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## In Brief

### Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Fall Town Wide Yard Sale Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140 beginning Monday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 23. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, September 24 at the town hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

### Town Wide Clean-up Day Oct. 17

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a Town Wide Clean-Up Day Sat., Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. A dumpster, provided by the town, will be placed at the water tower on Lake Shore Dr. Please know that hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted.

### Culver holiday committee formed

The town of Culver is forming a holiday committee to assist in facilitating Culver's holiday decorations this holiday season. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact the town via the town hall, 200 E. Washington Street in Culver, or 574-842-3140 to learn more and get involved.

### 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 574-842-4432 or [crdilts@culcom.net](mailto:crdilts@culcom.net).

### 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](mailto:crdilts@culcom.net).

### Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at

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## Monterey Days on parade

The annual Monterey Days festival took place over Labor Day weekend and included the ever-popular Saturday evening parade. ABOVE, LEFT: Monterey's royalty wave to the crowds, including (left to right) Mister Monterey Austin Robles, Little Mister Monterey Noah Risner, Miss Monterey Allison Keller, and Little Miss Monterey Jenna Loehmer. CENTER: Preston Jessen, son of Amy and Ryan Jessen, enjoys some of the spoils of the candy-saturated parade (former Culver Fire Chief Lance Overmyer and Culver town council member Lynn Overmyer are Preston's maternal grandparents). TOP RIGHT: Making an early appearance on behalf of Priscilla's Fun N' Learning Preschool and Daycare in Monterey is jolly old St. Nick himself (having traded in his sleigh for a tractor). LOWER RIGHT: Members of the Monterey American Legion Collins-Tasch Post 399 and Culver VFW Finney-Schilling Post 6919 are saluted by several local youngsters at the front of the parade.

# Council discusses town-wide trash pickup, south side concerns

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

Culver seems one step closer to town-wide trash service, as opposed to the individually contracted services presently in place. Currently, two waste disposal companies handle the majority of residents' trash and recycling, which is an optional service.

Discussion of the merits and drawbacks of the town of Culver contracting with one trash service to handle pickup throughout the town -- with a monthly fee as-

essed to each resident similar to Culver's current water bill -- was raised some months ago. The plan began to take shape as a serious possibility at the September 8 meeting of Culver's town council.

Town manager Michael Doss told the council and a keenly-interested audience he has researched city-wide trash pickup policies in other communities including Plymouth and Walkerton. Doss said he has also spoken to representatives from the two major waste

handlers in the Culver area. He reported waste handling bills in the aforementioned communities are totaling around \$12 to \$15 monthly, adding no individuals or company representatives to whom he had spoken objected to a biweekly schedule of recycling pickup. Most waste haulers, Doss said, suggest a limit of three trash cans' worth of pickup weekly.

The disadvantage to a town-wide system, Doss explained, is the town's task of acting as "middle

man" between Culver customers and whichever waste company is chosen.

Doss suggested it be mandatory each resident have the same style and size of trash tote, whose cost would be included in the monthly rate. The town, he said, would likely add its own administrative fee to recoup its costs in billing residents and handling any issues which might arise.

Doss acknowledged a concern raised at previous meetings as to billing residents who are absent

from Culver for a significant portion of the year, in some cases as much as six months or more. "In order to maintain (billing) consistency," suggested Doss, "you might consider a charge whether (residents are) in town or not."

He noted the complications which could arise from a system of stopping trash service for each resident leaving town for a considerable stretch could be many and varied. He

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## Basketball author's visit shines spotlight on Culver 'glory days'

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

When author Emerson Houck visits the Culver-Union Township Public Library Wednesday, September 23 at 1 p.m., he's hoping to tap into some of the fervor and stature of Culver's near-100-year love affair with basketball. It's a romance which for many had its golden age during the 1940s, when the then-Culver High School Indians, led by coach Paul Underwood, made state headlines. Twice in three seasons the Indians came within seven points of competing in the state championships and even advanced to the final eight twice during that period -- not a bad record in light of the competition, which included more than 750 high school teams in Indiana at the time.

Culver, in fact, is one of just ten communities Houck chose to visit this year, in part to discuss his book, "Hoosiers All: Indiana High School Basketball Team Names, Glory Season, Boys and Girls, Past and Present, Large and Small" (Hawthorne Publishing, 2009). The book, for that matter, has Culver connections: its publisher, Hawthorne of Carmel, is headed up by Nancy Niblack Baxter, whose family roots on Lake Maxinkuckee go deep. Baxter has authored several books related to area history in addition to publishing last year's "Adventures of Alexia: a Lake Maxinkuckee Girl 1885" by Marcia Adams.

As reported in previous editions of the Citizen, Houck hopes former players and fans of Culver basketball will show up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and share memories as well as memorabilia (photos, posters, pennants, newspaper clippings, and more). The artifacts will become part of a scrapbook titled "The All-Time All-Star Hoosier High School Alumni Basketball Team" and will be donated to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, where it will be kept on permanent display.

Houck is well aware that the relationship between the terms "Hoosier" and "basketball" is much deeper than the team name of a specific university.

"I believe basketball helped knit Indiana together as a state," says the Oak Park, Illinois-raised Houck. He feels basketball fever afflicts Indiana -- where he moved in 1958 to work for Lilly -- as well as his childhood state, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Though the sport came into being in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the first recorded basketball game took place in Indiana in 1894.

"People from all over (Indiana) convened at various places to play basketball. Transportation and communication were so bad then, this brought us together. I think the values learned on the basketball floor of perseverance, teamwork, grace...and performing under pressure are Indiana's values. And basketball was well suited to a state like Indiana. Small towns might not have enough kids for a football or track team, but they always had enough for basketball.

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## Culver on the hardwood: a look back

By Jeff Kenney

Citizen editor

*Editor's note: Football season is underway in Culver, so it may seem an unusual time to focus on basketball. However, the visit by Indiana basketball author Emerson Houck this month (see article on this page) provides an opportunity to review some of Culver's illustrious basketball history, a subject requested more than once of your editor by readers who recall their favorite periods in its history.*

According to an article by Jo Dugger and former Culver Indians player and coach Ralph Pederson in the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's winter, 2005 newsletter, basketball first came to Culver in 1904, ten years after the first recorded game was played in Indiana. Early games were played in the still-existent Menser storefront building on Main Street, a far cry from the gymnasiums of later days.

Culver won a 1910 home game against Argos -- played the first year of interscholastic competition here -- which took place in the school auditorium and study hall and was attended by a huge crowd of over 100.

In a 1980 Pilot News article about the early days of Culver basketball, former Citizen editor Bob Rust shared recollections from 1914 CHS player Tone Shaw

(see Herman Sayger, below) of games played "upstairs at Crook's hall where...the floors might be covered with a skim of ice," wrote Rust, "when the stoves had not produced enough heat...seating capacity was 50, admission 25 cents, the dressing room consisted of two buckets and a tub downstairs in a pantry, ceiling height was 15 foot, gas lighting which necessitated a time out for mantle See Basketball page A2



The earliest known photo of a Culver High School team, 1911

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And you could spend hours alone shooting basketballs in your own back yard. I picture that of kids all over Indiana in the first 30 or 40 years of the state. I don't think it's just a cliché or stereotype.

"So many of those (early) schools are gone, and with them regrettably went a lot of community pride. When

the railroad was gone, a lot of towns lost their reason for being...then the whole thing really became consolidated when legislature consolidated (Indiana schools) in the 1960s."

Basketball changed in the Culver area during this period, of course, when teams from Monterey, Leiters Ford, and Ora lost their

unique identities and melded with Culver to form, in 1968, the consolidated Culver Community High School (changing the team name locally from Indians to Cavaliers in the process).

In 1996, the shift from the traditional single-class system to a size-staggered system of sports competition in Indiana (mandated

by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, which actually allowed each school to vote on the matter) changed high school basketball forever. Gone were the sorts of possibilities embodied in films like the popular movie "Hoo-siers," in which a rural small-town basketball team was able to fight its way

to the top, defeating massive city teams to win the state championship. Today, high school teams compete against others drawing from populations of like size.

None of that, however, has erased the excitement of high school basketball across Indiana or in Culver, where history was made

just last year as the Cavaliers battled their way to the sectional level.

For more information on Houck's Culver Public Library appearance, call 574-842-2941.

## Basketball from page 1

### Coach Paul Underwood

The 1929-1930 basketball season at Culver High School launched the 16-year tenure of beloved coach Paul Underwood, the longest-running CHS coach to date. He won the first 16 games of his first season, and the following year his team went undefeated. With a record of 263 wins and 136 losses, Underwood recalled in a 1980 interview for the Pilot News the support of the Culver community for its basketball team during what many consider the "golden age" under his tutelage. Underwood remembered the bank being closed during CHS' tournament play, and several of the games early in his Culver career broadcast on the radio.

Season after season, Underwood led the then-Culver Indians to victory after victory. Winning sectional titles in 1931, '37, '38, '42, '43, and '44 was no easy task in those days, with 15 teams competing for entrance into the regionals. The undefeated 1944 team captured the regional title and landed Underwood his

best win-loss record while at Culver, 27-0. Underwood's final Culver season of 1944-45 had been another winner, with a 21-5 record.

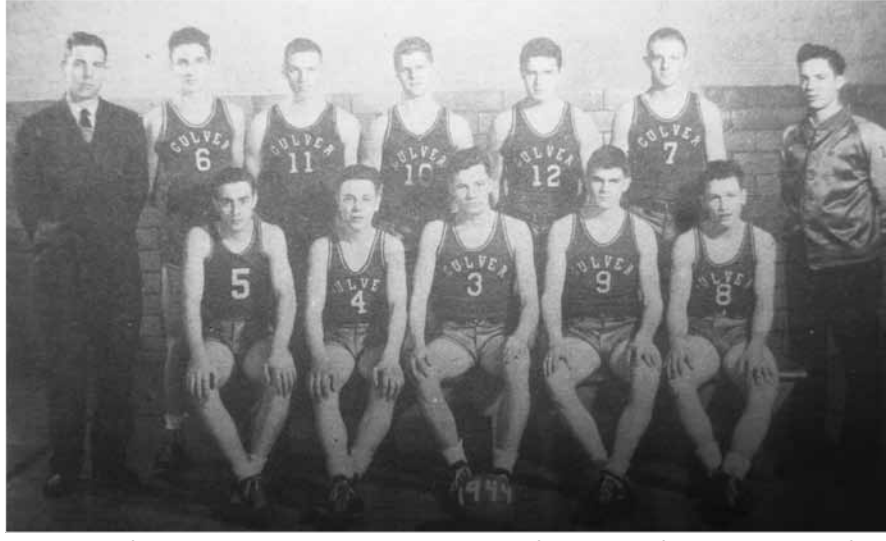
Underwood moved on to Goshen High School, where he revitalized the popular Goshen Relays which had been halted during World War II. He remained at Goshen as coach and athletic director for 27 years.

Don't forget Thews, whose late husband

Roger became a local basketball legend in his own right (see below), echoes the sentiments of most of her Culver contemporaries concerning Underwood. "He was a fine coach," she says, adding recollection of Underwood's leaving after her junior year and the arrival of another successful CHS coach. Red Sering.

the following year.

Asked about his winning secret, Underwood said, "We were always funda-



Members of the record-breaking 1944 CHS team: (front row, left to right) Don Clifton, Don Milner, Paul Snyder, Dale Heiser, and Bill Overmyer; second row: Coach Paul Underwood, George Andrews, Roger Thews, Ralph Pederson, Dick Hoesel, Don McKee, and Manager Curly Woolridge.

mentally sound...we never made very many mistakes.

"We had a lot of dedicated kids then," he added. "They really wanted to win. My problem was they practiced too much, and I remember one of our players getting hurt while playing after a school practice with the rest of the team in the loft of a barn."

Underwood was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1986.

### The 1940s Culver High School Indians

The 1940s, as mentioned above, are often looked upon as the "golden age" of high school basketball in

Culver. The 1942 Indians, composed of Paul Snyder Jr., Arthur Kemple, Robert May, Louis Fascia, Hall

Wilson, Tom Cook, Martin

Mahler, Edward Kowatch,

Robert Murphy, and Cecil

Miller, won 24 games and

lost only two, including the

first game of the regionals

that year.

The 1944 team broke a

state record at the time with

28 consecutive wins; the

second game in the semi-

finals was the team's only

defeat of the season.

In 1945, new CHS basket-

ball coach Harold "Red"

Sering had big shoes to fill

following the departure

of legendary coach Paul

Underwood, but fill them

he did. The team that year

won 22 games and lost six,

losing the second game of

the semi-finals to Flora in

a 37-35 heartbreaker at La-

fayette.

Culver won its fourth

straight sectional the fol-

lowing year, losing to

South Bend Central 48-39

in the regional. The next

year, Culver again won the

sectional but lost the regional

to Elkhart 41-36.

1945 CHS graduate

Ralph "Pete" Pederson

(inducted into the Indiana

Basketball Hall of Fame,

among other honors) was team captain during his senior year and coached the team from 1954-57. He later became head coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Tulane University, until 1983.

Fellow Indian Roger Thews, a 1946 graduate, was selected to the Indiana All-Team in his senior year and named to the Silver Anniversary team in 1971. He was later inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Thews passed away in 1977.

### The Culver Cavaliers era, 1968



Top photo: Coach Paul Underwood in a reflective mood, circa 1980. Bottom photo: Underwood was followed by another successful 1940s coach, 'Red' Sering, seen here in 1953 with James Kowatch.

### to the present

When Monterey and Leiters Ford students joined the newly-consolidated Culver Community High School in 1968, basketball coach Dave Huffman was there to greet them, along with his team of Terry Haskell, Len McIntire, Ken Haas, Gene Reese, Jeff Swanson, Ike Doll, Ron Stevens, Charles Ross, Chuck Kitchell, Larry Rans, Ken DeKoninck, Larry Lael, Brian Disney, and Brett Berndt.

Prior to consolidation, the Aubbeenaubbee Braves of Leiters Ford-Aubbeenaubbee Township had won the Fulton County championship in 1959 under the leadership of coach John Nelson, who later became CCHS principal and for whom the high school gymnasium is named today. Also under Nelson's

guidance, the team made the 1963 finals of the sectionals tourney before losing to Knox. Monterey High School won the 1961 sectional basketball tourney title under coach John Lebo.

Interscholastic girls' basketball competition began at the Culver Girls Academy in 1972 and the following year at Culver Community High School. Patricia Babcock holds the record as career scoring leader at CGA and was named Miss Indiana Basketball in 1990.

The Cavaliers boys' team, as many readers will recall, made history last year when the team won the sectional tourney, defeating Boone Grove at home prior to a loss to the highly-ranked Westview Warriors in the regionals at North Judson. The sectional victory was CCHS' first since 1985 under coach Ron Stevens.

**More basketball history: see Herman Sayger, page B2**

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## Gentry

**Evelyn G. Gentry**

**Sept. 8, 1925 – Sept. 7, 2009**



BROWNSBURG, Ind. — Evelyn G. Gentry, 83, of Brownsburg, formerly of Culver, passed away in Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis at 11:10 a.m. Sept 7, 2009.

Evelyn was born Sept. 8, 1925 in rural Starke County, one of five children born to Harry and Pansy Eskridge. She met and later married the love of her life, Oris Gentry, Aug. 7, 1948 in Knox. They raised two children together.

Evelyn worked at McGill Corp. for approximately 20 years. She loved to read, reading her Bible daily, and became a huge Indiana Pacers fan. She was a former member of the Eagle Creek Church in Knox.

Since moving to Brownsburg, she attended the Hope Community Church.

Evelyn is survived by her sons: Terry (Sherry) Gentry of Carmel, and Preston (Jan) Gentry of Brownsburg; brother, Harry (Diane) Eskridge of Plymouth; sister, OrfaJean Wentzel of Culver; five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Kenneth Eskridge and sister, Vivian Hess.

A time of sharing memories with Evelyn's family was held Thursday Sept. 10, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m. EDT at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Funeral services were officiated by Pastor Jim Bohrer Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at 2 p.m. EDT at the funeral home.

Interment followed at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Evelyn's memory to the Gleaners Food Bank (Indianapolis) and mailed to Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver, IN, 46511.

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

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## Death notices

**McFarland**

**Phebe C. McFarland**  
**Sept. 6, 2009**

PLYMOUTH — Phebe C. McFarland, 74, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 at 10:20 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by sons: Mike McFarland of Plymouth and Randy McFarland of Argos; and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation services.

Funeral services and interment will take place at a later date.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver was entrusted with arrangements.

## Birth

**Kinney**



Chad and Miranda Kinney, Plymouth, announce the birth of a daughter born July 13, 2009 at 5:29 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. Cadence Grace Kinney weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches long. She was welcomed home by Julie Claire Kinney, 5, and Gage Andrew Kinney, 3. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Rhonda Arvesen Jr. of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Timothy and Yvonne Shanklin of Donaldson.

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# Family is central to life of person, community

Each of us belong to a family and much of what we are is from our family, e.g our look, the way we talk, walk, think, react, etc.

Before DNA came into use, some or all the above were ways by which people would indentify someone as so and so's son or daughter.

The family is therefore an important organ of our being. It gives us identity, it influences our decisions, and it introduces us to a wider community with an identity of our own, and we form the community of diversity. The beauty of the community is similarity and diversity.

The church understands the family as the DOMESTIC CHURCH from which the church grows, which is the body of Christ is built here on earth.

We ought therefore to uphold those things that build and strengthen the

family. These can be regular get-togethers, a meal together, praying together, watching the T.V together, husband and wife cooking



## Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Tad Balinda  
St. Mary of the Lake  
Catholic Church

together, going to church or any other place of worship together.

Individualism does not favor the growth of a family. I like the way parents care for babies. They are not at peace when the baby cries. They will both do what they can to make sure the baby is smiling every time. That is a way to make the baby feel a sense of belonging and care.

Dear parents, do you have something to make

your teenagers feel the same way? Are we only concerned about their going to school, eating, and sleeping well? Isn't there a

need for us as parents to give a proper dose to our teenagers so that they continue to feel a sense of belonging and care?

In my opinion, no one is too grown for his or her parents. Jesus says that unless we become like little children, we shall not enter the kingdom of God. Some childlike humility and surrender to some authority is needed of us. That's what we do at our work places, when we observe traffic rules, or even restaurant regulations of 'no smoking'.

Work can keep members of the family away from each other for a day,

a week, a year and so on. How do we compensate for those times we have missed one another? For the smile, the word, the hug the word of encouragement that we have missed? Or we let go.

"I have no time" is the phrase we often hear. Having no time for your family is equivalent to having no time for yourself. Robin Williams in his comedy, "Mrs. Doubtfire," gives us a lesson of having time for children and the family. He goes through the pain of disguise, pretending to be a 60-year-old woman in order to have time for his three children (and consequently his former wife) every day.

Maybe this article will awaken some or strengthen others; or it may not be news for you but take it from me: "I am because you are and you are because I am!"

## Nostalgia

### History highlight:

**September 10, 1914:**

Rector's Pharmacy is the first store in Culver to hang out a big electric lamp over the front door (and in related news, about 50 electric irons have been purchased by the people of Culver). The May 28 edition of the Citizen reported electric current had just been run from the Plymouth Electric Light and Power Company down 12 miles of wire to Culver for the first time!

**100 years ago  
Sept. 16, 1909**

Saine and son will sell

their horses and wagon and run an automobile delivery next season.

S.F. Medbourn is putting up a barn, 36 x 38, on the lot west of his house; the material used formerly composed the assembly auditorium (*editor's note: this is almost certainly the Maxinkuckee Assembly Chautauqua, which took up the entire south side of Culver and included its own hotel, depot, post office, and outdoor 'tabernacle' amphitheater. The Assembly disbanded after six successful seasons drawing thousands to Culver, in 1905.*)

Perry Guard has raised the largest peaches we have seen this summer, with one measuring 12 inches around; David Sweet, south of town, raised a 70-pound

watermelon.

**90 years ago  
Sept. 17, 1919**

Statistics show Marshall County's losses in World War I to be 17 men: seven killed in action, two from wounds, and eight from disease.

It has been decided to drop football from the school and use the time for basketball. A court will be constructed on the schoolyard with Mr. Walker managing athletics.

**80 years ago  
Sept. 11, 1929**

The wooden railroad viaduct at the end of Washington Street has been rebuilt with heavier material; it is felt the new structure should better handle the heavy freight loads.

The Culver Independent Baseball Nine closed its successful home season last Sunday, defeating Keewanna 16-7.

**25 years ago  
Sept. 19, 1984**

James J. Sarna of Culver pleaded not guilty to an arraignment before a US District Court judge after federal agents allege he used a print shop in his basement to print counterfeit 20 dollar bills.

Jan Sanders, a resident of the Culver area for 24 years, is the newest member of Culver's park board. Mrs. Sanders, a Democrat, is the first board member to represent the interests of Union Township on the board (she is a resident of Burr Oak); she has been employed at the Culver Academy for 12 years and is an active member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Roy Shepard presented Culver's Chamber of Commerce a design for some proposed signs welcoming people to Culver, at the Chamber's September meeting at the Olde Towne restaurant in downtown Culver. Chamber members voiced approval of the four by ten foot signs and that they should be posted at as-yet undetermined locations around town.

### Pastor's corner correction



In last week's (Sept. 10) edition of the Citizen, Pastor Larry Saunders of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver was incorrectly identified as Pastor Ron Lewellan of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. The Citizen apologizes for the error. Last week's Pastor's Corner ("Our story and the great story") was the work of Pastor Saunders and not Pastor Lewellan.

### Name that Culver "citizen"

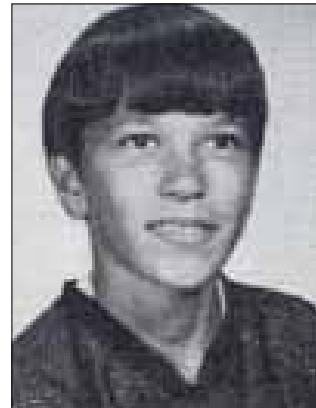


At left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Dick Swennumson, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's Mystery Citizen was another stumper, apparently, for many Culverites. Only Patty Stallings was able to figure out the young man in last week's photo (at left) was none other than Dick Swennumson, of Lake Maxinkuckee's east shore and a respected past president of Culver's Kiwanis Club besides being active in the club in a variety of fund-raising and other

capacities, and applying his considerable energy and vision to serve the Culver community on many levels in recent years. Dick's "past" photo was taken a few years back, during his senior year at Culver Military Academy. Patty told the editor she was anxious to begin using her prize of free parking in downtown Culver -- ay she use it in good health!

This week's Mystery Citizen is familiar to many Culverites in several different capacities. In fact, whether you recognize him or not from this photo, odds are you've run into him, possibly even quite recently, wearing one or another of the hats (or other attire particular to his vocations), around town. The free parking slots downtown are filling up, so guess away.



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## Council from page A1

also suggested the possibility of moving trash service to Mondays to remove trash caused by the proliferation of Culver's weekend population.

One summer resident at the meeting expressing full support of the move – including year-round billing in spite of his winter absence – was Jon Mulford of Williams Street, who noted his trash bill in his winter home of Tempe, Arizona is \$19 monthly, compared with \$34 in Culver.

“There is an ongoing trash problem in Culver,” said Mulford, “because people don't pay for trash service. I urge you to look at a contractual arrangement where everybody would be obliged to have trash pickup.”

Mulford added Tempe's city-wide waste service distributes recycling totes which are considerably larger than the small bins in use in Culver. Larger bins, he noted, can lead to a marked increase in residents' recycling and a decrease in their trash output, something Mulford said he hoped could happen in Culver as well. Council member Lynn Overmyer expressed agreement with Mulford's urging the council “do something this year” about the trash situation.

During the public input portion of the meeting, two residents of the south side of Culver addressed the council with what they say are ongoing concerns as to drug use, theft, and verbal abuse originating from one residence in their neighborhood. One of those making the complaint also read a letter from another south side resident with similar concerns who also expressed disappointment that hopes for peaceful and crime-free living in Culver

were dashed by recent experiences in the area.

The same two residents also raised questions about the confidentiality of police reports when complaints are made. Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean said police reports are not shown to those about whom accusations are made; he added one of the residents making a police report pertaining to incidents in the area had dropped the charges.

Overmyer said she's received calls from local realtors concerned about problems in the area, where she's been told “it's impossible to sell property.”

Council president Sally Ricciardi said Bean and the council will have further discussion of the problem; Bean told one of the residents attending the meeting he'll send an officer to discuss the matter.

The council passed two ordinances on second and third reading during two public hearings at the meeting as well.

Ordinance 2009-006 amended application and building permit fees in the town of Culver. Building inspector Russ Mason said the change resulted from Culver's plan commission spending considerable time reviewing the previous fee structure. The commission found Culver's fees were significantly lower than other communities' and weren't meeting costs of notification, Mason's own salary, and costs to the plan commission. This year's fees, Mason added, have left the budget down by almost \$2,000; he said he believes the new fee structure will cover future costs.

Ordinance 2009-007 sought to clarify a 2008 ordinance and require one water meter for each residential unit – which would

be billed accordingly – with some exceptions noted. Rates themselves were not increased by the new ordinance. Council member Ralph Winters explained that the new ordinance aims to establish a consistent policy on the matter as opposed to case-by-case decision-making by whoever is in charge of the town's water department at the time.

Lengthy discussion took place concerning a memorandum of understanding – which Doss pointed out is a prelude to an actual contract – between the town of Culver and the Southwest Conservancy District, which represents residents of the west and south shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. The document evolved from months of discussion between the two entities and relates to members of the District connecting to Culver's wastewater sewage system in the near future.

Of particular concern to town attorney Jim Clevenger and some council members was clarification of what the District's responsibility might be for needed sewer plant expansion several years in the future.

“My concern,” noted Ricciardi, “is 20 years from now – either it needs to have a timeline or be open enough that we can charge our costs.”

Winters noted the Conservancy District has a fixed number of homes planned to feed into Culver's system now, but expressed concern that the number of homes in the District could expand in the future.

Winters also explained that engineers have suggested the town apply for a re-rating of the existing sewer plant rather than move immediately to expand the plant. He noted



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## Culver's state champ

The 2009 Indiana State Fair Champion Maine Anjou heifer is shown here by Tanner Hoffman of Culver, a second year 4H member. Also pictured are Tanner's parents, Vince and Michelle Hoffman, sister Katie Hoffman, and cousins Kagnie and Karsen Hoffman and Kash and Pacen Wolf.

today's plant has a capacity of approximately twice what it's used for today in an ordinary fashion, though there is concern as to the plant's capacity during a serious storm event. One possibility discussed, said Winters, is the addition of an equalization tank which could hold 100,000 gallons of excess sewage and filter it into the plant over two days, rather than the massive plant renovation discussed earlier this year.

The memorandum, noted Clevenger, is contingent upon the re-rating of Culver's plant; otherwise, the council will have to consider expansion of the plant or leaving the District to its own solutions. He suggested the council either approve the memorandum as it stands, or rework the language according to the evening's discussion and then approve it.

The council also approved allowing Bayside Condominiums to trade in its one-inch water meters for quarter-inch meters, a decision reached after several weeks of discussion at previous meetings.

Originally, Bayside representative Mike Hudson had suggested ways to alleviate what Bayside residents felt were high water fees due to the insertion of one-inch water lines by the contractor during construction of the building. At Doss' request, the council allowed approval of the same change for other Culver residents making the same request in the future.

Following up on a matter raised at the last council meeting, audience member Connie Van Horn said she and others attended the last Culver park board meeting to discuss the status of personalized fence pickets sold to raise funds for last year's Vandalia Village playground. Pickets are slated to go up in the spring, it was determined, and 458 have been sold. Van Horn added she was surprised to learn the pickets only netted \$9 each toward the project.

In other audience discussion, a number of residents in the Forest Place and Lake Shore Drive area expressed concern over the number of feral cats in their neighbor-

hood, which they say are being fed by a neighbor. The residents asked if a cat ordinance could be added to the town's existing dog ordinance.

Clevenger said enforcement of any ordinances enacted would continue to be an issue, since trapping and catching the animals can be difficult. He added that the Marshall County Humane Society charges \$40,00 per year to trap and remove strays on an ongoing basis or \$40 per animal. Clevenger asked the residents to research cat ordinances in other communities and share their findings with the council.

The council also approved town clerk Casey Howard's taking steps toward selling the Culver-Union Township EMS' recently “retired” ambulance, now that the new vehicle has arrived and is in use.

Culver fire chief Mike Grover said his department raised \$1,800 over Labor Day weekend as part of a “Fill the Boot” drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



# Sports



## Cavs serve up win over Argos



Culver Community's Patrice McBee spikes the ball during a home volleyball match against Argos.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Argos got served Tuesday. Literally.

The host Lady Cavaliers served up a whopping total of 21 aces, led by sophomore Aspen Kitchell's eight, and Culver claimed a four-game win over the Lady Dragons in a volleyball match at Culver 25-15, 21-25, 25-15, 25-15.

"We've been trying to work on placing serves, and Kitchell, she's a tough server," said Culver head coach Amanda Minix. "We're just trying to be more consistent. I tell the girls it's not something that we have to get an ace every serve. As long as we can get a ball over the net, some teams have trouble serve receiving and tonight it helped us just being able to place the ball where it needed to be."

While Kitchell's running serve garnered her a match-high eight aces, there were plenty of stats to go around for the Cavs as Cheantae Stiles recorded four, Patrice McBee tallied three, and Alison Zehner, Olivia Knapp and Kalee Miller each served up two against the young Dragons.

But youth wasn't the only factor affecting Argos' game Tuesday, as senior setter Kelsey Strahla was sidelined with injury at Culver, and Anika Schmidt was just returning from a hiatus with a broken nose.

"We have one of our starters out," said Argos head coach Marilyn Thayer. "She got injured last week, and one of our other

starters has a broken nose and has surgery this week, so she was out a few games and she just got back in, so she's kind of playing safe, I think."

Despite the personnel adjustments, the Dragons were still able to bounce back from a first-game loss and an early 5-0 deficit in game two to rally for a 25-21 win.

"They got themselves into it out on the floor," said Thayer. "They all kind of pulled it together. They either all fall apart of they all get it together."

Culver never let the momentum swing too far, however, regrouping for consecutive 25-15 wins in games three and four to put the match away.

The Cavs were led by Patrice McBee's 11 kills. It may not have been the heavy hitter's most prolific outing on offense but she put in a strong all-around performance with a team-leading 14 digs to boot, and Alison Zehner helped make up the difference in Culver's attack with seven kills in the win.

"The girls know she's our go-to girls, and tonight she didn't have as many kills as she's had in the past couple games that we've played but she really stepped it up on her digging, and her serve receive."

Minix said of McBee. "She's able to be an all-around player for us right now."

"Ali (Zehner), she's been struggling a little bit on her hitting. She had shoulder

surgery over the summer and wasn't able to get into the weight room and get in and do a whole lot of things this summer...but she can pick it up when Patrice is having an off night or when Patrice is picking up somewhere else. Usually, they're back and forth either on digs or attacks. They're swapping back and forth with numbers."

Argos was led by Brooke Thayer's seven kills and 17 digs, and six assists and three kills from fellow senior Ashley Recupido, who was forced to fill in at server in Strahla's absence.

"They've both picked it up every game, actually," said Marilyn Thayer. "They've played for four years... They both play very well. They always know who they need to cover or when they need to pick it up and play their game."

Culver improves to just a match under .500 with the win, while Argos slips to 2-7.

• CULVER 3, ARGOS 1 (25-15, 21-25, 25-15, 25-15)

At Culver  
Culver stats  
Kills: Patrice McBee 11, Alison Zehner 7  
Aces: Aspen Kitchell 8, Cheantae Stiles 4, McBee 3  
Assists: Kitchell 10, Miller 2  
Digs: McBee 14, Knapp 9  
Argos stats  
Kills: Brooke Thayer 7, Ashley Recupido 3  
Aces: Anika Schmidt 3, Thayer 1, Recupido 1  
Assists: Recupido 6  
Digs: Thayer 17, Recupido 17  
Records: Culver 5-6, Argos 2-7

## Sports briefs

### Football

#### Cavs come up short

NEW CARLISLE — Culver Community suffered its first defeat of the football season by a 21-12 count Friday at Northern State Conference opponent New Prairie.

Collin Stevens tossed touchdown passes to Robert Molebash and Sam Hendrickson for the Cavs. Also for Culver, running back Michael Salary piled up 102 rushing yards.

Stevens passed for 122 yards, hitting Salary, Hendrickson and Molebash for multiple completions.

Culver drops to 3-1 (1-1 NSC).

• NEW PRAIRIE 21, CULVER COMMUNITY 12  
At New Carlisle  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 0 0 6 6—12  
New Prairie: 7 7 0—21  
Scoring summary  
NP — 9 run (kick)  
NP — 15 run (kick)

C — Robert Molebash 21 pass from Collin Stevens  
NP — 68 run (kick)  
C — Sam Hendrickson 5 pass from Stevens

C	NP
First downs	16 10
Rushing yardage	157 230
Passing	12-17 1-3
Passing yardage	136 10
Fumbles-lost	3-2 0-0
Penalties-yards	5-28 1-15
Punts-avg.	0-0 38.3

Culver individual stats  
Rushing: Michael Salary 12-102, Hendrickson 4-19, Stevens 16-19, James Dulin 7-12, Kevin Hogan 3-5.  
Passing: Stevens 11-16, 122 yards, Brock Elliott 1-1, 14 yards.  
Receiving: Salary 4-41, Hendrickson 4-36, Molebash 3-45, Hogan 1-14.  
Record: Culver 3-1 (1-1 NSC), New Prairie 2-2 (2-0 NSC).

#### CMA wins bird fight

NORTH JUDSON — Culver Military Academy's football team soared to a 37-14 win at North Judson-San Pierre Friday.

The Eagles' Zach Deery had 112 yards rushing in the first half, finishing the game with 164 on 12 carries. He also had a touchdown.

CMA quarterback Josh

Wright threw for a TD and ran 26 yards for the first score of the game.

The Eagles held Judson to just 46 yards rushing and 6 passing in the first half.

Andrew Frasure led the Bluejays with 83 yards rushing.

• CULVER MILITARY 37, NORTH JUDSON-SP 14  
At North Judson  
Score by quarters  
CMA: 17 7 6—37  
NJ: 0 0 14—14  
First Quarter

CMA — Josh Wright 26 run (Tom O'Neill kick) 9:43.  
CMA — O'Neill 35-yard field goal, 4:51.  
CMA — Zach Deery 9 run (O'Neill kick) 1:42

Second Quarter  
CMA — Vince Vacketta 15 pass from Wright (O'Neill kick) 5:37  
Third Quarter

CMA — Juwan Brescanin 16 pass from Wright (O'Neill kick) 2:57  
Fourth Quarter  
NJ — Andrew Frasure 6 run (kick failed) 6:51  
CMA — Ralph Laux 3 run (kick failed) 2:31

NJ — Dalton Tunis 10 pass from Kendall Hochstedler (Hochstedler run) 1:07

CMA	NJ
First downs	17 12
Yards rushing	307 127
Yards passing	54 54
Passing	6-11-0 5-7-0
Punting	0-0 5-31
Fumbles/lost	3-2 2-2
Yards Penalized	90 60
Records: CMA 3-1, North Judson 2-2.	

### Girls soccer

#### CGA stops Argos

The Lady Eagles outshot the Dragons 23-15, and Culver Girls Academy claimed a 2-1 win over Argos at home Thursday.

Dineo Mmutla and Erin Tress scored CGA's two goals, while Staci O'Dell found the net for Argos.

Karlee VanDerWeele made 13 saves for the Dragons, while Jasmine Solola and Monica Weaser each had five splitting time in goal for the home team.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2, ARGOS 1  
At Culver  
First half  
CGA — Dineo Mmutla (Kylee Shipley)  
Second half

CGA — Erin Tress (Victoria Weitgenant)  
A — Staci O'Dell (unassisted)  
Shots: CGA 23, Argos 15.  
Saves: CGA 10 (Jasmine Solola 5, Monica Weaser 5), Argos 13 (Karlee VanDerWeele).

### Girls golf

#### CGA wins 3-way

Triton's Emily Duff was one of just two players to break 50, but Culver Girls Academy's consistency won the day as the Eagles topped the field with 204 in a three-way girls golf meet at the Academies course Thursday.

Duff's performance helped lead her team to a 229-230 win over LaLumiere.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 204, TRITON 229, LALUMIERE 230  
At Culver Academies Golf Course (Par 37)

CGA (204): Brenna Newell 50, Hannah Gilley 51, Emma Hann 54, Carrie Birkmeier 49, Sammy Seibel 62.  
Triton (229): Audrey Boarden 56, Emily Duff 49, Sydney Gochenour 57, Olivia Reichert 67.  
LaLumiere (230): Keitie Brown 44, Erin Lim 51, Sydney McBride 65, Clara Kaminski 74, Alexa Hicks 70.

#### Pilgrims win CGA Invite

Allison Bayley, Ashley Lenne and Erin Kinney seized the second through fourth spots individually, and the Lady Pilgrims topped the six-team Culver Girls Academy Golf Invitational with a score of 358.

Bayley led the Pilgrims with a score of 87, followed by Lenne's 89 and Kinney's 90, and Megan Schenk carded a 92 to round out Plymouth's score.

CGA finished in fourth place with a 418, led by Hannah Gilley's round of 100 at the Eagles' home course.

LaVille's Christiana Newkirk shot a 142 for the round, but the Lancers were unable to field a full team at the invite.  
• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY INVITATIONAL  
At Culver Academies Course

(Par 72)  
TEAM SCORES: PLYMOUTH 358, NORTHWOOD 376, WAWASEE 386, CGA 418,  
GOSHEN 441, LALUMIERE 489  
Medalist: Amy Thompson (NW) 76.  
PLYMOUTH (358): Ashley Lenne 89, Erin Kinney 90, Allison Bayley 87, Megan Schenk 92, Mandy McPherron 116.  
NORTHWOOD (376): Amy Thompson 76, Alexis Anglemeyer 95, Kelbi Taylor 101, Emily Myers 105, Sarah Smeltzer 104.  
WAWASEE (386): Krista Zurcher 92, Courtney Rassi 95, Alexis Linnemeir 91, Cayla Hilgenberg 108, Kara Kaiser 117.

CGA (418): Brenna Newell 48, Hannah Gilley 100, Emma Han 109, Sammy Seibel 102, Carrie Birkmeier 111.  
GOSHEN (441): Heather Gladfelter 99, Katrelyn Flory 99, Amanda Rosa 123, Kaitlyn Karnes 120.  
LALUMIERE (489): Katie Brown 85, Erin Lim 119, Sydney McBride 142, Emma Ohlund 143, Alexa Hicks 149.

LAVILLE (no score): Christiana Newkirk 142, Shayla Eggert 166.  
INDIVIDUALS: Courtney Zotos (CGA) 122, Lyndsey Smelter (NW) 104, Kate Adams (NW) 118, Kaylee Niestrom (CGA) 118, Helen Hansen (CGA) 117.

### Volleyball

#### CGA drops match

The Lady Eagles fell 25-17, 25-17, 26-28, 25-11 to South Bend Washington in a volleyball match at the Culver Academies Wednesday.

Mariah Tabor led CGA with nine kills and 11 digs, while Emily Gilland recorded six aces, two blocks, five digs and 15 assists in the loss.

The JV Eagles won their match 25-9, 25-8.  
• S.B. WASHINGTON 3, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 1 (25-17, 25-17, 26-28, 25-11)

At Culver  
CGA stats  
Kills: Mariah Tabor 9, Kirsten Elliott 5  
Aces: Emily Gilland 6, Tabor 2  
Blocks: Gilland 2, Deborah Ohiani-Jegade 1  
Digs: Tabor 11, Gilland 5, Kelley Flanagan 5  
Assists: Gilland 15  
Washington stats  
Kills: Missy Mackowiak 21, Carrie Toth 7, Abby Green 7  
Blocks: Toth 8, Nicole Dudzinski 4  
Aces: Mackowiak 5, Dudzinski 4, Toth 4, Michelle Szarwark 3  
Assists: Dudzinski 26, Julie Miller 13  
Digs: Mackowiak 28, Szarwark 17,

Ashley Hairston 14, Miller 7, Green 7  
JV score: CGA 2, Washington 0 (25-9, 25-8)

#### Lions win v-ball invite

Bremen went 2-0 with wins over Rochester (25-22, 18-25, 27-25) and Culver Girls Academy (25-22, 25-22) to win its home volleyball invitational.

Lerin Studt led the Lady Lions with 18 kills and 25 digs, while Brandy Leeper served four aces and picked up 19 digs. Casey Hueni and Allison Shorter recorded respective tallies of 27 and 25 assists at the tourney.

Meanwhile, Kristen Elliott led the Lady Eagles with 10 kills and two blocks, while Deborah Ohiani-Jegade had five kills and four blocks for CGA. Emily Gilland had 23 assists, and Mariah Tabor had 16 digs at Bremen.

• BREMEN VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL  
At Bremen

Standings: Bremen 2-0, Rochester 1-1, Culver Girls Academy 0-2  
Match results: Rochester 2, CGA 1 (17-25, 25-14, 25-21)  
Bremen 2, CGA 0 (25-22, 25-22)  
Bremen 2, Rochester 1 (25-22, 18-25, 27-25)

Bremen tourney stats  
Kills: Lerin Studt 18, Kelly Bahr 8  
Digs: Lerin Studt 25, Brandy Leeper 19, Kelly Bahr 19, Casey Hueni 14  
Aces: Brandy Leeper 4, Lerin Studt 3, Brooke Baker 3, Kelly Bahr 2  
Assists: Casey Hueni 27, Allison Shorter 25  
CGA tourney stats  
Kills: Kirsten Elliott 10, Alyssa Weeks 6, Mariah Tabor 6, Deborah Ohiani-Jegade 5, Emily Gilland 4, Lauren Jones 2, Kelley Flanagan 2  
Blocks: Deborah Ohiani-Jegade 4, Kirsten Elliott 2, Emily Gilland 2, Lauren Jones 2, Alyssa Weeks 2  
Assists: Emily Gilland 23, Mariah Tabor 3, Alyssa Weeks 1

Aces: Lauren Jones 4, Emily Gilland 3, Madeline Danesi 2, Deborah Ohiani-Jegade 1, Kirsten Elliott 1  
Digs: Mariah Tabor 16, Madeline Danesi 10, Alyssa Weeks 8, Kelley Flanagan 6, Emily Gilland 3, Kirsten Elliott 2, Bethanni Lewis 2, Deborah Ohiani-Jegade 1  
Records: Culver Girls Academy 2-2

#### Logan blanks CMA

Alejandro Lagon Riojas made five saves for Culver Military, but the Eagles offense wasn't able to score a goal in a 3-0 shutout to Logansport at home Tuesday.

• LOGANSPORT 3, CULVER MILITARY 0  
At Culver  
First half  
L — Jairo Rodriguez (Edgar Islas)  
Second half  
L — Islas (unassisted)  
L — Garrett Baldini (Penalty kick)  
Saves: Stephane Vanier (L) 3, Alejandro Lafon Riojas (CMA) 5

#### Eagles fall

Culver Military Academy fell 4-2 to Bishop Noll in a boys soccer match at home.

The Eagles tallied goals by Manuel Ituarte and Chris Lorenz in the second half but were unable to get over the hump after giving up three first-half goals to the visitors.

CMA falls to 1-2 with the loss.

• BISHOP NOLL 4, CULVER MILITARY 2  
At Culver  
First half  
BN — Eric Rivera (Brandon Salazar), 11th minute.  
BN — Alberto Anguiano (Angel Zamudio), 22nd minute.  
BN — Anguiano (Quinn Cloghessy), 37th minute.  
Second half  
CMA — Manuel Ituarte (unassisted), 59th minute.  
BN — Zamudio (penalty kick), 68th minute.  
CMA — Chris Lorenz (unassisted), 69th minute.  
Shots: BN 13, CMA 12  
Saves: BN 4 (A.J. Cardenas, Eric Rodriguez), CMA 7 (Alonzo Gutierrez-Rodriguez)  
Corner kicks: BN 1, CMA 4  
Record: CMA 1-2

#### Culver ties

Culver Community tied South Bend Riley 1-1 in the second round at the Blueberry Festival Boys Soccer Tournament Monday.

Zach Duplay scored the Cavaliers' goal in the 20th minute on an assist by A.J. Neice.

• CULVER 1, SOUTH BEND RILEY 1

### Boys soccer

## Free computer classes at Culver Public Library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will be starting its free computer classes in September. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions for the months of September and October will cover essential computer skills, Internet, and E-Mail. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes.

Classes for September and October:  
Computers for Beginners part I (Sept. 21, 6 p.m. and Sept. 25, 10 a.m.)  
Computers for Beginners part II (Sept. 28, 6 p.m. and Oct. 2, 10 a.m.)  
Internet (Oct. 5, 6 p.m. and Oct. 9, 10 a.m.)  
E-Mail (Oct. 12, 6 p.m. and Oct. 16, 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](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main Street.

## Community Calendar

### Thurs., Sept. 17

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Yoga class, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., church rectory basement-

### Fri., Sept. 18

Chief Menominee monument rededication ceremony, 4 p.m., Peach Road

### Mon., Sept. 21

Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

### Tues., Sept. 22

Fitness class, 9 a.m., Cul-

ver Public Library

Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Town council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

### Weds., Sept. 23

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Basketball history book talk and local remembrance with author Emerson Houck, 1 p.m.

Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot/train station

### Thurs., Sept. 24

Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library  
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library



PHOTOS/SHERILL FUJIMURRA

TOP PHOTO: Herman Sayger, left, visits with legendary Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne just prior to Rockne's untimely death in March, 1931.

ABOVE: Herman Sayger in Tiffin, Ohio, in later years  
RIGHT: Sayger as a youngster in Culver.

permanently on the professional level following its 1945 testing in the NCAA.

The Heidelberg College basketball court in Ohio is named in Sayger's honor after he launched the school's intramural sports program, serving as athletics director and head football coach there. The Sayger Award is presented each year to the college's senior male athlete most likely to succeed.

Sayger also played professional football and went into sports writing, radio announcing, photography, drawing, and publication. He published an annual booklet illustrating the first football hand signals, established by Sayger himself and also published some 24 books on athletics. He assisted Red Barber in broadcasting college football games, was a member of the American Football Coaches Association most of his coaching life, and was a charter member of the National Football Hall of Fame in addition to starting a sports syndicate of his own. He was associated with sports legends such as Knute Rockne, Red Grange, Jim Thorpe, and others.

Herman Sayger also headed Sayger Enterprises, Inc., which combined his camera store, studio, printing shop, publishing business, and other endeavors in addition to his work with O.K. Rubber Welders, whose Culver location may be remembered by many Culverites (the business was owned by Harry Edgington and Charles Medbourn of Culver).

Sayger was a beloved member of his Tiffin, Ohio community, contributing locally in many capacities there up to his death in 1970. Sherrill Fujimura knew "Uncle Herman" all her life and has fond memories of his kindness. His ashes were scattered over Lake Maxinkuckee.

## More of Culver on the hardwood Culver's Sayger is sports legend, still holds record

Among a host of other accomplishments, Culver High School basketball player Herman Sayger set and still holds the Indiana high school individual scoring record with 113 points in a 154-10 victory against Winamac in March, 1913. In fact, the 1914 CHS team, which consisted of only five players and no reserves (besides Sayger, the team also included Rex Mawhorter, Charles Cowan, and Tone Shaw), won 25 out of 27 games that season and amassed over 1,300 points, making it to state semi-finals. There the team won their first nine games and lost by just one point.

Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1895, Sayger lost his parents Larry and Emma and brother Gene within a week of one another while he was a young child. Emma Green Sayger's sister Mary had married Tom Medbourn of Culver, and the couple took young Herman in, bringing him to Culver around 1901 to be raised alongside their own children Charlie and Myrtle, more or less as a brother. In fact, recalls Sherrill Fujimura, her mother Donna (Medbourn) Edgington always called Herman Sayger "Uncle Herman," a name Sherrill herself adopted for him as well.

It was in Culver, of course, that Sayger played that

record 1913 game against Winamac, though he also played a year for Culver Military Academy on a scholarship as well, becoming a football, basketball, baseball, and track star there as well as a coach after graduating high school in 1915.

That fall he entered Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, participating in a host of sports there and making All Ohio in football and basketball.

In 1917 he was captain of Heidelberg's football team and since the school's coach was otherwise occupied serving in World War I, Sayger coached basketball, football, and baseball for the school, making him possibly one of the only men to serve as quarterback, team captain, and coach of the same football team. Sayger himself was also called to service, playing football and basketball at Camp Dodge. He also coached swimming for 12 years at Culver Military Academy.

Among other activities, Sayger returned to Heidelberg as coach after graduation, heading up two undefeated teams at the school. He was also the first to suggest the three-point rule in basketball while coaching in Tiffin. The rule was intended to eliminate the center jump and establish a new scoring system, and eventually was adopted



## Briefs from page A1

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](mailto:citizen@culcom.net).

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## Butler student from Culver honored as Lilly Scholar

INDIANAPOLIS – Myles Pinder from Culver is one of 29 freshmen attending Butler University on full scholarship as part of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program. Selected from community foundations from across the state, the Butler students were among 219 students awarded scholarships this year. With 29 Lilly Scholars, Butler has the second-highest number of scholars among Indiana universities.

Now in its 12th year, the program provides a scholarship for each recipient that covers full tuition and required fees, plus \$800 per year for books and supplies. Butler's Lilly Scholars were honored at a reception hosted by Butler President Bobby Fong Aug. 27 on the Butler campus.

Butler is a nationally recognized comprehensive university that blends the liberal arts with first-rate pre-professional programs. It seeks to prepare each graduate not simply to make a living but to make a life of purpose, in which personal flourishing is intertwined with the welfare of others. Butler is known for its vibrant campus, superior academics and dedicated faculty. The University enrolls more than 4,400 undergraduate and graduate students in five academic colleges: Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Fine Arts.

## 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, Sept. 17:** Western omelet, pastry and margarine, fresh green pepper strips, diced potatoes, orange, and milk.  
**Friday, Sept. 18:** Liver

and onions, salad dressing, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, bread and margarine, and milk.

**Monday, Sept. 21:** BBQ pork, bun, sweet potato patties, baked beans, and milk.

**Tuesday, Sept. 22:** Beef stew with corn, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli salad, biscuit, peaches and cottage cheese, and milk.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23:** Oven fried chicken, mashed

potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and margarine, applesauce, and milk.

**Thursday, Sept. 24:** Smoked sausage, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, roll and margarine, blackberry crisp, and milk.

**Friday, Sept. 25:** Hamburger with cheese and onion, pea and bean salad, corn, bun, fresh fruit (in season), and milk.

## Sports from page B1

At Plymouth  
Culver goal: Zach Duplay (A.J. Neice) 20th minute

## Boys cross country

**Triton tops CMA**  
Blake Lemler and Curtis Nordmann went one-two for Triton, and the Trojans beat Culver Military in a close 26-29 cross country decision.

Lemler's race-winning mark was 18 minutes flat, while Nordmann followed eight seconds behind. CMA

was led by Chris Trennepohl in third and Adrian Negreros in fourth place.  
• TRITON 26, CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY 29  
Triton (26): 1. Blake Lemler 18:00, 2. Curtis Nordmann 18:08, 5. Trenton Stackhouse 19:13, 8. Trenton Looper 19:54, 10. Anthony Salazar 20:19  
CMA (29): 3. Chris Trennepohl 18:30, 4. Adrian Negreros 18:43, 6. Kinsey 19:33, 7. Burke 19:44, 9. Hague 10:14

## Girls cross country

**CGA beats Triton**  
The Lady Eagles claimed the top three spots behind

Tinley Gillett's 25:35, and Culver Girls Academy beat Triton in a dual girls cross country meet.

Olivia Gillingham came in a distant second to her teammate, and Kacie Hermanson finished in third, while the Trojans were paced by Ashley Kann in fourth, and Ali Slabaugh in fifth.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 15, TRITON 50  
CGA (15): 1. Tinley Gillett 25:35, 2. Olivia Gillingham 26:15, 3. Kacie Hermanson 26:32, 6. Jackie Fox 31:33, 7. Courtney Dodge 32:01  
Triton (50): 4. Ashley Kann 27:12, 5. Ali Slabaugh 30:30, 8. Kierstin Ousley 39:37, 9. Savannah Baker 42:07

## Letter to the editor

### More on golf carts

Special Report from Independent Correspondent JP (A Letter to the Editor)  
 An undisclosed source hinted that the Culver Town Council has allegedly passed an ordinance banning cars and trucks from city limits beginning January 1, 2010. This is, according to our source, a shot at those who oppose golf carts on our streets.  
 Our source suggested that requiring golf carts to have ridiculous safety features such as seat belts and child restraint seats is just another form of federal government tyranny. The following forms of transportation will be legal as of January 1, 2010:  
 Golf Carts – As long as they do not have any passenger safety features.  
 Skateboards and roller skates.  
 Skateboarders and roller skaters towed behind golf carts.  
 Wagons, buggies, carriages, pulled by large animals (please, no rabbits, chickens or Chihuahuas). The three new street maintenance employees (pooper scoopers) have threatened to strike if elephants and Hippos are allowed.  
 Manual scooters.  
 Go-carts and dune buggies.  
 Little red wagons and tricycles.  
 Bicycles without reflective or head lights.  
 Twin beds as long as the passenger is securely tucked in and alone.  
 Shank's Mare.  
 No vehicle, 18 wheel, 4 wheel, 2 wheel, or any other wheel, using natural fuel will be allowed.  
 Lake Shore Drive will be closed on Fridays between the Edgewater and drive-in for the weekly Culver Golf Cart Polo Club match.  
 Those driving cars will be required to park at one of four parking lots located just outside city limits on the north, south, east, and west sides of town. Golf cart taxis will be available on weekends, five dollars a head.  
 Our town council believes this will put them at the front as a beacon of hope for all small communities across our country.  
 Our source further admitted, rather proudly, that the council did defeat, by a narrow margin, ordinances that would have allowed public gun fights on weekends and residents dumping garbage and raw sewage in our streets.

**Jonathon Penhurst**  
 Culver



## Culver at the Blueberry

Culver was represented at this year's annual Blueberry Festival in Plymouth. TOP RIGHT PHOTO: The theme of this event was "Spirit of Community" — honoring all of those who take pride in their community. Awarded during the opening ceremony were (from left): Patty Jones, Argos; Sally Ricciardi, Culver; Mark Senter, Plymouth; Lorraine Dove, LaPaz; Heath Thornton, Bremen; and Larry Wattenbarger, Bourbon. MIDDLE RIGHT: Appearing in the Blueberry parade Labor Day morning were, left to right: 2009 Miss Maxinkuckee Paige Norwich, Junior Miss Maxinkuckee Brianna Overmyer, Princess Miss Maxinkuckee Lillian Proskey; riding in the carriage: Sue Norwich (Mike Faylor of the Culver Carriage Company is driving). BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Culver Community High School band also marched in the parade; from left to right are Tony Bright (9), Trinity Garcia (12), Ben Newman (11), and Max Burgess (11). PHOTO ABOVE: Members of the Culver Academies band pictured here include Andrew Cole (cymbals) and Wu Jong Kim (drummer) visible in the back row. First row, left to right: Cameron Crowell, Commander, Kevin Van Horn, Guidon, Kyle Howard, Ian Tulungen, Alex Burke, Kenneth Tse, Tristan Weber drums.

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## The class of '59, back in town

Culver High School's class of 1959 held its 50th class reunion earlier this summer at the Culver Cove (see article below). Pictured at left (front row, left to right) are: Guy Ott, Lamoin Banks, Larry Dickson, Carol (Lucas) Mills, Sandy (Furnas) Weisenauer, Clyde Poppy, Don Reed, Jeanette (Berger) La Mar, Sandy Wallen, Leroy Bean. Second row, left to right: Bob McCoige, Charlie Wessen, Dale Bennet, Ned Crum, Bob Kennedy, Harold Schmidt, Larry Zechiel, Jack Kinney, Norm Thomas, Mike Fitterling.

Below: The class reunion committee, Bob Kennedy, Jeanette (Berger) La Mar, and Guy Ott

## Fifty years later, CHS class of '59 reunites in Culver

The classmates of the Class of 1959 held their 50 year reunion this summer at the Culver Cove. Of the 20 surviving graduates, 18 were in attendance plus four additional "honorary classmates" who were invited because they were former members of the class for many years but left CHS for one reason or another prior to graduation.

The 22 members gathered for an informal social mixer Friday night at the Cove in the suite of graduating members Guy Ott and Robert Kennedy. The mixer was hosted by Ott, Kennedy, Jeanette (Berger) McCoige La Mar, and Sandra (Furnas) Weisenauer. Several of the class members also gathered at the Café Max on Saturday at noon for a no-host lunch. The event culminated Saturday evening at the Cove with a catered meal. The daughter of classmate Larry Zechiel, Jo Zechiel, was also in attendance to "spin" the original 45 rpm record collection that her Father Larry had saved along with his 45 rpm record player from his High School days.

Another special guest in attendance was Jean (Ditmire) Triplet, widow of the late Alvin Triplet. Alvin, who was one of the star athletes from the class, was remembered fondly by his former classmates. To this day, the Culver Little League Ball Field bears the name "Alvin Triplet Field."

A 63-page commemorative album was produced by Ott and distributed to all attending former classmates, as well as those who could not make it to the event. The album contains considerable memorabilia of the class of 1959's high school days, as well as autobiographies and pictures of the classmates from graduation to the present day. A copy of this album was presented to the Culver Public Library and the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver (for its Center for Culver History museum at the library), to share the class history and the lives of the former classmates with all the citizens of the Culver community.



The class of 1959: then

The Culver High School class of '59, of course, attended Culver High School while it was still located at today's Culver Elementary School (the class would graduate exactly a decade before the first class graduated the then-newly built Culver Community Junior-Senior High School, up the road to the north several blocks).

For the junior-senior prom, the Culver High School (today's elementary school) gym was turned into an "oriental dreamland" of red and white with crepe paper and paper lanterns around the theme of "Sayonara."

Class sponsors were Miss Fletchall and Mr. Annis. The final count of seniors that year was 28.

The class play, "The Perfect Idiot," was one money-maker for the class besides fudge sales, bake sales, colored hanger sales, leaf raking, and other activities. The class' senior year included a trip to Chicago - as guests of the State Exchange Bank - to the Federal Reserve Bank, Continental National Bank, and Chicago Board of Trade.

Royal blue and silver were class colors and the yellow rose was the class flower. The senior class trip included journeys by train to New York City, Washington, DC, and Williamsburg. The class motto: "The golden age is before us, not behind us."



Left: at the junior-senior prom in 1959 (left to right): Carol Wagoner, Sandy Furnas, Dan Little, Joyce Morrison, Jeanette Berger, Bob McCoige, Sharon Lindvall, Guy Ott.

## Academies orchestra among six at Confucius Festival

VALPARAISO, Ind. - Valparaiso University's Confucius Institute will host six high school orchestras from the Great Lakes region as part of its second annual Great Lakes Confucius Institute Music Festival in September,

exposing young people to China's music and culture. The groups attending the Sept. 19 event that will culminate in a combined performance with Chinese musicians include students from the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Or-

chestra, Zionsville High School, Emerson Arts Magnet School of Gary, Clay Arts Magnet High School of South Bend, Wheaton Academy of Illinois and Culver Academy of Indiana (director Bill Browne). Students will spend the

day observing and practicing with the Valpo Symphony Orchestra and musicians from the Zhejiang Butterfly Performing Troupe of China. The troupe's programs combine traditional Chinese instrumental and vocal music, folk dance, ac-

robatics and Chinese opera classics. The students will learn not only the fundamentals of Chinese music, but will also learn to play Chinese instruments. Friesen-Carper says each participant will have hands-on experience with Chinese traditional instruments coached by the Chinese performers, enjoy the Zhejiang Butterfly Troupe's entertaining and educational performance and prac-

tice Chinese music with them in a massed orchestra. Instructors will also lead masters classes for violin, viola, cello and bass, and a hands-on introduction to the erhu, guzheng, pipa and dizi, instruments of China. The day's activities will culminate in a concert at Valpo's Athletics Recreation Center, featuring the Zhejiang Butterfly Troupe, student erhu ensemble.

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