



## In Brief

### Grace pancake supper March 21

Grace United Church of Christ will sponsor a pancake and sausage supper Saturday, March 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church, 307 N. Plymouth Street in Culver. The \$6 cost for adults and \$3 cost for children six to 12 years old (five and under are free) covers fresh and smoked sausage, carrot salad, apple-sauce, and drink, all you can eat (sugar-free syrup is available). Carry out is available and the facility is handicap accessible.

### Culver Library garden club March 25

The Culver-Union Twp. Garden Club will meet Wednesday, March 25 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the library. Topics include simple testing of soil types, organic ways to bring soil to proper pH balance, shade-loving plants, and the club's first planting project at the Culver Library Gardens. All are welcome to the free event.

### VFW fish fry March 28

Culver's VFW post 6919 and its auxiliaries will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry Saturday, March 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at its headquarters at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver. Proceeds from the event will benefit Culver's police department and Emergency Medical Services. The fish will be prepared by the Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge, with tickets priced at \$7 adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available via Culver EMS or police personnel, or at Culcom, LLC, 514 W. Jefferson Street in Culver.

### IOOF pancake dinner March 21

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows will be serving an all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy dinner breakfast Saturday, March 21 from 6 to 10 a.m. at the corner of 18B & Pine Rd. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. There will also be a Rebekah Country Store.

### Culver baseball, softball sign-ups

Culver youth baseball and softball league sign-ups will be held at the Culver Public Library on the following dates: Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. to noon; Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to noon;

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## Talent in all forms

Above, left: Papa's restaurant in Culver hosted a March 14 Relay for Life fund-raising talent show and talent show and contest, which saw 10 year old Taylor Smith of Culver (below left) emerge a crowd-pleasing second-place winner. The most unusual entry (below right) involved a French horn and this bow-tied pooch. In the top row, left to right, are performers from the Culver Academies student band Cadence (which took first place in the contest), and Culver Academies student duo Alex Burke (drums) and Alberto Maiocco. See story below.

PHOTOS/MAGGIE NIXON

# Area talent shines at Relay show

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

CULVER — Coming together was the goal and in the process, Relay for Life got some support at Papa's Restaurant in Culver Saturday night.

Culver Academy student Ian Greenberg, in charge of CMA's push for the Relay, organized a talent show for the community that saw some of the area's top talent showing off to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer.

"My grandfather passed away from cancer about a year ago," said Greenberg. "After he passed away they told my grandmother that she had cancer. That's when the involvement got really personal for me."

Greenberg said that the show was designed as much to bring the community together and educate them about Relay for Life as much as it was to raise money.

"There are several aspects of Relay, advocacy, research, education and fundraising," he said. "A big part of what we want to do is bring the community together. Last year we had 400 Culver students involved with the walk and 600 people from the community. That's fantastic. All our events are free be-

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## Fighting cancer 'til the cows come home

Sue McCloskey (third from right) and family, of Indiana's Fair Oaks Farms, became lead sponsor for this year's Relay for Life with a \$15,000 donation to the cancer-fighting event (see story this page). Accepting the check are Culver Academies students (from left) Kyle Blankenship, Ian Greenberg, Louis Bakris, and McCloskey's son Troy McCloskey. Fair Oaks plans to bring live cows for educational opportunities and "cow pie bingo" to the April 17 Relay.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

# Culver council looks at local flooding, Culver Garden Court

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council grappled March 10 with the best means of handling flooding issues throughout the town, most specifically in relation to property between west of Slate Street owned by Bruce Nowakowski of Culver, who attended the meeting and presented up-to-date photos of a near-pond on the property. The basement of the house Nowakowski owns is also badly flooded, he said, wondering if the town could do anything to correct the flow of storm water to the land, such as adding a curb near the property.

Of concern to council president Sally Ricciardi and member Ginny Munroe was the need for the town to develop a long-range policy to deal with the several properties in the community facing similar issues.

"If we say we'll fix this one, there's 45 or 55 others -- if not more -- all over the entire community that we'll have to fix as well," said Ricciardi.

"We need a comprehensive plan," agreed Munroe, asking if the property is on the list of about 15 priority spots listed in the town's storm water plan, for which a major grant is being applied at present. The property isn't currently on the list, said Street Department head Bob Porter, but that doesn't preclude it from being addressed with the grant money.

Council member Ralph Winters, saying he recognized a curb "is not the cure," suggested investigating the addition of a curb near the Nowakowski property for the time being, something Porter and town manager Michael Doss will look into.

The council also discussed a letter from Kevin Berger of the Marshall County Economic Development Commission and Easterday Construction asking for council support for establishing a Garden Court housing facility in Culver in the future, with the town providing \$10,000 towards the Housing and Urban Development cooperative effort.

Berger told the Citizen Easterday completed its fifth Garden Court project -- in Mentone -- last year, adding to similar facilities in Argos, Bourbon, Knox and Plymouth with plans to construct one in Lapaz next spring. Garden Court is a not-for-profit corporation located in Plymouth and administered by a volunteer board with funding by HUD and some participation by the local community. Rent for the senior citizen housing units is income based.

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# Lead Relay sponsor is well-known Indiana dairy family

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Those Culverites who have traveled to the popular Fair Oaks Farms complex in Fair Oaks, Indiana (near the Illinois border, about 30 minutes west of Winamac) may be surprised to learn the family-friendly "dairy adventure" park -- like so many things -- has Culver connections, and those connections have just been solidified even more.

That's because the McCloskey family, who spearhead the large, multi-farm Fair Oaks dairy operation, not only have several children in school at Culver Academies, but have opted to become lead sponsors of this year's Culver Relay for Life, slated for April 17 at

the Culver Academies football field.

The McCloskey family has been touched by cancer on a number of levels, according to Sue McCloskey, who drops by Culver from time to time to visit a son attending the school, (another son and daughter joining them, hopefully, this fall, she notes). Her husband Michael's mother, Margo, was stricken with pancreatic cancer, she says, and survived about six years after an operation for the disease. During that time, she published two books, the latest of five various etiquette books she'd written after turning 70. Sue McCloskey's own mother, Maureen Mainardi, came through a colon can-

cer operation five years ago "with flying colors," says Sue, and husband Mike himself was diagnosed with prostate cancer about six years ago. Thankfully, he's reached his sixth year of cancer-free testing and "now will die of something else before prostate cancer," she says.

Though the McCloskeys have never been directly involved in a Relay for Life event before now (they were traveling during last year's Culver event and couldn't attend), Sue McCloskey says they're "really excited about being there this year; it will be a lot of fun."

The McCloskey's journey to Fair Oaks and Culver has been an unlikely

one. The family moved to Indiana from Southern California in 1999, partly due to a dairy opportunity they perceived in this part of the country. Advances in technology now allow larger cow herd management in cold weather areas like Indiana, previously unable to house such herds due to the shelter space needed to keep the animals warm. The family's plan was to market milk produced by a cooperative of several dairy families to customers on the population-dense eastern seaboard. The Fair Oaks brand name, says McCloskey, is actually only a small portion of the total production of the several family farms involved in Fair Oak Farms.

Some 60 to 80 trucks of milk per day leave the combined farm complex that is Fair Oaks, but production is only part of what Fair Oaks does, as anyone visiting the veritable dairy "theme park" known as Fair Oaks Farms knows. A host of educational and entertaining activities are available at Fair Oaks (www.fofarms.com), including regular tours of the massive milking operation, a dairy education center and museum, a live birthing center in which visitors can actually watch the birth of a calf before their eyes throughout the day, and a large dairy gift shop with a host of products.

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Several properties around Culver experienced flooding this past week such as the one above, at the corner of White and Jefferson Streets. Culver's town council discussed flooding affecting a nearby property owned by Bruce Nowakowski at its March 10 meeting.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

"We have had discussions with Culver regarding a facility here, but unfortunately we have not been able to find a property owner willing to participate," says Berger. Besides the council, he says discussion about the project has been had with Culver's Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, both of which have been positive regarding re-

quired variances.

The project, noted Winters, is "a way of keeping our seniors here. Currently there's not much to keep our senior citizens here (in Culver)." In other discussion, council member Ed Pinder asked about progress on installation of the pole on which the town will install a new, town-wide fire and severe weather siren,

replacing three existing sirens on the north, south, and central areas of town. The siren equipment itself is being stored at the street garage, according to Ricciardi, who also suggested the final installation might be best at the back of the town hall building rather than the front. "(The siren equipment is) somewhere between ugly and gaudy,"

she added.

Town clerk Casey Howard said she's been investigating leads on obtaining the pole necessary to mount the siren, it having been suggested

NIPSCO might donate the pole free of charge. Ricciardi suggested pursuing other options if no conclusion is reached with NIPSCO soon.

Fire chief Mike Grover explained a tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service the previous Sunday did not indicate sighting of an actual funnel,

but he called his department out on weather watch to act as tornado spotters, hence a fire siren that afternoon. No funnels were spotted.

Adopting a computer use policy for all town departments – as ordered by the state board of accounts – and hiring a computer technician for the town were also discussed at the meeting, with Munroe expressing concern that the language of the policy should be revised to clarify that "hacking" any town-owned computer is never ethical, though accessing needed information via administrator privileges on a staff computer may be allowed with council permission.

A computer maintenance contract with Mike Stallings – son of well-known Culver contractor of the same name – for web hosting, regular backups of town data, and scheduled maintenance of the town's 15-17 computers was established at \$95 per month.

Howard noted Stallings could have town computer systems up and running within 24 hours in case of a disaster.

Town manager Michael Doss told the council the planning study for utilities and waste and storm water has been completed, a move that will feed into grant applications to improve the town's storm and waste water facilities.

Doss also reported the town has scheduled a spring cleanup, town-wide, for May 9, similar to last fall's cleanup, with two 40-yard dumpsters and a banner advertising the event on order. Porter reported he's spoken to Culver Academies' Anne Kelly, who verified Academies students plan to help with the effort alongside students from the Culver Community Schools. There will be spring leaf pickup the weeks of April 13 and 20, added Doss.

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and Sunday, April 19, 1 to 3 p.m. Those with questions may contact Francis Ellert at fellert@cckokomo.com.

## CCHS Sports Spectacular April 3

Culver Community High School will host its annual Sports Spectacular from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 3 at the high school gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30. At 6 p.m., there will be a faculty versus students volleyball game. This is followed by thirteen events that test the numerous abilities of CCCHS' students. At 8 p.m., the faculty will play the students in basketball.

The annual dance contest will be after the basketball game, followed by a high school dance from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission to the Sports Spectacular is \$3, and the dance will be free for high school students. All proceeds go to the Culver Community Athletic Department.

## Census jobs available at Culver library

Representatives from the federal Census Bureau will be stationed at the Culver Public Library through the end of March on select days to take applications for census jobs. While census employment is temporary, wages are competitive and workers will have opportunities to work a number of hours.

Interested persons may inquire at the library Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, and 1 and 4 p.m.

## Tri Kappa butter braid sales begin

Culver's Tri Kappa is once again offering its popular butter braids, whose proceeds go to benefit the non-profit organization, whose objective is to promote charity, culture and education.

Butter braids – ideal for Easter morning treats -- come in eight flavors (apple, blueberry cream cheese, caramel rolls, cherry, cinnamon, cream cheese, red raspberry, strawberry cream cheese and the new Bavarian creme with chocolate icing), with cinnamon rolls also available. Braids are \$11 each and come frozen. Orders are due by Friday, March 13, and delivery is April 6. To order, call Jennifer Luttrell at 574-842-3862.

## Moccachino is 'Drink of the month' for Relay

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive will donate all proceeds from its "drink of the month" for March to Culver's cancer-fighting Relay for Life, which takes place in April. Culver Coffee owner Dawn Minas will share all proceeds from the CCC's popular Moccachino

no drinks sold this month, with the Relay.

## 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.

## 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.

## John Glenn '69 grads sought

The John Glenn High School class of 1969 will hold its 40th class reunion Aug. 1 at Christo's Banquet Hall in Plymouth. The planning committee would like updated addresses on their classmates. If you are a 1969 graduate of JGHS or know the addresses of classmates, please forward them to Elaine Vandall at 18157 Cherokee Trail, Culver, IN 46511.

## Hospice volunteers needed

SouthernCare Hospice is looking for volunteers to

make a difference in terminal patients, and their family's lives. If you have a little time to donate, and would 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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cause we want people from all walks of the community to come together."

The entertainment community came together with all sorts of acts pleasing the crowd at Papa's.

"The most unique act by far was a singing dog," said Greenberg. "Then a 10-year-old girl, Taylor Smith, from here in Culver, really wowed everybody."

Smith took second place in the show with the Plymouth-area band, The Cadence, taking the top prize.

The cooperation of the community is what Greenberg says makes Relay for Life such a success in Culver.

"The Lions Club is really a big partner with us getting everybody out and having everybody come together," said Greenberg. "Of course we can't say enough about Papa's. They'd never done anything like this before and, to be honest, we were all a little concerned about how it was going to go; but I think it was a big success."

lead sponsor and he said, "Go talk to my parents. We had a few conversations because of how cancer has affected our family."

A lead sponsors, the McCloskeys will fund a large portion of the core financial goal of Relay, though event organizers point out there remains a great need for more funds to meet the intended goal.

The McCloskeys felt a need to support the cause, says Sue, recalling a presentation about Relay last year during Parents' Weekend. "I don't think there was a dry eye in the house," she notes. "Everyone was so blown away by the lead these kids take, it's your obligation to support them. And it's a great cause. The Culver kids have taken this by the horns and have made a statement to the world about how kids are capable and how they care. It's a great thing to support."

For more information on Culver's Relay for Life, visit [www.relayforlife.org/culverin](http://www.relayforlife.org/culverin).

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The McCloskey's however, are particularly proud of the cutting edge manner in which the operation is run, which also ties in with their concern for cancer and overall health. One of the choices they've made has been to build and run digesters for the manure produced by their cows.

"We have got to get rid of it one way or the other," says Sue McCloskey. "We could put it out

on the fields. But we take the manure and put it in the digester, and through capturing the methane gas that's produced, we power generators and create our own electricity. We've got all four dairies on digesters right now. Plus, one of our smaller digesters creates power for 700 homes. Our larger digester holds manure for the other three dairies...and we sell power back into the grid. A lot of

capital infrastructure (had) to be invested, but we believe this is the right thing to do, morally and socially, and eventually economically as well.

"Anything you can do environmentally to lessen your impact is something that will tie back into the health and well being of human beings on the planet," she adds. "Enough studies show cancer is caused by some things out of our control, but probably a lot of things within our control as well."

Living in Indiana, Mike

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McCloskey – a graduate of Cardinal Farley Military Institute in New York – remembered hearing about Culver Academy, but the family didn't even know where the school was until a friend asked them to check on his son, attending summer camp at nearby Culver. That's when they realized how close the school was, and before long, two "absolutely gung ho" sons were Culver students.

The family learned of the excitement building up to last year's Culver Relay, and agreed to sponsor a team last year, also providing ice cream to sell as a fund raiser for the cancer-fighting event. "I'm the ice cream mom," smiles McCloskey. "We donated ice cream last year. And I know (Academies junior Ian Greenberg, one of the major student organizers of this year's event) from Troop, which my son Troy is in as well. Troy heard they were looking for a

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## Death notice - Overmyer

**Ronald Dale Overmyer**  
March 10, 2009

ROCHESTER — Ronald Dale Overmyer, 79, of Rochester, died at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; son, Steve Overmyer of Rochester; two step great-granddaughters; sister, Virginia Rosenbury of Rochester; and brother, Donald (Marjorie) Overmyer and wife Marjorie of Culver and Arizona.

Services were 10 a.m. Friday, March 13 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 and one hour prior to the service.

## Death notice - Bickel

**Dorothy M. Bickel**  
March 11, 2009

KNOX — Dorothy M. Bickel, 78, of Knox, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

She is survived by her husband, Hershel L. "Pete" Bickel of Culver; sons: Richard Bickel of Knox, Michael (Bitha) Bickel of Knox, James (Nancy) Bickel of Monterey and Robert (Marti) Bickel; daughters: Betty (Harry) Busam of Plymouth, Elsie Hughes of Okomogee, Okla. and Patty (Art) Justice of Owasso, Okla.; sister, Lorraine Thomas of Culver; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday, March 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services were Sunday, March 15 at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Burr Oak Cemetery.

## 'Dinner and a movie' in April will benefit Relay

Culver's Edgewater Grille and Uptown Cinema will host "Dinner and a Movie" in support of Culver's Relay for Life Friday, April 11. Dinner with a special Relay menu will begin at 5 p.m. that evening, with the movie, "Twilight," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the cancer-fighting, April 17 Relay event held at Culver Academies' football field. To make reservations for "Dinner and a Movie," call 574-842-2234. For more information on Relay, visit [www.relayforlife.org/culverin](http://www.relayforlife.org/culverin) or call 574-842-7777.

## Death notice - Manis

**Ray D. Manis**  
March 6, 2009

FRANKLIN — Ray D. Manis, 80, of Franklin, Ind., formerly of Culver, died Friday, March 6, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Hudkins) Manis; sons: Patrick (Dawn) Manis of Franklin and Michael (Terry) Manis of Newland, N.C.; a daughter, Kathleen (Joe) Erickson of Franklin; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place at 10 a.m. (CDT) Tuesday, March 10, at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Memorials may be made to Franklin or Grace United Methodist Church.

## Culver Young Farmers win state award

The Culver Young Farmers had 18 members in attendance at the Indiana Young Farmers State Convention in Indianapolis from Feb 20 through 22. The group enjoyed the weekend's festivities and educational programs, and took home many awards at this year's convention.

The chapter won first place in the Star Chapter Award, which is presented to the chapter that had outstanding activity promoting farm education, safety and awareness.



Culver's Young Farmers. Front row, left to right: Sarah Schultz, Matt Harsh, KayeSchultz, Lacey Jones, Ryan Ladson, Amy Curtis, Carl Prochno. Back row, left to right: Mike Harsh, Kevin Klotz, Jamie Michel, Dale Schultz, Jeremy Armstrong, Scott Curtis, Michael Jones. Not pictured, but in attendance: Stacey Harsh, Teressa Harsh, Carol Harsh, Kerry Eiler.

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The CYF group also took home third place in the State Chapter Safety Award. Dale Schultz of Culver won first place in the Star Farmer Award.

All of the Culver Young Farmers in attendance had a wonderful time, enjoying great food and a wonderful time visiting with members from other chapters across the state, as well as participating in casino games on Saturday night.

The Culver Young Farmers stay busy throughout the year promoting various agricultural programs in the area. The chapter is comprised of members from Fulton and Marshall Counties.

## CCHS IT Club offers custom plaques to benefit Relay

Culver Community High School's Industrial Technology Club is offering memorial collectors' plaques to help fund research towards cancer cures at this year's Relay for Life in Culver. Except for direct expenses to help the project stay active, the club is donating 100 percent of all profits from the plaques to the Relay's Research Committee.

Available plaques include:

Memorial plaque (comes in purple), \$10.

Custom plaques (featuring cancer awareness colors), \$20: purple (pancreatic cancer, Leiomyosarcoma); white (cervical cancer, lung cancer, head, neck, and throat cancer); teal (ovarian and cervical cancer); pink (breast cancer); burgundy (multiple myeloma, head, neck, and throat cancer); and orange (Leukemia).

Those ordering custom plaques are asked to place orders by April 3 and send them to Culver Comm. High School C/O Tom Schmidt, 701 School Street, Culver, IN 46511 (office phone 574-842-3391; fax 574-842-3392).

Plaques will be available for pickup between 3:30 and 5 p.m. April 9 and 10 in the IT department. Make checks payable to Culver ITE, Memo Relay for Life.

## Academies' Dancevision brings home firsts

Culver Academies' Dancevision competed Feb. 28 in the National Kids Artistic Review Dance Competition in Aurora, Illinois, bringing home three first-place trophies, including the High Point award and Special Judges Award. The dancers performed "Hiding Under Water" by contemporary choreographer Nick Pupillo. Dancers included Kim Danforth, Asia Ingram, Lauren Nelson, Maggie Crowell, Elisa Yeager, and Carina Conti.

## CCHS ensemble paves 'Jazz Street' in gold

Culver Community High School's vocal jazz ensemble paved "Jazz Street" in gold for the third straight year at Vocal Jazz State ISSMA contest Saturday, March 7. The charged up group presented "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Ev'ry Time we Say Goodbye," and "Blue Skies" for this year's competition show. Jazz Street is directed by Ms. Diane Derrow and accompanied this year by Mr. Jack Krasner. The ensemble celebrated its third annual 'Jazz Cafe' last Thursday, March 12.

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## Community Calendar

### Thurs., March 19

Census Job Interviews, 9 a.m. - noon, 1- 4 p.m., Culver Public Library  
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  
Board of zoning appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement  
DRUMLive Live, Huffington Concert Series, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium

### Sat., March 21

Grace Church pancake and sausage dinner, 4:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Mon., March 23

Spring break begins, Culver Community Schools  
Census Job Interviews, 9 a.m. - noon, 1- 4 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Culver Comm. School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

### Tues., March 24

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Skillet meals (budget friendly meal program), 10:30 a.m., Grace United Church of Christ  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Weds., March 25  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot  
Culver Public Library garden club, 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Thurs., March 26

Spring break begins, Culver Academies  
Census Job Interviews, 9 a.m. - noon, 1- 4 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
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## 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 19:** Salmon patty with sauce, beets, sweet potato patty, bread & margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

**Friday, March 20:** Sausage patty, wheat bread, lettuce & tomato slice, tomato soup, fruit salad, orange juice, cookie, and milk.

**Monday, March 23:** Chicken breast, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread & margarine, mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Tuesday, March 24:** Pot roast with gravy, rice, broccoli, corn, pears, pumpkin pie, and milk.

**Wednesday, March 25:** Chopped steak with gravy, baby bakers with margarine and sour cream, Lima Beans, bread and margarine, apple juice, American cherry cheesecake, and milk.

**Thursday, March 26:** Meatballs & noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, brussels sprouts, roll & margarine, apricots, and milk.

**Friday, March 27:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad and dressing, green beans, garlic bread & margarine, pineapple, and milk.

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## DNR honors Culver's Robertson

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife has named employees of the year for 2008.

Mentor of the year is Bob Robertson of Culver. Bob has worked for DNR for 41 years as a fisheries biologist. He is currently District 1 fisheries biologist, serving Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, Benton, White, Cass, Warren, Tippecanoe, and Carroll counties.

Robertson and other honorees play an important role in providing educational material about natural resources to teachers in Indiana.

## Keitzer scholarships available to local students

Applications for scholarships to be awarded from the Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Trust are available at the First National Bank, Monterey, and Culver Community High School, according to Claiborn M. Wamsley, president of the bank.

Graduates of Culver Community High School who have lived within a five-mile radius of Monterey for at least one year while in high school are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

One scholarship is to be awarded to a person who is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church of Monterey and who is a full-time resident student studying for the Priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. One or more scholarships will be awarded to students who are graduates of Culver Community High School who are full-time students at a college or university.

Charles and Lenore Keitzer were long-time residents of the Monterey community and Mr. Keitzer served as president of the First National Bank for many years.

Deadline for filing applications at the First National Bank, Monterey, and Culver Community High School is May 1 by 3 p.m. for both renewals and new applicants.

## Culver Kindergarten Roundup

CULVER — Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announces kindergarten enrollment information for the 2009-10 school year. Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Culver Elementary attendance district will be held Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Monterey Elementary attendance district will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 1, 2009. Children do not need to attend this informational meeting for parents.

During this meeting, parents will be informed about required health records, forms needed for registration, kindergarten screening, Indiana curriculum standards and programs available for kindergartners. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify the date of birth, and the child's immunization record. If a parent cannot come on April 7 or April 8, contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389 or Monterey Elementary at 542-2601 to make other arrangements.

## New life

We have had a lot of snow and cold weather for the last few months, but now we start to see buds on trees, grass getting green, and perennial flowers starting to pop up. This is what we look forward to every spring. It takes some of the cold weather to make us appreciate new life. We are soon going to plant our gardens. After planting the seed, we soon start to see the plants coming up and see new life coming forth from the seed.

Jesus compared our lives as a garden. We must first die before we can come forth with a new life. What we do when we die in Jesus is: We totally give our life to Jesus and it is no longer us living, but it is Jesus living in us making us have new life.

We can buy our seed for the garden and leave it in the package and it will always be seed. It will never grow or change.

This is the way it is with us if we don't ever decide to put our faith in Jesus, we will always be a person with no future.

I hope this spring, as we see the buds in trees, new grass, and new flowers, we will decide to place our lives in the hands of Jesus, so we will also have a new life.

I feel that the resurrection of Jesus was in the spring, so we have an example of what new life is all about.

When we die at the end of life, we have a promise that we will come forth from the grave, and have new life and live forever.

So may we all place our lives in Jesus so when we die, that death is not the end, but the beginning of "New Life" forever in heaven.



### Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Ron Lewellen  
Emmanuel United  
Methodist Church

# The treasury of unused spells

A leprechaun story of  
Culver-Union Township  
Part two of two

By James Walsh

The wee redhead descended the stairs into St. Mary's church basement, going down into the darkness. A voice much like Mother Superior's sandpaper tongue said, "I'm ashamed of myself, Bridget, for keeping you after school last night and you a victim to those bully boys."

Bridget was staggered. Wasn't it a miracle the holy Sister had confessed shame, too! Bridget's thoughts turned to the leprechaun on Mother Superior's shoulder. It was Twitterteen! What was he up to?

Bridget's blue pools swam the way to Owen More, broader than a church door, the famous boxer from Burr Oak.

"Owen," said Mother Superior with sugar in her sound, "I can't change the injury Denis did to Bridget, but I did correct him for it."

With Twitterteen twittering into the holy Sister's ear, she said, "Child, Owen will teach you the art of self-defense to be used if challenged again by that daft boy, Denis. At the end of each school day, you'll come to the basement for a lesson. Afterwards, Termon Magrath will carry you to home."

Owen stepped forward and said, his voice a booming cannon, "And won't I train you to lead with a left and cross with a right?"

He put Bridget through a hard workout keeping arms up, the left hand in front of the right, feet dancing, head bobbing and weaving, hands balled to fists to smack Owen's palms.

"You're a natural, Bridget, quick as a hawk. Tomorrow we'll work on the heavy bag with gloves."

Termon Magrath's buggy awaited, and Twitterteen too, twittering. The buggy bounced down the road until Twitterteen twittered to Termon Magrath to stop in front of Connolly's Tavern. Bridget nearly fell off. Then Twitterween, speaking through the buggy driver's lips but using Bridget's voice, hurled a bold challenge.

"You're an ugly vagabond, Denis. Come out with your horns and tail and I'll beat the devil out of you."

Bridget, eyes wider than Moon on the left and the Sun on the right, sat stiller than the statue of

St. Brigid in the holy Sisters' school, numb over the fighting words tossed out in her voice. Sure and didn't Denis come out! Deputy Connolly too! Then orange Twitterteen disappeared, the sissy.

The stomp, stomp of humping boat size shoes clamored from down the road.

A wild bull? No! Owen More running like a steer, and wasn't Twitterteen twittering on his shoulder? Aye, he was, and when the huge man puffed close didn't Twitterteen jump off Owen to Deputy Connolly's shoulder and twitter in his Brussels sprout of an ear!

What was that impish elf up to now?

Deputy Connolly, enthralled the champion boxer was holding out a hand to shake, shook hands and invited Owen More inside, refreshments to partake.

But puckish Twitterteen hopped from Deputy Connolly's to Bridget's shoulder to twitter in her ear, and didn't she take the boxer's stance to punch a left jab to Denis' nose, then a right cross to his jaw, a lad dense as a ten foot tree trunk?

From heavenly clouds, or more likely out of the road dust raised by Owen More, Father Collins came, and the holy priest's hand grabbed Bridget by the shoulder. Twitterteen preferred for twittering, but wasn't in occupancy at the moment.

"Fisticuffs," Father Collins said harshly, "isn't a lady-like way for a holy Sister's school girl to solve her troubles, Bridget." She was stopped from turning on Denis' red nose pump, or wacking closed his jaw. "Back to school, young lady."

Would he have Mother Superior bring an unused spell from the holy Sisters' treasury of unused spells? Bridget shivered when the door rumbled open and two enormous spirits dressed in black came in. Creatures from the treasury of unused

spells? Not creatures, but as bad, an annoyed Father Collins, an anxious Mother Superior.

The misery on the usually kind face of the good priest was unsettling. He said, "Mother Superior, I just witnessed the blood wish of this Union Township girl, Bridget, against Denis. And wasn't it an informer who told me you hired Owen More to teach this wee redhead the art of fisticuffs?"

An informer? Bridget thought Twitterteen fit that nasty role, twittering as he did on shoulders, her own even, but she wanted to shake her head 'no' to save Mother Superior from the fury of the holy man, but before she could, or before Twitterteen could reappear on Mother Superior's shoulder to whisper an alibi, Mother Superior, sorrow on her face thick as side meat, spoke.

"I did."

The good priest swooned at the bold admission. Recapturing his dignity, he said in a tone that tore his words to bits, "His worship, Bishop Stutter, would rebuke you, Mother Superior, for approving pugilism for one of your school girls, even if a redhead from south Union Township. Before Himself gets wind of it, there is to be an immediate end to Owen More's teaching yon hard headed Bridget the art of fisticuffs."

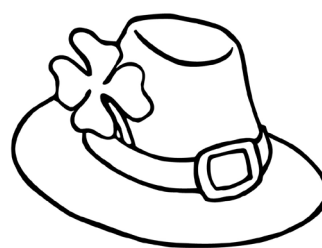
"Yes," Mother Superior said humbly, "I shall put a stop to Owen More teaching boxing."

Then didn't Mother Superior put forth this suggestion: "His Worship, Bishop Stutter, is all for field hockey, is he not?"

"He is?" Father Collins said with considerable doubt.

"He is," Mother Superior positively said. "When he was a priest, like yourself, he'd come to watch field hockey. I was best on my team back then."

She blushed with embar-



## Nostalgia

50 years ago

March 18, 1959

- Final plans from the state highway commission show intentions to extend State Road 10 from its present point near the Starke County line east past the (Culver Academy) airport with the second section continuing east past Poplar Grove church to US Highway 31, a short distance south of the town of Argos. The commission plans to build the road east as far as the airport as the first phase of its plan, with the remaining section added later as funds become available.

- The March 23 edition of Life Magazine features two pages of photos taken at the recent Infantry Ball taken at our famous Culver Military Academy. Congratulations to Robert Matson, able CMA publicity director, for planting the story with this great weekly pictorial publication.

- Instructions were issued to the police department to start at once taking into custody all dogs running at large and make disposition of them according to existing ordinances. This decision was made because

Culver is overrun with dogs and people are complaining about the nuisance.

25 years ago

March 14, 1984

- The newest face on Main Street is that of Andrea Shepperd at The Video Place, 112 N. Main Street, a branch of the store at 204 N. Michigan Street in Plymouth. The store boasts about 1,000 titles of rental videos for all ages, including both VHS and Betamax recordings, with both types of players available for rent as well. One planned feature for the Culver store is the rental of video game cartridges, including Atari, Coleco, and Intellivision brand titles.

- About 1,200 people came out to see "Day by Day, a Variety Show," the Maxinkuckee Players performance this past weekend. One highlight for the editor was "The Rice Crispies commercial" sung opera style by Dan Adams and Judy Patton. If this show is any indication, this summer's performance by the Players of "Oklahoma" should be a huge success.

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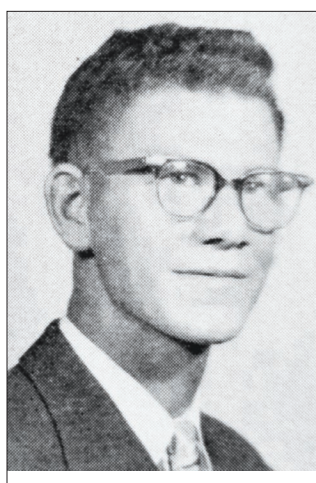
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## Name that Culver "citizen"

**New feature!** From time to time, we'll print a photo from sometime in the past of a probably-familiar face from the Culver area. Readers are encouraged to try to identify the pictured Culver "citizen." The prize for the correct guess is the undying admiration of your editor.

The lad at left -- for those seeking a hint -- was a member of Culver High School's Hi-Y, Usher's Club, choir, and president at one point of the Agriculture Club. Anyone spending much time in Culver these days will have a hard time not seeing him around town at some point. Email guesses to citizen@culcom.net or call in at 574-216-0075.

Thanks to Judy Sawhook for the idea for this feature.

rassment, for pride didn't suit a holy Sister.

"Were you now," Father Collins said.

"I was," she answered. "Instead of Owen More, I'll coach Bridget on the fine points of field hockey, especially the handling of the hockey stick."

With a seriousness befitting Bishop Stutter, Father Collins said in a strong voice, "Please do so, Mother Superior," before twittering brought a smile to the Priest's lips. "Bridget, when walking home will have to carry her hockey stick with her, will she not!"

"She will indeed," Mother Superior said smiling, the warts on her face looking ready to fall like hailstones on a rainy day.

Bridget puzzled many an hour over how Twitterteen had gotten into the holy Sisters' treasury of unused spells! It was clear, however he'd done it, after a twittering in an ear, there were changes in Grandmum Birdie, Mother Superior and Father Collins.

Bridget knew she should thank the little thumb size imp. So she gathered her tears of happiness for baptism of the orange leprechaun to turn him into a proper green one, but didn't he whirl away, riding a sunbeam out the window.

Just where, Bridget knew not!

*James Walsh has amassed a large collection of materials on Irish history and has become known locally as an expert on all things Irish. He has self-published several books of stories including the preceding one--many of which he has performed in public in the Culver area (he will sing songs and discuss the history of Ireland March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day -- at the Culver Public Library...see article this issue. His writings have been published in several national periodicals and in book form by the Library of Congress. He and wife Joann live not so far from Washington school in an area which he says resembles the hills of Ireland.*





# Sports



## Culver Military coach Alan Huss dispels rumors

By Dee Grenert Sports Editor

CULVER — Alan Huss laughs at some of the rumors. Gossip that includes Culver Military Academy's basketball program scouring the planet in search of big-time talent, plans to convert the Eagles into a Midwestern version of legendary Oak Hill Academy, the push for a national program, and withdrawal from the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

One minor, little detail. According to Huss, the Eagles' second-year head coach, none of it's true. "We're going to play according to the rules of the association to which we belong," Huss said. "We are in a unique position being a boarding school, but we've got some pretty strict guidelines that we won't deviate from."

"Number one: No, we're not recruiting," he said. "As long as I'm here, we're going to follow the rules. It takes a special kind of kid to come here. Athletics is only a small part of it."

But a mostly enjoyable aspect so far. The Eagles currently sport a 12-4 record, a vast improvement from last year's 2-19 finish, as well as a Bi-County Tournament title in the school's final appearance. And like many CMA teams past, this one's roster contains local, out-of-state and international players.

Two Canadians — sophomore Wells Davis, who transferred from a school with no interscholastic athletics program, and freshman point guard Jermaine Myers — as well as freshman Travis Britt, an Illinois native, comprise a talented new trio of young players. Carl Rivera of Valparaiso, as well as local products Trevor Weaser, Trace Thews and Ramsey Bradke all play key roles for the Eagles. With that in mind, Huss called the notion of turning CMA into Oak Hill, the Mouth of Wilson, Va.-based school that produced Carmelo Anthony and Jerry Stackhouse among others, "comical."

"Our program obviously isn't Oak Hill," Huss said. "I have a lot of respect for (Oak Hill head coach) Steve (Smith) and (assistant coach) Bryan (Meagher), but they're so far different from what we are. Oak Hill cherry picks from the top 50 kids in the nation for one year. Except for Brian Wang, who hasn't played very much, our new players are all young kids. Most of the new kids we get are freshmen and sophomores, so they'll be with us a long time."

"Our basketball team is very much like our general student population," he continued. "Very rarely will a player come in as a senior." And a national program? "As far as a national program, I don't even know what that means," Huss said. "I hope that means we're going to be a good team. Indiana is a pretty decent state for basketball, maybe the best. Hopefully we can compete with the other schools on our schedule and in our class."

Huss also said he knows of no intentions to withdraw from the IHSAA.

"If anybody's talked about it, I haven't heard," he said. "I certainly don't think that's in the plans. We just want to be the best we can be and continue to get better."

And that includes a beefed up summer regimen for a program that generally sends its players home while its competition spends summers participating in leagues and honing skills during open gym. "We're looking for unique situations for our players to improve during the summer," Huss said. "Whether it's practicing with us or practicing at home, we're looking for ways to have them involved in basketball in the summer because that's when teams really do a lot of work to improve, and where we've always had a disadvantage."

He also said he understands the Bi-County's decision to trade his school for

Triton, and that Northern State Conference schools Knox and Bremen dropping from next year's schedule were mutual decisions before the season started.

"The decision about Bi-County was made last year when we were 2-19," Huss said. "That was a gate decision. What people forget is the Bi-County has four tournaments; we didn't field a girls JV team this year. There was an opportunity to go get Triton which is a much bigger gate than us. It was strictly a financial decision. This is something that's been talked about for over a decade."

"Our contract was up with Knox and Bremen," he continued. "(Bremen head coach) Kevin (Ecenbarger) and I talked about it over the summer, it was a very classy conversation. That's a tough game for us because we play the night before and they don't, and Kevin's team plays a lot of tough games early. I think he was trying to make his schedule more

manageable. As far as the NSC, I don't think there's any vast conspiracy." Huss said the most important thing to remember is that his players, who play for a program with no sectional titles to its credit, are student-athletes, with a decided emphasis on student.

"The mission of our school is beyond winning a sectional," he concluded. "It's so far beyond basketball. Our kids have so many requirements — military requirements, academic requirements. It takes special kids."

### Men's and coed leagues organizing

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth men's and coed slow-pitch softball leagues are currently organizing.

Please call Brian at 574-952-0093 for more information.

## LOCAL

# Preparing your bike for this year's *Tour*

*Tour de Max '09 - Part 2 of a four-part series*

By Karen Heim

Culver Tri Kappa/Tour de Max So, you've decided to commit to riding Tour de Max this spring. Saturday, May 16 is going to come up fast and you want your bike to be in shape to ride the distance.

Maybe your bike has been in storage for some time or maybe the last time you rode it was just before the snow started flying last fall. Regardless, there are some parts of your bike you need to look over to make sure your bike is running smoothly.

Don Baker, owner of Culver's Bike Barn, has some suggestions for getting your bike ready for spring. The Bike Barn will open Saturday, May 2, and will be located at the southeast corner of Lake Shore Drive and Main Street.

"A spring tune-up is a great way to get your bike ready for the riding season," Baker said.

### Bike Chain

Examine your bike chain for wear and replace it if needed. "A bike chain is one of the least expensive parts to replace, and one

that makes the biggest difference in the bike's performance," said Baker.

He explained that as the chain wears, the links and plates eventually stretch out. Your local bike shop has a special tool that can easily determine whether or not the chain is excessively stretched out.

Also, if you pedal backwards and watch the chain moving through the rear derailleur, 'tight' links will cause the derailleur to jump erratically. This is another sign that the chain is ready for replacement, he added.

### Wheels

Take a look at your wheels and "true" them to minimize wobbles and hops. Baker said that over time a bicycle wheel will begin to wobble out of alignment to the left or right, or may develop a "hop" meaning it is no longer exactly round.

"A wobble will cause an awkward side-to-side movement," he said. "And a hop will cause the wheel to jump up and down while riding."

"If a wheel is out of alignment, it needs to be trued, which is the pre-

cision adjustment of the threaded spoke nipples in order to center the wheel left-to-right and bring the wheel back into round, eliminating hops," Baker explained.

Wheel truing is done on a precision wheel truing stand, and is a normal part of a spring tune-up at a bike shop. Loose or broken spokes can be taken care of then, as well, he said.

### Brakes and Shifter Cables

Check your brake and shifter cables and lubricate or replace them as needed.

Baker suggested answering the following questions to evaluate the brake and shifter cables:

Are the brake levers hard to operate? Are the brakes

working? Do the brakes stop the bike quickly enough?

Are the shifters hard to operate? Can you shift the bike smoothly into each gear?

### Bottom Bracket and Wheel Hubs

Take a look at the bottom bracket. Make sure the pedals turn smoothly and see if they are easy or difficult to pedal. Also, look to see if the cranks seem too loose or wobble left-to-right, Baker said.

Check your wheel hubs for play or binding. You can do this by grabbing the bike frame and a wheel. Check to see if the wheel seems wobbly or moves left-to-right at all, he instructed.

Also, if you lift the bike

and spin either wheel, check to see if it comes to a stop too soon. If you find this is the case for either of the wheels, adjust them for smooth operation. Repack and regrease bearings, if necessary.

For additional help with a spring tune-up or if you have additional questions, check with your local bike shop.

Once your bike is ready to ride, Baker has a couple of suggestions for keeping your bike in optimal riding condition throughout the year.

First, he recommends wiping your chain regularly with a rag or t-shirt and lubricate with a light lubricant, especially after riding in the rain. "This will re-

duce wear on the drive train and keep your bike rolling and shifting smoothly and quietly so you can focus on the ride instead of the bike."

Second, he said, "Always keep your bike inside if at all possible to keep rust and corrosion away from the frame, wheels, and components."

What if you don't have a bike? Next week, learn about the different kinds of bikes available (they're not just your Huffy 10-speed anymore) and how to find the right bike for you.

You can get more information about Tour de Max at [www.geocities.com/tour\\_de\\_max](http://www.geocities.com/tour_de_max).

## Culver Boy Scout troop launched

After several years of a successful Cub Scout program in Culver, Boy Scout Troop 290 has been launched in Culver according to Scout master Jim Coiner. Boy Scouts often

picks up where Cub Scouts -- which is aimed at younger boys -- ends, involving boys from sixth grade to senior high age.

There are currently four boys in the troop, says Coiner, including Austin Vela, Josh Vela, Malik

Guerra, and Mark Meyer.

Meetings are held Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church on College Avenue in Culver, having started March 17.

Adult volunteers are needed and welcomed, says

Coiner, who may be contacted at 574-542-2676 or by email at [coiner@embarq-mail.com](mailto:coiner@embarq-mail.com).

All boys from sixth grade to senior year are welcome and invited to join.



### Disaster averted

The grass was badly scorched due to a March 3 afternoon grass fire at this home at 908 S. Plymouth Street in Culver, but the house and surrounding structures -- not to mention the gargoyle in the yard -- were unharmed thanks to quick response from the Culver-Union Twp. Fire Department.









