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## In Brief

### Tri Kappa poinsettias on sale now

Culver's Tri Kappa is offering its annual poinsettias, just in time for the holidays. Each poinsettia order helps Tri Kappa support education, charity and culture directly in our community and statewide. Poinsettias are \$12 each; the gorgeous flowers will be delivered to individuals November 28 and to churches December 18. Buyers may select from burgundy, red, white or pink 6 and 1/2 inch wrapped poinsettia plants. Orders and payment are due no later than November 15. Contact any Culver Tri Kappa member, or send Andrea Cook a message directly at [acook@themidascenter.com](mailto:acook@themidascenter.com).

### Ways to contribute following Surrett benefit

Those wishing to contribute towards costs incurred in treatment for 18-year-old Matthew Surrett may still do so following the November 7 benefit for he and his family held at the Monterey Legion. Surrett, grandson of Cathy DePalma of Culver, has been undergoing chemo for about nine months now and recently underwent surgery in an effort to remove his cancer. He will still have to go through about 20 more chemo treatments, according to DePalma, who adds Surrett's mother has been unable to work as she has been transporting him to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. Donations may be sent to Honey Loehmer, 2610 E 700 N, Monterey, IN 46960.

### Culver quilters will offer Civil War quilt

The Susanna Circle Quilters, Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver will offer a Civil War theme quilt "Underground Railroad" as a silent auction item. The quilt will be offered at the annual church Cookie Walk which is Saturday, December 5 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Civil War quilt is based on the book "Hidden in Plain View" by Tobin and Dobard, Ph. D. and is the story of the Underground Railroad told through quilt blocks. The quilt measures 85 x 57 inches and is suitable for wall hanging. The fabric used is Civil War reproduction in muted shades of brown, red, blue and green. The quilt is offered in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of

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## Building bridges to serve Culver

Adults and students from the Culver community and its high school as well as Culver Academies joined for two days' visit from award-winning New York University speaker and facilitator Dr. Christina Marin as part of an event sponsored by joint Culver Community High School and Culver Academies service group CYCO. ABOVE, LEFT: Students (left to right) Anna Rich (Culver Girls Academy), Erik Feullan (Culver Military Academy), Ashley Dawson (CGA), Nate Niswander (Culver Community High School), and Kord Gollither (CMA) look on as Dr. Marin discusses a communication-building exercise (CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon is visible at left). CENTER: \*CCHS student Jackie Bauer, left, gets to know CGA student Ashley Dawson a little better. RIGHT: CCHS English teacher Vickie Benner and CMA student Nicholas Bachewicz work on an exercise aimed at educating participants in some of the ins and outs of leadership and community service.



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# 'This is the biggest bridge we've built'

### Unprecedented event bonds students, adults towards serving Culver

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

By all participant accounts, it was an unforgettable experience. Both students and adults in the Culver area took part in an unprecedented event aimed at fostering community-wide partnership towards service in the Culver area. "Building Bridges for Community Youth Service" was sponsored by the Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), a group formed in recent years by students from both Culver Community High School and Culver Academies. The October 26 and 27 series of events, billed as "a day of listening, sharing, and appreciating our collective strengths and potential as a community for youth service and an optimistic future together," featured Dr. Christina Marin from New York University and recipient of a 2009 NYU Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Award and the 2008 Steinhardt Graduate Student Organization's Outstanding Faculty Star Award.

The presence of Marin, who works in New York City in Applied Theatre and whose specialties include Mexican-American and Israeli-Palestinian border relations, was only one unique and groundbreaking aspect of the event.

Another was the scope of the effort: included in the Monday evening adult teambuilding session at Culver Community High School and the joint youth session at Culver Academies' Penske Building the following day were student and adult representatives from both schools as well as adults from Culver's Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Culver Boys & Girls Club, public library, town government (in the form of town manager Michael Doss), and churches.

Further, while CYCO members have worked together in recent years on projects ranging from town-wide cleanups to playground builds, students have had little opportunity in past efforts to interact with much depth or form relationships. They have also never had an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and methods of community service as what occurred at the experienced hands of Dr. Marin.

According to CYCO representative and CCHS guidance counselor Brenda Sheldon, Marin spent three days in Culver total. "The goal is teamwork," Sheldon noted. "It's cooperation for improving Culver."

Sheldon said part of Dr. Marin's work included team-building exercises and a focus on identifying the strengths of the community at large as well as the organizations involved and CYCO in particular. The event was followed, she said, with processing by students at each school.

During the joint student and adult day spent at the Penske Building, Marin used role playing and hands-on theatrical demonstrations involving students and adults to foster consideration of working in service and how different approaches impact those being served as well as those endeavoring to serve. Students and adults reflected in small, mixed groups after each exercise, sharing discussion amongst themselves and Marin.

Marin stressed community service is "all about choices. You might not always want to get up and do it (but) you'll feel better about yourself and the world you live in as you do community service.

"Ask yourself, 'what am I doing to make a change about an issue if I'm just sitting here complaining,'" she added.

Marin also encouraged students to consider some of the potential pitfalls of even the most well-meaning service efforts, explaining "the other side of leadership is the potential for domineering others."

Marin said CYCO members' choices in treatment of others will model behavior for other young people in the community, adding a challenge for the youth in the room to also "be role models for some of the adults in the community."

Using complex theatrical exercises, students such as Academies student Joel Florek learned "bigger (service) projects get more and more complicated, so you have to have team work," leading Marin to suggest considered use of subcommittees and delegation of tasks as an important part of leadership.

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## Park board, public debate project accountability

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Near the close of a lengthy meeting of Culver's Parks and Recreation Board, board member Tammy Shaffer may have summed up the sometimes-heated discussion between the audience -- filling the town hall meeting room to capacity -- and the Park Board.

"What I'm hearing is, you want more accountability... also you want communication. I'm willing to do both those things. I don't really think we're talking about a refund. We're talking about accountability and communication."

The refund in question was for those donors who purchased personalized fence pickets between spring, 2006 and the present as part of a fund raiser for Vandalia Village, a community-built playground constructed last October in the east end of Culver's Town Park. The Friends of the Vandalia Village committee -- which included Park Superintendent Kelly Young -- took in donations towards the project up to the official disbanding of the group last month. The pickets, however, never became part of the park, as was pointed out at recent meetings of both the Park Board and Culver's Town Council by Culver resident Teresa Yuhas and others. Furthering controversy over the matter, the Park Board announced at its October meeting there would be no pickets erected and most of the money collected for them has already gone into the playground itself.

Young, during a lengthy and detailed explanation of the genesis of the project and its progress, said she and the committee decided early in 2008 to switch from Leathers and Associates, the company initially contracted to design and build the playground, to Nutoys, Inc., in hopes of saving money on the project. Praising volunteer efforts in last October's playground build, Young said a sign was erected this September acknowledging the major financial donors to the project, adding the playground is "expandable" and will hopefully gain a set of swings, benches, and other items in coming years.

"The committee, I'm sure, made mistakes along the way," Young acknowledged. "We were volunteers who came together with a common goal. We used a variety of ideas so everyone who wanted to could contribute.

"I'm sure not everyone is happy," she added, "but our children have an expandable playground."

In defense of the absence of some playground components which individuals and groups had "purchased" through donations toward the final build, Young also noted price tags placed on certain areas of the playground during fundraising didn't necessarily reflect the total cost of each component. She further asked the Park Board to consider forgoing the advertised pickets in favor of personalized bricks, explaining pickets would be expensive, high maintenance, and subject to vandalism.

Young also proposed sending letters to picket sponsors offering 90 days to respond and request a refund of their money, noting funds could

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## Girl Scout winners

PHOTO AT LEFT: Trista Fritter, age 8 (left), a member of Culver Brownie Troop #30474, and Alyssa Stockberger, 10, a member of Culver Girl Scout Troop #30472, display the results of their design skills at the Troops' November 5 meeting, held in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. The girls won a contest to design a t-shirt logo for the Culver Troops, according to Troop Leader Mary Szymusiak, who told the girls she combined elements from both designs to create the shirts, which were distributed to the 29 girls attending the meeting. Shirts were funded through the Troops' candy and nut sales (which began October 2), and printed by members of both Troops and adult helpers using a silk-screen machine donated by a "generous community member," said Szymusiak.

Besides working on the t-shirts, the girls watched a Power Point presentation on Native Americans of the Culver area by Culver Citizen editor Jeff Kenney, who also led the girls in small group discussion about writing and journalism as part of the Scouts' "Write All About it" program.

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Marin also directed students to consider their own motives in volunteering. "Stay home if you're going to go out and help somebody so you can sleep better at night," she said. "No one needs your handout! They need you to realize your world will be better if theirs is too."

Undoubtedly the most lasting lessons learned at the event pertained to seeing past perceived differences and working together towards a common goal.

"At my (Academy) unit we've done things like this, but what's important about today is doing this with kids from the town," said Florek. "We've bonded together, laughed and made jokes. It's like we've made a new group of friends."

CCHS student Jacob (???) agreed. "This is the biggest bridge we've built in CYCO since I've been (involved). I've made a lot of new friends today."

"After our first group game, we all got back in our circle (for discussion) and everybody was like, 'Where's the kid from my school?' Now every other kid in the circle is from a different school," said CCHS student Gavin Norton.

"This experience helped," explained Academies student Anna Rich. "We've actually gotten to talk to (Culver High School students) and they're great people...I'd like to challenge this group to take this out of this room and encourage everyone to mingle and bond, and not just sit by people from your own school."

CCHS student Luke Dunfee said the day made him "really glad (friends) got me into CYCO. It's a really good cause."

Classmate Nicolette Banfield added members "fed off each other's energy and learned a lot from each other, plus what (Dr. Marin) taught us. I think everyone took a very positive pull from that today."

Marin asked all the students how to make such experiences sustainable, adding she wants to return to Culver and "see the good work CYCO has done... you have the opportunity to change your community, your area, and even affect global change."

Nancy McKinnis, one of the CYCO sponsors on the Culver Academies side, called Marin's visit "a very positive and growthful experience for the two schools to come together and learn together...they're kids and they share much more in common than they do in their differences. They stood out as a group that wants to work together and believes in service and the power of collaboration. That's just exciting and that's what the world needs on many levels."

"What better thing can a community do than invest in their youth," McKinnis added, "and allow safe space for them to learn and grow together?"

McKinnis also praised the adults involved and the activities they shared the evening before, which included discussion of the strengths possessed by the Culver community as a whole towards promot-

ing the welfare of children. Among them, said McKinnis: Culver is a caring community with many great resources and a safe environment; there's diversity here and schools in the community where many have none; churches and the Culver Boys & Girls Club were also among Culver's attributes noted, she said.

Marin encouraged participants to consider some of those positive attributes of Culver as it stands, in part through considering the "deadly divide" which separates people such as the Israelis and Palestinians, Northern Ireland from the rest of Ireland, and victims of South African Apartheid.

"Appreciate every day that you have to live together in peace," Marin encouraged the students. "Appreciate every day a bomb doesn't fall next to or inside your home, and that you have the ability in this country to speak freely, and that when you turn 18 you have the right and obligation to vote (and) that you as a group of students know how to appreciate the positive."

Marin, who told students she was "not just whistling" when she offered to write a letter of recommendation to a university for any student in the room, said she would leave Culver "more educated than anyone in this room."

"This is what's not wrong with our society, sitting in this room," she added. "This is a positive future regardless of denomination, political leanings, or socio-economic status. You as a group can make change."

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the Civil War.

### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Sunday, November 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

### Culver pantry in need

need

Culver's food pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, 397 N. Plymouth Street in Culver, is in desperate need of donations to fill its rapidly-emptying shelves. Needed are non-perishable foods as well as unused, unopened personal hygiene items. The pantry is an ecumenical effort of Culver's Council of Churches, and is operated under the direction of Amy Hutchins. Those with items to donate are encouraged

to bring them to the church or contact Hutchins at 574-842-2598.

### Scrapbooking workshop changes

Scrapbooking workshops offered at Grace United Church of Christ will now take place the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., rather than every Saturday. The workshops are offered for ages five to adult. There will be a \$5 fee, which will go to the church, located at 307 North Plymouth Street. Those with questions may call Marsha Mahler at 574-542-9899.

### 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

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## 63 years and counting

Larry and Frances Welsh, above, celebrated 63 years of marriage November 1 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. The former Frances Porter, a 1946 graduate of Culver High School as was her husband, attributes the longevity of their marriage to just sticking to it. Larry says a lasting marriage comes from the couple's compatibility to start with, neither partner trying to dominate, never allowing divorce to enter one's mind, and "tackling things together." Friends and family from the Culver area and beyond attended the celebration.

### Birth

#### Burnworth

Craig A. and Amanda L. Burnworth, Plymouth, announce the birth of a daughter born Aug. 17, 2009 at 12:59 p.m. at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Anabella Serenity Burnworth weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sister, Mandelyn Jean, 3. Maternal grandparents are David and Rhonda Ludwig, Walkerton. Paternal grandparents are Deanne and Mike Justice, Plymouth and Tom E. Burnworth, Claypool. Great-grandparents are Tom and Judy Burnworth of Lagro, Ind.

## Community Calendar

<p><b>Thurs., Nov. 12</b> Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Celebration of the Culver Citizen, Kiwanis Club, noon, Culver Public Library Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p><b>Fri., Nov. 13</b> Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Open mic night with Jon Gaskill, 7 p.m., Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive "Arcadia" (Culver Academies fall play), 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium</p> <p><b>Sat., Nov. 14</b> Scrapbooking for adults and children, 8 a.m. to 8</p>	<p>p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Plymouth Street Culver tree planting, 8 a.m. (see Brief this issue) Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Photoshop class, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library "Arcadia" (Culver Academies fall play), 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium</p> <p><b>Mon., Nov. 16</b> 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</p> <p><b>Tues., Nov. 17</b> Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Plan Commission mtg.,</p>	<p>6:30 p.m., town hall Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p><b>Weds., Nov. 18</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library</p> <p><b>Thurs., Nov. 19</b> Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Tech Time workshop, 6 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</p>
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## Letter to the editor

### A park board quandary: to gift or to regift?

The Culver Park Board has decided to allow people who donated money for a picket to ask for a refund of their donation. Initially, I was not concerned with the money being returned since it went to the playground project. This was explained to me at the November 4 park board meeting. It was explained that a donation for a picket did not go into a separate account but rather was posted into the gift fund account. It is this account that funds were dispersed for the playground project and even carpet cleaning.

After sleeping on my initial reaction I have decided to request a refund of my \$175 donation for pickets. I will then take this money and donate it to the local food pantry. Thus, I will know exactly where my money went. Until the Culver Park Board shows financial accountability I will not be donating any money for future projects.

So, I am going to regift my gift to an organization that has financial accountability to its supporters.

Sincerely,  
**Thomas E. Yuhas, DDS**  
Culver

## Digital Photo Editing Class at Culver Union Township Public Library

The Culver Union Township Public Library will offer a Digital Photo Editing Class Saturday, November 14, part two of the Digital Photography Made Simple Class. The class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. in the downstairs, large meeting room of the CUTPL. The class is taught by Jonathan Gaskill, is free and will cover basic techniques of photo editing, retouching and image modification. Students should bring their own cameras and the USB cord to connect it to the computer, and will work through the process start to finish.

## Christmas tree parade, author slated for Leiters event

The public is invited to an enjoyable family event to view many unique Christmas Trees all in one building at "Christmas Trees on Parade," sponsored by the Aubbeenaubee Advisory Board. The event will take place Saturday, November 28 from 5 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Leiters Ford Community Building, east on Main Street next to the fire station.

A free will donation will be taken at the door, which will give guests a ticket to vote for their favorite tree.

The author Clifford Green, of "Alabama Zack," will be on hand each evening for one hour with an exclusive on the story.

There will be a drawing Sunday at 4 p.m.  
Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

## REAL Services menu

<p>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. A donation is suggested for each meal.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Nov. 12:</b> Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, baby carrots, bread and margarine, sliced apples, and milk.</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct. 13:</b> Scrambled eggs, biscuit and sau-</p>	<p>sage gravy, diced potatoes, green pepper strips and ranch, orange, margarine, and milk.</p> <p><b>Monday, Oct. 16:</b> BBQ Pork, bun, sweet potato patties, mixed vegetables, dessert, and milk.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Oct. 17:</b> Beef stew with corn, carrots, and potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli salad, biscuit, peaches, birthday cake, and milk.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Oct. 18:</b> Oven fried chicken,</p>	<p>mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and margarine, applesauce, and milk.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Oct. 19:</b> Sweet and sour sausage, rice, black-eyed peas, roll and margarine, salad, blueberry crisp, and milk.</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct. 20:</b> Hamburger with bun, cheese and onion, pea and cheese salad, fresh fruit, cookie, and milk.</p>
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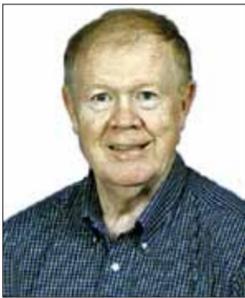
# Back home anguish

## Veteran's Day 2009



By Jim Walsh

When I volunteered for the US Army, the feelings of my Irish immigrant parents were ignored, though they had become citizens. Being born in America, I felt its troubles were my troubles, and President Truman's reaction to the invasion of our ally, South Korea, by the Communist North Koreans, was a reaction I could put my teeth into, particularly after the Chinese Communist Forces entered the war and drove our 8th Army south. My thoughts were to serve the interest of my country, no matter my folks' feelings. Overseas, focused as I was on things military. I gave little consideration to the possibility my parents might agonize after reading newspaper articles of combat actions or listening to radio broadcasts of battles with GI casualties.



I was oblivious to back home anguish, that my folks would worry I was numbered among the wounded or dead. Yet I prayed, "Lord, have mercy on my soul." It wasn't the usual prayer of a combat infantryman, but it was mine. I prayed that prayer in August 1951 when the 35th Infantry Regiment's Dog Company's third section of heavy machine guns and Charley Company's third platoon of riflemen jumped off from the line of departure to attack Chinese Communist Forces on our outpost. It was my first battle action. I prayed that prayer when we attacked Hill 440 in October 1951. I prayed that prayer daily ducking incoming rounds during my combat hitch on the Korean War's Main Line of Resistance (MLR) from August 1951 through May, 1952. I wasn't consciously contemplating being wounded or

killed in action. Subconsciously, the fact that I was where the likelihood of being hit by enemy fire increased every step north, years of my family's inundation of spiritual practices brought this prayer to mind and lips. I was adhering to upbringing by praying for God's attention whenever Commanding Officers sent me and my machine gun into harm's way.

Being on the MLR in Korea was hell enough, so, praying for a better placement in the afterlife made a lot of sense. Years later, college well behind me. married with five children, long employed, my children having children, I wrote a book for my ten grandchildren, "Grandpa's Korean War Tales." I figured it would be the children of my grand children, my great grand children, that would read it next century, my grandchildren of the 20th Century having no war to get into when they were of military age. It hadn't crossed my mind the 43rd President of the United States would get America's Military involved in two wars simultaneously, or that both would wage well into the first decade of the 21st century.

One grandson, however, had thoughts of his own. Unmarried, college completed, he left a well paying profession to join the US Army to take up America's troubles in Afghanistan. Going after Bin Laden's Jihadists was something into which he could sink his teeth.

It wasn't until this grandson was assigned to lead a combat platoon in Afghanistan that I noted the anguish of his father and mother. my daughter. Though praying for him, his soldiers and all our troops, they, like all state side parents of soldiers, were bravely handling emotional turmoil. My eyes, finally, were opened to back home anguish.

*Jim Walsh is a veteran of the Korean War and author of a number of articles and stories published in several periodicals as well as the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project, which contains some of his combat memories. Walsh, a periodic contributor to the Citizen, lives near Lake Maxinkuckee in Union Township with his wife, JoAnne.*

## Thanksgiving can be a teaching opportunity for kids

When we reflect on the Thanksgiving celebrations from our childhoods, many different things come to mind. The long drives to the relatives house, massive Thanksgiving feasts, watching football games, it is amazing how often our memories can be so similar. Some of my fondest childhood Thanksgiving memories involve sitting at the "kids' table" it was the place where we were sent to spend the meal while the adults had what was always a more serious meal around the main table.

The kid's table sat adjacent to the adult's table. Their table was a nice wooden table, a very distinguished table. There the adults gathered to laugh, discuss (or gossip) about family, argue about politics, or just feed their faces with turkey, dressing and more.

The kid's table was this little, folding table or a couple of your mom's end tables from the living room

squeezed together with a plastic tablecloth thrown over top. And those hideous chairs... the chairs were the worst part. Piece-mealed seats gathered



By Jennifer Wright, M.S.

from different rooms in the house and sometimes a few metal lawn chairs dragged in from the garage. Not exactly dinner at The Ritz.

As a child, you were placed at the kid's table for an indeterminate amount of time. Your only means of making it to the adult table is if a relative does not show up for the holidays or you graduate college.

The best dishes, crystal glasses, and elegant linens

were placed on the grown-up table. The kid's table was set with the everyday dishes, plastic cups, and lots of paper napkins. The grown-ups feasted on large platters

of the choicest cuts of turkey and ham, huge bowls of creamy potatoes, savory sauces, fresh vegetables, and real cranberries. The grown-ups engaged in animated conversations, sharing family stories, discussing important current events and politics.

At the kids table my time was spent judging burp contests, joking with my brothers and cousins and passing vegetables to the dog when no one was looking.

Thanksgiving is the perfect holiday to teach kids the importance of family and giving. Before banishing them to the kids table this year get them involved in your holiday celebration by letting them prepare a dish, set the table or greet

guests as they arrive for dinner.

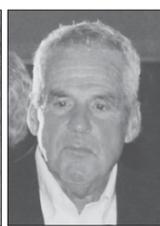
Adults can also teach youth the spirit of Thanksgiving by participating in activities before the big day. Teach kids how to give by creating a Thanksgiving basket and giving it to a family in need. Sit down with the young person in your life and have them make a list of items they would like to include in the basket. Visit a local supermarket and shop for the items on your list together. Neatly arrange the food in the basket and deliver it to a family of choice.

You can also teach kids how to give by volunteering to serve dinner to people in need. Most community centers and places of worship in the Culver community will serve dinners to the community during the Thanksgiving holiday. Check your local newspaper for notices on volunteer opportunities. Happy Thanksgiving from the Culver Boys & Girls Club!

### 100 years ago in Culver:

**Nov. 11, 1909:** That relic of prehistoric times, the wooden sidewalk along the north side of the Methodist church (today's north public library addition - editor), was yanked out and a cement walk is taking its place.

### Name that Culver "citizen"



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

Last week's Mystery Citizen produced a relative landslide of correct guesses, and once again I'd wager a great many more didn't call in or email, but recognized Lance Overmyer. The reference to his many years in local business referred, of course, to Overmyer Soft Water in Culver and Plymouth, and many know him from his years as Culver's fire chief (he was a firefighter for decades prior). Hence the reference to his arrival being good news

(soft water) or bad (a fire!) depending on which "hat" he wore at the time. Lora Pinder, Maggie Nixon, Connie Van Horn, Norma Houghton, Judy Sawhook, Tim McCarthy, Carin Clifton, and Judi Burns, and Glenn Dunfee all correctly guessed Lance's identity from the photo of just a few years back.

This week's Mystery Citizen is another familiar face in Culver business, as was his father before him. The editor awaits your guesses!



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be taken from the \$2,700 still in the park's gift fund with the remainder derived from concession sales at the park, none of which would involve tax dollars.

Park board president Ed Behnke reminded fellow board members the playground committee had been instructed at one point to either return donated money or build a playground, adding, "They did what they could, apparently, with the money we had."

"I understand the community is angered by this project," Behnke said, asking for each board member's thoughts on the best way to rectify the situation.

Board members Leroy Bean, Leon Bennett, Ed Pinder Jr., and Tammy Shaffer initially concurred with Young's suggestion the pickets be replaced with bricks, though upon hearing the \$17.50 to \$19 price tag for each brick and comments from audience members that the total cost of laying the bricks would be higher than the initial \$25 collected for each picket, some members agreed the bricks should be rejected.

Lengthy discussion and debate ensued during the public input portion of the meeting, with audience members Russ Mason and Mike Stallings emphasizing they weren't interested in refunds of their picket donations but desired greater accountability from the Park Board instead.

Commending the Vanda-

lia Village committee for its efforts, Stallings said it was "incomprehensible" that the Park Board "has no understanding of what dollars were spent where. Kelly said she reported to the Park Board at all the meetings; did she report on the finances?"

"Had Teresa (Yugas) not brought this up, it would have been under the carpet. I think the board has a credibility issue. Money was put into equipment and that's not what was represented up front. Go back to (the 459 people who purchased pickets) and explain what happened. You need to say, 'we don't have the money; we wish we did, but we ask that you donate the money.' The board has a lack of credibility with a lot of people."

Audience members Bill Furry and Tom Kearns, among others, were also heavily critical of the Park Board's handling of finances in the matter.

Behnke, noting groups from the community have built a number of items over the years for the park, acknowledged the Park Board has not been reviewing accounts on a monthly basis but added, "We'll correct that." He also suggested Young include language in a letter to picket donors clearly offering them the option not to seek a refund.

Ginny Munroe, a member of Culver's Town Council — which attended the Park Board meeting —

suggested a lack of communication from the Park Board has been part of the problem.

"By state statute (the Park Board is) responsible whether you know it or not," said Munroe. "I would suggest more meetings and more communications."

"When this all blew up, I felt there was a direct effort not to communicate with people wanting to know about this issue, including me."

Behnke apologized that the Park Board hadn't been asking to see financial claims on a regular basis in recent years, but defended the Park Board's lack of participation in a joint work session proposed several weeks earlier by the Council, noting he's unable to speak for other Park Board members or be forced by the Council to invite the Park Board to a meeting.

"Look at it from another standpoint," said Behnke. "We empowered a group of people (the Vandalia Village committee) who are very trustworthy in this community to build something on this property. Kelly was on that (committee), but not as our employee. We didn't pay her for that."

Council member Lynn Overmyer took exception to Park Board member Leon Bennett's comment that the Town Council also signs off on Park Board claims.



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Finishing touches are placed on the ship portion of the Vandalia Village community-built playground October 18, 2008. A capacity-filled room at last week's meeting of Culver's Parks and Recreations Board was the site of much discussion of handling

"That's true we do," said Overmyer, "but I assume the Park Board knows about their claims before they come to us. Apparently we have to be more careful of what we approve."

Overmyer also questioned varying numbers of picket numbers she

said Young had given her over the course of several months.

In response to query from Overmyer, Young said following the decision to switch from Leathers and Associates to Nutoys as playground providers forced a reexamination of

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financial priorities on the part of the Vandalia Village committee.

"We said, 'If we do the pickets we have to subtract \$8,000 worth of equipment from the Nutoys project,' and that would have meant maybe the train would be gone or two to four of the components off the ship would be gone....our intention was to put up the pickets the same day we put up the ship and train. But we said, 'How can we scale back this playground?'"

Asked by Overmyer if she "knew all along there was no money for pickets," Young replied, "Yes; we knew we were building an expandable playground (and pickets could be added later)."

Also raised was mention in the December 14, 2005 minutes of the Park Board of a \$21,000 donation towards a handicapped accessible pier in the park which was never constructed. Audience member Dick Brantingham said the pier was originally part of a proposed addition to the lighthouse erected in the park by the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, but efforts to solicit the needed financing for the pier from an unnamed donor fell through.

In response to audience member Tom Kearns' comment that the president of the Park Board "should know where the money is and is coming from," board member Leroy Bean said, "We know where it came from and where it went; it came from donors and it's sitting down there in the park (in the playground). I think this argument has gone far enough. You can't have a mistake today and rectify it tomorrow. Give us a chance and we'll set things straight."

Town Council member Ed Pinder Sr. vehemently disagreed with some audience members' claims at recent Council meetings as to dilapidated equipment in some areas of the park. "I was presented with three or four pictures of things that are wrong with the park. I could take 50 pictures of things right about it. It irritates me that you people would come in a (complain) about what these volunteers have done. I'd think you would appreciate what's been done with this park."

Addressing continuing audience comments concerning the pickets, Park Board member Ed Pinder Jr. commented, "I think the bottom line is, we screwed up. We apologize to the public....we wish we had the \$11,000 (picket money to refund), but we don't, but we'll do what we can to alleviate the problem."

"A lot of blame has been put on Kelly," continued Pinder. "(But) people who have lived here for many years have seen a revolving door down there (at the park, prior to her arrival). She's been there 25 years and has done a stellar job, even if you don't agree with her on everything. With all the volunteer hours...she's done all this work and gets all the blame. She's done a great job for 25 years."

Pinder also noted the beach lodge and grounds were often in disrepair and the park antiquated prior to Young's arrival as Superintendent.

Fellow board member Tammy Shaffer, noting she's worked on Culver's Lake Fest committee in the past, said "I think volunteer projects start out with big dreams and good hearts (but) sometimes costs don't match up...that committee needed to be run like a business, but you've got to have people to do that."

"I'm glad this all (came) out," she added. "We're going to be more fiscally responsible."



# Sports



## Sectional victory!

### Culver drills Oilers to claim sectional crown

WHITING — Culver Community's football team put its collective foot on the accelerator and never let up Friday.

The Cavs racked up 379 rushing yards and 145 passing yards to snare a 48-21 Class A Sectional 33 title-round win at Whiting, also the site of Culver's last sectional championship in 2001.

"Our kids started fast, which we haven't done for a long time," Culver Community head coach Andy Thomas said. "They came out with a lot of emotion and energy and sustained it for the whole game."

Michael Salary and Kevin Hogan both rushed for nearly 150 yards to power the Cavs' ground attack. Freshman quarterback Col-



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO  
The Cavaliers' Michael Salary helped power the CCHS team to sectional victory last Friday.

lin Stevens tossed a trio of touchdown passes — a pair to Sam Hendrickson and one to Salary. Salary scored two rushing touchdowns, while Hogan and Hendrickson each crossed the goal line once from the ground.

Defensively for Culver, Robert Molebash caused a fumble and Brian Nelson picked off a Whiting pass.

"We had everything go right," Thomas said. "That's a product of our kids playing hard, flying around on both sides of the ball."

"(Whiting) tried a fake punt that we stopped and then scored," he added. "We had a fake punt of our own that we made. We covered a pooch kick after a score. We had no turnovers and forced four."

Friday's Sectional 33 championship victory represents the end of an eight-year drought for Culver and Thomas' first since taking over the program four years ago.

"We let the kids know that we can be successful," Thomas said. "Our seniors have given us phenomenal leadership, starting in the weight room. This means a lot to our school. Our school has been very supportive; our administration has been very supportive. I'm thrilled for our kids."

• CULVER 48, WHITING 21  
At Class A, Sectional 33 at Whiting  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 14 20 7 7 — 48  
Whiting: 0 7 0 14 — 21  
First quarter  
CC — Michael Salary 5 run (Collin Stevens kick)  
CC — Sam Hendrickson 9 run

(Stevens kick)  
Second quarter  
CC — Salary 59 pass from Stevens (Stevens kick)  
CC — Hendrickson 11 pass from Stevens (Stevens kick)  
W — Juwan Simmons 26 pass from Matt Aponte (Sal Salazar kick)  
CC — Salary 39 run (kick blocked)  
Third quarter  
CC — Kevin Hogan 1 run (Stevens kick)  
Fourth quarter  
CC — Hendrickson 58 pass from Stevens (Stevens kick)  
W — Emerik Quiroz 2 run (Salazar kick)  
W — Matt Aponte 29 run (Salazar kick)

	CC	W
First downs	18	8
Yards rushing	379	89
Yards passing	145	88
Interceptions by	2	0
Punts - Avg.	0-0	1-27
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	8-2
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-45
Records: Culver Community 8-4, Whiting 7-5 (final)		
Culver individual rushing leaders		
Michael Salary: 14-145, 3 TDs		
Kevin Hogan 19-142		

## Rough start leads to rough night for CMA

MERRILLVILLE — CMA quarterback Josh Wright plunged in from the Andean 1-yard line, and after Tom O'Neill's PAT,

Andean's Mike Skinner ran the game's opening kickoff back 95 yards to set the tone for the 59ers' 48-7 Class 3A Football championship-round win over the visiting Eagles Friday.

Quarterback Richard Schmidt threw four touchdown passes — including two to Skinner — and scored on a 13-yard run to lead the 59ers. Schmidt's first-quarter scoring strikes to Demetri Blanco and Kyle Menefee powered Andean to a 19-0 lead at the end of 12 minutes.

"It was a tough night right from the get-go," CMA head coach Andy Dorrel said. "(Andean) returned the opening kick for a touchdown. Then we had a three-and-out and they scored again. Andean really did a nice job with their offense.

"They're a very talented team," he continued. "They outplayed us on the offensive and defensive lines, which made a big difference, and their quarterback made good decisions."

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PHOTO/GRANT MUNROE  
Culver Military fullback Ryan Stec (3) finds a seam, while offensive lineman Will Strong, right, helps create an opening during CMA's sectional championship football game Friday at Andean.

trimmed the Eagles' deficit to 19-7 with 8:20 left in the first half.

However, Schmidt answered with his rushing touchdown a little more than two minutes later.

"We scored to get it back to (19)-7, but after that we couldn't move the ball," Dorrel said. "We struggled to move the ball and made things hard for ourselves."

Juwan Brescacin finished with four receptions for 68 yards for the Eagles.

With the loss, CMA wrapped up a 9-3 season, just the seventh squad in the program's 116-year history to notch nine wins dur-

ing a season.

"I'm very proud of our seniors," Dorrel said. "They appeared in two sectional championship games and were part of two nine-win seasons. I think our kids understand how important football is and how to approach each practice and game."

"I'm very pleased with our kids," he concluded. "We've had some success this season and had some big wins. They're going to have a lot to be proud of."

• CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 17  
ANDREAN 48, CULVER MILITARY 7  
At Merrillville  
Score by quarters  
CMA: 0 7 0 0 — 7  
Andean: 19 15 7 7 — 48

Scoring summary  
First quarter  
A — Mike Skinner 95 kickoff return (John Gore kick), 11:46.  
A — Demetri Blanco 19 pass from Richard Schmidt (kick failed), 7:42.  
A — Kyle Menefee 20 pass from Schmidt (pass failed), 2:21.

Second quarter  
C — Josh Wright 1 run (Tom O'Neill kick), 8:20.  
A — Schmidt 13 run (Tyler Frank pass from Schmidt), 5:59.

Third quarter  
A — Skinner 10 pass from Schmidt (Gore kick), 0:30.

Fourth quarter  
A — Skinner 28 pass from Schmidt (Gore kick), 0:05.

Team stats CMA A

First downs:	8	22
Rushing:	51	178
Passing yards:	77	227
Passing:	8-17-0	14-20-0
Punting:	6-33	1-47
Fumbles:	0-0	1-1
Penalties:	2-15	7-56
Records: CMA 9-3 (final), Andean 9-3.		

## Sports briefs

### Boys hockey

#### CMA opens with win

Culver Military opened its season with a 2-2 against visiting South Bend St. Joseph's at the Academies.

Rhet Schaeffer tied up the score at 1-all for CMA at the 8:54 mark of the first period on a Mark Siatta assist, and Michael Geiger scored an unassisted goal in the second period to put the Eagles up 2-1, although St. Joe struck last in the third period to force the draw.

Grant Holler recorded 16 saves for Culver.  
• S.B. ST. JOSEPH'S 2, CMA (Varsity) 2  
At Culver  
FIRST PERIOD

SJ — Nick Kleva (Mike Potter), 14:36  
CMA — Rhett Schaeffer (Mark Siatta) 8:54

SECOND PERIOD  
CMA — Michael Geiger (unassisted)  
THIRD PERIOD  
SJ — Al Harding (Potter)  
Saves: Ethan Palmer (SJ) 20; Grant Holler (CMA) 16

### Girls hockey

#### CGA falls

Culver Girls Academy fell behind early and couldn't quite close the gap in a 5-3 loss to Victory Honda at Culver. Corinne Henning scored all three of CGA's goals. Katelyn Cutshall made an outstanding 31 saves for the Lady Eagles, but it wasn't enough

to secure the win as Culver was outshot 36-24.

• VICTORY HONDA 5, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3  
At Culver  
FIRST PERIOD  
VH — Shelby Young (Haley Coolsaet), 14:49.  
VH — Katie Murphy (unassisted), 13:03.  
VH — Danielle Smith (Coolsaet), 10:05.  
SECOND PERIOD  
CGA — Corinne Henning (Meghan Grieves), 3:48.  
THIRD PERIOD  
CGA — Henning (Taylor Giacin, Erin Tress), 10:02.  
VH — Smith (Torey Crown, Noelle Walko), 9:34.  
VH — Walko (unassisted), 3:58.  
CGA — Henning (penalty shot), 1:20.  
Shots on goal: VH 36, CGA 24  
Saves: Caitlin Nasanov (VH) 21, Katelyn Cutshall (CGA) 31  
Penalty minutes: VH 20, CGA 6  
Record: CGA 0-2.  
Record: CMA 0-0-1

## Culver's McBee named NSC All-Conference



shorn.

New Prairie won the conference with a perfect 7-0 record in NSC play, while Knox finished 6-1 with a loss to the Cougars. Jimtown was 5-2 in third place, while Glenn and LaVille both finished at 3-4, and Bremen and Triton were both 2-5 in conference play.

Culver's Patrice McBee was chosen recently for the All-NSC Volleyball Team. While Northern State Conference champion New Prairie led the field with four selections, conference runner-up Knox earned three picks to the team.

Caity Farus, Janyl Zachary and Brittany Tetzloff all earned first-team All-Conference nominations, as did John Glenn's Emily Traversa, LaVille's Kaitlin Kopetski, Bremen's Lerin Studt, and Triton's Hannah Downing.

Also named first team were Jimtown's Katie Goward, and Cougars Margaux Jarka, Jayna Colanese, Megan Campos and Alicia Carlton.

Second-team picks included Alex Schleg and Stephanie Radandt of Glenn, Hannah Amor and Bekah Fagan of LaVille, Bremen's Casey Hueni, and Triton's Lindsay Gan-

## Academies CC seniors leave behind legacy

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — If you've got to go out, the best way to go is on top.

With that end in mind a core of Culver Military cross country seniors were already making plans for the 2009 season last year. The group had a strong junior year but, with classmate Trace Ostergren taking a year abroad in China, the Eagles fell short of their ultimate goal of making it out to the state championships. With Ostergren rejoining the team this year as one of six of the team's top seven runners, the Eagles knew it was their last chance to leave their mark on program history.

On Saturday, they did just that.

CMA cross country capped off a record-breaking year at the IHSAA State Cross Country Finals in Terre Haute, capturing an all-time low 14th-place finish to go down in history as the best team in program history.

The result was two places better than CMA's only other state finish back in 1997, and it completed a troika of major accomplishments for the squad this year, a list of groundbreaking achievements that included CMA's first regional championship on Oct. 17, as well as the lowest combined team time in school history at the Meet Of Champions in Hilliard, Ohio Oct. 2.

"I would basically have to say that yes, they are the best," said Culver Academies head cross country coach Michael Chastain. "They had a number of things. They were the first team to win a regional. We had some teams that were close, but we'd been trying to win a regional for some time, and of course regional is not always the same with quality of competition, but they were the first. They had the lowest combined time of any team."

"There were a number of components of that kind, of measuring to see if they're the best, and they are. It's a little disheartening from the standpoint that six of them are seniors. Hopefully, the track season will be good, but this round is over."

It was for that reason that the team felt a sense of urgency to prove themselves in 2009, an immediacy of purpose shared not only among the seniors in their final season at Culver, but also by junior Austin Welch, who will be the Eagles' lone returning top-seven runner next year.

"It's been a long time to build this team. It's taken four years, and we're at the top now," Welch said prior to Saturday's meet. "I'll come back in 10 years and see what the program has become, and I'll know I was on THE team. It's taken a long time, and a lot of hard work to build up to it but it's our time... (A)s a junior I know that next year, obviously we're not going to do as well as a team. That's part of what drives me to say my contribution is just as important as the next guy's, because it's my chance too."

The Eagles were hoping to leave behind a legacy at CMA, and they've made their mark in the history books. They've also generated some interest in the program at their school, an interest that was sparked by 2008 alumna Alex Banfich's three straight individual state titles but hasn't always been enjoyed equally by the Academies' boys and girls programs.

"We all feel very proud of what we have done," said top CMA runner Alejandro Arroyo, who placed sixth overall to lead the Eagles in his third straight state finals appearance Saturday. "For the first time, the people from our school are actually knowing about cross country. Now people have got the idea of what we did and what we can do. It's nice to see the people you see around you everyday congratulate you and cheer you on."

"I think we made a name for Culver's cross country teams. We all know that Culver is not very — except for Alex — we haven't been very well known for our cross country teams. I think for what we did after this cross country season, we created a name for our teams that is now seen from all over the state as a strong program, and I think that is part of our legacy we left here, which is really cool."

"We have a thing that we've been talking about all year. It's called the 'It factor,' said senior Coleman Zimmerman. "We see our team as a group of people that have been bonding for four years. When I came in I saw Alex Banfich and saw how great she was, and I think it's really almost changed the environment of cross country at the school. I don't know how it was before, but I'm sure that it wasn't as good as it has been these past four years or at least this year. As a team we've bonded a lot better. The school community has really appreciated that. Alejandro has won Athlete of the Month a number of months, and Wave (Neer) won it twice last year. The school is really starting to see how great we are in track and cross country."

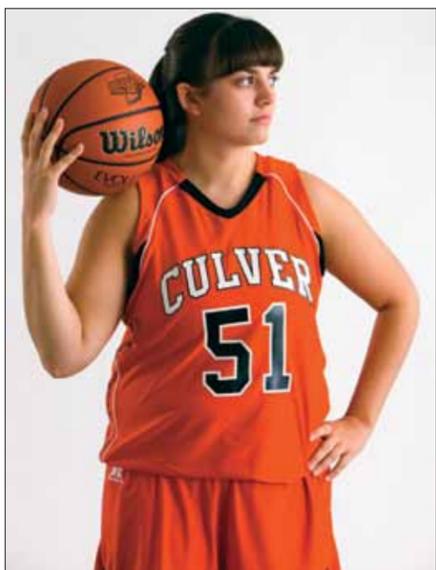
It's an interest that Academies runners hope sticks, but one that Chastain said won't necessarily lead to a major boost in the school's distance program.

"There are number of sports that are high-profile here at the Academies, so we won't necessarily jump to the top of the heap," he said. "But it is nice for kids that are currently here to get that recognition."

## CCHS' Miller honored at state level

### IHSAA and Tobacco Free Marshall County team up for campaign to help curb tobacco use

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 27, 2009) – One high school student-athlete in Marshall County is taking the lead as an anti-tobacco advocate in her school and community. Participants of the 2009-10 Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Role Model Program appear larger than life on posters, sports schedules, trading cards and other materials as symbols of healthy, active individuals.



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Culver Community High School senior Cindy Miller.

Now in its seventh year, the IHSAA Role Model Program draws on the credibility that Indiana high school student-athletes with high grades, athletic achievement, and a good citizenship record have in their home communities.

One student-athlete from Marshall County has been selected to represent her high school during the 2009-10 winter sports season. Cindy Miller, a senior basketball player from Culver Community High School is being featured in this year's program and is sponsored by Tobacco Free

Marshall County. In total, 100 students from 68 Indiana high schools are participating in the 2009-2010 Role Model Program.

Educators are encouraged to display role model posters and distribute pocket schedules/trading cards in their high school, the middle and elementary schools that feed their high school, and in local businesses throughout the community. This year's materials carry the headline: "I Won't

Blow My Future."

Miller was nominated to represent Culver Community by administrators at her school. She also signed a pledge agreeing to be tobacco, drug and alcohol free and serve as positive role models for the community.

"Cindy is part of something much bigger than herself," said IHSAA Commissioner Blake Ress. "She is helping to change habits and positively influence lives in her school, community and throughout the state of Indiana."

Thanks in part to grassroots education programs like the IHSAA Role Model Program, a recent study shows a significant decline in tobacco use among Indiana high school and middle school students. In the past two years alone, the smoking rate fell 23.2 percent for high school students and 47 percent for middle school students.

"I think the student-athletes involved in the IHSAA Role Model Program are definitely helping to address youth tobacco use," said Karla Sneegas, Executive Director of Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC). "They are connecting with each other in a way adults cannot; as friends and peers."

The Role Model Program is sponsored locally by Tobacco Free Marshall County, which along with the IHSAA, handle all of the costs related to the program.

For more information regarding the IHSAA Role Model Program call Ira Maher at 317.633.1456.

## Former gold medalist inspires Academy students



PHOTO/GARY MILLS - CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS

Nikki Stone shares a laugh with students following her talk at Culver Academies. Students got to meet with Stone, look at her gold medal, and collect her autograph.

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

CULVER – An Olympic gold medalist had advice to achieve success for Culver Academy students.

Nikki Stone, the first United States athlete to win gold in the event of inverted aerial skiing. Now retired from the sport Stone uses her experiences as a world class athlete to help others to focus on achieving their best.

"There is a common thread that makes people successful," she said. "I want to give people the steps and tools that allow them to expand and grow in their careers and their lives."

Stone has gained that experience first hand. Before winning her first gold medal she was told by doctors that she would never ski again. A spinal chord injury made it difficult to stand, let alone do the sort of acrobatics necessary to compete in the sport that hurtles skiers off a 12 foot wall of snow 50 feet in the air to perform acrobatic stunts.

"I had to build enormous muscle strength to compensate," she said. "I was determined to compete again."

Stone also has helped both of her parents through a battle with cancer. Both are survivors but their fight has also inspired her. Enough so that she has written a book "When Turles Fly: The Secrets of Successful People Who Know How to Stick Their Neck's Out" that includes not just her experiences, but the stories of many other successful people around the world – Shaun White, Tommy Hilfiger, Todd English, Lindsey Vonn, Tim Shriver, Prince Albert of Monaco just to name a few – and the inspirational tales of how they became a success.

A Magna Cum Laude undergraduate of Union College in New York and a Summa Cum Laude master's graduate of the University of Utah in sports psychology, Stone speaks on what she calls "The Turtle Effect".

"You have to be soft on the inside, have a hard shell and be willing to stick your neck out," she said. "Each of the contributors in the book relates back to the turtle effect. Often they have astounding stories to tell of the odds they have overcome."

"I really hope this can help people become more committed to their lives, to overcome plateaus or obstacles they face in achieving their goals and moving forward in their careers."

The book has helped Stone herself while writing it.

"One of the biggest challenges is being able to take what you learn and use it to become more successful," she said.

Helping others is a big part of what Stone does, and she has pledged 25 percent of her proceeds from the book to the American Cancer Society.

"It's a chance for me to give back to an organization that meant so much to me while my parents were going through their battle with cancer," she said.

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## Warm up kicks off annual coat drive

Warm Up Marshall County has kicked off its coat drive this week with drop-off points at Oliver Ford, Price's Village Valet Cleaners and the Pilot News offices. Distribution will take place Saturday, Nov. 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22nd from Noon to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Plymouth.

Warm Up Marshall County encourages those who are able to do so to donate gently used coats, to be distributed to residents of Marshall County who may face winter without the basic necessity of a winter coat. The need has never been greater than it is in this economic climate.

Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Steve Keiser at Oliver Ford, 574-935-1001, for further information.

## Seniors from page B1

"It's definitely going to be interesting in the next couple of years to see what we develop with who we have as well as who decides to come."

As for the Lady Eagles, they were also able to make it out to state, where they finished 16th in their first trip back since a four-year span of team berths from 2003 to 2007.

Led by junior Waverly Neer's seventh-place finish, Culver Girls Academy was able to end an up-and-down year on a positive note, a season that included a number of injuries, including Neer's own struggles with hip and back issues that stalled her development early in the season.

"Waverly is dedicated, and she's an extremely hard worker," said Chastain. "She did come into the season in very good condition, which we were hoping to build on and had a setback in early September that really set her back more than we thought it would."

"It's a testament to her desire to improve and really give it her all to come back and get seventh at state."

Neer will return for the 2009 season along with freshman Emma Pettinga and junior Kaye Sitterly, but, like the boys' team, the Lady Eagles will also have some big holes to fill with the departure of No. 2 Willow Smith, as well as top-seven runners Stepha-

nie Burian and Moira Kelly.

The team was facing a similar situation with only three returning top-performers this year, however, and that story ended in success.

"It's just been fun having both teams — we strive for it but a school our size doesn't get both teams down at the state meet that often," said Chastain. "That was wonderful experience. And

having two kids (Neer and Arroyo) — one from each team — on the individual podium was fun to see."

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## Birk receives TMJ Assistant Certificate

RIGHT: Ruth Birk of Culver is seen here at the AACP (American Academy of Cranial Facial Pain) Summer Session in San Antonio, Texas this past August receiving her Certified TMJ Assistant Certificate.

In order to obtain the certification, Birk attended 32 hours of class presented by the AACP, was CPR certified, worked for a dentist treating TMJ (Temporomandibular Joint Disorders), and completed a written exam which included pathology, physiology, anatomy, pharmacology and treatment protocols.

Birk is shown here receiving her certificate from Dr. Charles Holt, Chairman of the Auxiliary Program, of Bedford Texas.

Birk works for Kingdon "Kib" Brady, D.D.S. in West Lafayette, Ind., when they are not enjoying their time in Culver.

TMJ Disorders, says Birk, may have an effect on many aspects of the human body including but not limited to headaches, neck aches, forward head posture, shoulder pain, ringing in the ears, dizziness, photophobia (light sensitivity), movement disorders, ADD, ADHA, tremors and sleep disorders. The AACP is leading the world in the extensive research and evidence based treatment.



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# Kline seeks to inform Culverites about Medicare

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Changes in Medicare coverage policies are wreaking havoc on some seniors' ability to plan for the future – and indeed, the next year – which is something Culver's Don Kline, of TCU Insurance in Plymouth (formerly KL Benefits), sought to alleviate at the October 15 meeting of Culver's Kiwanis Club. Kline, who said he's spent some 40 years in insurance and has over 500 clients, started with some Medicare basics, noting Americans turning 65 receive Part A and B Medicare benefits. Monies for Part A, he said, are derived from the wages of recipients over the years, while funds for Part B are deducted at \$96.40 per month from individuals' Social Security benefits; Kline noted there will be no increase in that amount in 2010.

There will, however, be a number of changes in drug and medical plans this year, Kline said. While 45 pre-

scription drugs were available through Medicare in Indiana for 2009, that number will drop in 2010 to 42-44. He also noted a number of drugs and the cost (co-pays) covered for veterans via the Veteran's Administration will be changing next year as well.

Kline urged seniors to look into changes going into effect in their drug plans. "With drug plans there are some drastic changes going into next year," he explained. "If you've got a drug plan or it's combined with an Advantage Plan or whatever, you may get hit in the face come January if you don't check and see. It could cost you a lot more per month."

Many changes, Kline added, result from Medicare policies taking drugs from one "tier" in the program and moving them into a higher tier. Tier 1, he said, includes generic drugs, tier 2 brand names, and tier 3, "other."

"This is becoming economically a problem for



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Don Kline sought to unravel some of the current Medicare confusion for members of Culver's Kiwanis Club.

seniors," Kline said. "Some are living on two social security checks per month and trying to pay utilities and then there are all these premiums. One lady last year broke down and cried (at the difference in cost due to premiums). Don't be afraid to switch from one plan to another."

Around 660,000 seniors will lose their Medicare plans this year, he noted, adding the government is "really trying to crack down on fraud in Medicare," which was abused last year to the tune of some \$60 billion in Medicaid and Medicare.

Kline also said there will be no increase in Social Security benefits or Medicare Part B premiums next year.

So why all the changes? Part of the explanation, said Kline, is an explod-

ing over-65 population in America. And, with Medicare making drastic cuts to help cover the uninsured, he said, funding is taken away from Advantage Plans, many of which have little or no premium. "They'll have to be careful in Washington," he noted. "If they chomp too hard on seniors, the senior voting block will take them to task at the ballots."

Asked if Medicare changes are related to the much-debated recent health care reform bill at the federal level, Kline said only indirectly, adding the bill's implementation will be in incremental steps over the next eight to nine years. "We think the Advantage Plans will be around four or five years and then we'll see Medicare supplements back in vogue," he explained, adding the fundamentals of Medicare have remained the same.

Kline also commented on the cost of drugs for seniors, noting the largest consumer of drugs in Culver uses \$15,000 per year in medications. "You've got to get into your doctor's face when he gives you a prescription and ask for generics," he urged his audience.

Medicare supplements may be changed anytime, Kline added, but Advantage and drug plans can be changed only from November 15 until the end of December (AEP) unless one's current plan is being canceled, which qualifies for a special election period (SEP) from October 15 through the end of 2009.

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