tyler Pfeiffer 4 1-3 9, Matt Bahr 1 0-1 2, Ryan Hessler 4 1-2 9, Ryan Carpenter 0 0-0 0, Kyle Feldman 3 0-0 6, Justin Nick 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21 15-23 59.
3-point goals: Bremen 2 (Cornett, Hueni), Culver 3 (Bauer, A.J. Neace, Pugh); Total fouls (fouled out): Bremen 18 (none), Culver 22 (A. Neace, A.J. Neace); Records: Bremen 14-7 (7-0 NSC), Culver 5-14 (0-7 NSC).
JV result: Bremen 29, Culver 11

Dearth, from page 1

leak and she’s bound for Chicago to see a doctor recommended by her South Bend physician as capable of “working miracles.” Hopefully, she says, this last surgery will indeed be the last.

One result of all this is Dearth’s missing an entire year of teaching French, something she’s been doing at Culver’s high school for over 30 years. “The most (teaching) I would be able to get in this year would be a month,” she explains. “And that’s not fair to (acting CCHS French teacher Nicole Treber) or the kids. So I’ll lay low and come back next year. I will go back and visit the school and see the kids, though.”

Dearth says everyone has the MRSA bacteria in his or her body, “but in most people it remains benign and just hangs around. But you have real problems if it doesn’t. You don’t know what it’s going to do; it’s a nasty little germ. I had no idea I had anything wrong until I dropped over. Even in the hospital, I didn’t feel sick or have any pain.”

Those who know Vickie Dearth won’t be surprised to hear she made the most of her lengthy ordeal, even finding humor in it. “I think I was at every wing of the hospital except pediatrics,”

she chuckles, adding she has “nothing but praise for the hospital staff...they’re wonderful.

“The best part in CCU, lying there one night I overheard these two custodians who were arguing in the hallway. Whenever a gentleman flushed the toilet in the men’s room, it came out in the elevator. I laid there giggling all night. It was the funniest night I had! I thought, at least my toilet isn’t leaking into the elevator!”

She says the hospital staff, over such an extended period, became like a family to her. “You have withdrawals when you have to leave,” she says, though she was more than ready to come home when the time came.

The most difficult aspect of her return home has been the loss of Dearth’s beloved dogs, who were boarded at the veterinarian as long as possible, but eventually had to move on. “We don’t know what happened,” she says, clearly emotional about the situation. “They’re gone. That was the biggest disappointment; they were so young. They (doctors) think I could get dogs again, but I’m a little leery. I’m old enough I can’t trust my health anymore. I’ll offer my services to babysit (oth-

ers’ pets). I will try that for a while. First I have to get through this second surgery and get home.”

The outpouring of community support from students past and present and members of the community at large — where Dearth is well known for the plethora of activities and endeavors in which she’s been involved — has been enormous, she says.

“I have upwards of 200 cards here. Some people sent three and four of them. I’ve been amazed at the community support. I had visits from a lot of recent and former students. Two even lied and said they were my nephews so they could get in and see me!”

She says longtime friend and former Culver school nurse Sharon Coffey has been “an enormous help (to me at home). She’s been here every day. One of the first things she did was put a jug of hand sanitizer on my table for people to use when you come and leave...they say that’s the best thing you can do (to prevent MRSA): wash your hands, keep clean.”

“I did well,” she says reflectively, “to come through it as well as I did. Anybody who has a run-in with MRSA has my undying best wishes.”

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