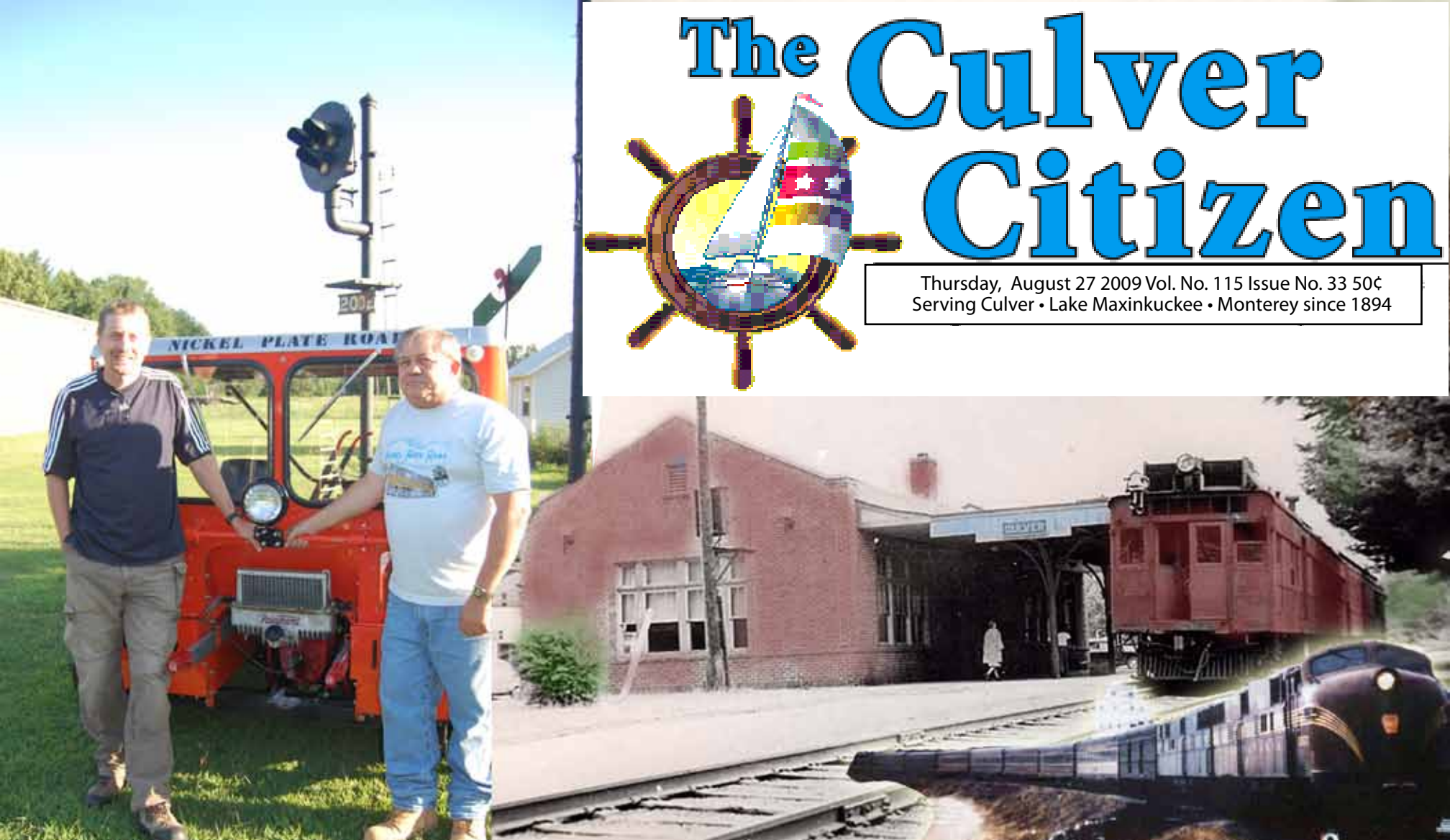


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In Brief

LMax film fest Labor Day weekend

Culver's second annual Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival will take place Saturday, September 5 in the town park and Uptown Cinema on Lake Shore Drive. Featured will be a day of movies, food, live entertainment, and a feature film in the park. A continuous showing of films at the Uptown Cinema will begin at 10 a.m. Food, an ice cream social and live entertainment at the park will begin at 6 p.m., followed at dusk by the film "The Music Man," which can be enjoyed in your favorite lawn chair. Admission is a donation to "The Gift of Warmth," one or more new or lightly worn, clean items of winter wear for school age children (mittens, scarves, jackets, coats), which will provide warmth to children within the four-county Culver Community School district. Last year the event received \$1,655 in donations, \$3,950 from sponsors and approximately 600 pounds of clothing from attendees. After expenses, and with some funds being held in reserve to help with this year's expenses, last year, \$2,500 was donated for heating bills and to recipients in the Culver school system.

End-of-month meal at St. Mary's kicks off Aug. 30

A new offering by St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church is its end-of-month community meal, which begins August 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Culver Scout popcorn sales to begin

Culver's Cub Scout Pack 290 and recently-formed Boy Scout Troop 291 will hold their annual popcorn beginning August 23 and through October 30. 70 percent of the proceeds from Scouts' sales go to the local Scouting program. Those seeking more information are encouraged to contact Chuck Dilts at 574-842-

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Following the rail trail

Above, left Jon Schmidt (left) and Bob Albert of Hibbard with an M19 railroad maintainers car ordered in 1964 by the Nickel Plate Railroad, which ran through nearby Burr Oak as well as Hibbard. The car was donated by a collector to the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum based in North Judson, with which Schmidt and Albert volunteer (Albert serves on the museum board). Both men are collectors and enthusiasts of all things local railroad-related. Above, right: scenes from Culver area railroad days, including the original, 1883 depot (top), the beloved Doodlebug train which ran for decades through Culver (middle) and a 1950s locomotive riding atop a now-defunct trestle at the end of Washington Street in Culver.

Ghosts of Culver's iron horse

Local enthusiasts embody ongoing love of the railroad which made Culver thrive

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Though separated by a generation, longtime Hibbard residents Bob Albert and Jon Schmidt share a passion for the entity that brought Hibbard – and to a large extent Culver – into being: the railroad.

Both heavily involved in the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in North Judson (Albert is on the board of directors and Schmidt is coordinator of the museum's rail-based motorcar activities), the two share a passion for the now largely-defunct days of 'the iron horse' that has not only borne a variety of fruits but also helped preserved a wealth of knowledge and artifacts related to local railroad history.

The Schmidt family farm near Hibbard is well known to many in the area, but more recently has become the site of a number of highly visible rail-related artifacts, thanks to Jon's diligent collecting of all

things train-related, primarily northern Indiana and especially those tied to the Vandalia line – which ran through Indianapolis north to South Bend by way of towns like Logansport, Culver, and Plymouth – and the Nickel Plate line, which ran east from Chicago through Burr Oak and Hibbard. He says he's had occasional visits from passers-by offering money for the large items on his property, which include signal towers, whistle markers, crossing flashers, and luggage carts, to name a few.

Schmidt, who grew up on the farm and graduated from Culver Community High School, says he's been interested in trains "from the get-go."

"I started out collecting little stuff; I don't know how old I was when I got my first (railroad) lantern. It took off from there and just kind of exploded."

Starting in high school in the early 1990s when he was able to drive, Schmidt

began his ongoing searches for any relics of the heyday of Indiana's rail lines that have been left behind. "Basically on winter days," says Schmidt, looking out the window of his farm at where last winter a more barren landscape was populated by leafless trees and extended visibility due to lack of foliage and greenery.

"You drive along the (railroad) right-of-ways and find the landowner, then ask if could explore it and go hiking. Most are ok with it and say, 'Go knock yourself out.' If I find anything, I ask if they'd be willing to give or sell it."

In addition to the items already mentioned, Schmidt has obtained other railroad related items large and small, which he often finds at auctions and real estate sales, besides the occasional Ebay purchase.

The larger items, he says, are sometimes a challenge to get to his home. "Sometimes people will deliver

it," he notes, telling of the day his father (Culver Community High School industrial technology instructor Tom Schmidt) called him to report the arrival of large trucks carrying train items.

Besides sharing his collection – and discussion thereof – with other collectors and the Judson museum, Schmidt has loaned items for display to organizations like the Grass Creek Lions Club, who wanted to remake their recently renovated train depot into its authentic "period" look for a days' open house. He's also displaying a number of items at the Center for Culver History at the Culver Public Library for a display with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver there. The group is debuting a new mural of Culver's Vandalia station and railroads at the museum in the library's lower level.

Bob Albert's love of trains grew out of a life

The railroad days of Culver and Burr Oak/Hibbard: a look back

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

There's little doubt the arrival of the railroad "made" both Hibbard (a town that grew to a large extent out of its place on the Nickel Plate railroad) and Culver (whose tourist trade and Culver Academy were direct results of the arrival of rail transport).

The Nickel Plate rail line through Hibbard beat Marmont's (today's Culver) rail access by one year, though the Hibbard station – which Bob Albert, expert in all things Hibbard and area railroad, says was always just a "flagstop" station – wasn't completed at the same time as the rail line itself.

In those days, of course, the Nickel Plate was a main vein between Chicago, Cleveland, and Buffalo, New York, by way of Fort

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Rash of vehicular thefts plagues Culver's south side

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

A rash of vehicular thefts and break-ins has many Culverites – especially those on the south side of town, where a number of the incidents occurred within the past month – concerned, and has Culver police warning residents to take some "self-policing" precautions in spite of Culver's status as a small, low-crime community.

A vehicle at 1140 South Street, say Culver police, was taken during the night hours of May 31, the theft discovered by residents there early the next morning. The vehicle was recovered in Fulton County on the same date. On the morning of July 19, the residents of 1108 South Street reported their vehicle had been left unlocked in the driveway of the residence and was taken during the previous night hours. An investigation led to the vehicle being recovered the same day in the Argos area, having been located using the vehicle's GPS system.

A vehicle parked in the driveway at 1012 South Street was left unlocked during the night hours prior to July 19 and a checkbook was stolen from inside; the item was re-

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PHOTO/PAUL PARE

The march to victory

Coach Andy Thomas (at right) leads #10 Brock Elliott and #24 Robert Molebash plus the rest of the Culver Cavalier football team (in rank and file) onto the football field immediately before Friday night's victory against West Central. Details on page B3.

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Culver area residents Mike Bradley (left) and Jon Schmidt are sharing some of the fruits of their collecting of local railroad artifacts, currently on display at the Center for Culver History in the Culver Public Library downtown. Schmidt is holding a rare model of a train in use regularly on the Pennsylvania line through Culver in the 1950s. The display may be seen for the next few months in the entryway to the museum in the library's lower level.

Museum unveils new murals, Culver railroad exhibit

The Center for Culver History, the museum and research center under the auspices of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and located in the lower level of the original Carnegie portion of the Culver Public Library, has completed a new phase of its ongoing museum creation. In the entryway to the museum, visitors will be greeted with reminders of the first sights to greet visitors to Culver 100 years ago: the Vandalia railroad station, which has been evoked using recreations of some of its attributes as well as murals with historic photos of the station and Culver's railroads. The work is a combination of the efforts of museum designer Ted Swigon of Chicago and Easterday Construction of Culver, working with the Society's museum committee.

Culver area railroad enthusiasts will also have an opportunity to take a look at some rare artifacts related to rail life in the Culver and surrounding areas, thanks to local collectors Mike Bradley and Jon Schmidt. Items from their collections are on display, appropriately enough, in the entryway alongside the new rail-related murals.

Among the items on display are original railway lanterns, telegraph keys, telephones, signals, and other paraphernalia used on the Vandalia/Pennsylvania rail line through Culver and the Nickel Plate line through Burr Oak and Hibbard. Among other rarities as well: an original, 1800s glass sign from the rail station in nearby Rochester, Ind. Accompanying are models and photos of local trains and stations and a number of other items.

Other displays currently available to visitors in the museum include a quilt from the Depression era handmade by a member of the local Cromley pioneer family, a display on Culver jeweler H.L. Werner, and locally used fishing lures and related artifacts donated and collected by Latham Lawson. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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during the last of the glory days of local railroads. A lifelong Hibbard resident, Albert — who works at Culver Academies' warehouse — grew up living in the back of Hibbard's general store and post office, which faced "right out on the tracks," moving from that spot in August, 1956. Albert, as a boy, has in fact been featured in a number of the historic photos published, both in print and online, of the Nickel Plate in Hibbard, often with Hibbard station agent George Thornburg, the last station agent at that stop.

"George had been at Burr Oak," recalls Albert. "He died three days before he retired, which was the day they closed the Hibbard depot. I learned to read and make change at a pretty early age, and George let me climb all over the train baggage reading the numbers for him...he was more than happy to let me do

that!"

Obviously blessed with a memory that has facilitated an almost encyclopedic knowledge of area railroads — most specifically the Nickel Plate and Vandalia lines — it doesn't hurt Albert that the railroad is somewhat in his blood. Albert's father Homer lived all his life in Hibbard besides working at Culver Academy from 1916-1957 (and helping construct the present horse barn during that first year). He also worked as a freight house clerk on the railroad at Rutland, "part time, I'm sure," says Albert, adding the "building" at which his father worked was just a "boxcar set on the ground." The elder Albert quit the railroad following a brief, post-horse barn Academy stint, and returned to the school to work as a tent and sail maker most of his career there. Albert's mother, Ethel, worked well into the

1970s for both the Culver and Plymouth newspapers running line type and proofreading. A brother, James Colvin, also worked for the Nickel Plate in the signal department in the 1950s and helped install the centralized traffic control dispatching system. Bob Albert adds his father also took many of the early photos of Hibbard collected today (some of these can be seen on the Culver Public Library website at www.culver.lib.in.us).

Albert's years on the Hibbard railroad have yielded some favorite stories. "In May of '51, I about got killed by a train," he recalls with a smile. "Harry Winkler was the station agent...I came running from the store across from the depot (with a fast train coming). Harry saw I wasn't going to make it, and he threw a football tackle into me and knocked me onto the platform. He

was about retirement age! He got a citation from the railroad for that. It was in all the papers and the June issue of Nickel Plate Road magazine."

Albert well remembers some of the more spectacular train wrecks in the area, including a coal train wreck in Hibbard around 1972.

Albert seems content to let Schmidt, and the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum collect larger railroad items. "I collect the photos and history. I have a lot of employee magazines and employee time tables. Those are nice for reference. I have the annual reports and some of the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors (from the Nickel Plate line)," he says, chuckling about the dullness of the content of most of those minutes, which he says he picked up at an antique shop in Ohio.

As for the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, Albert

says the organization originally formed in Peru, Indiana in the late 1950s and moved to this area around 1988, from which time he's been involved. The group reproduced the 1908 C&O train station (the original was long gone) in North Judson as its museum, which opened in the summer of 1999. North Judson was particularly significant as former home to no less than four railroad lines, the Pennsylvania, New York Central, C&O, and Erie.

Since opening, the museum has been offering train rides on restored engines and cars from its North Judson home to English Lake and Lacrosse, and was instrumental in the town of Judson buying about 33 miles of tracks used for the rides. "I'm proud to say," explains Albert, "that the last year CSX operated that railroad, they moved 249 cars. During the last full year the town's owned

it — the 2008 calendar year -- they moved 2,764 cars."

Part of the museum's work involves restoring trains, which Albert says is "slow going."

And in 2004, the museum bought the Erie right-of-way from Monterey to North Judson, a length of about 16 miles, besides owning the Monterey train depot, which Albert says is "basically sound, even though it looks terrible."

"I can arrange a real favorable lease on that," he smiles.

The museum, he notes, uses qualified, certified engineers, something the Federal Railroad Commission still regulates. Albert himself is a conductor.

Meantime, keep an eye out for Bob Albert or Jon Schmidt. They may just be wandering an old railroad right-of-way near you, searching for the footprints of the iron horse.

Obituary

Esther B. Boswell

Jan 5, 1912 - Aug 16, 2009

Esther B. Boswell, 97, of Culver passed away at 4:15 p.m. Aug 16, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Culver.

Esther was one of three children born to Harley and Zula (Bush) Black. She was a graduate of Roann High School. She later fell in love and married Hampton Boswell on Dec 31, 1932.

Esther and Hampton raised their five children in Culver, Indiana, and were very active members of the community. Esther sang in the church choir, taught Sunday School, worked as a diligent member of WSCS, and participated in their adult Sunday School class. She was a member of Culver City Club and Tri Kappa, served on the Union Township Library Board, and was an officer and member of the local PTA at various times when her children were in school. Her children remember that she never missed one of their ballgames, band concerts, school programs, or any event in which they participated as they were growing up. She also was an enthusiastic Chicago Cubs fan right up to the end.

Esther loved doing needlework, knitting, quilting, or sewing. She always had some kind of needle in her hand, and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have all been lucky recipients of her beautiful handcrafted items. Unfortunately, for the past 15 years, she experienced the effects of severe Macular Degeneration, but she was an example of courage and determination as she adapted to her inability to see. In the past three years, in spite of her blindness, she had knitted dozens of scarves as gifts and contributions to local charities.

For the past 13 years until July of this year, Esther had resided in Independent Living at the Sanctuary at St. Paul’s in South Bend where she had many friends.

Before moving to St. Paul’s she and Hampton had enjoyed 20 years of happy retirement in North Fort Myers, Florida. They enjoyed golf, bridge, making new friends, working in the Methodist church, and especially family visits during their retirement.

Esther is survived by her daughters: Carolyn (Robert) Kline of Culver and Susan (Ric) Sears of Alexandria, Virginia; sons Thomas (Cheryl) Boswell of Kiawah Island, South Carolina and James (Linda) Boswell of Culver, Indiana; 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law, Ruth Boswell of Gun Barrel City, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Hampton, son: Robert Boswell; sister: Dorothy Harvey; and brother: Devere Black. She will be remembered by all those who knew and loved her for the wonderful home she created for her family, her wise counsel, sense of humor, and her basic strength of character. We will miss her.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 20 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver with a time of sharing memories with Esther’s family one hour before the service. Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Sanctuary St. Paul’s in South Bend or to the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Death notices

Cleavenger

Martha N. Cleavenger
Aug. 14, 2009

CULVER — Martha N. Cleavenger, 87, of Plymouth, formerly of Culver, died Friday, Aug. 14 at 6:50 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by her children: James (Nancy) Turner of Columbus, Ohio and Sally (Bob) Shriner of Mishawaka and three grandchildren.

Visitation took place Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. (EDT) at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given in Martha’s memory to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or to Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lawton

David S. Lawton
Aug. 19, 2009

WALKERTON — David S. Lawton, 30, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 in Lakeville.

Survivors include sons: Benjaimyn Lawton and Adam Lawton, both of Argos; parents, George and Terri Lawton of Walkerton; one brother, Robert Lawton of Bremen; three sisters: Maryellen Thompson of South Bend, Melody Graham of Knoxville, Tenn. and Angie Miller of Grovertown; grandparents, John Rhoad Sr. and Elgy Lawton, both of Walkerton.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Aug. 23 at 3 p.m. EDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Visitation was Sunday from 1 p.m. EDT until the time of services at the funeral home. A graveside service was held Monday at 3 p.m. EDT at Grovertown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

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Letters to the editor

Clarifying the golf court ordinance

I read with much interest Penhurst’s recent golf cart editorial (*Culver Citizen*, Aug. 13 edition). I also read the golf cart ordinance and discovered one phrase that appeared no less than 18 times in the law: “Operated for business purposes.” That would seem to suggest that the ordinance approves the use of golf carts only by businesses, not an over-crowded golf cart carrying people to our park, side walk sales, or to a local restaurant.

That four-word, much repeated phrase needs to be clarified. If this was the intended use then all carts licensed by Culver must be owned by a business and used only to conduct their business.

I can find no reference to the requirement for seatbelts or child restraints, and based on Penhurst’s letter, very dangerous practices are being conducted by golf cart users. Why anyone would hold a baby in the front seat of a golf cart defies common sense. Penhurst has a good point that such unsafe practices are not allowed in much safer automobiles. Apparently Indiana Code is also wanting in this requirement. It would also suggest that being stupid is not restricted to only the middle and poor classes.

It would appear the unintended goal of this code is to kill the rich. Poor choice. For those of you in favor of Obamacare, the failed stimulus package, and various other social-istic and parasitical programs, this is killing the golden goose.

Through higher taxes (I don’t agree; we need a flat tax) it will be the rich that will pay through the proverbial nose to fund these programs. Better yet the city should pass an ordinance requiring all Culverites making over \$250,000 to drive Sherman tanks. We must protect our sugar daddies!!!

This code needs further clarification and a requirement for seatbelts for all passengers and child restraint seats for children as dictated by Indiana law covering automobile use. To do less is a disservice to our community.

Sincerely,

Joe Baughn
Culver

Golf carts, marl pits, and Citizen praise

After reading Dr. Watson’s letter to the editor last week regarding the golf cart issue I felt compelled to respond. Although he is definitely allowed to his opinion, when it comes to his logic I have to disagree. His statistical analysis is flawed in several respects. When comparing injury and accident numbers between bicycles and golf carts he did not take into account several important factors. First did he take into account the amount of Golf Carts versus Bicycles being used in any given area? Secondly, was his comparison of golf cart and bicycle injuries taken strictly from accidents on roads or from driveways, sidewalks and other off-road areas? I think if you are going to use numbers in an argument you should at least get the facts straight! I agree that bicycles are a safety issue on our roads also but to use them to justify using golf carts is like comparing apples to oranges. Also, the statement about “crush zones” in Golf Carts made me laugh out loud! The last I checked, most golf carts are made of fiberglass and not much else. We are not talking about BMWs here. I could be wrong but I have never seen any golf carts with air bags nor have I heard of any crash test statistics for golf carts. As long as the law states that all vehicles on the road should have seat belts and all children under the weight of 55 pounds should be in a car seat then I feel that golf carts do not belong on our roads, period. If you want to save the earth you should put your energies into supporting research into alternative fuels for real vehicles. Just one woman’s opinion.

I read with interest the discussion concerning the Nature Conservancy taking over the town’s property adjacent to the Houghton lake area. Unknown to many people in the area, the Conservancy land is part of one of Indiana’s largest deposit of Marl. What is Marl, you say. Marl is a natural calcium substance made from thousands of years of swamp grass and marine animal’s decomposition and used as a natural alternative on fields to “sweeten” the soil. How do I know this? Because my father, Allen Weaver, in conjunction with Gerald Osborn, made his living and kept us in clothes and food for over forty years by digging up and hauling Marl from this area to spread on fields all around northern Indiana and as far away as Ohio and Illinois.

Dad never became rich doing this because his main goal was to do what he loved and that was to be out in Nature. He started in the 30s when he was a teenager by carrying buckets of Marl to the surrounding neighbor’s gardens and it went from there. All the while he was able to do what he loved best; trapping beavers, minks and muskrats in the winter to make money to keep us going until the spring when the farmers started in the fields again, duck and deer hunting in the fall and fishing in Houghton lake and the surrounding ponds all summer long. In between times there was mushroom hunting, berry and nut picking and an occasional “skinny dipping” session in one of the ponds. I believe there isn’t a square inch of that whole area that my dad hasn’t put his foot on and he passed that enjoyment of nature onto all of us kids.

We all spent many days back there growing up; looking for turtles, minnows and tadpoles along the shores of the ponds, swimming and diving in one of the man-made ponds dug out by our Dad as he moved earth around with his crane in search of Marl, or just running around in the surrounding woods, pretending to be Indians and searching for sassafras leaves to chew on or rabbit tracks to follow. While growing up in the “Marl Pit”, as we always called it, we saw beaver, deer, fox, mink, muskrats, rabbits, coyotes, geese, swans, various ducks and swamp birds, many different types of snakes and turtles, including rattlesnakes and snapping turtles and on several occasions we heard the high pitched call of a Bobcat which sounded just like a woman’s scream and could make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up!

Of course there was every kind of fish imaginable; mainly thanks to the annual stocking of the ponds owned by the park that is the subject of the article. For many years during my childhood the parks department would put on an annual fishing contest and community picnic towards the end of summer before all the kids headed back to school. There were prizes for the biggest and smallest fish in each age group and the picnic area back behind the ponds was full of families eating the shared fruits of their summer labor in the garden; watermelons, sweet corn and snap peas were always a favorite.

These were much simpler times, I agree, but I truly believe that these days in “the Marl Pits” fulfilled a very important need in our childhood education that many children today lack: to learn to love and respect Nature in all its glory. Maybe if today’s kids had the opportunity to get outside and embrace the world around them instead of sitting in front of a T.V. or laying in bed talking on their cell phones and playing video games there would be less pollution and lack of respect and understanding of the Earth we share.

Anyway, I am glad to hear that the Nature Conservancy is going to take over this little slice of my childhood heaven. I smile at the thought of my Dad’s ghost maybe out there somewhere “skinny dipping” and communing with Nature and happy with the understanding that his home away from home will be protected and preserved for future generations. Maybe someday the Conservancy can open the area up again to children for educational purposes. Just don’t forget to watch out for the snakes!

I am an avid *Culver Citizen* reader. Every Wednesday after work you can find me picking up my copy at the local CVS. While many of my contemporaries scoff at the idea of The *Citizen* being a “real” newspaper I always beg to differ. I believe the *Citizen* fulfills the very purpose of a small town paper; to inform, amuse, advertise and incite. After reading last week’s issue I am even more impressed with the job that Jeff Kenney is doing. There were many interesting articles and letters to the editor and after reading them I was urged to write not one but three letters to the editor, something I rarely do. It is my understanding that the *Citizen* is struggling with its readership and could possibly fold for lack of advertisement. I think this would be a huge loss. A home town newspaper helps to remind us of what “community” is all about and keeps us in touch with our neighbors. Please support the *Culver Citizen*. Buy a newspaper and read it to your kids. Get involved! Keep up the good work Jeff!

Bobbi Schrimsher
Culver

Community Calendar

Thurs., Aug. 27 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library	Catholic Church, College Ave.	Weds., Sept. 3 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library	Mon., Aug. 31 Yoga class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library	Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library	Thurs., Sept. 4 Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Sat., Aug. 29 Carillon recital, 4 p.m., Culver Academies Memo- rial Chapel	DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ	Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library
Sun., Aug. 30 End-of-month meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake	Tues., Sept. 2 Fitness class, 9 a.m., Cul- ver Public Library	Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
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Bridges

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Bridges, structures that tie together two areas together. Often taken for granted until absent. Who hasn't been on a journey, encountering a detour which takes you out of your way, and after many more miles and considerable time you finally arrive at your planned destination. Simply because a bridge has been closed. Or better yet, the repair of a bridge has caused traffic to narrow into one lane, which backs up for a substantial distance and you creep along at a snail's pace, taking much more time and a lot more patience. These conditions are preferable to the occasions in which a bridge is washed out by catastrophic weather or collapses under overuse or structural failure.



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Robin Keating
Grace United Church of Christ

Last week at a meeting someone mentioned that our Culver Union Township Public Library was promoting bridges through a photo contest, model bridge construction by the students in our schools and other activities. Upon further investigation I found this was in conjunction with "The Big Read". These are exciting things for our youth and those of us that are willing to reach out beyond ourselves and explore new opportunities. Bridges can span insurmountable chasms, uniting land and people that would otherwise continue to exist divided. Jesus did just that when he lived among us. He united the Jews and Gentiles that believed in him. But even more so, he united us with God in a way never achieved before. Previously the followers of "the One and Only" God needed a mediator, a priest, to intercede upon our behalf to God. The altar was separated from the worshippers' area by a huge curtain. Only the High Priest could approach the altar with the people's offerings and prayers. At Jesus' crucifixion the curtain was torn. The separation was to be no more. Jesus became our bridge to God.

We are the recipients of an additional benefit from Jesus. He bridges the divisions we create between our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies. The divisions that separate us one from another can be very powerful and restrictive, as they succeed in isolating and shutting us off from one another. We lose the valuable contribution we can make in others' lives and theirs' in ours, when the gap between us is not bridged. God created us as communal creatures, not to be an island separate and apart from the rest of the community or the world. Paul even states in his letter to the Galatians, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28 RSV) This is Paul's way of saying that Jesus bridges the gap between each of us and God, allowing us to build and strengthen our relationships one with another.

See you in the community. Maybe in the library. Better yet, see you in church.

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Summer reading at the CBGC

When you read a book, you use your imagination and you can go anyplace. There are countless diversions competing for the

instant message marathon.

One of the things I know from working with the Boys & Girls clubs for almost twenty years is that the books kids are reading today are often not the kind of books I would have read at their age. I must remind myself to not be a book snob. Keep in mind that the book that finally inspires your child's love of reading might be nonfiction — a biography or sports-related book, for instance — or even age appropriate graphic novel. You have to get through your own prejudices. Even reading on the Internet is still reading. Although holding books and looking at books is still important.

Let's talk about something called the "summer

slide." Although it sounds like some kind of toy, educators use the phrase to describe the dangerous loss in skills that occurs during the months of summer vacation - particularly reading proficiency. Reading needs to be practiced like any skill. If kids are marginal readers they may lose ground over the summer months.

The bad news: summer slide is virtually inevitable unless steps are taken to prevent it. The good news: your child doesn't have to read mountains of books to keep his or her skills sharp.

The Culver Boys & Girls Club has a learning center filled with donated books for all ages, and field trips to the local library are quite common with staff at the club, both in the summer and during the school year.

The quiet library corners of the club are open to all the children where bean bag chairs and plenty of books can easily be found. Staff also makes reading fun by reading aloud to the children or having them read to other kids themselves. During art and crafts children learn to listen to the stories and then put them on paper. The club program has its own summer reading goals with rewards selected for each reading goal. Hope you had happy summer reading!

Jennifer Wright, is director of resource development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County, of which Culver's successful club is a member.



By Jennifer Wright, M.S.

modern child's attention, so many parents have been both surprised and comforted as reading books seems to be making a comeback for many young readers (such as the Twilight or Potter series). Kids are actually engrossed in these books — and not a video game, iPod, TV show or

Name that Culver "citizen"



At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Fitterling, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's Mystery Citizen's hint was his fame for "something he owns." And no one figured him out! Mike Fitterling is a familiar face around town, and that face is often framed by the driver's seat window of one of the historic vehicles he owns, which often turn up in area parades, car shows, or just

around town. Returning to the previous week's Mystery Citizen, Gail Craft contacted the Citizen with a late entry just after press time; she correctly guessed Albert Hanselman as the Mystery Citizen featured two weeks ago and joins Carin Clifton as one of the only correct guessers that week!

This week's Mystery Citizen has changed his look a bit over the years, but he's certainly still a visible member of the Culver community and he's a prominent member of a pretty well-known organization. Guesses, anyone?



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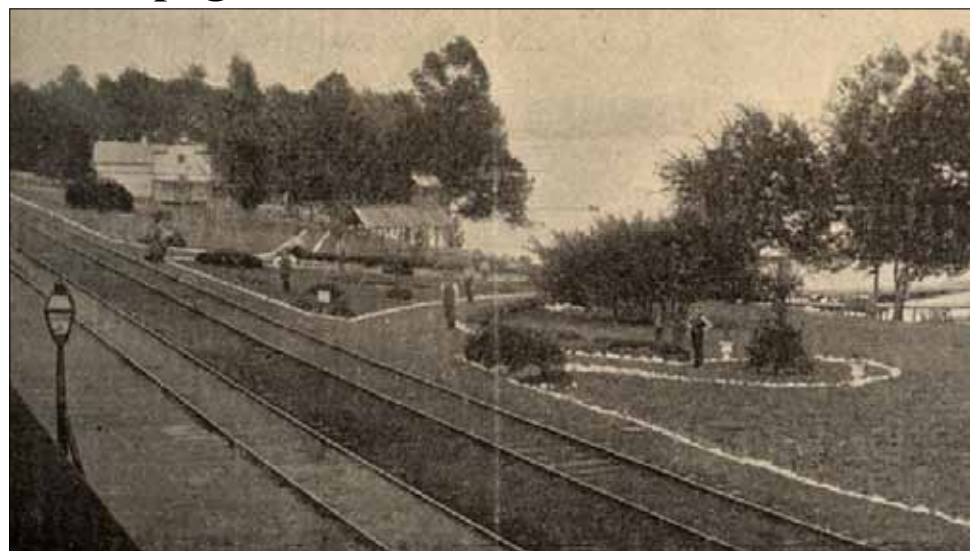
Wayne, says Albert.

Between 1895 and 1898, the Nickel Plate considered a spur from Burr Oak to Culver, which would have been logical enough: the Nickel Plate saw a great deal of business from students at then-Culver Military Academy arriving from the northeast, particularly Chicago. Until about 1956, those students took the train to Hibbard, got off at that station, and had to be picked up by a representative from the Academy by automobile.

The Hibbard station officially closed in 1957 (the Pennsylvania line, formerly the Vandalia through Culver, was done in 1947), and the Hibbard depot torn down in March, 1960. Passenger train service was ended in 1965, with the

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PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
Above: This pre-1900 photo shows two sets of tracks running through what is today the parking lot of the town park (the building in the distance was the bath house, approximately where today's beach lodge is). The odd building in the foreground, which resembles a church or schoolhouse, is possibly a waiting area for train passengers preparing to board one of the steamboats arriving at the pier to the right. It is absent from photos from the early 1900s. Below: the depot before the 1901 fire which destroyed the luxurious Colonade hotel, visible in the background. The original depot seen here, destroyed by fire in 1920, was located east of the location of its 1925 replacement, the present building.

exception of the occasional "special."

Culver's Vandalia line came into being largely through the efforts of Plymouth businessman and Plymouth Democrat newspaper owner Daniel McDonald, who would go on to own a cottage on Lake Maxinkuckee.

become a state senator and author legislation erecting the Chief Menominee monument on Peach Road, and author the definitive history of Marshall County. McDonald and members of his Lake Maxinkuckee based Lakeview Club (at the apex of today's Indian trails on the north shore) wanted train service between Culver and Plymouth, and made the going easier for the Vandalia line when the time came. Eventually, that company would recreate the Lake View clubhouse as the Lake View hotel and form Vandalia Park, today's town park.

Many Culverites today recall the popular Doodlebug train, a self-propelled passenger car which began running on the Pennsylvania (former Vandalia) rail line from Logansport through Culver to South Bend in 1927, according to

east, in the northern portion of today's Indian trails' woods. Stories abound of young children being paid a dime – the cost of an ice cream cone in the park's round stand – to help turn the engines around.

All of this, notes Albert, had its heyday during the height of excursions to Lake Maxinkuckee, which brought sometimes several thousand visitors to the lake in a given weekend (see timeline below). Hibbard, in fact, was also used as a parking spot for the many trains carrying lake-bound passengers, says Albert. From the inception of local rail lines until the rise of automobiles as a standard mode of transportation in the 1920s, train traffic to Culver was fierce.

A water tower once stood west of the original Culver depot (which burned in 1920), approximately where today's depot sits, says Albert, who says steam engines could take water at Bruce

Albert.

Today the Vandalia depot, of course, is a familiar site in the town park, and plays host to biweekly Lions Club meetings and other community events. Not as many Culverites know a spur once existed where today's basketball courts are as well as a turntable used to rotate train engines. Another turntable sat several hundred yards

Lake, down the track a bit, and at Plymouth in those days as well.

Those early years of steam engines, of course, gave way to diesel trains. Albert says the Nickel Plate line ran its last steam engine through Hibbard in June, 1958, due in part to the recession of 1958 forcing the use of one medium or another, in spite of many steam engines still being quite functional.

Below is a timeline, probably composed in the late 1970s by Bob Rust, of railroad highlights of Culver and Hibbard.

1856: Nov. 12, Ft. Wayne-Chicago R.R. line (Pennsylvania) reached Plymouth.

1882: Nickel Plate (New York-Chicago) rail line completed. Stations planned at Hibbard, Rutland, Burr Oak completed 1884; 1st train, August 30, 1882.

1883: Vandalia rail line reaches Culver from Logansport, June 30. One passenger train daily. (later called the Chicago-Atlantic)

1883: Erie-Lackawanna rail line from East reaches Rochester, later Leiters Ford, DeLong, Monterey. Reached Chicago 1890.

1889: July 18, 12,000 visitors arrive at Culver to attend Culver Park Assembly aboard excursion trains, (990 passengers from Logansport; 644, South Bend; 573, Terra Haute; 370, Fort Wayne; 244, Kewanee; 650, Plymouth; 324 Erie-Lackawanna; 1024 New York Central, etc.)

- L.E. & W. Railroad advertised special excursion



PHOTOS/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER
By the early 1980s, the old Vandalia depot had fallen into disrepair as can be seen here, before Culver's Lions Club renovated the building through a massive effort.

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from Argos to Indianapolis; fare \$1.00.

1895: Nickel Plate Railroad considers building branch line, Burr Oak to Culver

1897: Nickel Plate operates eight passenger trains daily. In 1898 their trains featured Wagner Sleeping Cars and Diner.

1900: Weekend excursions brought 5 to 7 thousand visitors to lake during Summer-Fall.

1910: Train Timetable shows 6 trains daily, 4 on Sunday with stops at Arlington, Culver Station, CMA, and Hibbard.

- January 27th, South Bend-Logansport Traction Line Co. plans for Interurban line through area. In preliminary plan, route to skirt east side of Lake. Promoters seek to establish amusement park, Van Schoiack Farm. Later plans indicate change of route with line to go down Lake Shore Drive, and Main Street, Culver.

1918: November 17th, Nickel Plate passenger train and freight train in head-on collision at Burr Oak. Rescue efforts hampered by 10-ft. snow drifts.

1920: Vandalia Depot destroyed by fire, January 12. Construction began on new station in spring

1925: New Vandalia station opens (this is the building, owned by the Lions Club, still standing)

1942: In July Pennsylvania Railroad petitions to eliminate two local passenger trains

1947: November 27: Last Pennsylvania train through Culver (note: occasional "special" excursions to sporting events and the like both north and south of Culver were scheduled from time to time even after regular passenger service discontinued)

1949: July: C & O. discontinues passenger service through Kewanee

1951: Jan. 30, the Pennsy derails 14 cars at Culver near the State Road 17 crossing. The cars contained autos and auto parts coming from the Studebaker plant in South Bend. It took several days to clean up the wreck and rebuild the track

1958: March, a Pennsy train wrecks in Culver's town park, dumping literally tons of coal into the park (even today, bits of the coal remain near the site)

1976: Pennsylvania Railroad announces rail traffic close.

Early 1980s: Vandalia tracks through/around Culver removed. The Culver Lions Club renovates the old train depot.

1990s: Vandalia rail line between the town park and Culver Academies' warehouse is cleared and converted to a walking/biking trail.

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Dream comes true for local outdoorsman



Culver High School graduate David Schmidt's new television program will debut on the In Country network.

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

CULVER – If you want it done right you have to do it yourself.

David Schmidt, avid outdoorsman and television entrepreneur took that advice to heart and the reward is a network show, in a ground breaking new field. Schmidt enjoyed watching hunting shows on television but, a passionate houndsman, wondered why there were no such shows devoted to his favorite sport.

“I’ve been flipping around the channels for two years and I really enjoy the hunting shows,” said Schmidt. “But you have deer hunting, turkey hunting, bass fishing, but not one show with hounds and tree dogs. There are 3.5 million houndsmen out there in this country and they aren’t represented on TV at all.”

A businessman at heart – he’s the business manager of Honeywell’s defense and space division – Schmidt immediately had an idea. He would combine his love of hunting with dogs and film it all for television.

“Obviously there is a whole market there that is ignored,” said Schmidt. “I called one of my high school buddies (Brian Morrison) and told him about my idea and that I was going to need a cameraman. He said ‘I don’t know anything about running a camera,’ and I told him he knew as much about that as I knew about hosting a television show.”

Some advice from other outdoor hosts brought valuable information about just what Schmidt and Morrison had ahead of them in selling their idea to networks and sponsors. In the end, the show “Tailgate Adventures” became F&T’s Tailgate Adventures – after one major sponsor – and found airtime on not one, but three networks. In Country Television, a new outdoor network on the Dish Network, will be the home for the show.

“Obviously the Outdoor Network or Versus would give us more immediate notoriety,” said Schmidt. “In Country is an up and coming network that is on all basic subscriptions. Outdoor and Versus are premium channels. In Country will have us in 20 million more homes than the other two so it becomes a question of what’s best for our sponsors and us.”

Those sponsors also needed some convincing. This is not the first time a hunter has had the idea of tapping the dog hunting market.

“Getting people to take us seriously was the biggest thing,” said Schmidt. “All kinds of other hunters have come along with this same idea, gotten sponsor money and then disappeared. I don’t think there was any ill will. I think they just got in over their heads. We had a pilot episode and acceptance letters from the network and I think that went a long way.”

On Oct. 2, Schmidt will watch his dream hit the airwaves.

“There have been a lot of challenges and frustrations over the past year and a half,” said Schmidt. “It’s all been worth it. I’m also going to have the chance to watch myself on national TV here in a few weeks and I can’t help but think that’s going to be pretty cool too.”

You can learn more about the show by visiting the website at www.tailgateadventures.com.

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4432 or crdilts@culcom.net.

Indiana basketball author to visit Culver

Indiana author Emerson Houck visit the Culver library Wednesday, September 23 at 1 p.m. He hopes to meet old-time and newer players and fans and see their memorabilia – photos, posters, pennants, newspaper articles, etc. – towards a scrapbook to give to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame titled “The All-time All-star Hoosier High School Alumni Basketball Team,” which will be kept on permanent display at the Hall. Houck’s new book, “Hoosiers All: Indiana High School Basketball, Team Names, Glory Season, Boys and Girls, Past and Present, Large and Small,” can be ordered from Hawthorne Publishing, 15601 Oak Road, Carmel IN 46033 pre-paid \$30 including shipping. Those ordering before September 15 will receive a \$3 discount on the book price and can call 317-867-5183 for information.

Cub Master needed

Culver Cub Scout Pack 290 is in need of a Cub

Master for this year’s program. Those interested in more information are encouraged to contact Chuck Dilts at 574-842-4432 or crdilts@culcom.net.

School supplies needed for local children

The Culver Lions are again seeking school supplies for area children, including back packs, pencils, pens, paper, crayons, folders, erasers, and other object needed for students. All funds collected go for supplies or student needs. Please make checks payable to the Culver Lions. They may be mailed to program chairman Jim Harper, 1000 S. Main, Culver, IN, 46511.

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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covered August 1 lying in the yard at a nearby home on South Street and later returned to the owner.

Also recovered August 1 was other personal property which was believed to belong to the resident of 908 South Street. The homeowner there told police he discovered his property was missing from his vehicle around July 19, though at the time he didn't report the matter as he wasn't sure where the property was missing from. Police believe around July 18, his vehicle was entered and a briefcase removed.

A change purse with an unknown amount of money – as well as two knives – was reported missing July 24 by the residents of 1116 South Street, who also reported their vehicle had been left unlocked in the driveway; the theft likely occurred sometime between July 22 and 24. A package was removed during the afternoon of August 13 from a vehicle in the 100 block of North Main Street as well.

In most cases damage hasn't been done to the vehicles in question; those vehicles stolen had keys left in the ignition, and items stolen from vehicles were removed from unlocked cars, though in one case on the south side of Culver within the past month, the window of a car belonging to Jan Johnson at 922 South Plymouth Street was smashed but nothing removed from the vehicle.

While such thefts, of course, have taken place in Culver before, Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean says the recent spike is unusual for this year, and he suspects many if not all the thefts are "probably the same group" (a recent break-in at a home in the same area of town, he adds, is probably unrelated). Whether today's economy is a factor in the incidents is anybody's guess, though Bean says there's definitely been an increase in crime overall in more urban areas north of Culver.

He stresses residents should avoid keeping valuables in plain view in their vehicles, and should take them inside their homes instead. "If people can't see it, they're going to keep on moving. They're usually less apt to break something to get into it," he adds, encouraging residents to lock vehicle doors.

"A lot of times people will try (car) doors," Bean notes. "There are two different types of thieves: some will go to the trouble of breaking stuff to get in, and some will go along until they find something open. People get used to leaving their doors open, and you get lax and leave the keys in your car while you run into the gas station or whatever."

There's little question the usually quiet and tranquil nature of small-town Culver can be deceptive when it comes to crime.

"There's crime everywhere," Bean says. "Culver may not be on the scale of some areas, but we don't want to invite it."

The plus side of a small community like Culver, Bean adds, is the vigilance residents can have to help protect neighbors, with whom they can share information as well as with the police.

One south side victim of recent auto crimes, Jan Johnson, says she wants people to be aware of "who's walking their neighborhoods during the daytime and nighttime. I'm talking to everybody about it. People should be aware."

The winter months, when Culver is less populous, mean residents should be all the more attentive to potential crime. Bean encourages Culverites not to hesitate to call them with tips and information, adding the department's longtime number, 574-842-2525, is still the one to call locally (there's been intermittent confusion over the proper number since the department added an "877" toll-free number for those outside the "842" dialing area).

"People should be on their toes a little bit," Bean adds. "Can crime happen here? Yeah, it can."

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.	Friday, Aug. 28: Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, ham, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.	Wednesday, Sept. 2: Meatloaf, baby bakerts, sour cream, green beans, bread and margarine, peaches, and milk.
Thursday, Aug. 27: Sliced Turkey, bun, mayo, sliced tomato, Potato Salad, fruit salad, vegetable barley soup, and milk.	Monday, Aug. 31: Smoked Sausage, peppers and onion, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, bun, apple, and milk.	Thursday, Sept. 3: Chicken Patty, bread, red potatoes, broccoli, peach pie, and milk.
	Tuesday, Sept. 1: Country Fried Steak, white gravy, rice, spinach, pound cake, strawberries, and milk.	Friday, Sept. 4: Sloppy Joe, bun, corn tossed salad with tomato, dressing, pears, and milk.

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CCHS students build bridges, strengthen bonds with innovative new program

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Not so many years ago, wide-eyed seventh graders fresh from Culver and Monterey Elementary Schools found themselves routinely rubbing elbows with towering Culver Community High School seniors in the hallway of the building they shared. Thankfully, the establishment of Culver Community Middle School — which for the most part physically separates seventh and eighth graders from high school students — seems to have provided a remedy pleasing to most students, parents, and instructors.

There's still, of course, the less intimidating but nonetheless imposing situation of finding oneself a freshman new to the high school and suddenly surrounded by older and in many cases bigger fellow students, most of whom already know the CCHS ropes.

principal Albert Hanselman and assistant principal Tom Corey -- Ignition seeks to establish an ongoing peer mentoring relationship between incoming freshmen and successful student leaders from the school's junior and senior level. He says the Minnesota-based program came to Hanselman's attention in the spring of 2008, after which he and Thomas investigated it and contacted some of the company's leaders.

After identifying some potential student leaders to help facilitate the program, Thomas says a three-day, "intense training" in June, 2008 involved administrators, teachers, and students mentors.

Last year, eight juniors and seniors acted as mentors, Thomas says, including then-seniors Beth Wodwojdyla, Myles Pinder, Cindy Miller, Jacob Sheridan, and Kim Irsa; juniors included Sarah Bai-

rope. clyn Bauer, CJ Dehning, Jeremiah Harvey, and Mark Maes.

"They've done a great job," says Thomas emphatically. "Just outstanding."

Faculty advisors for the program include Mike Buschman, Vickie Benner, Deb Scott, Ryan Carroll, Chris Stevens, Theresa Jacobson, Theresa Hammond, and Peggy Arquette.

As was the case this year, the first day of school 2008 saw a number of activities bringing together student mentors and their ninth grade peers, much of it aimed at establishing teamwork, camaraderie, trust, and dialog.

Even before classes started, mentors and mentees met in the school gymnasium and the older peers gave the frosh some insight into a typical school day, eventually helping guide them to their first class. Skits and discussions follow later involving topics ranging

the ground for a "debriefing" conversation about what they've learned.

Senior and second-year mentor Shae Harris says as a freshman she "would have loved" Ignition. "With all those big, bad seniors you're afraid (as a freshman)," she says. "This helps them (freshmen) to be more confident."

Harris notes the program last year helped her "to be there for some of the freshman to talk to if they needed to," which is another intended benefit of Ignition: fostering an ongoing relationship between mentors



Senior mentor Shae Harris catches freshman Ally Overmyer during one of the Ignition program's trust-building exercises as Austin Engle and Kyle Vlach look on.

tors' careers as students." Since the program went into effect early last year, Thomas says he's seen improvement in behavior in the ninth grade hallway.



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ABOVE: Senior mentor Shae Harris catches freshman Ally Overmyer during one of the Ignition program's trust-building exercises as Austin Engle and Kyle Vlach look on.

BELOW: Frosh mentees participate in the "Time Warp" jump rope activity as senior mentor Sarah Bailey and CCHS teacher Theresa Hammond hold the rope. Freshmen, from left to right, include Hayden Haimbaugh, PJ Ezparza, Makennon Hicks, Mark Hurford, Crystal Looney, Skyler Fisher, Ethan Sheridan, Josh Walters, and DJ Potter.

Thanks to Vickie Benner, CCHS, for assistance in photo identification.



Enter the Ignition program, new to CCHS as of the kickoff of school, 2008. According to school athletic director Andy Thomas -- who oversees the ongoing program along with CCHS

ley, Shae Harris, and Whitney Banfield. This year's mentors are Seniors Sarah Bailey, Shae Harris, Cindy Miller, and Jacob Sheridan. Juniors include Kaceigh Ahlenius, Clar Baker, Ja-

from cheating to student dress code, fighting and violence to bullying and substance abuse. Diversity and respect for fellow students differing in race, religion, gender, and physical ability is also covered.

An activity on grades, Thomas notes, emphasizes how much students' freshman year may impact their academic career in subsequent years. CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon, he said, put together a mock transcript to get the point across to freshmen.

Outdoors, wandering the school's soccer field during teamwork-building activities, it's hard not to be impressed. The incoming students, broken into smaller groups, rotate from one teamwork and trust-building activity to another. There are simulated "raging river crossings," "arctic adventures," "combination locks," and several more. All involve working together, and all are punctuated by guidance and confidence-building support from a set of mentors on hand. After various activities, the small groups join their mentors in a circle on



ABOVE LEFT: Freshmen (from left to right) Matt Hurford, Matt Shotts, and Kaleb Bauer balance on beams put in place by group members during the "Raging River" teamwork and trust-building activity. In the background are MacKenzie MacDonald, Devante Halcomb, and Jennifer Carroll. ABOVE RIGHT: Working as a team in the "Arctic Adventure" activity are, left to right, Serena Back, Shelby Hominger, Joey Schooler, Cameron Gardner, Leannza Shipley, Collin Stevens, Michelle Elam, and Dyllan Lewis

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and mentees to allow questioning and help-seeking.

Freshman Elizabeth Rainey says she's pleased Ignition allows her -- and her peers -- to bring concerns to "people our own age...that's better than talking to adults."

"I was kind of nervous (on the first day of school)," says freshman Hannah Kline, in between team-building activities on the soccer field. "But once I met some of the high schoolers I felt more comfortable with them. The freshmen are also getting to know each other."

Freshman Matt Shotts agrees. "(Ignition) helps us bond with each other. It's helping us to learn to work together in the future."

Freshman Austin Gabric says he feels the program provided a much better ex-

ple involved."

Thomas explains the Ignition program involves mentors and mentees meeting biweekly to cover a number of topics and interact socially as well, with meeting frequency reduced to once per month during the second semester.

"One of our goals when we first looked into the program was to make this a student-led activity," notes Thomas. "Faculty can help out, but we want mentors to further their leadership skills, and (Ignition) kind of exposes them to more types of leadership and is more of a peer service-oriented thing. Trying to make something scary -- your freshman year in high school -- easier for freshman is something that can be lasting throughout the freshmen's and the men-

"One of the things (Ignition's creators) make clear is, you really don't know for sure what kind of program you've had until the kids get into their junior and senior years; then you see the impact. We've talked to faculty and staff, and we've had fewer instances of tardies and other violations with freshmen (since the program began)."

While Thomas says "the jury's still out" as to the program's effect on student's academic performance, Ignition leaders have seen freshmen seeking out faculty sponsors and student mentors with questions about academics and scheduling. "It's one more person they've built a relationship with," he adds.

"We think it has made a positive impact on our school."

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Library news

Master Gardener classes to be offered at CUTPL

Purdue Extension office will hold Certified Master Gardener Intern classes at the Culver-Union Township Public Library from September 15 through December 10 for a total of 16 sessions.

Marshall County Extension Educator and Master Gardener Bob Yoder will instruct the Certified Master Gardener Intern Program at CUTPL. Cost for training and Indiana Certification as a Master Gardener Intern is \$110 for an individual or \$160 for two people willing to share the same manual.

As Purdue Master Gardeners, participants study the science of horticultural plants and their pests, improve gardening skills, teach others, enhance their community, and have fun!

Visit www.hort.purdue.edu/mg for more information about the program, call Bob Yoder at 574-935-8545 or email ryoder@purdue.org. At the library contact Teresa Hudson at 574-842-2941 or thudson@culver.lib.in.us. Classes are at Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver.

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Photo contest deadline near

The August 31 deadline for the Culver-Union Township Public Library's Big Read Photography Contest. The Big Read in Culver is presented in partnership with the Culver Community School Corporation, the Culver Academies, Ancilla College, Trinity Lutheran Church, Heart and Hands and other local groups and businesses.

This contest is open to everyone. It is your opportunity to exercise your passion for photography and to be recognized. All entries will be displayed in the Culver-Union Township Public Library and on our website, and the winners will be professionally mounted and displayed in the Library, on the Thornton Wilder Society website www.tcnj.edu/~wilder, and The Big Read website www.neabigread.org.

The theme of the contest is "Our Town." Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, composition and effectiveness in conveying the unique character of our town and

Wilder's vision. Age groups are 6-12, 13-18 and adult. Categories include: nature; architecture; people; cities & towns; rural life; bridges; and our town in black & white.

Entrants may submit a maximum of three photos. Official instructions, applications and waivers are available on the library's website: www.culver.lib.in.us.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. For more information on this event, please contact Polly Thompson Wolf. Several additional events are planned for The Big Read, including an all-day open house to kick off The Big Read. For a full calendar of events for The Big Read, go to the library's events webpage at www.culver.lib.in.us/bigread/events.htm.

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Cavs, Eagles start season on top



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Hendrickson, Salary lead Cavs

Sam Hendrickson scored four touchdowns and Michael Salary added 120 rushing yards and a score to lead Culver Community to a season-opening 32-12 win over West Central Friday.

Hendrickson scored on carries of 29, 4, 8 and 37 yards for the Cavs.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 32, WEST CENTRAL 12
 At Culver
 Score by quarters
 West Central: 0 0 0 12 — 12
 Culver Community: 6 12 14 0 — 32
 Scoring summary
 CC — Sam Hendrickson 29 run
 CC — Hendrickson 4
 CC — Hendrickson 8 run
 CC — Michael Salary 31 (Collin Stevens kick)
 CC — Hendrickson 37 run (Stevens

kick)
 WC — Spencer Dobson 4 run
 WC — Zephaniah Conley 3 run
 West Central stats
 Rushing: 42 carries for 127 (Dobson 23-95, Conley 15-33, Steven Masters 1-0, Troy Wireman 3-(minus)1.)
 Passing: Conley 6-9 for 83, Dobson 0-1.
 Receiving: Dylan Laposi 2-55, Dobson 2-22, Wireman 2-6. First downs: 11.

CCHS Culver Cavaliers 2009

Members of this year's Cavs football team are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Bradley Beaver, Bobby Back, AJ McHugh, Josh Walters, Allen Betts, Jeremiah Ray, Matt Shotts, Mark Hurford, Collin Stevens. Second row: Cole Flora, PJ Esparza, Dennis Davis, Matt Busart, Joe Krsek, John Ahlenius, Brandon Ditmire, Malici Shaffer, Keith Back, Brian Nelson. Third row: Keagen Minix, Nate Niswander, Julian Black, Sam Hendrickson, Robert Molebash, Jacob Sheridan, Tylor Minix, Andrew Jackson, George VanSky, James Dulin. Back row: Kevin Hogan, Michael Salary, Alex Shaffer, Johnny Anderson, Hayden Haimbaugh, Brock Elliott, Kyle Garland, Matt Hurford, Jeremiah Harvey, Max Burgess.



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Culver Military Academy Eagles 2009

The 2009 Culver Academy Eagles, from left to right, are front row: Diego Fabrega, Blake Hunnewell, Conor Casey, Mitch Anthony, Michael Kime, Ryan Stec, Josh Wright, Vince Vacketta, Alex Canacci, Trace Thews, Luke Schumacher; second row: James Eun, Zach Deery, coach Andy Plonski, coach Mike Goldstein, coach Ed Kelley, coach Kurt Christiansen, head coach Andy Dorrel, coach Andy Strati, coach Kevin Danti, Hal Ecksten, Ned O'Connor, Cameron Garrison; third row: Alex Haygood, JB Samuels, John Paul Balchan, Pierce Freeman, Ryan Kolden, Turner Morsches, Jack Crawford, Tom O'Neill, Mitch Hoback, Doug VanPutten, Erik Johnson; fourth row: Jake Ashcraft, Takashi Izutsu, Ryan Sete, Dan Ridge, Jonathan Robinson, Will Strong, Will Crawford, Austin Haden, Conor Kelley, Jacob Schubert, Cory Gleitz; back row: coach Mark Sayer, Peter Hamm, Caleb Brooks, Beau Ecksten, TC Kolden, Austin Pegg, Kevin Van Horn, Ryan Weworski, Juwan Brescacin, coach Dan Cowell and coach Ibrahim Fetuga.

CMA opens with home win over TV

Culver Military's Josh downs as 28-14 season

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canoe Valley at the Academies Friday.

Tippecanoe Valley's Bret Cooper took over quarterback duties for Gus Lukens after the first period. He threw for 104 yards and a touchdown.

Michael Lewis led the Vikings in rushing with 84 yards rushing and receiving with two receptions for 57 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown.

Wright ran for two touch- opening win over Tippe-

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Library audit underway, budget to be submitted

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

After several months of discussion over an expected audit by the state board of accounts, the Culver-Union Township Public Library has been in the midst of that audit, as reported during its August 18 board meeting. Following more than a year of sometimes-heated discussion and debate over library finances, during which time the board strived to regulate spending and debated how best to handle concerns over its finances from prior circumstances, board treasurer Rita Lawson noted an auditor from the state has been in the library for its annual audit. She said the audit was expected to be completed the following

week.

After an inquiry by most recent board member Joyce Greeson, board members discussed who will attend the audit exit hearing, during which the auditor will go over her findings with library director Colleen McCarty, financial manager Jim Faulkner, and Lawson, in addition to board member Carol Saft. Greeson expressed interest in attending the hearing as well, so long as a quorum of board members isn't established, which state law forbids without prior advertisement to the public.

The board also approved submission of its 2010 budget, a figure whose parameters Faulkner set are set fairly strictly by the state board of accounts and Indi-

ana's Department of Local Government and Finance.

Submitted by Faulkner and McCarty was a budget totaling \$828,000, including \$563,600 for the library's operating budget, \$201,000 for its mortgage payments, \$46,100 for the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, and \$17,300 for its Rainy Day fund.

McCarty noted the library opted to devote about 12.5 percent of its operating budget to purchase of books, periodicals, research databases, and audio-visual items, which is a recommended amount by the state to be classified an "enhanced" library. Payroll, she said, was reduced to 57-58 percent of the budget to match the current year's expenditures; she

added the building itself is a notable expense to heat and maintain, though she said "it's a good expense to have."

The board will meet September 29 for final approval, following public advertising, of its budget.

In other discussion, McCarty noted the library is still waiting on payment from the Marshall County Community Foundation of around \$2,000 in interest the library is entitled to from a permanent fund in the MCCF. Monies from the library's non-permanent fund with the Foundation were requested by the board to be transferred to the library. The Library has not yet received the money requested from the non-permanent Fund, which was requested on July 3, as resolved by the board at its June meeting. Money in the permanent fund, it was established, will go to the town of Culver and Union Township should the library ever cease to exist.

McCarty also discussed July, 2009 library usage statistics with the board, comparing them favorably

to 2008 figures and noting while 5,986 items circulated at the library last July, this year's figure was 6,485. Total patrons in July, 2008 were 3,145 while this July they increased by 20 percent to 3,664. Use of the library's computers has also spiked this July, she added.

The Friends of the Library, said McCarty, have provided funding recently for a number of projects including \$400 for an online newspaper research database used by genealogists and students, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates for summer reading program winners, safety sleeves for cables in the library's computer lab, and \$100 towards crafts and puppets for the children's area. McCarty said the library is "very grateful" to the Friends for the donations. The library's community project, "The Big Read," part of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which Culver's library was one of only four or five recipients in Indiana), is under way, McCarty told the board,

explaining an "Our Town" photography contest is still in progress. Slated for September 1 is an all-day open house kickoff event at the library during which staff members will play a character from one of the two Thornton Wilder books chosen for the project, "Our Town" and "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

Former Culver Academies instructor Dr. Charles Bayless will be stage manager for the performance of "Our Town," and will host buses of freshman and sophomore students from the Culver Community High School. Other activities, she said, will include a writing contest for young adults, book discussions, a visit from the president of the Thornton Wilder Society, a New Jersey resident and former John Glenn High School student (who will also work with students from Culver Academies, who have partnered with the library for the project), bridge building activities for children of various ages, painting of a mural in the children's room, and finally a performance of "Our Town" at the Culver High School. She added more information is available about the project on the library's website, www.culver.lib.in.us.

The board approved a request by Jim Sawhook, representing the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, for the Society to begin work on an outdoor sign directing passersby to the Center for Culver History, its museum and research center located in the lower level of the original Carnegie portion of the library. Noting Culver Academies is creating a museum of its own across the street at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, Sawhook said signage for the Academies museum may confuse visitors seeking the Antiquarian museum, and the hope is to clarify the locations of both entities via clearly visible signs.

Sawhook presented a proposed design for the sign, which he hoped could be placed on the northernmost edge of the grassy area on the library's east side, near the museum entrance. The Society hopes to match the color scheme and look of existing signs directing people to various points of interest around town; he added final approval would also need to come from the town of Culver. The board voted to allow the Society to proceed with plans, but asked to see the final design for the sign and its location before final approval.

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Great day for a picnic

Wesley United Methodist Church of Culver held its second annual picnic and auction August 9 at Culver's town park, again bringing together members of the church as well as the community at large for a picnic lunch and host of items – from quilts to home-baked goods and much more – up for auction.

TOP ROW, LEFT: Rosalie Bonine (right) enjoys the antics of Kay Mallory (in hat) as Phyllis Pearson looks on. Lora Pinder is visible in the background (with sun glasses). TOP ROW, RIGHT: Ben Lucas, left, and Nate Manikowski are set for another game as Maria Saunders (with back to the camera) observes.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT: Elaine Averill displays for the audience two items up for auction at the event, while auctioneer Paul Winn, left – with assistant Jerry Thomas – starts the bidding.

BOTTOM ROW, RIGHT: Maria Saunders, daughter of Wesley Pastor Larry and his wife Jessica Saunders, enjoys one of the many prizes distributed during the games portion of the picnic.

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Sports from page B3

CULVER MILITARY 28, TIPPECANOE VALLEY 14
At Culver
TV: 7 0 0 7 — 14
CMA: 14 6 0 8 — 28
First Quarter
CMA – Josh Wright 49 run. Tom O'Neill kick.
TV – Josh Pinkowski 5 pass from Gus Lukens. Luis Lara kick.
CMA – Zach Deery 87 kickoff return. Kick failed.
Second Quarter
CMA – Michael (Momo) Kime 56 fumble return. O'Neill kick.
Fourth Quarter
TV – Michael Lewis 35 pass from Bret Cooper. Lara kick.
CMA – Wright 1 run. O'Neill run.
TV CMA

First downs:	9	8
Yards rushing:	126	146
Yards passing:	109	62
Passing:	6-9-1	4-10-1
Punting:	3-23	3-41
Fumbles/lost:	0/0	2/0
Yards Penalized:	6-45	6-45

Records: CMA 1-0, Tippecanoe Valley 0-1.

kills and three aces. Aspen Kitchell handed out 14 assists to lead the Cavaliers in addition to her team-high six ace effort at the match.

• CULVER 3, CASTON 1 (25-17, 25-14, 17-25, 25-22)
At Caston
Culver stats

Knapp 6
Aces: Aspen Kitchell 6, Knapp 3
Assists: Kitchell 14, Kalee Miller 4
Digs: Alison Zehner 9, McBee 8
Record: Culver 1-0

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Girls soccer Culver loses

The Lady Cavaliers gave up four second-half goals on the way to a 6-3 loss to Westview.

Susannah Baker scored a goal on a Whitney Sanders assist and then returned the favor on a Sanders goal as Culver ended the first half locked in a 2-2 tie. Sanders scored Culver's only other goal at the match on a Trinity Garcia assist. Chandler Gast made 12 saves in the loss, which drops Culver to 0-2.

• WESTVIEW 6, CULVER 3
At
Culver goals
First half
Susannah Baker (Whitney Sanders) 26:32
Sanders (Baker) 30:24
Second half
Sanders (Trinity Garcia) 45:40
Saves: Culver 14 (Chandler Gast 12, Hilari Weldon 2)
Records: Culver Community 0-2, Westview 2-0

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Boys soccer Cavaliers fall at home

A.J. Neace recorded two shots on goal, but the Cavaliers mustered just three total compared to 32 by visiting Bethany Christian in an 8-0 drubbing at Culver Tuesday.

One bright spot for the Cavs at the game was goalie Zack Loehmer, who made 24 saves at the game.

• BETHANY CHRISTIAN 8, CULVER 0
At Culver
Shots on goal: Culver 3, Bethany Christian 32
Saves: Zack Loehmer (C) 24, Bethany Christian 3

Kills: Patrice McBee 12, Olivia

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Volleyball Cavs catch Caston

Culver won a four-game match in its season-opener on the road at Caston (25-17, 25-14, 17-25, 25-22).

Patrice McBee had an all-around solid outing, putting away 12 kills and recording eight digs for Culver, while Olivia Knapp recorded six