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In Brief

Relay for Life kickoff Dec. 15

There will be a community-wide kick-off of the 2010 Culver Relay for Life Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Tavern Restaurant, 415 East Lake Shore Drive in Culver. Refreshments will be served and all are invited to help launch this year's battle against cancer (see article this issue). Email Ian Greenberg at relay@culver.org with questions.

REAL Services

Christmas party

The annual Culver REAL Services Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 23 at Culver's beach lodge at the town park. Reservations must be made by December 11 by calling 574-842-8878, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please bring a \$5 gift for a woman if you are a woman, or a \$5 gift for a man. Santa Claus has been called at the North Pole and will be at the party. Donation for the meal is \$3.50.

Culcom encourages food donations

Culver Communications is encouraging its customers to make a difference by offering to take \$1 off tanning sessions, video rental, or Internet service for donations of non-perishable food or unused and unopened person hygiene items for the Culver food pantry during the months of December and January. Donations must be brought to Culver Communications at 514 West Jefferson Street. There is a limit of \$1 credit per invoice.

Leaf pickup to cease Dec. 11

The town of Culver will continue to collect leaves until December 11, according to Town Manager Michael Doss. He adds, "The town appreciates citizen patience and understanding regarding leaf collection this season. We are working hard and diligently to collect the remaining leaf piles in town."

Culver resident encourages personal protection whistles

One Culver resident wants to help others stay safe if attacked by way of the "three Ps...Practice Personal Protection." Pat Watkins is hoping people - especially women See Briefs page 3

Christmas season officially kicks off in Culver

ABOVE: Culver officially launched the Christmas season last Friday evening with the town Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus visit, and Christmas caroling. The event was sponsored by Culver's Knights of Columbus with assistance by student members of CYCO (the Culver Youth Community Organization), a service-based collaboration between students at Culver Community High School and Culver Academies. Following the lighting and Santa's visit - which took place at the Lions Club depot at the town park - CYCO members and others headed to various restaurants and businesses around Culver to sing Christmas carols. ABOVE, LEFT: Santa - assisted here by Ralph Winters - hands a candy cane to John Young, age 10, after his stylish arrival in a convertible. ABOVE, RIGHT: CYCO student Christmas carolers entertain diners at the Lake View Tavern/Edgewater Grille. Left to right: Culver Academies students Austin Welch and Robbie McKinnis, Culver Community High School students Jacob Cavazos and Nate Niswander.

Meeting favors town-wide trash service

Community members weigh in on proposed change

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If the show of audience hands at the conclusion of a December 1 "town hall meeting" of Culver's Town Council was any indication, the majority of Culverites are in favor of the adoption of a town-wide trash pickup service for private residents within town limits.

In an effort to better understand public opinion on the possible change, which has been discussed during many of the Council's regular meetings in recent months, the Council scheduled a work session and solicited input from members of the public. The result was a packed Town Hall meeting room with a scant few chairs left, and a number of residents seeking answers to specific questions they had about replacing present trash service in Culver with a single waste hauling firm overtaking all Culver business via contract with the town of Culver. Present waste handling service is handled by multiple companies contracting privately with individual residents.

Town Manager Michael Doss made an initial presentation on the matter, explaining he's held discussions with local trash companies and concluded the monthly cost to residents should the town take over service would be in the ballpark of \$15, though he emphasized the number was preliminary and did not include possible administrative fees added by the town itself, which would pay costs associated with billing and other matters. He said administrative fees would likely be relatively low, as trash billing could simply be added to Culver's present water billing system.

Doss recommended the town opt to bill all residents for 12 months of annual trash service, even in the case of seasonal residents who may not occupy a home year-round, adding most trash haulers he's spoken to have made the same suggestion. "If you don't," Doss said, "you create a bureaucratic headache with canceling service and other issues. See Trash page 6

Culver Relay honored

Culver's 2009 Relay for Life event has been among those singled out on a national level by the American Cancer Society's Heart of Relay awards. The awards, according to relayforlife.org, are given to "community, collegiate and youth events that demonstrate successful practices and innovations in supporting the Society's mission and 2015 goals in the areas of fighting back, advocacy, survivor/caregiver engagement, and youth involvement."

Of the several categories in which Heart of Relay awards were given for 2009, Culver was given Honorable Mention in the area of "Youth Engagement."

Culver's annual Relay event, held in April, was the second of its kind and was organized by students and sponsors at Culver Academies, where the event was held. As was the case the previous year, the all-night 2009 Culver Relay brought together hundreds from the Academies, town, lake, and surrounding communities from all walks of See Relay page 3

Finance, beach passes on tap at heated meeting

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Issues of finance dominated the December 2 meeting of Culver's board of Parks and Recreations, which was marked by a sometimes-heated exchange between members of the audience and board president Ed Behnke.

Last week's was the first since November's standing-room-only meeting, which focused primarily on monies collected between 2006 and this year for purchase of personalized fence pickets as part of a fund-raiser for Vandalia Village, a community-built playground constructed in October, 2008 at the park. At last month's meeting, park Superintendent Kelly Young was directed by the board to draft a letter to picket donors explaining funds had been spent on materials for the playground and are not available for pickets, which Young suggested might not stand up to vandalism and the elements anyway.

At Behnke's suggestion, Young read aloud the text of the letter, which noted the Vandalia Village volunteer committee "had some tough decisions" regarding the direction of the playground and switched design companies in order to save money. The letter also said the committee has given the project over to the park board (the committee was officially disbanded at the October park board meeting), adding the hope is for swings and benches to be added to the playground in 2010. Picket sponsors were given, in the letter, the option to request a refund of their donation on a first come, first served basis if they contact the park by 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2010. The board voted to approve the letter as read by Young.

During the citizen input portion of the meeting, audience member Teresa Yuhas said she recently learned the park voted earlier in 2009 to change its policy of giving free beach passes to families renting pier spaces at the park, and instead adopted a policy requiring those families to purchase a beach pass at full price. Yuhas said Young failed to inform her family - which she said has rented pier spaces at the park for the past few years -- of availability of the free passes.

Young apologized for the misunderstanding and said she assumed the Yuhas family was purchasing a guest pass for visitors.

Board member Ed Pinder Jr. said the change in policy was made around three months ago in response to abuses of the passes such as pier renting families bringing several guests rather than using the pass only for immediate family members as intended. Yuhas said the move was not in the park board's minutes. Behnke countered that discussions are not included in the board's public minutes, though audience member Tom Yuhas said motions and votes are required to be included in the minutes.

Discussion of the matter was revived near the end of the meeting, Pinder saying he "wouldn't have a problem with bringing (free beach passes for pier renters) back if the other board members wouldn't either. But if we have abuse again, we will take it away next year. Everybody should be on their honor."

Pinder made a motion - and the board voted in agreement -- to restore beach passes to pier renters, adding children and grandchildren should be included in the definition of "immediate family" allowed to use the pass even if they don't share the pier renters' household year-round.

In other discussion, Tom Yuhas also asked the park's rental piers would be fully paid off, to which Young responded the original contract for funding for pier installation was a five and a half year contract which should be up in mid-2011.

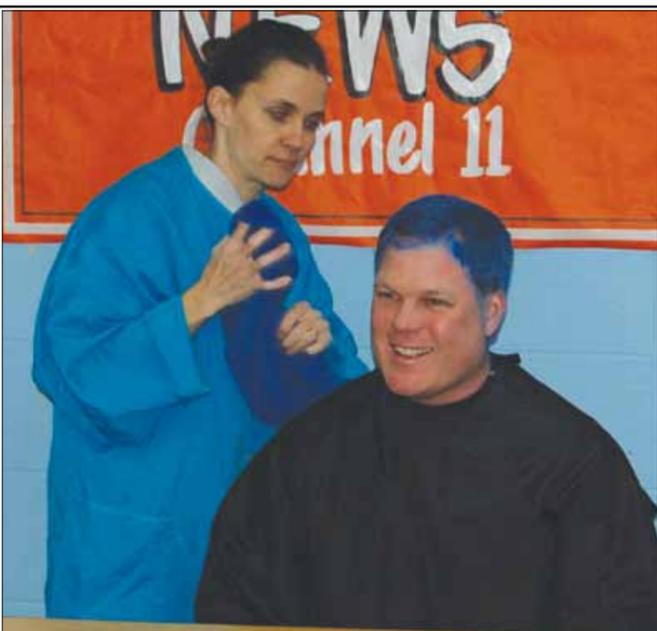
Behnke said the board tries to keep \$15,000 to \$20,000 on hand for roof and building repair and maintenance, and responded to a query from Yuhas that about 80 percent of the park's funds are raised by the park itself; the remaining funding comes from a split between the Town Council and Union Township.

"Unlike a regular park like you might find in (surrounding towns) that are 100 percent public supported," added Behnke, "we do an awful lot to support ourselves."

Asked by Yuhas what the park board intends to do with extra monies once the piers are paid off, Young explained the Town Council may request the park to cut its budget in light of the overage of park monies after the piers are fully paid off.

Town Council member Ginny Munroe, in the audience, said the Council looks at revenue brought in each year and See Park board page 2





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Fighting the food pantry blues

Culver Elementary School Assistant Principal Craig Hopple told students the Culver community can be a little less "blue" this holiday season thanks to Culver third graders' efforts in collecting 1,150 items (862 pounds of food) for Culver's food pantry. Hopple promised students he'd allow his hair to be sprayed should they meet their goal of 1,000 items. He delivered on that promise December 4 during the school's morning announcements, broadcast via a live video feed December 4. Assisting in the hair coloring is Shauna Bennett, who also assisted in recruiting Culver Academies students to help transport collected items to the pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ in Culver.

will consider the lack of annual payments of \$50,000 the park will need to make, and examine changes to the park's budget then. She said the Council could decide to subsidize the park less, depending on the year, the Council, state funding, and even the clerk treasurer. "It's pretty compli-

cated," she said. "You can't just spend money if it's not budgeted."

"We asked the money (for the piers) to be budgeted," added board member Tammy Shaffer. "We ask the budget to allow for the project. Nobody says the park's going to get \$100,000 a year; that's not

how it works."

She added park revenues are derived from pier space rentals, concession sales, parking, admission fees to the beach, and other sources at the park.

Yuhas suggested the board drop admission fees to enter the beach.

"This (money) will all level back out when the piers are paid for," said Behnke.

"We owe a debt to the town because they helped us out (in facilitating purchase of piers for rental). I don't know what you're trying to sell us, but we don't want any."

Audience member Mike Stallings, after Young confirmed the park's budget for 2010 is \$246,000, said funding for park piers at their purchase came from a bank loan rather than town-based funding.

"You had a plan to raise revenue (through pier rentals) to make these payments yourselves," Stallings said. "That is what you've done, so next year is the last payment on that. So the dollars there don't come from the town but from funds you raised independently (so the town and township could say you could cut \$33,000 from your budget but not \$50,000 because...

it's money you raise on your own."

Behnke, standing up, expressed frustration: "I'm tired. I'm going home."

Stallings addressed Behnke: "Why are you evasive with people? You're arrogant and short with these people. This is not a kangaroo court; we're looking to find out what's going on. I don't think you know your finances."

"All this started with some playground stuff," responded Behnke. "If you have some questions, we'll look into it and have Kelly get back to you. We (park board members) do this 20 minutes to an hour a month. We don't have all this memorized."

"You're supposed to run this like a business," said audience member Tom Kearns. "Where's the records? We're telling you you should have records of everything you're running."

Behnke noted Town Clerk Casey Howard handles the park board's accounting, with Young adding Howard was away and didn't leave a statement for December.

"If you knew where you stood financially every month, you'd have answers," said Stallings. "These are not loaded questions; it's simple mathematics...\$217,000 (of park funds) is park money that can't be encumbered by the town. What are you going to do with that money? That's what people would like to understand with this thing."

Stallings suggested a "simple computer pro-

gram" to track monies spent and taken in, and revenues in detail. Young said the Town Clerk does break down monies spent and taken in by line item in her records.

Audience members Connie Van Horn and Lynn Overmyer suggested the park board tape record all its meetings, Overmyer adding questions asked by the public and answers given "never showed up" in park board minutes. Behnke said such omissions are not intentional but agreed the board should record its meetings.

Patty Stallings, in the audience, said she's served on school boards and it's normal for board members to "circle the wagons" to protect each other.

"I noticed that when trying to talk about concerns here, you (board members) felt personally attacked; that isn't any of our intentions. What we want is board members who want to come to meetings and are tough enough to take public response and understand it comes from people who care about the park."

She added criticism of Behnke's leadership as board president. "I don't like to make a personal attack, but he is a public official who has been in that position way too long. What he sees for this park I don't see. I think you need to think about that next time you elect a president."

In other discussion, board member Leroy Bean said he would look into wording on the park's contract with a local company to remove its rental piers each autumn. Tim Yuhas raised concerns emergency vehicles can't maneuver around piers stacked on the northernmost pathway of two running along the lake shore in the west end of the park.

Young also discussed goals set for the park at the beginning of 2009, praising park staff as well trained and competent and adding the park looked great. She said the park also worked well in cooperation with various civic groups including Culver's Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, Tri Kappa, the Lake Maxinkuckee Film Festival, and Lake Fest. Park programming such as the annual Easter egg hunt and swimming lessons were well attended, she added.

Young expressed appreciation for the clientele of REAL Services, which meets weekdays at the park's beach lodge, noting she occasionally makes desserts for the group and appreciates its presence there.

A summertime maintenance project at the park's east end greatly remedied water problems there, Young said, thanking Culver's Street Department and its head, Bob Porter, for assistance with the project. She said Culver Academies students helped with planting grass near the entrance of the Indian Trails, and that repairs had been conducted in the beach lodge apartment and the park fence.

The board agreed to keep meeting days the first Wednesday of each month, but changed meeting times to 7 p.m. starting with the January 6 meeting.

Young also noted seven percent taxes will have to be added to pier rentals as well as rental of meeting rooms, the gazebo, and picnic tables, as suggested by Town Clerk Howard, who learned the taxation is a legal requirement. Pier rentals will increase \$49 for Culver and Union Township residents, and \$70 for people outside the township.

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A Culver Christmas 2009



During the month of December, the Citizen seeks to list all public holiday-related events in this space. If your organization or entity is planning such an event, please contact the editor at 574-216-0075 or citizen@culcom.net to be included in this listing.

- Christmas Vespers service**, Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, Sunday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Children's Nativity pageant**, St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Friday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.
- REAL Services annual Christmas party**, Culver beach lodge, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m. (reservations due Dec. 11)

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— will consider purchase of personal protection whistles, which she says are visible and easy to reach and can't be used against their owners as pepper spray or mace can. The whistle, adds Watkins, will startle an attacker and alert others, giving a potential victim a chance to escape from personal attacks. The whistles are available alone or on a variety of necklaces, bracelets, and other formats. Those interested in obtaining a whistle or with questions may call Watkins at 574-842-4876.

Adult winter gym at Culver Middle School

Sunday afternoon basketball at the Culver Middle School, for adults 18 and over only, takes place Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue until March 7. Cost will be \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, and must be "paid before you play" to cover insurance. Please call Ken VanDePutte at 574 274 9942 with questions.

CES students aim to warm local hands

Culver Elementary School second graders are collecting gently used mittens and gloves for local community members in need as part of their grade-wide project, "Hearts Warming Hands." The students ask that collected items be taken to the mitten box in the Culver Elementary School front office. Collecting will continue until December 15. Those with questions may call CES second grade teacher Jean Ahlenius at 574-842-3389.

Culver pantry in 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. Those with items to donate are encouraged to bring them to the church or contact Hutchins at 574-842-2598.

Culver Post now open Sundays

Culver's VFW Post



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Serving up a feast

Volunteers (from left to right) Marlene Shoddy, Mick Henley, and Lora and Ed Pinder of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver serve up food at REAL Services' annual Thanksgiving dinner November 25. At right is Jeanette Geiselman, assistant site coordinator at REAL. REAL Services serves meals each weekday for older adults in the Culver area (see menu this page).

#6919 is now open Sundays from 1 p.m. until time to close. Visitors are encouraged to visit the post and wach their favorite sports, enjoy free WiFi, and take advantage of beverage specials available. The post is located at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

Citizen contact info

Drop-off boxes for community news are located at the Culver-Union Township Public Library and the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Dr. These boxes will be accessible during the locations' normal business hours. Citizen editor Jeff Kenney may be reached at 574-216-0075. News can be sent by e-mail to: citizen@culcom.net.

Heritage Park remembrance bricks still available

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver reminds everyone that Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks are still available. These individual pavers are a lasting way to create a wonderful remembrance of families, relatives or friends. They become a permanent part of beautiful Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

The Society is also accepting orders for bricks that you may not want to have placed in the park...a nice "welcome" brick for your yard, "no solicitors" or even a "family est." brick. The brick might also have your pet's name and be placed in a favorite place for remembrance. The bricks are like the ones in the park except individual donors have possession of the brick and it's a great donation to the society, says Charlotte Hahn of the AHS.

Hahn advises that bricks are 4 x 8 inches with one or two lines of text for \$50 and 8 x 8 inch bricks with up to four lines for \$100 are available. They may be ordered by contacting Hahn at 574-842-3267. Order forms are also available in the Center for Culver History museum room at the Culver Public Library.

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life and amazed participants and observers for the level of funds raised (over \$100,000) and broad level of participation, particularly among youth.

The award surprised Culver Girls Academy senior Annelise Hansen, who attended Relay's Great Lakes Division Chair Summit over the weekend of November 14, and thrilled members of Culver's Relay committee, who have already been hard at work planning next year's event, which will take place April 16 in Culver.

A community-wide Relay kick-off will take place Tuesday, December 15 at the City Tavern in Culver.

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REAL Services menu

Those interested in sharing a meal at REAL Meals are asked to call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. on the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Chicken patty, bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applecrisp, birthday cake, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11: Meatballs and noodles with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, pears, and milk.

Monday, Dec. 14: Chicken breast and gravy, mashed potatoes, bread and margarine, spinach, mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Chili, oyster crackers, corn, tossed salad, apricots, and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Ham, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, tropical fruit, and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 17: Pot roast with corn, rice, Brussels sprouts, bran muffin and margarine, pears, and milk.

Friday, Dec. 18: Potato soup, applesauce, tuna pasta, saltines, and milk.

Community Calendar

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

Fri., Dec. 11
Last day for 2009 town of Culver leaf pickup
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Open Microphone Night with Jon Gaskill, 7 p.m., Culver Coffee Company, Lake Shore Drive, Culver

Sat., Dec. 12
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Census job testing, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sun., Dec. 13
Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium
Christmas Vespers service, 5:30 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel

Mon., Dec. 14
Knitting Class, 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4 p.m., town hall
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Culver Community Schools board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Dec. 15
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Dec. 16
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m.,

Culver Public Library church rectory basement

Thurs., Dec. 17
Culver Academies winter vacation begins
Fitness Class, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Thursday Tech Time class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg.,

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Culver Christmases past

Donna Edgington's memories

Editor's note: Many in Culver will remember Donna Edgington, who passed away March 16, 2004. Born in 1913, Donna was a part of the Medbourn family, perhaps best remembered for the Medbourn ice house at the site of today's Culver Cove on East Jefferson Street. Her father's uncle Sam was one of the pioneers in the booming local ice industry and owned the ice company, and the Medbourn family operated several businesses in Culver through the years. Donna's husband Harry Edgington operated the Culver Hi-Speed Tire Recap company along with Charles Medbourn, which was an especially busy enterprise during the years of World War II, when tire rubber was rationed.

Donna Edgington left lengthy reminiscences of her life in and around Culver. What follows are her recollections of local Christmases past, kindly shared with the Citizen by her daughter, Sherrill (Edgington) Fujimura.

Sitting in my usual chair one December evening, I found myself remembering Christmases past. The first Christmastime I could think of was during World War I. There was a heavy snow and the path from our back door to the house next to us was piled high on both sides with snow. Maybe they were not so high as they seemed but being such a little girl and only about four or five years old, I could only see the sky above. My grandma, Aunt Myrtle, and the cousins were living there as my uncle was in Washington, DC. That Christmas morning I got a good sized doll with painted golden blonde hair. I thought it looked like my cousin Mary Barbara.

Our sitting room there had a beautiful base burner in it that provided not only heat but a beautiful warm glow. I loved sitting there at eventide and watching the fire. We were such lucky folks to have the first Christmas tree lights in our town. When Christmastime came our tree was put in the front window so people passing by could enjoy the lights. There was a strand of peaches and pears and with the light from there and the base burner the living room was the most beautiful place in the world to me.

One Christmas I accidentally discovered my Santa gift that was to be my big surprise. It was a beautiful doll with golden curls, eyes that opened and shut, but most of all it was outfitted in clothes I knew my mother and grandmother had spent many hours making. I never wanted to know what my gifts would be as I enjoyed the surprise on Christmas morning more. I did not tell anyone I had seen the doll and acted just as surprised on Christmas morning as if I didn't know. Mama and Grandma would not know and I did not tell them.

The church was a big part of my childhood. Papa was Sunday School superintendent and my mother very active in Ladies Aid. At Christmas the treats and gifts at church and the Nativity pageant were very important to me.

I always laid out a long, white stocking on Christmas Eve. Next morning it would be filled with hard candies; I especially remember ribbon candy. Then there would be a couple of big oranges – a treat at that time – and big knobby walnuts. After our gifts at home we got dressed up and went to Grandma and Grandpa's. There we joined aunts, uncles, and cousins for lots of delicious food and exchanging presents. I remember one year my parents helped me put a cute kitten in a box and wrap it with white tissue paper and a red bow to give to Aunt Jane.

When I was 12 we moved to Logansport. We were now in a large home with very high ceilings. We had to get a very tall tree there and buy many more ornaments. My grandparents had also moved and lived in the eight-room apartment above us. All the relatives came and our 16 rooms were buzzing with much fun all over.

I had a big group of girl friends in Logan and the holiday time found me busy with sledding, making candy, and slumber parties. It was a time when every home had one or two card tables set up with their jigsaw puzzles. These had just become very popular. Also every church had special Christmas programs. They were scheduled so every

family could attend several, and our family attended three or four. Without television, these programs were well attended and the participants practiced hard and they were really well given.

Some hard times came with the big Depression and we finally moved back to our farm (near Culver). Christmas was still important and though there was less it was still wonderful. I remember working in a store during Christmas time and what fun it was helping people find presents



PHOTO PROVIDED/SHERILL FUJIMURA
Harry Edgington (driving) and his bobsled team take the family for a ride at the Medbourn farm near Culver, 1934.

for people on their lists. Then I met (future husband) Harry and took him to Grandma's for Christmas Day. We drove in the driveway, turned off the engine, and could hear a humming noise. Harry wondered what it was and I said it was all the McLanes talking at once. He couldn't figure that out but finally went to "join the crowd." Harry had two beautiful horses and a bobsled. We went out to the farm and brought it in and took the family riding all snug and warm in the straw filled shed singing Christmas carols. That was a wonderful time.

Then I got married and Christmas became even bigger. We had Christmas at our home, to Grandma and Grandpa's at noon, to Harry's mom's for some afternoon refreshments, and back to Grandma's.

Of course we always went to my parents for Christmas Eve dinner and presents. The whole week after Christmas was party time clear through our oyster stew supper on New Year's.

Harry and I were living on a farm. We had moved there in the spring after Charles was born. The Christmas before he arrived was when my father was in the hospital at Rochester. I took over a little tree and decorated it and we had Christmas Eve there. (My younger sister) Marilyn was so excited over the doll she found in bed with Daddy. Next day we were at Grandma's and he called to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. "Now back to the family." After Daddy and Mother got home from Indianapolis at the end of March where he had his gall bladder operation we began going out to wallpaper and paint in the house. We had moved to their house to take care of Marilyn as they were in Indianapolis from January to March.

The first Christmas at the farm was quite frugal. I got a table tree and decorated it – even put a string of lights on it – except we had no electricity. We had gotten a tiny wagon and a little push car for Charles. I had made an oil cloth cat and a ball. There wasn't money for Harry and I so I made a big platter of fudge for him. I had cracked and picked out black walnut meat to add to it. Somehow I knocked the platter off and it broke in many pieces. I felt so sad over the present and was "consoled" by Harry. He had gotten me a pair of red slippers with white fur trim. They were not the choice I would have picked! However, they were warm and felt good on the winter nights.

Our next Christmas we were still on the farm. June and I sold Christmas cards. With my share of the profits I bought a lounge chair and ottoman for Harry. They brought it

from Crabb's Furniture Store (on Culver's Main Street) the day before Christmas. Charles and I hid behind the chair and when he came home we called out, "Surprise!" Charles thought that was fun.

The following year was quite different. Harry had started working at A.R. McKesson's selling used cars. There was a little more money and we had moved into Mrs. Hubble's house in town. It was so nice to be back in a house with running water, bathroom, a furnace, and electric lights! Freddy had arrived in September so we had a lot of fun preparing for Santa Claus. By the time Rodney arrived we had spent several Merry Christmases on Madison Street. World War II had begun and we were operating the Recap tire shop 24 hours a day. Money was more plentiful and even though we had many friends in the Army and Navy we managed to have a joyful time. Gifts were fun to get for the children. I remember we got a little red fire truck to ride in and Charles got a tool bench and tools.

Then Sherrill came along and it was fun for me to pick out girls' toys! I had to keep track of the amount of money and number of gifts for each one. Harry thought this was ridiculous but I wanted everyone to have an equal amount. When Freddy was five he had to be in the hospital at Plymouth; he had an appendix operation. We had a tree in his room and took presents for Santa to give Christmas morning. On Christmas day we had an ice storm and it wasn't possible for us to go see Freddy. He was home soon after and found that Santa had left him a new wagon.

Philip came along in 1950 so Christmas got even more busy and we had such good times. The children always sat on the stair steps upstairs until I lighted the tree. Harry always stayed in bed during that first excitement but I was enjoying all their "ohs" and "ahs."

We moved into our house at the lake in 1953. We had much more space so the whole family would go out to Aunt Myrtle's and Uncle Don's to look for the tree. We would choose a big fat one and put it in the front window. The children all had a little money to buy gifts and much secrecy was going on as they sneaked their choices into their rooms. We still had several places to celebrate Christmas so we were as busy as ever. One thing we loved at our new home was the fireplace. We liked having a fire and we even put a roast and vegetables or bean soup in the iron pot to make over the fire. We liked to roast wieners and marshmallows there too. Even now when I'm all alone I will roast a hot dog and marshmallows there.

Name that Culver "citizen"

Last week's Mystery Citizen is a familiar face in Culver's "uptown" as



Above: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Dan Bickel, then and now. Below: this week's mystery citizen.

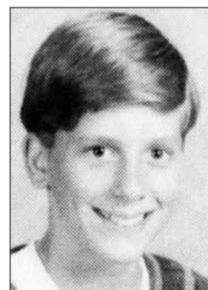


owner/operator (with wife Bonnie) of the (appropriately named) Uptown Cinema as well as the Edgewater Grille restaurant. He is, of course, Dan Bickel. Lynn Overmyer and Judy Sawhook were our correct guessers this week, and I expect Dan will extend the Citizen's prize of free parking to the "uptown" area of Culver as well as the downtown.

This week's Mystery Citizen is familiar to many Culverites for a visible role in one of two local businesses offering an important service here.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.

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Culver's Ellert to seek Assembly seat



Culver resident and local businessman Francis Ellert has announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination to run for the Indiana State Assembly seat from District 17.

Democrat Nancy Dembowski currently holds the Statehouse seat.

Plant Manager at Coca-Cola in Plymouth, Ellert resides in Culver with his wife of 16 years Susan, and his four children: Betse, 11, Pierce, 9, Fritz, 7, and Cabot, 5.

Ellert has been very active in the Marshall County community. He is the current Drive Chairman for United Way of Marshall County and a board member. He is a member of the Rotary Club, where he has served as treasurer and is the club's president-elect. He is active in the Culver Chamber of Commerce and has served as

its president. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, the Marshall-Starke Development Center, and Ancilla College.

"I think the citizens in District 17 can use a change with somebody who comes at the job with a fresh perspective," he said, adding that job creation, job availability, and quality of life in Marshall and Starke counties are priority items in the coming campaign.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Ellert is a graduate of Chanel High School in Cleveland and received a Bachelor's Degree in history from John Carroll University. He spent four summers during high school in the Naval School program at the Culver Academies and during college was a counselor there. He also served as an admissions officer and counselor at Culver Academies.

Trash from page A1

If someone is billed and they're not there, they want reimbursed."

The Town Manager, noting the town "would be getting indirectly into the trash business," acknowledged complaints now directed to trash companies would likely come to the town.

"This will save the average person money and will have less impact on our streets (due to) less trucks, but there are other things to consider as well. A lot of people like the flexibility of seasonal cancellation."

Council member Ed Pinder asked about residents who don't have trash pickup now and might have difficulty affording it, relying instead on a family member to dispose of their trash for them.

Council member Ginny Munroe said a number of people without trash service appear to be dumping their refuse into privately rented dumpsters and those in the Town Park. "One of the problems we have is people who refuse to sign up for trash service and assume the rest of us should take care of their trash. I don't think everyone else should take on the burden of taking up their service."

Audience member Janette Surrisi, after noting her monthly trash bill would likely be cut in half by a town-wide service, responded to Pinder's concern by explaining she researched census numbers and found 21 percent of Culver residents are over the age of 65, and seven percent of those live below the poverty line. "That would yield about 24 people out of 1,500 that fall below the poverty line in our elderly (population), when the rest of us can save money."

She also said the move would greatly benefit working families hoping to save.

Council member Ralph Winters, though he said he opposed adopting town-wide trash service, agreed with Surrisi as to the relatively low number of low-income elderly adversely affected by the move, adding most are likely residents of Culver's senior apartments, where trash removal is handled by the apartment facility.

Surrisi, responding to concerns voiced at a previous Council meeting, also suggested a lien could be placed on any property refusing to pay the trash bill, something Culver Building Inspector Russ Mason said was indeed possible if han-

dled by ordinance, something he had discussed with town attorney Jim Clevenger.

Audience member Nina Belk said she has rental houses in Culver and expressed concern about having to pay for trash service even when no one rented the house. Council member Lynn Overmyer noted the residents who first approached the Council asking for consideration of town-wide trash removal are summer residents "more than willing to pay a year-round trash bill if it would keep trash off people's lawns and the town would have uniformity."

Several audience members expressed support of adoption of the service, including Tom Kearns, who said part-time residents would still save money on annual trash costs from the present system, if the move is adopted, even if they live here only six months per year. "If they can afford a second home," said audience member Patty Stallings, noting she and her family were part-time residents for many years, "believe me that money (charged for trash service during months they're absent) isn't going to be a hardship on them. I think they appreciate not having to worry about garbage."

Council President Sally Ricciardi noted the default trash receptacle if the town should contract with trash haulers would likely be a 96-gallon tote, which she said is "huge," though Doss noted a waste hauler contract could allow for smaller totes for those residents unable to handle the large ones. "If you generate more garbage than that 96-gallon tote would hold," Ricciardi said, "you would buy a little sticker for \$1 to \$2 (for additional trash hauled). You would do that for large items like couches."

Munroe added the Council has discussed adding a few additional town-wide cleanup days to the twice-a-year events held currently, during which residents are free to dump large items in a rented dumpster at no charge.

Audience member Marlene Shoddy asked about entities such as the Methodist Women's thrift store of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, which she represents. That shop is a commercial entity in a residential area and uses three totes per week at present. Ricciardi said such

entities would likely keep existing dumpsters and contract with waste haulers themselves.

Shoddy emphasized the need to inform the public that, should the town contract for town-wide trash service, the service is for residential customers only, rather than businesses.

The Council invited Bob Stone from Allied Waste of Culver to field some resident questions.

He said a town contract could include pickup of one large item per month per household and noted stolen or damaged trash totes would not be billed to the customer, but the responsible party could be prosecuted, in the arrangement his company has with nearby Plymouth. He also said most city-wide contracts factor in a surcharge for fuel costs to the company which will only rise if the US government index of fuel charges lists costs rising to a certain amount.

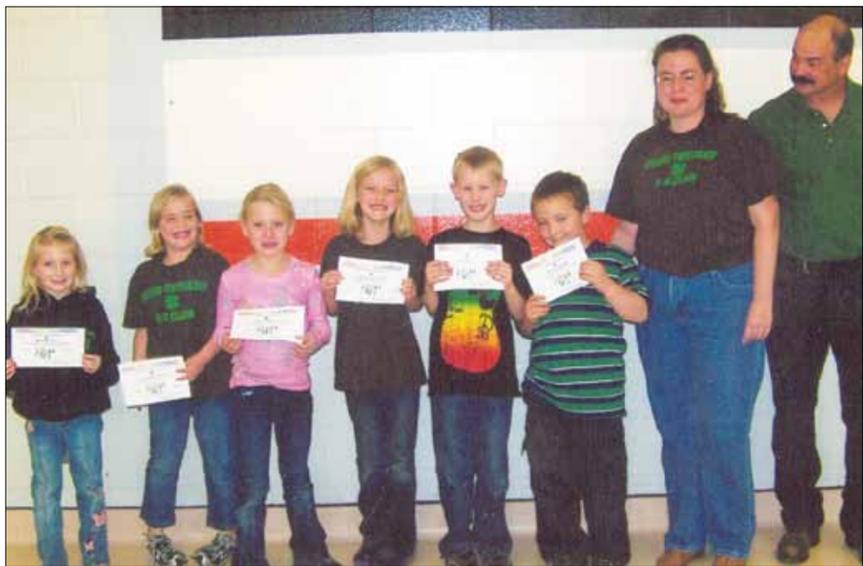
Stone said most towns have a five year contract for a better rate and many have a provision in the contract allowing its cancellation if the community is unhappy with the service. Ricciardi, answering a question from David Baker in the audience, confirmed a few companies besides Allied would likely bid to take on Culver's service.

Audience member Norman Wagner asked about recycling service, which council members noted would come with the trash service. Stone said the limit of one tote per household in Plymouth has dramatically increased recycling there, since families have weeded out more recyclables in order to meet the restrictions of the single tote. There would likely be no limit on how much a household may recycle in the proposed town-wide program, he added.

Audience member Doris Breyfogle suggested the town adopt an ordinance specifying a time limit on when trash receptacles be removed by residents from street-side, noting some are left out for days after trash pickup.

Audience member Belk asked the Council if the transition to town-wide trash service might already be "a done deal" in spite of the meeting held for discussion of the matter, to which Council members responded in the negative.

"We wanted this meeting to get a grip on how the community feels,"



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Union Twp 4-H Award Banquet

The Union Township 4-H Award Banquet was held at the Culver Community High School cafeteria with approximately 100 people in attendance. Following the meal, Ryan Sieber, president of the Township Parent Committee started the awards presentation.

ABOVE: Mini 4-H members (from left): Anna Blocker, Elizabeth Johnson, Carrie Norris, Alexandra Temme, John Sieber, William Baldwin, and leaders Sandy and Eldon Amor. Not present: Savanna Cook, Jacob Fisher, Trista Fisher, K-agnie Hoffman and Robert Wynn.



LEFT: County Award Winners. Front row (from left): Daniel Blocker, Division 2, Electric; Megan Thompson, Decoupage; Marisa Howard, Sheep and Glass Etching. Back row: John Allman, Advance Electric; Samantha Howard, Swine, Christmas Tree and Beef; Ben Newman, Jr. Leader.



ABOVE: Fifth year members receiving sweatshirts sponsored by Culver Young Farmers were (front row, from left): Kayla Shatter, Samantha Howard, Sarah Boland and Michael Skiles; back row: Amy Curtis, Geri Newman, Denise Sieber, Scott Curtis and Ryan Sieber, Culver Young Farmer Members.



ABOVE: Clean Pen Award winners (from left): Westin Bush Berdine, sheep; Alison Zehner, dairy; Samantha Howard, beef; Rebecca Johnson, dairy, goat; Marisa Howard, swine. Not Pictured: Jacqlin Bauer-Katy Garland, Colin Deon, Dylan Johnson.

said Munroe. "Most of us don't know what Michael (Doss) has done in his research. And we're obligated to publicly announce this stuff; we have to be transparent in our actions. We don't know what other companies are available or what they will charge."

Doss added that even if the decision is made in the future by Council to proceed with the move, bids would have to be accepted and preliminary numbers given by trash companies before the Council could accept or reject a bid.

"Unlike big government, we'll all be paying the fees (if town-wide service is adopted)," said Overmyer.

Asked by Kearns for a rough timeline of the proceedings, Munroe said the Council intended a work session to follow up on the town hall meeting, during which information gathered by Doss could be discussed

and a "menu of what we would like" in town-wide service could be generated. She said the hope was to at least have such a "menu" completed by the end of 2009.

She noted public hearings and other meetings would be required should trash service be adopted by ordinance, all of which will take some time.

Kearns and audience member Jim Hahn thanked the Council for holding the meeting.

"It strikes me in the last six to eight months how many things this town has been doing to help itself," continued Hahn. "You attacked the sidewalk problem and the tree problem to the betterment of this community. You attacked storm water issues to the betterment of this community, you've got a tree commission (which has been) planting trees for the beau-

tification of this town, and that's a wonderful thing. Town-wide trash pickup just extends that effort to make this a nicer place to live. And by the way, it's cheaper!"

A round of applause from the audience followed Hahn's statement.



Sports



Cavaliers fall despite career night by Bauer

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

CULVER — Culver Community's Zoe Bauer played the game of his life Tuesday. Unfortunately for the Cavs, Rochester's Colt Meadows and Collin Harris performed pretty well, too.

Bauer scored an eyebrow-raising 38 points, but the Zebras, behind Meadows' 26 points and Harris' clutch 13 points and seven boards, fended off Culver 57-51 in the boys basketball season opener for both teams at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"Just a tremendous effort from Zoe tonight," Culver Community head coach Kyle Elliott said. "In our offense, obviously, we're looking to get the ball to Zoe. When the ball's in his hands, good things come our way. He's got unselfish teammates that got him the ball."

"He's also a lot stronger this year," Elliott added. "He lifts weights five times a week and was in the weight room every day this summer. He plays at a different confidence level."

While Bauer's point total itself certainly warranted notice, the way he racked it up made it even more impressive. The 6-foot junior forward hit 15-of-23 field-goal attempts — 8-for-11 from 3-point land, including a third-quarter baseline fadeaway jumper and an NBA range shot to open the game — scoring off the dribble, on drives to the rack, behind screens, on cuts to the bucket and even a hook shot off an out-of-bounds play.

"Bauer played a very, very good game," Rochester head coach Rob Malchow said. "That's probably the one or two best performances against us that I can remember. He was unconscious, hitting fadeaways. When he hit that fadeaway all you can do is say, 'That's a heck of a shot.'"

The Zebras took a 44-34 lead with 3:40 left in the third quarter, but Bauer and company reeled off an 11-1 run to knot the game at 45-45 on freshman Micah Budzinski's long rebound and feed to Bauer for a layup with 7:41 left in the game.

Rochester answered immediately with a triple from Harris, who also hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to give the Zebras a seven-point halftime cushion, to take the upper hand for good.

Trailing 51-50 with 1:23 left, the Cavs committed their 18th and most costly turnover of the game. Rochester's Evan Hoff then nailed a pair of free throws with 1:19 to go in the game for a 53-50 Zebras lead, and after an empty Culver possession Bauer fouled out with 34 seconds to go. Hoff hit two more charity tosses, followed by a pair from Meadows to ice the Rochester win.

"We'll learn from it," Elliott said. "Every kid did some very good things. It's not a bad start. It's a lot better start than last year when we went (to Rochester) and got beaten pretty badly."

While Culver, which started two freshmen, hung tough with last season's Class 3A state runner-up Rochester, spacing lapses leading to occasional trouble with the Zebra's half-court trap and full-court press ultimately made the difference.

"Our full-court press is probably the thing that saved us," Malchow said. "Our man-to-man in the half court couldn't stop

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Frontier counters Cavaliers

By Dee Grenert
Correspondent

CULVER — For just about every Culver Community punch, Frontier countered quickly and hard.

Frontier nailed six of its nine 3-pointers — four by senior guard Jon-Marc Ream — immediately following Culver baskets to knock out the Cavs 65-54 in a boys basketball game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Saturday.

Ream sank 5-of-7 attempts from downtown, the first which put the Falcons in front for good at 12-9 with 3:15 left in the initial frame and the last which gave Frontier a 41-35 edge with 3:53 to go in the third stanza and started an outcome-deciding 19-2 surge. For the game, Ream finished with a team-high-tying 17 points and three assists.

"Our transition defense was as much of a disappointment as anything," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "We work on it all the time in practice, although you couldn't tell it from tonight. We knew (Frontier) would push the ball; that's their style. We gave them some easy buckets and a chance to fill some

lanes."

Also for Frontier, Dylan Sterrett tallied 17 points and three steals, while point guard Grant Ream added 14 points, six boards, four steals and three assists.

"The better team won tonight," Elliott said. "They're going to win their share of games this year."

Culver junior forward Zoe Bauer tossed in a game-leading 18 points, highlighted by a pair of NBA-distance treys. Junior guard AJ Neace chipped in 11 points, including two third-quarter triples that twice cut Culver's 10-point halftime deficit to three points, and 6-foot-5 freshman Micah Budzinski rattled off 10 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

"We're always reminding AJ Neace to play under control, and for the most part tonight, he did," Elliott said. "AJ played within himself and set up some things for his teammates."

"Micah's coming along," Elliott said. "It's a big jump to the varsity level for a freshman. I'm proud of his effort. He was banging the boards, and he's a lefty and scored with his right hand a couple of times. That might not sound like much, but

it's important for him to have the confidence to go from the right side."

However, the Cavs turned the ball over 25 times against Frontier's ever-changing defense. The Falcons rotated between a 1-2-2 full-court press, 1-3-1 half-court trap and man-to-man, all of which left Culver searching for a consistent offensive tempo.

"We're just not being strong with the ball," Elliott said. "We need to step through and make that strong bounce pass rather than a weak chest pass. Several of the turnovers led to baskets. It's one thing if you throw the ball away going into the post but another if it's on a reversal that gives the other team a chance for an easy basket."

"We went to spaces on the floor instead of recognizing where the defense was," he added. "We knew (Frontier) would change defenses and we had to recognize what they were in. When we did work the ball we were able to break it down. We needed to be a little more patient."

• FRONTIER 65, CULVER COMMUNITY 54

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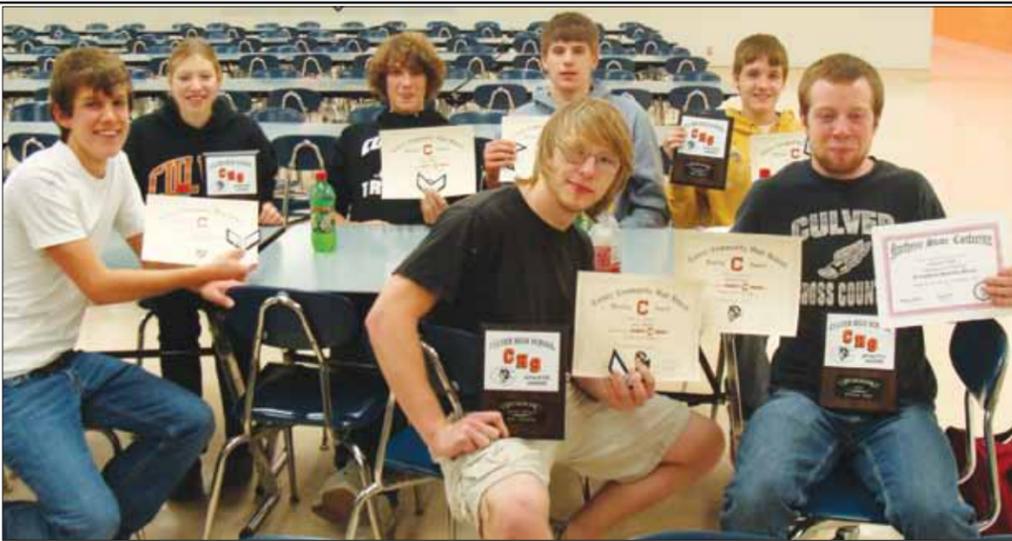


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CCHS cross country honorees

Runners on Culver Community High School's cross country team display awards given them at the school's November 11 fall sports awards banquet.

In the front row, left to right: Colton Measles, Seth Schaefer, Michael Stout. Back row: Lauren Shaffer, Blake Bennett, Zoe Bauer, Tyler Hughes.

Shaffer and Stout were named Most Valuable Players, Tyler Hughes was named Most Improved, and Seth Schaefer was awarded for Mental Attitude. Gary Shaffer coached the team.

Sports briefs

Boys basketball

Eagles fly past LaLumiere

Jermaine Myers hit three triples and went 10 for 11 from the charity stripe on his way to a game-high 25 points, while teammate Travis Britt scored 15 as Culver Military routed LaLumiere 64-41 in a boys basketball game at the Academies Saturday.

The Eagles shot 57 percent from the field in the win, which brings the team to 3-2 on the season. The visitors were led by 12 points apiece from Darius Stevens and Krste Ruiz.

LaLumiere, slips to 1-4 with the loss.

• CULVER MILITARY 64, LaLUMIERE 41

At Culver
Score by quarters
LaLumiere: 7 17 31 41

CMA (64): Jermaine Myers 3-3 10-11 25, Ramsey Bradke 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Ahlers 0-0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 4-1 4-6 15, Trent Sanders 0-0 0-0 0, Juwan Brescacin 1-2 0-2 8, Braxton Troyer 0-0 2-2 2, Alex Dodane 2-0 0-0 2, Trace Thews 2-0 0-0 4, Chier Ajou 4-0 0-0 8. Will Strong 0-0 0-0 0, Trevor Weaser 1-0 0-0 2; TOTALS: 15-6 16-19 64.

LaLUMIERE (41): Darius Stevens 2-2 2-2 12, Krste Ruiz 3-1 3-3 12, Jack

Caplice 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor Dunifon 0-1 0-0 3, Marshall Crawford 2-0 0-0 4, Zach Gaza 0-0 0-0 0, Anontio Ivis 2-0 6-8 10, Dony Brooks 0-0 0-0 0; TOTALS: 9-4 11-13 41.

3-point goals: LaLumiere 4 (Stevens 2, Ruiz, Dunifon), CMA 6 (Myers 3, Brescacin 2, Britt 1). Personal fouls (fouled out): LaLumiere 21 (none), CMA 15 (none); Technicals: LaLumiere bench; Shooting percentage: LaLumiere 33 percent (13-of-40), CMA 57 percent (21-of-37). Turnovers: LaLumiere 16, CMA 12.

Records: LaLumiere 1-4, CMA 3-2. JV score: LaLumiere 33 (Zach Wisniewski 14), CMA 30 (Willie Strong 13, Trent Sanders 11).

Ajou lifts CMA over Adams

Chier Ajou grabbed an errant 3-point attempt by Culver Military guard Jermaine Myers and stuffed it home with 0.2 showing on the clock to lift the Eagles to a 49-48 victory over visiting South Bend Adams at the Academies Friday.

Ajou finished with 13 points behind Myers' team-leading 17, while Juwan Brescacin put up 10 points as the third player in double figures for winning CMA.

Trevon Love scored a team-high 16 points for Adams, including a pair of go-

ahead free throws that put his team ahead 48-47 with 5 seconds remaining.

CMA is 2-2 with the win.

• CULVER MILITARY 49, ADAMS 48

At Culver
CMA (49): Jermaine Myers 3-3 2-2 17, Ramsey Bradke 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Ahlers 0-0 0-0 0, Travis Britt 2-1 0-1 7, Juwan Brescacin 4-0 2-2 10, Braxton Troyer 0-0 0-2 0, Trace Thews 0-0 0-0 0, Chier Ajou 5-0 3-4 13, Trevor Weaser 1-0 0-0 2. TOTALS: 15-4 7-9 49.

ADAMS (48): Roosevelt Green 1-2 0-2 0, Dylan Cain 1 2-4 4, Grant Ream 5 3-4 14, Ethan Zarse 0 1-3 1, Spencer Peters 0 0-0 0, Dylan Sterrett 5 4-4 17, Jon-Marc Ream 6 0-0 17, Colton Oland 0 0-0 0, Kirby Cotterman 0 0-0 0, Mitch Burkhalter 4 0-0 8, Travis Demerly 1

9-6 12-14 48.

Adams: 14 24 36 48

CMA: 11 24 29 49

3-pt. goals: Adams 6 (Green 2, Love 2, Superczynski 2), CMA 4 (Myers 3, Britt 1). Personal fouls (fouled out): Adams 17 (none), CMA 17 (Brescacin); Technicals: Love (A), Myers (CMA); Shooting percentage: Adams 55 percent (16 of 27); CMA 48 percent (19 of 40). Turnovers: Adams 16, CMA 17. Officials: Nick Mark, Mark McCameron, Roy Lusher; Records: Adams 1-1, CMA 2-2. JV score: Adams 42 (Joe Beard 16), CMA 35 (Willie Strong 11, Trent Sanders 10).



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CMA's Benn signs with Johns Hopkins

Culver Military's Brandon Benn, right, signs his letter of intent to play lacrosse for Johns Hopkins University at the Academies Friday. Seated at left is CMA Lacrosse head coach Jon Posner.

Benn, a senior at Culver Military Academy, signed a National Letter of Intent recently to play lacrosse at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. An attack for the Eagles, Benn is listed by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine as the 38th best player in the country.

During his career with CMA, Benn has been a member of two state championship teams, been named offensive Most Valuable Player of the state tournament both years, been named to the all-state team both years, and was named an All-American his junior year.

The Orangeville, Ont. native scored 85 goals and had 22 assists during his junior season and 65 goals and 21 assists his sophomore year. The Eagles finished 17-4 last season and won its third straight Indiana lacrosse championship.

Johns Hopkins is one of the elite NCAA Division I programs in the country. The Blue Jays have won nine NCAA championships and made 37 straight NCAA tournament appearances.

Cavs from page 7

Culver
Score by quarters
Frontier: 20 35 55 65
Culver: 15 25 37 54
FRONTIER (65): Austin Edington 0 0-2 0, Dylan Cain 1 2-4 4, Grant Ream 5 3-4 14, Ethan Zarse 0 1-3 1, Spencer Peters 0 0-0 0, Dylan Sterrett 5 4-4 17, Jon-Marc Ream 6 0-0 17, Colton Oland 0 0-0 0, Kirby Cotterman 0 0-0 0, Mitch Burkhalter 4 0-0 8, Travis Demerly 1

2-2 4. TOTALS: 22 12-19 65.
CULVER (54): AJ Neace 4 0-0 11, Nick Peterson 1 0-0 2, Brock Elliott 1 0-1 2, Collin Stevens 2 0-0 4, Zoe Bauer 7 0-0 18, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 1 0-0 2, Micah Budzinski 5 0-0 10, Larry Clingler 2 1-1 5. TOTALS: 23 1-2 54.
3-point goals: Frontier 9 (J. Ream 5, Sterrett 3, G. Ream), Culver 7 (Bauer 4, Neace 3); Turnovers: Frontier 21, Culver 25; Rebounds: Frontier 24

(G. Ream 6), Culver 23 (Budzinski 7); Assists: Frontier 10 (G. Ream 3), Culver 9 (Neace, Stevens, Bauer 2); Steals: Frontier 13 (G. Ream 4), Culver 10 (Budzinski 3); Fouls (fouled out): Frontier 7 (none), Culver 17 (Neace); Records: Frontier 3-0, Culver 1-2.
JV score: Frontier 40, Culver 25.

Bauer from page 7

Bauer. With the press, we were able to get the ball out of his hands and create some turnovers."

Also for Culver, freshman point guard Collin Stevens dished out three assists, Budzinski grabbed five rebounds and AJ Neace collected a couple of steals.

"Some kids look at points to evaluate how they played," Elliott said. "We're getting the kids to see that the person who screens and the person who passes is just as important as the person who scores.

"It's a learning process," he concluded. "We've got two freshmen and four seniors which is a big range in experience. The chemistry will continue to build, and from where we were at the beginning of the season to now, we're seeing some progress."

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The Cavs travel to Lacrosse Friday.

• ROCHESTER 57, CULVER COMMUNITY 51

At Culver
Score by quarters

Rochester: 14 33 45 57

Culver: 15 26 43 51

ROCHESTER (57): Nate Basham 2 0-0 5, Cameron Screeton 0 0-0 0, Marc Bowers 1 1-2 3, Evan Hoff 2 4-4 9, Cahner Thompson 0 0-0 0, Colt Meadows 8 7-9 26, Collin Harris 4 3-4 13, Nathan Sewell 0 1-3 1. TOTALS: 16 16-22 57.

CULVER (51): AJ Neace 1 1-2 3, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0, Collin Stevens 0 0-0 0, Zoe Bauer 15 0-0 38, Patrick Mulvihill 1 0-0 2, Kyle Pugh 0 0-0 0, Micah Budzinski 1 2-3 4, Larry Clingler 1 2-2 4. TOTALS: 19 5-7 51.

3-point goals: Rochester 9 (Meadows 5, Harris 2, Basham, Hoff), Culver 8 (Bauer); Turnovers: Rochester 14, Culver 18; Rebounds: Rochester 21 (Harris 7), Culver 19 (Budzinski 5); Assists: Rochester 8 (Meadows 3), Culver 10 (Stevens 3); Steals: Rochester 8 (Basham, Bowers, Harris 2), Culver 6 (Neace); Fouls (fouled out): Rochester 14 (Bowers), Culver 21 (Bauer); Records: Rochester 1-0, Culver 0-1.

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CCHS biology students visit Butler



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Seated, from left to right: Cindy Miller, Kaceigh Alhenius, Nicolette Banfield. Second row: Robert Konzelman, Ally Rabenau, Angel Tobey, Susannah Baker, Shae Harris, Paige Norwich, Jackie Bauer. Third row: Joe Paolini, Zoe Bauer, Gwen Zehner, Jerry Smith, Olivia Knapp, and Colton Measels.

Robert Konzelman's Culver Community High School A.P. Biology class traveled to Butler University in Indianapolis to tour the campus and examine many of the science laboratories in Gallahue Hall.

The students also visited the Holcomb Planetarium, where they learned about the planets and many of the constellations. They were then able to examine a large telescope used for doing research at Butler.

"I had a wonderful time at Butler," said CCHS junior Joe Paolini.

Afterwards, the students were given a tour of the prairie, where the students examined an area of restored prairie land similar to what it was like before settlers cut it down.

Junior Zoe Bauer said, "The prairie was my favorite part."

This student story appears courtesy Culver Community High School journalism instructor Vickie Benner and the CCHS newsletter, the Caval Crier, of which journalism student Ally Rabenau is a staff member.

By Ally Rabenau

Culver Community High School

New telephone broadcast system helps Culver parents

The Culver Community School Corporation has announced a new telephone broadcast system aimed at improving communication between parents and the school. The service, provided by SchoolReach, will enable school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders.

The Corporation will continue to report school closings due to snow or weather on South Bend television stations: WSBT 22, WNDU 16, and WSJV 28 and on radio stations: Knox: WKVI-FM 99.3, and Rochester: WROI-FM 92.1.

When used, the service will simultaneously call all phone numbers in selected parent contact lists and deliver a recorded message from a school administrator, both to live answer and answering machines. No answers (phones ringing over 40 seconds) and busy signals will be automatically retried twice in fifteen minute intervals after the initial call.

Home users' caller ID will show one of the schools in the Culver Corporation or the Corporation Office, and the message will begin after a short pause. At the end of the message recipients will be prompted to "press any key" to hear the message again, helpful when a child answers the phone and hands it to a parent, who can then repeat the message in its entirety.

SchoolReach may also notify parents each day their child misses a required number of classes (parents are asked to inform the school when they know their child will miss classes on a given day).

Parents are also encouraged to make every effort to provide the school with current and accurate phone information any time there is a change, which can be handled online via a student's Harmony Account, or in person or by phone at the student's school office.

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Library news

Culver library seeking books for Riley

The Youth Services department of the Culver-Union Township Public Library is sponsoring a book drive for Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The book drive is being run by several Culver Elementary School students and is being overseen by Ali Gaskill, Culver Public Library Children's Room Assistant. Any new or gently used books can be dropped off in the children's room of the Culver Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in downtown Culver. The deadline for donations is December 19. The library hopes to deliver the books to Riley's during the holiday season. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2941.

CUTPL hosts research class

Culver Union Township Public Library will offer a class on Internet Research and INSPIRE, Indiana's Virtual Library.

The class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 12. The topic of the class is "Internet Research" and it focuses primarily on INSPIRE, Indiana's Free Research portal and Virtual Library. It is a great course for students doing research for school and adults curious about history and continually learning new information. The course will also cover improving searches on the internet and using Wikipedia to discover information.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Polly Wolf via e-mail at staff@culver.lib.in.us or by dialing 574-842-2941. A full calendar of events for Culver Union Township Public Library may also be viewed online at www.culver.lib.in.us.

CCHS band students honored

Three Culver Community High School students have been chosen for honored positions for their musical prowess.

Caleb Dehning was chosen to participate in the Indiana Bandmasters' Association All-Region Band Festival for 2009, according to CCHS Band Director Jason Crittendon. The band performed the weekend of November 21 and 22 at North Judson-San Pierre High School.

Fellow CCHS student Shae Harris was chosen to participate in the Indiana Bandmasters' Association All-District Band Festival for 2009. The band performed the weekend of November 14 and 15 at North Judson-San Pierre High School.

Harris was also chosen for the Indiana Music Educators Association Honor Band. This band is composed of band students from the entire state of Indiana and performs at the I.M.E.A. Convention held in Indianapolis January 23, 2010.

CCHS student Tyler Hughes was chosen as an alternate for the I.M.E.A. Honor Band.

The students were chosen through a nomination process and chosen from among students around the state based on "resumes" of their musical careers by a selection team.

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