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In Brief

Sidewalk applications

The Town of Culver is currently accepting applications for its 2009 sidewalk and curb program. Applications as well as updated sidewalk specifications may be picked up at the town hall, 200 E. Washington Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or via the town website at www.townofculver.org. A permit is needed and an inspection will need to take place prior to the project and after completion. This program is on a first come, first served basis. The deadline to receive applications is June 30, 2009. Please inquire within for more information, or call 574-842-3140.

Screenings and other events at REAL Meals

Culver's REAL Services will host blood pressure and sugar screenings by a representative from Miller's Merry Manor Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. Indiana Legal Services Attorney Carie Schenk will speak at 12:30 p.m. the same day, and will answer questions from the audience. On Wednesday, May 13, Jeff's Movies on Culver history will take place at 12:30 p.m. Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call 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.

Lions Spring Fest this weekend

The Culver Lions Club's annual Spring Fest, including a pancake and sausage breakfast, bake sale, and flea market will be Saturday, May 2 at the railroad station in the town park. Breakfast is from 6 a.m. to noon, the bake sale from 7 to 11 a.m., and the flea market from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for those under 12.

Film, book program at CUTPL

The Culver Union-Township Public Library announces "A Novel Approach," a new book and film discussion group in which participants read the pre-selected novel and then view the film version, which will be shown at the library. The first film program, "The Secret Life of Bees," is

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PHOTO/TONY STRAW

A pot of Culver gold?

Above: Culver's Tony Straw captured this photo of a bright, beautiful rainbow arching over Lake Maxinkuckee during the mix of rain and sun that characterized several recent days' weather. Culverites most recently welcomed the arrival of a warm, sunny weekend, just in time for Culver Academies' annual Parents' Weekend.

'Nothing goes to waste'

Culver thrift store serves community, shoppers of all economic backgrounds

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

The Wesley United Methodist Women's Thrift Store in Culver has an array to offer an array of people. The shop, located at 216 South Ohio Street, is all the more relevant in light of current economic woes, and provides a venue for affordable – but quality – clothing and goods of virtually all sorts. Funds from the shop, which store literature is quick to point out do not go to fund the local church itself, assist more local, regional, and worldwide causes than could be reasonably listed here. They include Culver's fire department, EMS, food pantry, library, Boys & Girls Club, scouting programs, school, group home, and area families in need. Beyond Culver, Red Cross, Goodwill and Salvation

Army, the Neighborhood Center in Plymouth, Women's Care Center, and the

Humane Society, among other beneficiaries of the shop's highly successful

retail efforts...and none of that is to mention the international aid receiving part

of the store's proceeds.

As many people are well aware, however, "thrifting" – or frequenting thrift stores in search of bargains or unusual items – is hardly a hobby just for those in dire economic need. On any given open day, shoppers from a wide range of economic levels can be seen pouring through the clothes, books, toys, housewares, glassware, and more, neatly displayed in appropriate rooms (bathroom-related items in the bathroom, kitchen items in the kitchen, children's items in one room, and so forth) throughout the store, formerly the Craft house.

Susan Shoop of Culver has been shopping at the store for two years and raves about the combination of very low prices and

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Volunteers at the Wesley United Methodist Ladies' thrift store on Ohio Street in Culver sift through a batch of newly arrived donations. From left to right, June Koss, Chuckie Strang, Ann Nelson, Rita Lawson, June Kindred, and Marlene Shoddy.

Library board debates action on past discrepancies

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Much of the news concerning the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's finances is good, as evidenced by the April 21 meeting of the library's board of trustees, though an audit from the state board of accounts likely to occur in the next few months also prompted the board to discuss and pass a somewhat debated resolution.

Board president Jim Hahn raised the question near the end of the meeting as to whether a resolution should be formally adopted that the board plans to "take no action with respect to compliance or non-compliance" with "Indiana law regarding use and disposition of library resources" until after the library receives the final audit report.

Hahn explained the state board conducts thorough audits of library finances every two years. Library account Jim Faulkner said the last audit took place in June, 2007, making it probable another will begin in the coming months, though publicly funded institutions like the library are given no warning before an auditor arrives.

Board member Carol Saft asked if the library will have a "list of discrepancies we want them to look at, or do we say, 'Here's the books; you tell us what's wrong?'" I think we're all aware there have been (discrepancies of fund use) that have been discovered.

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Local celebrities' hoop skills to be revealed

While the circle of life has been symbolized with hoops made of stone, iron, or various materials of the time, it was not until the fabulous '50s when hoops made of pure American plastic were fused with the warmth of Hawaiian culture and an enduring dance was delivered to all the world: the hula hoop.

The Culver Boys and Girls Club 2009 Hula Hoop Contest, the ultimate event, combines this artistry with fierce competition. The CBGC needs area citizens' help in making a pledge and sponsoring favorite hula hoop competitors to raise money for the kids of the Culver Boys & Girls Club.

Each of the competitors will hula hoop their hearts out in a freestyle, no holds barred, dance-off to be held at the CBGC Fabulous '50s silent auction event June 19. Their performances will be scored by a select panel of judges, which only comprise 50 percent of the contestants' total score. The other half is based on sponsorship and financial contributions raised for the club on each contestant's behalf.

Special guest hula hoop artist Kara Vogt will also be on hand to perform. Local "celebrity" hoopers at the event include:



Emily Ryman currently serves as the Assistant Director of Culver Upper Camp and on the staff of the Culver Summer Schools and Camps Admissions Office.

Emily gives of her time in the community in various capacities with several other organizations. **Why you should sponsor her:** "I'm just really good!"



Wayne Bean is Culver's Chief of Police and has proudly served in the police department for nearly 30 years. Stepping up to help the kids of CBGC is nothing new for Wayne. The Culver Police Department has several programs that benefit the community's youth, including pre-school

safety programs, bicycle safety, child fingerprinting, Amber Alert, and more. **Why you should sponsor him:** I write tickets and carry a gun. Why wouldn't you sponsor me? **See Contest page 14**



Improving Culver on Earth Day

Tony Sellers and his landscaping crew, above, spent Earth Day – April 22 – this year landscaping and improving several areas around Culver. Sellers, his tenth year in business in the Culver area now complete, says the project is part of a national effort spearheaded by the Professional Lawn Care Network to take on a community project. All six of Sellers' employees, he says, volunteered their time to beautify the property around the town hall (in the photo above) as well as around welcome signs at four gateways to the town of Culver on the west and north sides of town. Sellers says he also maintains the grounds of Culver's little league baseball diamonds throughout the year as part of an effort to "give back to the Culver community, which has been good to me."

In the photo, front row, left to right: Carrie Ray, Dana Price, Kathy Sellers, Joely Stiles. Back row: Joel Fisher, Marty Sellers, and Tony Sellers.

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Wednesday, May 6 at noon. A sign-up sheet will be located at the front desk. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program; the library will provide coffee and tea. Call 574-842-2941 for more information.

Lake Fest plans under way

The Culver Lake Fest wants you to mark your calendars for July 17 through 19! Plans are already in the works to make this the best Lake Fest yet! Anyone wishing to serve on the committee is welcome. Those seeking information can contact Mike Overmyer at 574-842-2446, or his email address, movermyer@jmceainc.com. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

Town-wide spring cleanup

A reminder that the Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for those wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Hazardous chemicals and tires cannot be accepted. Please contact street department head Bob Porter (culverstreet@

townofculver.org) or call 574-292-3943 with questions about what will be accepted.

Pathfinders Port-a-Pit May 8

Pathfinder Services, Inc. will hold a Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken fund raiser for its client fund Friday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pathfinder Services, Inc., 1601 W. Jefferson St. (next to Dairy Queen) in Plymouth. Price is \$6, and pre-sale tickets can be purchased from any Pathfinder employee or at the above location. Delivery is available for orders of ten or more. Pre-sale tickets are guaranteed until 1 p.m. If chicken is not picked up by 1 p.m. it will be sold to the general public; there are no refunds. Pathfinder Services, Inc. operates a group home in Culver. More information may be obtained at www.pathfinderservices.org.

Prom Dresses Available

Those in need of a formal dress for Prom or Final Ball, please contact Karen Heim at 574-842-8914. She has around 50 gently worn dresses in a variety of styles and sizes. They can be seen

by appointment or at the Tri Kappa Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25 at 217 S. Ohio St, Culver.

Maxinkuckee Players auditions May 2

Auditions for the Maxinkuckee Players' production of "The Music Man" will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Culver Community High School Auditorium.

Anyone interested should come prepared to sing a song of their choice and read from the script that we will provide. Piano players will be available or they may sing with a recording. There are parts available for all ages. Show dates are Friday, July 24; Sunday, July 26; Wednesday, July 29; Friday, July 31; Saturday, Aug. 1; and Sunday, Aug. 2. For more information, call director Becky Liechty at 574- 941-2343.

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.

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Birthday - Summey



Madison Summey, daughter of Mike Summey and Priscilla Singleton of Plymouth, will celebrate her first birthday April 22, 2009.

Maternal grandparents are Chester and Donna Singleton of Culver. Paternal grandmother is Sheila Tuttle of Knox.

Wedding - Simpkins



Ashley Emond and Jeremy Simpkins were united in marriage Sept. 13, 2008 in Plymouth. The bride wore a strapless white gown with light purple beading down the back.

Maid of honor was Madi Simpkins of Woodland, daughter of the groom. The best man was Zac Simpkins of Bloomington, brother of the groom.

The ring bearer was Maddox Simpkins of Woodland, son of the couple.

Approximately 150 people attended the reception in Wyatt.

The bride is the daughter of Dave Emond of Wyatt and Pat and Rhoda Jordan of Bremen. The bride is a graduate of Bremen High School. She is a manager at Wyatt Beef and Brew.

The groom is the son of Carol Moore of Osceola and Dick Simpkins of Pensacola, Fla. He is a graduate of Penn High School. He is employed at Plastic Components Inc. in sales and purchasing.

They now reside in Woodland.

Birth - Simpkins



Jeremy and Ashley Simpkins of Woodland ann-ounce the birth of a son born March 31, 2009 at 8:08 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Mason Mathias Simpkins weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by a sister, Madi, 9, and a brother, Maddox, 18 months.

Maternal grandparents are Dave Emond of Wyatt and Pat and Rhoda Jordan of Bremen. Paternal grandparents are Carol Moore of Osceola and Dick Simpkins of Pensacola, Fla.



PILOT PHOTO/ANITA MUNSON

Death notice - Tanner

Malissie Sanders
April 20, 2009

CULVER — Malissie Sanders, 98, of Culver, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by sons: Jesse Taylor of Durant, Miss., James Taylor of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Ezell Taylor; and daughters: Margaret Thorn of Rochester and Ruby Taylor of Chicago, Ill.

Visitation was Monday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services were Monday at noon at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Free seedlings

Above: Saturday's Memory Zone customers Karen (from left) and John Hoover of Spartanburg, N.C., formerly of Culver, discussed the care of their free Douglas fir seedling with John Hensler of Hensler Nursery Inc., Hamlet, and Rhonda Hurford, co-owner of the Memory Zone. The free seedlings are part of a "green" promotion of both Hensler's and Memory Zone in conjunction with Earth Day and Arbor Day. "One of the things we like to do at Hensler's is to make memories. When you plant a tree like this, you learn about the good its does ... What better place than Memory Zone to capture those moments?" Many will recall Hoover as a local EMT and employee of Culver Academies.

Birth - Long



Nick and Lauren Long of Charleston, S.C. announce the birth of a daughter born at 10:09 p.m. Feb. 23, 2009 at East Cooper Regional Medical Center.

Lucy Elizabeth Long weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are John and Linda McNeil of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Pat and Martha Con-

ley of Plymouth.

Community Calendar

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| <p>Thurs., April 30
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library</p> <p>Friday, May 1
Computers for beginners part I class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p>Sat., May 2</p> | <p>United Church of Christ</p> <p>Tues., May 5
Fitness class, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Weds., May 6
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Blood and sugar screening and legal rep. Carie Schenk, 11:30 a.m., REAL Services, Culver park beach lodge</p> <p>"A Novel Approach" book and film discussion ("The Secret Life of Bees"), noon, Culver Public Library</p> <p>Euchre club, 6 - 8 p.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p>Thurs., May 7
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library</p> |
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Police blotter

Larry A. Pizer Jr., 23, of Culver was issued a citation March 22 for a seatbelt violation.

Michael Gaylor Jr., 29, of Culver was issued a citation March 22 for a seatbelt violation.

Catherine M. Faylor, 42, of Rochester, was issued a citation March 22 for a seatbelt violation.

Edward W. Balchunas, 20, of Warsaw was issued a citation March 22 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

James T. Blake, 66, of Elkhart was issued a citation March 25 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 39 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Wayne R. Westphal, 60, of Star City, Ind., was issued a citation March 25 for expired license plates.

Elizabeth M. Goble, 23, of Warsaw was issued citations April 5 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone and for driving while suspended.

Devin R. Gast, 21, of Culver was issued citations April 8 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone and for driving while suspended.

Wayne R. Schaefer, 21, of Walkerton, was issued a citation April 8 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Ryan L. Carters, 18, of Culver was issued a citation April 9 for a seatbelt violation.

Michael T. Craig, 24, of Bremen, was issued a citation April 10 for expired license plates.

Kaylee A. Kuhn, 18, of Rochester was issued a citation April 12 for a seatbelt violation, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Culver Comm. High School auditorium.

Laura K. Lyzak, 18, of Culver was issued a citation April 15 for exceeding the posted speed limit, 37 mph in a 20 mph zone.

Maximuktee, 18, of Rochester was issued a citation April 12 for a seatbelt violation, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Culver Comm. High School auditorium.

Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace

Special Olympics, Culver Academies

Music Man audition, 4 p.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m., Culver Comm. High School auditorium.

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Rebirth is at the heart of the Kingdom of God

My wife and I are busily preparing for the arrival of our second daughter sometime at the end of May; we anticipate that our lives are

ing nutrition to needing to eat, from muffled sounds to clear sound, etc. The scope of change our daughter will experience coming into the world certainly makes our changes seem pale in comparison. I think that is why Jesus chose this image of birth to describe the change that must take

place in our lives in order to enter the kingdom of God. In a discussion with Nicodemus recorded in John's gospel, Jesus says:

Truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. . . no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

-John 3:3, 5

I think these words serve to remind us that none of us can really believe in Christ and follow Him fully without seeing massive transformation and change in our lives. Our whole way of relating to the world around us no longer is the same – we transition from darkness to light, from the tight quarters of guilt to the freedom of God's grace and forgiveness, from living selfishly to living to serve others. Ultimately, there is no hope for the kingdom of God short of allowing Christ to turn our lives upside down and inside out, to the degree that we sense we have been reborn!

Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Larry Saunders
Wesley United
Methodist church

going to get turned upside down, just after we had gotten settled into a nice routine with our two year old! Of course, change is a natural part of life, and every now and then it is good to reflect on those changes. Everyone in my house is going to have to make adjustments. For example, a newborn will probably fascinate our older daughter, but she will also have to learn to share her parents' attention and be a big sister. My wife and I will make all sorts of changes in our daily habits to accommodate the needs of the new baby. Indeed, it would be very easy to focus exclusively on the changes we will have to make, but to do so would completely overlook the reality of that our new daughter is really the one whose life is going to change the most radically in the coming weeks.

Going from the womb into the world entails all kinds of total changes – from darkness to light, from enclosed space to wide open space, from receiv-

New program continues rich local literary tradition

nance and Circulation at your Library, will host A Novel Approach. She says, "I'm happy to be included as part of this program and look forward to hearing our

popular book: The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd, who also wrote The Mermaid Chair. The film version of Bees, starring Dakota Fanning, Jennifer Hudson and Queen Latifah will be shown at noon on Wednesday, May 6 in our large meeting room on the lower level of the Library. Patrons are encouraged to

bring a bag lunch and the Library will provide coffee and tea. As with all of our programs, A Novel Approach is free of charge. When asked about her role in the group, Barb laughed and said, "This book discussion group is probably going to force me to read some books and watch some movies I wouldn't ordinarily have read or watched!"

And not to worry, Hooked on Books, our book club facilitated by Polly Thompson Wolf, remains on its regular schedule on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm. In May, Hooked on Books members are reading The Northern Clemency by Philip Hensler.

Not only do we have book and film discussion groups here at your Library: CUTPL has just this week received 40 high-quality reproductions of selected masterpieces of art which the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities has distributed to public libraries, schools and museums throughout the nation. These sculpture and artifact images, paintings and photographs were chosen to express Americans' shared heritage. They

"The America I loved still exists, if not in the White House, the Supreme Court, the Senate, the House of Representatives, or the media. The America I loved still exists at the front desk of our public libraries."
--Kurt Vonnegut

We are planning an interesting new program for Culver Library patrons. This spring, CUTPL is pleased to present our new book club: on Wednesday, May 6, your Library is sponsoring our first "Novel Approach." The program focuses around a novel and the film which has been made from that book. We originally patterned it after Stratford Connecticut Library's "Script Talk!", a successful program in its 24th season which features a play and the film made from it. Stratford, CT was named after the Bard's own Stratford-on-Avon and prides itself on its Shakespearean connection. With Culver's rich tradition of novelists—think Lew Wallace, Booth Tarkington, James Whitcomb Riley, Meredith Nicolson, Kurt Vonnegut and today, John Houghton and Marcia Adams--we have put our own Culver touch on Stratford's program and adapted it to our community.

Barb Maves, who wears many hats working in Technical Services, Fi-



From the Other Side of the Book Drop

By Colleen McCarty
Director, Culver-Union Twp.
Public Library

patrons' opinions. I'm hoping to elicit their input for future selections." Barb has been with the Library for almost two years, since she retired as an employee benefits representative from one of the major steel companies in East Chicago. She explains that for our program "patrons are asked to read a pre-selected book and then come to the Library to watch its film accompaniment. Patrons can then discuss the merits (or demerits!) of both book and movie."

Barb is uniquely qualified to facilitate our discussion group. She received her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from IU with a major in English and is an avid reader. As to her movie-going, Barb says she particularly enjoys films which feature favorite actors. She has observed that usually "the book" has more detail, and "the movie" can be thought of as a summary." Books contain more insight into the character and you understand why characters are doing what they do. The movie often assumes you read the book, and may gloss over a lot of things that enter into the plot." says Barb.

Our first selection is the

Name that Culver "citizen"



Above: Tim McCarthy in 2009. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's "mystery citizen" was correctly guessed by more readers than any previous entry to date, which is probably due partly to the fact that Tim McCarthy (pictured at this year's Relay for Life, at left) seems to be one of those lucky people who hardly seems to have aged over a few years, and partly because he's so visible around town to so many. The first correct guess --and



the grand prize -- goes to Barb Neidlinger, who was quickly followed by correct guesses by Ken VanDePutte, Maggie Nixon, Barbara Shaffer, Millie Sytsma, Bobby Cooper, and Larry Zechiel, Levi Bennett. The editor had to order extra quantities of undying admiration to line up all the prize packages this week.

This week's mystery citizen, of course (pictured at right), ought to be a familiar face to many over the years...any more hints might give her identity away. Correct guesses, as always, earn the editor's sincere admiration.

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Family Vision Clinic; Size: 8 in

Nostalgia

100 Years ago
April 29, 1909

Hayes received another Auburn car Tuesday to add to his auto livery.

The Saine launch was put into the lake Monday -- a sure sign of spring.

80 years ago
April 28, 1919

Opposition to the location of a tuberculosis sanatorium here has grown to such proportions that it is believed the proposal will

be dropped, although the site has been approved by officials.

50 years ago
April 29, 1959

At least one Culver Public Schools male faculty member -- probably several more -- is all burned up over the edict by the Marshall County Board of Education that there shall be no smoking of the "filthy weed" on school property. The move was made in part due to complaints from parents, though all 10 township trustees comprising the board unanimously agreed to the ban.

25 years ago
April 25, 1984

The new Lakeside Theatre held its grand opening April 12 after it was purchased from longtime owner Evert Hoesel by Jim and Pam Baker, formerly of Delong, and Dawn Crise. The new owners have completely remodeled the bathroom and lobby facilities of the theatre.

The Culver Community Athletic Boosters this week began work on new dugouts for the Jr-Sr high baseball field.

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MCHS annual meeting May 12

The public is invited to the Annual Meeting of the Marshall County Historical Society at Christo's Banquet Hall on May 12. Dale Enyart will give a slide show presentation on "The History and Evolution of Indiana Courthouses" highlighting the interesting architecture of the courthouses of our state. Enyart is a retired engineer from Peru.

This is the time of year that the staff of volunteers are recognized for their continuing support and contributions to the mission of the museum. Trustees will be elected and a progress report given on the expansion project.

A Social Hour begins at 6:30 with the buffet meal following at 7:00. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Board of Trustees or from the Museum. Tickets are \$20.

Poplar Grove windows to be restored, sights set on entrance

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Readers may recall last year's effort on the part of the historic Poplar Grove United Methodist Church on State Road 10 just east of Culver to raise more than \$17,000 to completely restore the historic stained glass windows in the church, one of the oldest in the area and originally formed by pioneer families. "We did it!" says an exuber-

ant Susan Shaffer of Poplar Grove. "The (window restoration) company has already been to the church to get measurements and colors of the glass which needs repair, and they are to start work in mid-May. All windows will be restored, protective exterior windows will be added along with new vent systems to ensure proper ventilation for the stained glass. The exterior

wood will also be reconditioned."

Shaffer thanked church members for their generous donations as well as friends and neighbors who supported the effort by attending and donating to the church's first rummage and bake sale last year.

A follow up sale will take place May 22 and 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, this time with the

goal of making the church's entrance handicapped accessible. Shaffer says this spring's sale "promises to be as large as last year, with great quality items and definitely something for everyone."

Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may contact Susan Shaffer at 574-892-6281.

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Sports

A bad day to be No. 1

CMA, South Bend Adams tie at Plymouth 3-way

By James Costello
Sports Writer

PLYMOUTH — It was a bad day to be number one.

Plymouth's, Culver Military's and South Bend Adams' No. 1 players went 47, 43, 42 respectively on the par 36 front nine at Plymouth Country Club, and the top three low rounds of the day were put in by No. 2 and 3 golfers as CMA and Adams finished tied at 167 and Plymouth came in at 192 in a triangular boys golf match Thursday.

Plymouth No. 1 Doug Booth fired off two straight pars to start the round, but a quintuple bogey on the eighth hole derailed an otherwise solid round from the Pilgrims' lone returning letter winner. Booth carded a 10 on Number 8, then followed by topping a short chip shot into the bunker on nine. He nearly salvaged par on the hole with a quality putt from around 20 feet, but the stroke lipped the cup and he had to settle for bogey instead. It was that

kind of a day for the Plymouth senior as he finished up the round quintuple bogey, bogey, bogey to turn in an uncharacteristic 47 in the Pilgrims' first dual match of the year.

CMA top flighter Michael Grover also struggled at the finish, going double bogey, bogey. The Eagles senior said his short game was particularly troublesome at the meet.

"I was hoping to at least shoot under 40, which would be a good round for me," Grover said. "But my putting today was not at its best. Absolutely horrible."

Adams' No. 1 Tom Hauch, a 2008 state finalist for the Eagles, showed some rust Thursday as he double-bogeyed a pair of par 4s on four and nine to card a 43 for the day.

"He's been visiting colleges," said Adams head coach Pat King. "He's been to Duke, he's been to Dartmouth and hasn't been playing much golf, and you can tell."

Adams No. 2 Chad Casey has been sharpening his game, however, and the Eagles were able to fall back on Casey's individual low medalist score of 39 at the meet.

"He's off to a good start," said King. "During vacation he was down in Florida playing a couple events, so he's been doing real well."

"He's had 39, 39 here two days in a row, so he's off to a good start and has really done well for us."

The Pilgrims also got their best round from their No. 2 Thursday, as sophomore Mitch Holloway birdied on seven to finish a stroke ahead of Booth.

"I'm kind of looking at him to have a breakout season this year simply because his body is maturing, and he's mentally sharp," said Waymouth of Holloway. "He's got the talent and just the raw tools to go out there and put it all together."

CMA is also battling inexperience this season, as the team fields four sophomores and one senior in Grover. No. 2 and 3 Eagles Connor Vazales and Andrew Eiler put up dual 41s, however, and the team displayed some consistency as Ryan Wewor-ski turned in a 42 and J.J. Selby equalled Grover's 43 for the round.

"We've played pretty consistently. We just haven't had anybody around par

yet," said CMA head coach Fred Haase. "We're playing one senior and four sophomores so we're pretty young. We didn't putt very well and didn't play the par 5s very well. We're 4 over on two and 4 over on eight. When those par 5s are that short, you can't play that many over par."

• CULVER 2, KNOX 1
At Culver
Knox: 000 000 1 — 1 5 3
Culver: 100 100 X — 2 2 4
Records: Knox 3-7, 0-3 NSC, Culver 2-3, 1-2 NSC

• TRITON 5, CULVER COMMUNITY 3
At Culver
Triton: 310 010 0 — 5 6 2
Culver: 000 003 0 — 3 2 4
Brett Houlihan (W, 1-2) and Matt Heath; Tony Leyva (L) and AJ Neace
HR: Michael Salary (C)
Records: Triton 2-4, 1-1 NSC; Culver 1-8, 0-2 NSC



Sports briefs

Baseball

Culver trumps Knox

The Cavaliers committed four errors and recorded just two hits but Culver was able to eke out a 2-1 win over the Redskins at Culver.

Knox scattered five hits but couldn't find a run until the final frame, falling to 0-3 in Northern State Conference play. The win was Culver's first in the conference as the team moves to 1-2 in the NSC.

• CULVER 2, KNOX 1
At Culver
Knox: 000 000 1 — 1 5 3
Culver: 100 100 X — 2 2 4
Records: Knox 3-7, 0-3 NSC, Culver 2-3, 1-2 NSC

Triton tops Culver

The Trojans ran off to a four-run lead in the first two frames and held off a late, three-run rally by Culver in the sixth for a 5-3 win Friday at Culver. Brett Houlihan gave up two hits going the distance for his first win of the season, and Michael Salary homered for Culver.

• TRITON 5, CULVER COMMUNITY 3
At Culver
Triton: 310 010 0 — 5 6 2
Culver: 000 003 0 — 3 2 4
Brett Houlihan (W, 1-2) and Matt Heath; Tony Leyva (L) and AJ Neace
HR: Michael Salary (C)
Records: Triton 2-4, 1-1 NSC; Culver 1-8, 0-2 NSC

Falcons rally past Culver

Glenn saved the best for last, rallying with five runs in the bottom of the sixth, then holding off visiting Culver in the seventh for the 6-3 win in both teams' Northern State Conference opener Thursday.

Glenn pitcher Chad King

was awarded the win in relief, his first win of the season.

• JOHN GLENN 6, CULVER 3
At Glenn
Culver: 010 200 0 — 3 4 1
Glenn: 100 005 X — 6 7 2
Jordan Clemens, Chad King (W, 1-0) and Patrick Langel; Drew Cultice (L, 0-2), Bryce Lindvall (6) and Tony Leyva.
2B: Langel, JT Schmidt (G)
Records: Glenn 3-5, 1-0 NSC; Culver 1-7, 0-1 NSC.

CMA drops two slug-fests

CMA lost a pair of high-scoring baseball games to Washington Township Saturday, 11-9 and 18-16.

Trailing 10-8 heading into the top of the seventh, the undefeated Senators (8-0) scored 10 times to complete the doubleheader sweep.

Max Terhar doubled in the first game and tripled in the second for CMA.

• WASHINGTON TWP. 11-18, CULVER MILITARY 9-16

At Culver
Game 1
WT: 103 205 0 — 11 8 3
CMA: 100 006 2 — 9 9 3
Bryan Runyan (W), Christian Lembke (6), Cody Goodan (7) and Steve Redmon; Al Morris (L), Rhett Schaefer (5), Ryan Kolden (6) and Matt Brewer, Morris (5).
2B: Josh Biggs (WT), A.J. Whitcomb (WT), Max Terhar (CMA), Cory Volberding (CMA), Ryan Kolden (CMA).
3B: Jason Hogge (WT).
HR: Hogge (WT).
Game 2
WT: 230 300 10 — 18 12 5
CMA: 011 602 6 — 16 10 6
Goodan, Greg Fadell (4, W), Runyan (7), Lembke (7) and Redmon; Matt Brewer, James McGing (2), Bryan Espiritu (7, L), Cory Volberding (7) and Al Morris.
2B: Fadell (CMA), Josh Wright (CMA).
3B: Terhar (CMA)
Record: CMA 1-2. Washington Twp. 8-0.

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Einstein speaks at Culver?

Culver Elementary School fifth grader Danny Flenner, left, plays Albert Einstein as sixth grader Shelby Gross looks on, during the annual wax museum put on by fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens' reading class. To prepare for the event, Stevens says students had to read biographies and choose famous people, living or deceased, to portray as living "statues." The "museum," set up April 13 in the school's media center, was visited by CES third through sixth graders as well as parents, who pushed a hand-drawn "button" on each student "statue" to hear a brief, first-person account of the chosen historical figures' life.

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Maxinkuckee Singers will be 'Makin' Music' in May

Culver's popular Maxinkuckee Singers present concerts at several area "Makin' Music: 2009" performances in May.

Under the direction of Beth Webster with Betty Martens at the keyboard, this not for profit group has been entertaining the Marshall County area for over 24 years. The group offers a wide variety of popular, sacred, standard, comedy and dance numbers, solos, duets – truly something for everyone. This spring's shows are free to the public with a good - will donation accepted. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Knox is 6:30 p.m. central time.

Dates and venues include:

- May 7 at Plymouth First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St.
- May 11 at Bremen Grace United Methodist Church, 323 N. Montgomery
- May 13 at Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St.
- May 18 at Rochester Trinity United Methodist Church, 811 Jefferson St.



Members of the Singers in the photo include (front row) Matt Sutton, Kathy Overmyer, Laura Snipes, Dan Leach, Lynn (middle row) Betty Martens, Betty Webster, Steve (back row) Gary Freymiller, Betty Martens, Sheron Coffey, standing by Greg Whitaker, Dan Adams, Jay P. Gour, Judy Patton, Charlie Weaver, and Jim Olivarius.

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Library computer classes continue in May

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes in May. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Class sessions will last for two hours and each person will be provided with a laptop computer for a hands-on learning experience. Patrons who already own a laptop computer are encouraged to bring it to class.

Those interested in the upcoming classes on Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher are strongly encouraged to take the Office Overview classes, which cover the fundamental features and operation of the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

Classes for May and the first week of June include:

Internet (May 4 at 6 p.m. and May 8 at 10 a.m.), E-Mail: (May 11 at 6 p.m. and May 15 at 10 a.m.), Office Overview Part I: (May 18 at 6 p.m. and May 27 at 10 a.m.), Office Overview Part II: (June 1 at 6 p.m. and June 5 at 10 a.m.).

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit the library's website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

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ered. Aren't we bound to tell the state board we're aware of this, or do we sit on our thumbs and say do we found it, or not? I'm asking the board. I don't want to appear to the state board as an ignorant board of trustees."

Saft added she felt the board should inform the state board of accounts the library board has "worked very hard on our books and found certain discrepancies."

Board members Rita Lawson and Melanie Robertson said the state board will examine the library's books and determine discrepancies itself, with the library given an opportunity to make the state aware of its own findings, presumably discovered during a thorough examination of library financial records last year by accounting firm

Umbaugh and Associates. "From my experience (with audits at other public institutions), it was not a choice. (Auditors) didn't want anyone to say anything," added Lawson, herself a retired teacher in the Culver Community School system. Lawson affirmed Hahn's assertion that the state board will find problem areas in library records itself, regardless of information supplied by board members.

Saft, who noted she didn't feel comfortable signing the resolution, added, "I want to be assured that some action is going to be taken, (and) I mean not by the state board of accounts. It's fine if we wait until their audit is finished, but some action will be taken by this board of trustees."

The board passed the resolution with Saft abstaining

and board member Alfred Nyby voting against it.

In other action, the board voted to put \$210,000 into a money market account at a local bank after Nyby explained the library was receiving only one-half a percent interest at the bank from surplus funds in its operating budget. Nyby explained the library is operating well under its current budget, reversing a trend from previous years he and other board members have been addressing in recent months. Nyby noted figures so far this year suggest the library is doing even better than expected budget-wise, leading to the expectation that \$150,000 from the operating fund can be placed in a money market account – where it can be accessed in case of financial emergency – and earn over two percent interest. The other \$60,000

Lions hear from Inaugural captain, induct new members



PHOTOS/DON FEESE

Pictured above are new Culver Lions Club members at the April 8 meeting. Front row, left to right: new members Randi Fischer and Lois Broeker with sponsor Lioness Ellen Freese. Back row, left to right: new member Chuck Fischer, sponsor Lion Don Freese, new member Bob Broeker, Culver Lions president Dan Adams, and sponsor Lion Jim Harper. Below: Capt. Brady Dilena of Culver Academies' Black Horse Troop.

By Don Freese
Culver Lions Club

The featured speaker at the April 8 Culver Lions Club meeting was Captain



Brady Dilena, Unit Commander Troop B at the Culver Academies. Captain Dilena's topic was the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade.

Captain Dilena's responsibility was for the 100-plus Black Horse Troopers representing the Culver Acad-

emies in Washington D.C. as well as assisting the Culver Girls Academies' distinguished Equestrienne team. He described the events of that day and how delays in the timing of the parade -- in combination with temperature drops that occurred throughout the day -- made for a very cold experience. He said weather conditions that day gave a whole new definition to "cold."

The Troop was in position nine hours before they eventually passed the presidential reviewing stand. A great deal of handling and attention was required to keep the horses exercised and calm. However Captain Dilena said it was very special and moving when "eyes left" made direct eye contact with that of the president and first lady.

He commented on the dedication of the cadets and the personal sacrifices they made in the arduous train-

ing and preparation which started months before the actual event.

Captain Dilena commented this was a "once in a lifetime experience." He is from the San Francisco, California area and will be graduating from the Academies in May. He is currently evaluating colleges and universities.

The Lions also inducted four new members into the club. Lion sponsors were Don and Ellen Freese for new members Bob and Lois Broeker. Also, Jim Harper was a sponsor for new members Chuck and Randi Fischer. Lions Club secretary Kathryn Breyfogle informed the group these four new members place total membership in the Culver club at 98. She challenged the group to bring in numbers 99 and 100, people interested in giving back to the community and others.

Monterey and West Central fifth graders get reality check at BizTown

by Pam Craft

Monterey Elementary School

The fifth graders of Monterey Elementary and West Central schools met together April 9 at JA BizTown in Ft. Wayne, part of the Junior Achievement Program of Northern Indiana, which was sponsored by White County REMC. Being at BizTown encompassed important elements of community and economy, work readiness, financial literacy, and business management.



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Monterey Elementary students Megan Thompson and Cody Fisher display their "Citizen of the Day" awards from a visit to Fort Wayne's BizTown April 9.

Day." Monterey's students were Cody Fisher and Megan Thompson; West Central's citizens were Alisha Oliver and Stetson Fulmer.

After discussing with students what they had learned at BizTown, many made the comment that adult life was really hard. However, it appeared that the students felt more appreciative of what their parents do everyday. Instructors hope this adventure will prepare the students to become successful, productive citizens of society.

The program was all tailored to a fifth grade level. The students first turned in loan applications to the bank in order to be able to rent a building for their particular business. Each job in each business entailed everyday duties that an adult would do in that particular job. All the lessons educated students about goods and services, resources, proprietorships, consumers, markets, and just plain spending money. Students learned how to write checks beforehand, so they were able to use their knowledge to deposit payroll money and write checks for purchases at other businesses.

Students also engaged in voting, with two students from each school named "Citizens of the

placed in the money market fund derives from the library's Rainy Day Fund. Board members praised Nyby for his research and effort in the endeavor.

Copy and printer fees were raised from 10 cents per page (black and white copies) and 25 cents per page (color copies) to 20 center per page (black and white) and 50 cents per page (color), with 75 cents per page for ledger size printouts. Library director Colleen McCarty cited costs of leasing copy equipment as well as ink and paper costs as necessitating the change, which puts Culver's costs more in line with other county libraries as well.

At board president Hahn's suggestion, board members also agreed to begin reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting, a practice board

member Ron Cole said had not been in place in his several years of service to the board.

Need library by-laws were approved by the library's ad hoc policy committee, said McCarty, who added the committee has been working on job titles and duties. Among other changes, job titles in existence but not filled were eliminated, including Young Adult Assistant and Local History and Genealogy head. Robertson praised McCarty's work in honing down and consolidating library policies in the endeavor.

McCarty reported the a cell phone purchased last year by the library and voted out of use by the board this year has been given to the Friends of the Library, who will donate it to US troops in Iraq. She added "The Passerby" author

Thomas Ray Crowell will visit the library June 13 at 2 p.m., to discuss his book, a fictionalized account of an unsolved Argos murder. Crowell will donate money from sales of the book that day to the library, she said.

McCarty said ongoing purchase of new books – resumed recently after a several months' freeze on purchases enacted by the board – has aided in rising circulation statistics at the library, where numbers for March were up from the previous month. She added attendance numbers have been good for recently resumed computer classes at the library, with 17 people on hand for the latest class.

McCarty added the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance has approved the library's 2009 budget.

Historic steam train to pass near Culver, offer rides at Judson

For the first time in several years, Culver area residents will get a chance to see and ride on a historic steam locomotive train (and the east-west former Nickel Plate tracks through Hibbard and Burr Oak will hold such a train) when the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society brings its restored locomotive no. 765 to North Judson's Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in May.

After a sixteen year absence from the mainline the locomotive, fully restored after a five year rebuild that ended in 2005, will reprise her role as passenger excursion train motive power and goodwill ambassador.

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, the train will operate on the former Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad as a guest of the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum.

One of only a handful of historic operating steam locomotives in existence today, Nickel Plate Road locomotive no. 765, built in 1944 by the Lima Locomotive Works, has operated over 52,000 miles in passenger excursion service since being originally rehabilitated in 1979 after being retired and put on public display in 1963.

Two-hour long roundtrips will operate three times daily May 23 through 25 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Eastern (that is, Culver) time between North Judson and LaCrosse, Indiana.

On June 20 and 21, no. 765 will pull the Mint Festival Flyer during North Judson's annual Mint Festival between North Judson and LaCrosse, Indiana. Trains depart daily at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. All trips departing North Judson will feature special photo runs for passengers to enjoy the sights and sounds of the historic steam era.

Tickets for these trips are on sale now at www.765.org and 260-493-3885. Tickets may also be purchased on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Culver time at the North Judson railroad depot, 507 Mulberry Street in North Judson.

Tree Commission updates, gives Culver tree guidance

By Judy Sawhook
Culver Tree Commission

As previously reported, Culver has received a grant of \$2,550 from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for the purchase, planting and maintenance of trees on public property. That amount will also be matched by the town bringing the total to \$5,100 available for trees. The Alcoa Foundation made \$80,000 available to DNR for trees; Culver was one of only 14 communities in the state to qualify.

Although the timing was not right for the timely ordering of trees for a planting this spring, they will be planted in the fall. For now, maintenance will be carried out on the trees planted previously between the curbs and sidewalks. Citizens are asked to please not remove the colored tags are on these trees. Although several of the trees have died they will ultimately be replaced.

The US Department of Agriculture has just published a Tree Owners Manual, a comprehensive, 38-page publication with a great deal of information for everyone owning or contemplating planting trees. Until they can be made available locally, residents can view and download the booklet from the internet. There is a direct link to the book on the town of Culver's web site at www.townofculver.org (once there, go to Government, then Commissions, then Culver Tree Commission).

This Commission was also, of course, instrumental with the naming of Culver as a Tree City USA for the third year. The Tree City flag now flies proudly over the town hall.

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Equine expert visits Culver

PHOTO/JAN GARRISON, CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
International equine massage therapist Jim Masterson (right) shared his techniques with Honors in Equine Science students – including Culver Girls Academy senior Ashley Eberhart, left – at Culver Academies April 15 during the class day. Masterson taught students involved in the schools' horsemanship program how to detect equine pain and how to use massage and acupressure to alleviate that pain. Masterson's visit was underwritten by the Academies' Montgomery Lecture Series.

Masterson currently works on 500 to 700 horses per year on the AA Hunter-Jumper Show Circuit in the United States, including competitors in events such as the USEF Medal and Maclay Medal series, and competitors in Grand Prix, Nation's Cup, Pan American, and World Cup events. More information on his techniques and work may be found online at www.masterson-method.com.

Academies hosts Special Olympics May 2

Volunteers sought for annual event

Special Olympics believes that "Special Olympics harnesses the power of sports to unite communities in the spirit of acceptance and inclusion." Marshall and Starke County unite for this cause on May 2, 2009 at Culver Academies' Oliver Field. Come and cheer the participants or volunteer to help with the events!

Special Olympics Marshall-Starke County Coordinator Edie Hastings says that thirty-seven participants are registered to attend at this time. If you would like to participate, or know someone that would like to, registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the kick-off at 10 am. Among the events are a javelin throw, a 4x100 relay, several dashes, assisted and unassisted walks, bocce ball, and a softball and tennis ball throw.

Culver Academies' students volunteered again this year to with the event. Last year over fifty students cheered on the participants and assisted with the event. This is the second year that the Culver Military Academy Lacrosse team has volunteered.

Along with Hastings, Culver Academies' Community Service Council organizes the event. The Council consists of student representatives from the units and dorms on campus. The council focuses on service to the community. Other events include trips to the Humane Society, making blankets for babies, volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club, hosting children from the South Bend Center for the Homeless, supporting Relay for Life, and serving as crossing guards on Halloween. Shop with a Cop and United Way are their two annual fundraisers.

The May 2 Special Olympics event will take place at Culver Academies' Oliver Field, 1300 Academy Rd, Culver, IN 46511 on the corner of Indiana 10 and 117. In the event of inclement weather, it will move inside to the gymnasium.

To learn more about Special Olympics, go to www.specialolympics.org.

Historic stained glass will be restored

Poplar Grove sets sights on handicapped accessibility

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Poplar Grove United Methodist Church

Readers may recall last year's effort on the part of the historic Poplar Grove United Methodist Church on State Road 10 just east of Culver to raise more than \$17,000 to completely restore the historic stained glass windows in the church, one of the oldest in the area and originally formed by pioneer families. "We did it!" says an exuberant Susan Shaffer of Poplar Grove. "The (window restoration) company has already been to the church to get measurements and colors of the glass which needs repair, and they are to start work in mid-May. All windows will be restored, protective exterior windows will be added along with new vent systems to ensure proper ventilation for the stained glass. The exterior wood will also be reconditioned."

Shaffer thanked church members for their generous donations as well as friends and neighbors who supported the effort by attending and donating to the church's first rummage and bake sale last year.

A follow up sale will take place May 22 and 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, this time with the goal of making the church's entrance handicapped accessible. Shaffer says this spring's sale "promises to be as large as last year, with great quality items and definitely something for everyone."

Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale may contact Susan Shaffer at 574-892-6281.

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Something Shakespeare this way comes...

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Monterey Elementary School sixth graders Austin Kelly, right, and Whitney Hopkins, left, took the stage in lead roles as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in the April 16 production of Shakespeare's classic play, "Macbeth." Parents are invited to watch students in sixth grade teacher Todd Shafer's class take part each spring in an updated version of a Shakespeare play, complete with elaborate costumes and staging. This year's production began, said Shafer, when students read a condensed version of the play and included costume assistance and education in the time period in which the play is set by Boni Bent-Nelson. Other major parts included King Duncan (played by Brandon Hendrickson), Malcolm (played by Jose Castandeda), MacDuff (played by Cole Dowd), Donalbain (played by Jaymin Siple), the witches (played by Summer Moore, Alecia Rearick, and Alexis Robles), and narration by Kailey Heise and Donna Zehner.



Culver Relay for Life 2009 follow-up

Donations still accepted to make two-year Relay goal

Even though this year's successful Relay for Life event is over, event organizers want to remind the community it isn't too late to contribute to the American Cancer Society-supporting Culver Relay, which will continue to accept 2009 donations through this August.

Teams representing a wide swath of Culver community, Culver Academies, Lake Maxinkuckee, and surrounding area residents of all ages and backgrounds converged the night of April 17 for the all-night Relay, joined this year by Indianapolis Colts football star Dallas Clark among a host of local and area cancer survivors and familiar faces.

One event organizer, Culver Academies junior Ian Greenberg says the goal is to bring the \$110,000-plus which was raised by the morning of April 18 up to \$131,000 for this year. That would bring the grand total for this and last year's Culver Relays (this being the second year for the annual event) to \$250,000 towards fighting cancer.

Ongoing donations may be made by mailing funds to the Culver Relay for Life at Culver Academies, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511, or by making arrangements through relay@culver.org.

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very high quality available. "For us it's been a great place to find inexpensive clothing, especially for our daughter," she explains. "It's my daughter Raymie's favorite place to shop! She got a \$10 gift certificate for Christmas for (the shop)... it taught her a fabulous sense of money."

Shoop notes her family recycles clothing there, dropping off outgrown clothes in the drop-box on the store's front porch and buying more as needed.

Store's recycling benefits many

That spirit of recycling and making the best use of community resources drives the shop, says Marlene Shoddy, who has headed the committee overseeing the operation of the store for the past 12 years (she took over from Mary Kline, who had the position for 27 years prior).

"No item goes to waste," says Shoddy. "Even Salvation Army has an outlet for rags and shoes that they chop up for road materials, and they can repair things."

Rita Lawson, a member of the committee and regular thrift store worker, says the ladies "keep only the very best stuff" for the shop ("Only what we would use ourselves," adds Jean Kindred, another committee member), with extras sent to other thrift outlets -- including a free one in Argos -- and rags and blankets even going to local contractors for paint cloths and the Humane Society for animal use.

Monterey Elementary School, the Maxinkuckee Players (both needing clothing for costumes), and Culver Community High School's golf team are also recipients of donated items, point out Lawson and Ann Nelson, another worker and committee member.

Recycling, too, includes Culver Academies, from which items left behind after graduation in the spring are donated to the shop and resold at "very reasonable

prices," Shoddy notes. Unopened toiletries from student rooms are shared with Culver's food pantry and South Bend's Hope Rescue Mission; linens are washed bit by bit at home by the ladies themselves. Lawson points out Academies items also include uniform and regulation clothing for boys and girls, which the store allows student families first shot at, at the start of summer and winter school.

"We already have a waiting list to call with our summer school stuff," says Shoddy, much of which is laid out in a special room in the basement in preparation for the flood of appreciative families, who are allowed in two at a time to browse. "We have to give people numbers to come in and look at the stuff," Lawson says.

"A lot of Academy students come to shop and bring their parents in on weekends," adds Shoddy. "Then the parents come back."

The Academies itself has facilitated this arrangement, and works in cooperation with the shop, including in the past donating a massive collection of dishes once in storage in the school's "Shack."

Lawson notes a number of summer residents on Lake Maxinkuckee add to the flow of donations when

preparing to leave for the winter.

"This shop is unique," points out Nelson. She explains the store's basement is used for rotating seasonal items, with winter items packed away as spring approaches, and on through the year. There's also a plentiful supply of holiday-related goods for sale. "At Halloween this whole place was full of costumes," smiles Lawson, "and we sold all but one!"

Half-century legacy

As many Culverites know, the existence of the United Methodist Women's thrift store in Culver is nothing new, even if its current incarnation is undergoing something of a renaissance. Its existence dates back to the late 1940s or early 1950s, when Bea Foreman and other ladies of the church sought to provide a place to purchase quality used items at reasonable prices while helping fund mission projects. Initially, the basement of the original Methodist Episcopal church on Main and Washington Streets housed the shop before a series of moves over the years, including the old Lions Club meeting room upstairs in the K of P building on Main Street, the Rollins Chapel AME Church on Coolidge Court, a decade's tenure at a house

next to the VFW, Thelma Hodge's former home at 316 South Main, and then to 215 South Ohio, across the street from its present locale.

The ladies have managed, this time, to actually purchase the home in which the shop resides, the first time the store has owned its own building. The house, sold them by Kevin and Becky Berger, "was too good to be true," says Shoddy, who adds the move across the street from the previous shop was accomplished in just an hour with the help of 20 to 30 volunteer workers in June, 1997. "We are not moving again!" she says emphatically.

'Fun to work here'

Donations range wildly in what may be waiting for the ladies on a given morning in the front porch drop box at the shop, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is checked twice daily. Once, Lawson says she came in to work at the store and found two antique dolls on the porch -- on a Shirley Temple doll

-- which were appraised and sold at auction. Other donations have included a painting by Amish painter Emma Schrock (which sold for \$275 outside the shop), a hand woven throw which sat for sale quite reasonably priced for some time before it was recognized as particularly valuable and sold for \$600.

Marlene Shoddy explains the shop can't accept heavy items like furniture, televisions, and entertainments centers.

"We're very blessed," says Shoddy. "The great quality of things we have in our shop affects the quality of what's donated."

While the shop offers reasonably priced antiques and the like, most items are less exotic and are remarkably affordable, moreso than many better-known thrift stores in larger communities.

All of this, of course, requires some effort and many hands. The shop is currently run by a committee consisting of Kindred, June Koss, Lawson, Nelson, Chuckie Strang, and Shoddy, who makes 16 or

17 schedules for up to 25 volunteers counting the handful of church men -- among them Latham Lawson, Dick Shoddy, and Phil Mallory, who help with carrying items, testing electronic equipment, and odds and ends of other tasks.

"It's fun to work here," says Lawson, with Kindred concurring, "We have a nice group of ladies."

The group enjoys the sorting process, says Nelson, and the excitement of digging into new arrivals. "Many days this whole floor is covered with stuff!" laughs Lawson.

But without donations the community brings, stresses Shoddy, and those who come in to browse, shop, and buy, the store's mission would be impossible. Donors and shoppers alike -- even if indirectly due to the many ways the shop and its proceeds benefit the community -- are the better for the store's mission.

Says Marlene Shoddy, "We honor everything that comes through the door in some way."

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'Lost art' of woodcarving lives on

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Longtime Culver resident Carey Flora, left, displays a sample of his woodcarving work, featured recently at an April 25 show alongside that of other members of the "Good Time Woodcarvers Club," whose past work has been displayed at the Culver Public Library among other venues. Bob Snare has been heading up the woodcarving sessions for the last seven or eight years.

Although many believe that woodcarving is a lost art, displays at the Club's third annual show dispelled that myth. Members of the group shared with the public individual and group pieces April 25 at the Life Enrichment Center on Harrison Street in Plymouth. A feature of this year's show was a group project entitled "Round Barn-Barn Dance." Soap carving kits gave children a taste of the creative side of carving.

Jay Weidler of the local club said, "The advantage of meeting as a group is that we feed off of each other. If one person gets a new pattern then everybody wants to do it."

Weidler along with Marcia Yrinea attend the woodcarving sessions at the Plymouth location each week. They are also the contacts for the Indiana Woodcarvers Summer Camp in Bremen, held August 20-23. More information on the camp can be found at www.counciloakwoodcarvers.com.

Stamp Out Hunger! in Culver May 9

Culverites will have a chance to join the Campbell Soup Company and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to Stamp Out Hunger!™ across America Saturday, May 9, in order to provide assistance to the one in eight Americans who struggle with hunger.

The Stamp Out Hunger! effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive; last year, letter carriers across the country collected a record total of more than 73.1 million pounds of food, but with hunger impacting many Americans – including working families, children and the elderly – help is needed now more than ever before.

To join the effort in Culver this year, simply leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, like canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to your mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery May 9. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans. The nation's 230,000 letter carriers will be collecting donations from homes across the country and delivering them to food bank members of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network) and other hunger relief organizations in more than 10,000 local communities.

Those with questions may contact Culver postmaster Cindy Shidler at 574-842-2965.

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Argos beats CMA JV

Argos' baseball team downed CMA's JV 8-7 Saturday.

Drew Overmyer tripled and scored three times to lead the Dragons.

Scott Sanders earned the win in relief for Argos.

• ARGOS 8, CMA JV 7
At Argos
CMA JV: 4 0 0 0 2 1 0 — 7 4 5
Argos: 0 1 5 0 2 0 x — 8 6 5
T. Bjornson (L) and S. Mcging; Matt Hatfield, Scott Sanders (W) and Mitch Deon, Mackenzie Williams
2B: Ben Gilbert (A).
3B: Drew Overmyer (A).
Records: Argos 3-4, CMA JV 1-1.

Slow start harms Cavs

Culver Community surrendered runs in each of the first three innings, falling 5-1 to visiting Rochester in baseball action Friday.

Adam Neace doubled for the Cavs.

• ROCHESTER 5, CULVER COMMUNITY 1
At Culver (from Friday)
Rochester: 2 1 2 0 0 0 0 — 5 11 1
Culver: 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 1 7 3
Chad Furnivall (W, 1-0), Kevin Secrist (4), Kristopher Hiatt (6), Trent Jameson (7) and Secrist; Bryce Lindvall (L, 1-1) and Tony Leyva.
2B: Marcus Brown (R), Logan Strem (R), Adam Neace (C).
Records: Rochester 3-2, Culver 1-6.

Softball

CGA blanks North Miami for five-inning win

Culver Girls Academy ran up a four-run lead in the first and added seven more in the bottom of the fourth en route to a 12-0 diming at Culver Academies. Brenna Newell took the win in five complete innings inside the circle for CGA.

• CGA 12,

NORTH MIAMI 0 (5 innings)
At Culver
NM: 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 2 1
CGA: 4 1 0 7 X — 1 2 8 4
Brenna Newell (W) and Taylor McSheffery; Allison Worden (L), Rachel York (3), Mikala Books (4) and Hannah Bahney.
Records: CGA 3-4, North Miami 0-5.

Bremen shells Culver

Bremen started fast with 10 runs in the first inning on the way to a five-inning, 20-0 win over visiting Culver in the Lady Lions' Northern State Conference opener Wednesday at Bremen.

Kelly Bahr, Nicole Seitz and Casey Hueni had three hits each for Bremen as the Lions recorded 16 total at the game.

• BREMEN 20, CULVER 0 (5 innings)
At Bremen (From Wednesday)
Culver: 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 3 7
Bremen: (10) 4 3 3 X — 20 16 0
Lenae Bennitt (W, 1-4), Saylor Bailey (4) and Bre Kertai; Mikaela Dulin (L), Lindsey VanHorn (2) and Ashley Zehner.
Records: Bremen (2-5, 1-0 NSC)

Eagles drop a pair of games

CGA lost to Rochester 2-0 and 6-4 in a softball doubleheader Saturday.

Stephanie DeSutter doubled in the nightcap for the Eagles' lone extra-base hit of the day.

• ROCHESTER 2-6, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0-4
At Culver
Game 1
Rochester: 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 — 2 8 2
CGA: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 3 2
Bailey Quick (W) and Alanie Sroufe; Brenna Newell (L) and Tess Strang.
3B: Abbie Malchow (R).
Game 2
Rochester: 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 — 6 8 2
CGA: 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 — 4 8 5
Abbie Malchow (W) and Alanie Sroufe; Brenna Newell (L, 2-4) and

Tess Strang.
2B: Alanie Sroufe (R), Hannah Starkey (R); Stephanie DeSutter (CGA).

Girls lacrosse

Henning leads CGA

Culver Girls Academy recorded two wins at the Northern Lacrosse Regional, beating Carmel 12-7 and Noblesville 12-5. Corinne Henning scored five goals and Kristen Stafford chipped in four more in the Carmel game, and Lauren Fields led CGA over Noblesville with five goals. Henrietta Conrad made eight total saves for the Lady Eagles in the regional games.

• CGA 12, CARMEL 7
Northern Regional at Culver
CGA stats
Goals: Corinne Henning 5, Kristen Stafford 4, Kelly Flanagan 2, Caitlin Juricic 1; Assists: Maddie Balchan, Deirdre McCluskey, Abby Herbert; Saves: Henrietta Conrad 3.

• CGA 12, NOBLESVILLE 5
CGA stats
Goals: Lauren Fields 5, Clarissa Boggs-Blake 3, Caitlin Juricic 2, Abby Herbert 1, Maddie Danesi 1; Assists: Kelly Flanagan, Boggs-Blake, Maddie Balchan, Juricic; Saves: Henrietta Conrad 5.

Boys lacrosse

CMA wins two

Culver Military claimed wins over both Midwest 16th-ranked Loyola Academy and Barrington at the CMA Lacrosse Festival over the weekend.

Robb Harrison made seven saves, and Brandon Benn scored three goals as CMA eked out an 8-7 double-overtime win over Loyola, while Benn tacked on four more goals and Pierce Leonard made three assists in the 15-8 victory over Barrington.

• CULVER MILITARY 15, BARRINGTON (III.) 8
At CMA Lacrosse Festival
CMA stats
Goals: Brandon Benn 4, Tim Zacher 3, Pierce Leonard 2, Tommy Ott

2, Jesse Rabishaw 1, Bud Lowans 1, Cameron Dabir 1, Cameron Garrison 1; Assists: Leonard 3, Ott 1, Rabishaw 1, Josh Berger 1; Saves: Coltan Armitage 7. Face-offs: John Sabo/ Troy Grogan 16-of-25. Records: CMA 11-3, Barrington 3-4.

• CULVER MILITARY 8, LOYOLA ACADEMY (III.) 7 (2OT)
At CMA Lacrosse Festival
CMA stats
Goals: Brandon Benn 3, Pierce Leonard 2, Jesse Rabishaw 2, Tommy Ott 1.
Assists: Rabishaw, Ott, Leonard, Cameron Dabir, Bud Lowans. Saves: Robb Harrison 7. Face-Offs: John Sabo 14-of-17. Records: CMA 10-3, Loyola Academy 7-5.

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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, April 30: Chicken patty, bread, red potatoes, broccoli, peach pie, and milk.

Friday, May 1: Sloppy Joe, bun, corn, tossed salad and tomato, dressing, pears, and milk.

Monday, May 4: Chicken breast and gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Tuesday, May 5: Pot roast with gravy, long grain wild rice, broccoli with cheese sauce, corn, pears, and milk.

Wednesday, May 6: Stuffed baked potato, taco meat, cheese and sour cream, broccoli, corn with red & green peppers, Blueberry Muffin, fruit parfait, and milk.

Thursday, May 7: Meatballs & noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, brussels sprouts, roll and margarine, applesauce, and milk.

Friday, May 8: Potatoes & corn chowder soup, applesauce, chicken salad, saltines, tomato wedge, and milk.

Cavs sweep

Culver Community swept a three-way boys track and field meet Friday.

Team scores were: Culver 99, Caston 44, LaCrosse 20.

Jeremiah Harvey, Stephan Vantwoud and Justin Master won a pair of individual events apiece to lead the Cavs. Chris Willis and Mike Stout both chipped in one first-place finish for Culver

• CULVER COMMUNITY 99, CASTON 44, LACROSSE 20
At Culver (from Friday)
Long jump: 1. Travis Ziffel (LC) 18-5, 2. Justin Master (CC) 17-8.5, 3. Seth Schaeffer (CC) 17-7.5, 4. Jeremiah Rhode (C) 16-9.5; Pole vault: 1. Chris Willis (CC) 12-0, 2. Blake Bennett (CC) 9-0; Discus: 1. Jeremiah Harvey (CC) 110-2, 2. Sam Jones (CA) 102-3, 3. Max Burgess (CC) 102-10, 4. Myles Pinder (CC) 101-9; Shot put: 1. Harvey (CC) 39-10, 2. Jones (CA) 39-6, 3. Burgess (C) 39-5, 4. George VanSky (CC) 36-6; 100: 1. Yergan (CA) 11.73, 2. Schaeffer (CC) 11.87, 3. Rhode (CC) 11.94, 4. Shanks (LC) 12.36; 200: 1. Yergan (CA) 24.85, 2. Brade (CA) 25.11, 2. Rhode (C) 25.31, 4. Ziffel (LC) 25.32; 400: 1. Stephan Vantwoud (CC) 56.38, 2. Jordan O'Neil (CA) 56.89, 3. Keagan Minix (C) 58.19, 4. Teixeira (CC) 58.87; 300 hurdles: 1. Master (CC) 45.68, 2. Shanko (LC) 49.89, 3. Mark Maes (CC) 50.53, 4. Baum (LC) 52.22; 800: 1. Mike Stout (CC) 2:21, 2. Henderson (CA) 2:22.53, 3. Caston 2:29, 4. Minix (CC) 2:35.87; 1600: 1. Vantwoud (CC) 4:51, 2. Stout (CC) 5:03, 3. Peyton Daly (CA) 5:16.89, 4. David (CA) 5:43.93; 3200: 1. Daly (CA) 11:57, 2. Stout (CC) 12:45, 3. Colton Measles (CC) 13:36, 4. Thare (LC) 14:56; 110 hurdles: 1. Master (CC) 19.10, 2. ennett (CC) 19.48, 3. Cole Flora (CC) 19.49, 4. Trent Becker (CC) 0.44; High jump: 1. Ziffel (LC) 6-0, 2. Master (CC) 5-8, 3. Larry Clingler (CC) 5-6; 3200 relay: 1. Caston 9:23.23, 2. Culver 10:18.38; 400 relay: 1. Culver 49.09, 2. LaCrosse; 1600 relay: 1. Culver 3:38, 2. Caston 3:53.

Girls track and field

Cavs win two

Culver Community's girls track and field team raced to wins over Caston and LaCrosse Friday. Team scores were: Culver 88.5, Caston 36.5, LaCrosse 14.

Sarah Bailey led the way with wins in the throwing events for Culver.

Other Culver first-place finishers included Liz West, CJ Dehning, Lauren Shaffer, Shaylyn Johnson and Brittany Cowell

• CULVER COMMUNITY 88.5, CASTON 36.5, LACROSSE 14
At Culver (from Friday)
Long jump: 1. Alisha Davis (CA) 14-4.5, 2. Liz West (CC) 12-10, 3. Susannah Baker (CC) 12-8, 4. Tara Sabo (LC) 12-5.5; High jump: 1. West (CC) 4-6, 2. Baker (CC) 4-6, 3. Davis (CA) 4-6, 4. Olivia Knapp (CC) 4-2; Discus: 1. Sarah Bailey (CC) 94-7, 2. Hilari Weldon (CC) 78-7, 3. Culver 75-10, 4. Culver 75-9; Shot put: 1. Bailey (CC) 29-8, 2. Weldon (CC) 27-8, 3. Chandler Gast (CC) 27-5, 4. Nicolette Banfield (CC) 23-10; 100: 1. Culver 14.28, 2. West (CC) 14.37, 3. Sabo (LC) 15.06; 200: 1. Culver 30.37, 2. Karla Camacho (CC) 34.37, 3. Sabo (LC) 34.59; 400: 1. CJ Dehning (CC) 1:10.6, 2. Maggie Daly (CA) 1:13.54, 3. Sabo (LC) 1:16.9; 300 hurdles: 1. Davis (CA) 1:02.8, 2. Chelsey Jones (CC) 1:08.11, 3. Robertson (CA) 1:08.19; 800: 1. Cowell (CA) 3:11, 2. Shelby Rusherk (LC) 3:18.78, 3. Dehning (CC) 3:20; 1600: 1. Brittney Baldwin (CA) 6:13, 2. Lauren Shaffer (CC) 6:16, 3. Rusherk (LC) 6:44, 4. Cowell (C) 6:45.8; 3200: 1. Shaffer (CC) 14:40, 2. Kara Smith (CA) 15:02, 3. Rusherk (LC) 16:52; 300 hurdles: 1. Davis (CA) 18.9, 2. Baker (CC) 19.83; Pole vault: 1. Shaylyn Johnson (CC) 7-0; 3200 relay: 1. Culver 12:21.87, 2. Caston; 400 relay: 1. Culver 53.17; 1600 relay: 1. Culver 5:13, 2. Caston 5:39.

Boys track and field

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Danny Cowell works at Culver Academies as a teacher and athletic trainer. Not only does Danny support CBGC, but he also first brought the American Red Cross Blood Mobile to Culver in 1988 and he continues to serve as a co-chairman with the organization. **Why you should sponsor him:** Hey, I'm a fitness guy with a master's degree in athletic training. I may not be a master of the hula hoop, but with my abs of steel, you're bound see that thing spinning at some serious RPMs.



Sally Ricciardi has worked as part of the Culver Academies' security staff since 1977 and currently serves as its Security Supervisor. Sally is a trained and certified EMT and has volunteered with the local ambulance service since 1979, serving as the director for six years. Also, Sally serves as President of the Culver Town Council and as a member of the Culver EMS Board of Trustees. **Why you should sponsor her:** I humbly hoop and hoop to have your support.



Nancy Dembowski has served the people of Culver as their legislator in the Indiana State House of Representatives since 2002. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Courts and Criminal Code Committee, and is also a member of the Agriculture and Rural Development, Local Government and Roads and Transportation Committees. **Why you should sponsor her:** "Whatever the issue, it is a fact that local needs always need to come before politics. The opportunity to work with people from both sides of the aisle is a key element of everyone's shared goal: to build a brighter future for the citizens of Indiana."



Jessye Gilley has been in and around the Culver community for many years. Since 2003, Jessye has been one the smiling face of the Culver Cove Resort where she currently serves as General Manager. The energetic mother of two is also active in the community serving in a leadership role with the Culver Chapter of the service organization Tri-Kappa. **Why you should sponsor her:** Hoop, Hoop, HURRAY!



Mike Grover is a long-time Culver resident and the chief of the Culver-Union Township Fire Department. When Mike is not leading the men of the department, he is busy running Mike's Maintenance, one of the area's leading home repair and contracting businesses. **Why you should sponsor him:** I go into burning houses. What's a little hula hooping?



Albert Hanselman is well known by all in Culver. For years, Albert has been educating the kids of Culver as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Culver Community Schools. Currently, Albert serves as Principal of the Culver Community High School. Beyond his work at school, Albert has always taken a leading role in promoting the interests of the community's youth, both individually and through organizations such as the CBGC. **Why you should sponsor him:** It would be nice to win for the kids!



Dusty Henricks has been around Culver since he was a child. He's heavily involved in Culver, whether it's through participation in environmental activities, through Kiwanis, or other organizations. **Why you should sponsor him:** Dusty is one of Culver's most lovable volunteers. He's doing this for the kids and counts on you to help him win.



Michael Doss is Culver's new Town Manager. He has initiated several new projects, including a sidewalk program that will make sidewalks safer. Michael is seen about town working with the street department, the police department, the EMTs and fire department, as well as the sewer plant. Michael is married and has two children. He has sacrificed personal family time to be in Culver while his wife pursues a degree in Ohio. **Why you should sponsor him:** I'm the new guy in town and I'm working hard for Culver.



Another win for 'Big John'

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Culver Middle School student Kayla Shaffer is pictured with items she raffled off as part of the Relay for Life team she captained this year in memory of her grandfather, John Strycker. Kayla's brother Alex headed the team last year and aided his sister in this year's effort, which raised about \$500 towards the April 17 Relay for Life's cancer-fighting goal. Shaffer offered three prizes this year: a stained glass window (won by Kathryn Blocker); a Colts blanket made by Kayla's cousin, Madelyn Strycker (and won by Kelly Pulliam, Kayla's middle school principal); and an afghan made and donated by Judy Grover (and won by Peggy Arquette, Kayla's P.E. teacher at the school). Generations of Culverites and Culver Academies students will remember John Strycker, who died in 2000, as a longtime Culver Community School bus driver and Academies security officer.



"The Kid" is a specially selected Culver Boys and Girls Club Member who will take on the adults and prove what practice and youth are all about in this competition. Culver Boys and Girls Club members are practicing for their own competition. The champion of that competition will take on the other contestants on June 19th at the CBGC Silent Auction event.

Why you should sponsor him or her: Um, duh—don't you think the kid has the best odds of winning a hula hoop contest? I'm also not just a contestant... I'm a member of the Culver Boys and Girls Club."

How to sponsor: Send the Culver Boys and Girls Club a check for the amount you want to donate and put "The Kid" in the memo line on your check. Send your check to Culver Boys and Girls Club, Attn: Sponsoring the Kid, P.O. Box 44, Culver, IN 46511. Or, sponsor the kid at <http://www.bgcculver.org/>.

Root beer for Relay

Area residents and participants in this year's Relay for Life had an opportunity to vote for their pick from root beers from six states, part of a Root Beer Tasting sponsored by the Culver Academies and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Confirmation Team. Of all the brews sampled in the "blind" taste test, Culver's own homegrown root beer emerged the winner.

Culver Academies fine arts instructor and Confirmation team sponsor Bob Nowalk said the Confirmation team was able to assemble a wide variety of root beers, through donations and purchase, from a number of states including New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana, New Jersey, and Texas. Tasters were aided in their root beer experience by tasting notes that encouraged them to slow down their normal method of drinking and compare any five of the six root beers for \$3 by evaluating color, bouquet, bubble, and taste.

While pondering their experience, participants were encouraged to rate each tasting area from one ("Ugh!") to five ("Whoopee!") and, in the end, to pick an overall winner.

The event took place the Saturday before Easter at the Culver Coffee Company, where Academy students Richard Arriviello, Kimberly Grover, and Dustin Cowell served and coached adults and children alike in the appreciation of the differences between the various sweet offerings.

Overall the Team had enough root beer to offer an additional tasting on Relay for Life night, and ended up adding over \$370 to their donation to The American Cancer Society.

The tasting note's favorite turned out to be Culver's own Original Root Beer Stands' Indiana brew, noted Nowalk, with a close second place held by New York's Saranac Root Beer. "Overall," he said, "it was a sweet event for a great cause."



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Plymouth eighth grader Jack Holloway samples root beer at the Relay for Life as Bob Nowalk prepares another taste.

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