



## In Brief

### Culver schools' makeup day Feb. 15

The Culver Community School Corporation will hold classes Monday, Feb. 15 to make up for the day cancelled Thursday, Jan. 21 due to the weather. For questions call 574-842-3364.

### VFW "Soup"erbowls returns Sunday

The Culver VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary will host its annual "SOUP"erbowls cook off Sunday, February 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver. \$5 gets you all the soup you can eat. Bring down your best soup or chili to see if you can win. Winner of the soup cook-off will choose the local charity to receive the proceeds from this event. The doors are open to the public.

### Park boat slips now available

The Culver Park and Recreation Department is now leasing boat slips for the 2010 summer season. The fees for the boat slips are as follows: Culver-Union Twp. Residents: \$700; outside of the area: \$1000; waverunner spaces: \$400; and Hobbie spaces: \$400. All boats and waverunners must be placed on lifts. Interested individuals should contact Kelly Young, Park Supt. at 574-842-3510 during the evening hours.

### Rare lithographs on display

The Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive is hosting "Stories in the Press: A selection of 19th century lithographs by Honore' Daumier," from January 11 to February 15, sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Culver Academies.

The exhibition consists of 24 lithographs by 19th century French artist Honore' Daumier, originally published in the newspaper Le Charivari between 1839 and 1865. Artist Honore' Daumier was recognized as one of the greatest caricaturists in France, a title that is undisputed even today. His lithographs for the French press were treasured and collected by a variety of artists and connoisseurs. The lithographs are viewable throughout the Culver Coffee Company, free for all visitors.

### Community meal at

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## Celebrating great Culverites

ABOVE: At the Culver Lions Club's annual awards event last week, Alice Wamsley (top photo, with Lion Mike Overmyer presenting her a homemade pie) and the Culver Relay for Life Committee (represented by Culver Academies senior Ian Greenberg, bottom photo, with presenter Lion Dan Adams) were honored.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

# Relay committee, Wamsley hailed

## Culver Lions hold annual awards event

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

A decades-old tradition continued January 27 as Culver's Lions Club recognized a local citizen and organization at its annual awards night, held at the Lions' depot-train station on Lake Shore Drive.

Lion Dan Adams introduced the Organization of the Year, the Culver Relay for Life committee, by describing the Club's first introduction to the local relay in the fall of 2007, when Culver Academies student Ashley Eberhart addressed the group about the then-upcoming event. Adams noted the spring, 2008 Relay, held at Culver Academies, was the first Relay for Life in Indiana organized by high school students, and benefited from efforts by both Academies and Culver Community High School students. Surpassing regional Relay organizers' predictions that the Culver event would likely raise some \$35,000 and include 25 to 30 teams, the 2008 Relay raised over \$100,000 – with the help of more than 70 teams – to help the American Cancer Society fight the dreaded disease.

"And it was done by students," added Adams. "That was the neat thing."

The young man accepting the award, Ian Greenberg, was student coordinator of the 2009 Relay, said Adams. "The whole thing was so well run, so well organized by students, from the opening ceremonies to the lap of survivors, to Dallas Clark from the Indianapolis Colts being there.

"In talking about what organization to recognize this year, this was really the only one that came up...it's an amazing feat to do something like that for a town this size, and it speaks very well for our students coming up, who will be running this world."

Adams noted Culver Academies senior Greenberg is from Oregon, and he and Adams have become close in the four years Adams – a retired Culver Community High School math teacher – has been tutoring Greenberg in math.

"I think he's taught me more than I have him," Adams said, adding Greenberg has become like a son to him. "He's involved in so many things."

Greenberg thanked the Club for the award, noting he had no idea it was coming and had prepared a presentation on Africa for the group, which he hopes to give at a return visit in the future.

Lion Barbara Winters introduced the organization's Citizen of the Year, Alice Wamsley, explaining she used to babysit for Wamsley's family as a girl in Monterey.

Wamsley, Winters said, was born in Goshen in 1926, the youngest of five children. She attended Franklin College, a campus with few male students upon her arrival due to the war but flooded with former GIs after 1945. In 1946 she met Clayborne Wamsley, whom she married the following year, staying home with her children until the youngest was in school and returning then to her chosen profession of teaching art and home economics.

Although already an experienced teacher, Wamsley was required to attend classes for certification, and Manchester College required of her some time as a student teacher. In an odd twist of fate, Winters said, Wamsley wound up a student teacher under her former babysit-

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## Telling her story for Relay

ABOVE: Culver Comm. High School junior Nicolette Banfield, left, confers with American Cancer Society Community Representative Trisha Metz at last month's Relay for Life kickoff at the school, where Banfield was the featured speaker and shared the story of her mother's death.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

# CCHS student honors mother's life through Relay

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

If there's one message Culver Community High School junior Nicolette Banfield has for others as a lesson learned from losing her mother to cancer, it's to stay positive and appreciative of what they have. In fact, she says, life will be more enjoyable and meaningful if "you live each day as if you're dying."

And she should know: she shared her mother, Christina Diaz's, final months in 2005, after Diaz's five-year battle with breast cancer.

Banfield shared her story January 14 at the high school with fellow students and teachers as part of CCHS' 2010 Relay for Life kick-off rally, which recruited students to support and participate in the April 16, all-night Relay, to be held at the Culver Academies track and football field.

Banfield says she became involved in the event – which raises money for the American Cancer Society towards fighting the disease – after being asked by CCHS Principal Albert Hanselman and Counselor Brenda Sheldon to be a communications correspondent for the school, networking with student Relay organizers at Culver Academies. Banfield has already become familiar with some of those students as part of CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization), which unites students from both schools towards community service projects. She says she was heavily involved in planning the CCHS Relay rally and during discussion about who should speak at the event, it occurred to her to share her own story.

The rally, Banfield says, was many students' first time learning details of the passing of her mother, even though some had heard it through the grapevine.

"So many years later, it's not new to me, but it is for some people," she says. "A lot of my friends didn't even know how I described it in my speech."

She says attending last year's Relay event (she couldn't make it to the first Culver Relay in 2008), besides her speech last month, was another means of closure for her.

And her words have had a positive impact on others she didn't foresee. One fellow CCHS student and Facebook friend, she notes, opened up to her about the loss of her own father, while another student told Banfield she "had to tell" her own mother about the speech the

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## Coffey is Culver's 'Star' at charity event

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Former Culver Community School nurse Sharon Coffey (left) is one of nine Marshall County "stars" dancing at the second annual "Dancing with the Stars" event Saturday, February 6 starting at 6 p.m. (for appetizers and drinks; dinner begins at 7 p.m.). The event, which will take place at the Swan Lake Resort near Plymouth, raises money for the Neighborhood Center in Plymouth and will include a silent auction, door prizes, cash bar, and of course dancing. Coffey, pictured at left with LaVille high school teacher Michael Downs, has been practicing for months for the event, during which attendees may donate money to cast votes for their favorite dancing couple.

Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased at Lifeplex or Fernbaugh Jewelry in Plymouth or via [www.events.org/neighborhoodcenter](http://www.events.org/neighborhoodcenter). Votes may also be cast at the same website.

Questions may be directed to Karen Barden at 574-935-4910.

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Francis Ellert proudly updates the United Way campaign thermometer sign in Culver to 100 percent for the Marshall County Goal.

# Culver’s Ellert celebrates UW success

## Public invited to recognition event

PLYMOUTH – The United Way of Marshall County and Culver resident Francis Ellert, 2009 campaign chair, invite the community to attend a free Campaign Volunteer and Donor Recognition Event Thursday, Feb. 4 at Christos’ Banquet Center from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to celebrate reaching the goal of \$375,000 raised for community needs.

The Recognition event gives the United Way an opportunity to thank the many volunteers for hours contributed toward achieving the 2009 campaign goal. In addition, it provides a chance to thank the many businesses and individuals who donated.

Both silent and live auctions will take place to help achieve the goal. Silent auction items generously donated by local businesses and individuals can be viewed beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The live auction will kick off at 7 p.m. after the recognition program at 6:30 p.m. A 15’ flat panel TV, overnight stays at area and destination hotels, \$100 money tree from Centier Bank, a Maxinkuckee cruise on Culver Academies’ Led-better ship, gift certificates to local retail businesses, and sports memorabilia are among the auction items. The community is welcome to contribute an item for the auction — just call the United Way to make arrangements. Hors de ‘oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

At the conclusion of the evening, Ellert will hand the reins over to Melissa Owen, 2010 campaign chair.

To attend, please RSVP the United Way office at 574-936-3366 or e-mail [info@marshallcountyuw.org](mailto:info@marshallcountyuw.org) by Feb. 1. For more information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, Executive Director, United Way of Marshall County at 574-936-3366 or visit its Web site at <http://www.marshallcountyuw.org/>.

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Above: members of the Wamsley family (from left) sons Mark and John Wamsley, Brent (son-in-law) and Ellen (formerly Wamsley) Lindvall, Alice Wamsley, daughter-in-law Marian and her husband George Wamsley, and Alice’s husband Clip Wamsley.

ter, Winters herself, at Culver High School.

Alice Wamsley would continue teaching in the Culver school system for 25 years before her retirement. During those years, reported Winters, Wamsley taught a unit to Winters’ daughter on vegetables, leading to the inclusion of eggplant at the Winters family dinner table.

“I still don’t like eggplant,” Winters laughed. “It’s a staple at (my daughter’s) house, all because of a class Alice Wamsley taught.”

Following her retirement, continued Winters, Wamsley’s interests and hobbies revolved around family and church, where she was director of the church choir and Winters’ husband Ralph was a faithful choir member. She spends her days, Winters said, “with old-fashioned home making activities such as gardening, cooking, cleaning, sewing, quilting, and making pies.”

She also helps grind feed for the Wamsley’s beef cattle, acts as a reading mentor at Monterey Elementary School, sings with the Pulaski County Extension Chorus, is a Salvation Army bell-ringer...and then there are those pies, 44 of which Wamsley donated to her church’s last Easter bake sale.

“She’s a delegate to the Council of Churches, which has been sponsoring chili suppers to raise money for the food pantry,” explained Winters. “And who do you think brings the most pies? Everyone said, ‘Oh, the pie lady! Yes, she’s wonderful and has donated so much to this community.’ The very least we can do is say ‘thank you’ to her.”

Wamsley, jokingly confessing she dislikes eggplant as well, told the audience she doesn’t feel she deserves the award, but thanked the Club for it.

“We ought to give God the glory,” she added. “It’s only through what He does that I can do anything. Just praise god. It takes everybody to make a community go; you’re all as deserving as anybody else.”

Lion Mike Overmyer presented Wamsley with a home-made cherry pie (her favorite flavor) baked by his daughter.

“And the best thing is,” he added, “it’s still warm.”

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following morning.

“Even my boyfriend said, after I opened up to him about my story, since then he’s made a point to get closer to his mom. It’s heartwarming.”

Cancer statistics, Banfield told her CCHS audience, are anonymous. “The reality check comes when cancer really affects you.”

Her mother was diagnosed with cancer in 2000, Banfield told the audience, and Nicolette and her older sister “took in stride” a new lifestyle for their mother, which included hair loss from chemo therapy, medications, and other changes. “She was very positive person,” recalls Banfield. “Attitude can help you so much. I told her story (at the rally) and said, ‘She’s why I go to Relay.’

Her mother’s cancer was in remission for six months, she says, before its return. Doctors tried new treatments, but in the end told Diaz she had just six months to live.

“She sat me and my sisters down and said, ‘I want to tell you they’ve given me this six month timeline.’ That was hard. But it felt so much longer; we really stretched that time.”

Her mother, says Banfield, got to spend Nicolette’s twelfth birthday with her before her June, 2005 death.

“When she would get sick, even with a cold, she would say, ‘Your card (that you made) makes me better.’ It’s that positive mindset. She said laughter is the best medicine...that’s one of the big things she taught me, that positivity.”

The conclusion of her speech, she adds, was for students to “Go to Relay to celebrate a life. I go to celebrate hers.

“(I know from this experience not to take one single thing for granted, and not to leave one thing open or unresolved if you were to never see that person again. It’s a terrible thought, but it does make relationships better.”

And in the years since her mother’s passing, Banfield has leaned a great deal on her father.

“He’s always been there,” she explains. “Right at the beginning, when it was still fresh learning of her death, my dad was in the kitchen. I’m really short, and he got down on his knees and hugged me. I will always remember that. He’s like a pillar...he’s a single parent with two daughters (and) he’s taking it well. He makes time for us and for his friends.”

Banfield also praises the efforts of CCHS teacher Mike Schwartz, battling cancer himself (as reported recently in the Culver Citizen) but still working to help students like Banfield progress in CCHS’ Business Professionals of America and its competitions (several local students are headed to the state BPA competition later this year in Indianapolis).

She says she understands some of what Schwartz – who also spoke at the CCHS Relay kickoff – is going through with his treatments because of her mother’s situation.

“After my speech he came up and gave me a hug,” she recalls. “He’s taking it in stride as well. He told us at (the BPA District competition last month), ‘I’d like to be there more for you guys.’ I think (he has) a little bit of guilt. but it’s our job now to show him he really is helping us.”

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As April and Relay for Life approach, Banfield is pouring her positive energy and love of her mother into fund-raising and student recruiting efforts for this year’s Relay. She was deeply moved, she says, by last year’s event, especially the Luminaria lap of the event. That lap involved paper bags holding candles in honor of a loved one touched by cancer being paraded around the darkened track. She and her sister made a luminary in honor of their mother, with the words, “Angel babies” – a nickname her mother gave her daughters even into their teens – written on the bag.

“Appreciate (what you have),” emphasizes Banfield, “go to Relay, and have fun....even if no one in your family has been affected. You don’t have to go just because you know someone (with cancer). Even if you don’t know the person you might be saving, that money goes to research and helping others.”

She says students were “signing up like crazy” for Relay for Life following the CCHS rally, and she hopes the fund-raising goes even better this year than the previous two.

“Reach for the skies for this year,” adds Banfield. “There’s never too much.”



Death notices

Mester

**Dorothy M. Mester**  
**Jan. 21, 2010**

CULVER — Dorothy M. Mester, 82, of Culver, died at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband Joseph; sons: David (Marjorie) Mester of Middlebury, Paul (Jennifer) Mester of Walkerton and Steven Mester; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 Academy Road, Culver.

Burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 Academy Road, Culver, IN, 46511.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, was entrusted with arrangements.

Triplet

**Donald Triplet**  
**Jan. 29, 2010**

PLYMOUTH — Donald W. Triplet, 80, of Plymouth, died at 4:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at his home.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen (Dick) Stettler of Plymouth and Connie (Frank) Harrell of Argos; a son, Rich (Rhonda) Triplet of Bremen; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sisters, Rose Meadows of Bourbon, and Irene Listenberger of Culver.

Visitation took place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Funeral services took place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at The Union Church of the Brethren, Plymouth.

Burial followed at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorials contributions may be made to The Union Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Milner

**Donald Lynn Milner**  
**Jan. 24, 2010**

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — Donald Lynn Milner, 81, of Martinsville, formerly of Culver, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010 of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Milner of Martinsville; a sister, Imogene Clifton of Culver; sons, John Michael Milner of Rolling Prairie, Michael D. Mote of Martinsville and Steve Mote of Columbus; daughters, Pamela S. Howdeshell of Rochester and Marcia Drost of Columbus; seven grandchildren; brother-in-law Kermeth Cochran of Springfield, Ohio; sister-in-law Holly Aguilar of Albuquerque, N.M.; and many grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Culver as well as Martinsville at a later date.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Mark Howdeshell Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Northern Indiana Community Foundation, P.O. Box 807, Rochester, IN, 46975, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Humes

**M. Evone Humes**  
**Jan. 26, 2010**

CULVER — M. Evone Humes, 79, of Culver, died at 3:58 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 in Culver.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley (Clifford) Slusher of Macy; a sister, Pauline Hoover of Winamac; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at www.domfuneralhom.com.

Letter to the editor

Thank you for Christmas helping hands

A thank you just does not seem like enough to express the gratitude that we feel as we write this letter. Working on the Christmas baskets for the less fortunate sometimes seems like a huge undertaking. But then we get the enthusiasm and generosity of the people in this wonderful town and it all comes together.

This year assistance was given to a total of 82 households within the Culver school district. Forty-six of those were homes with a total of 147 children. Others were singles or senior citizens.

Just under \$14,000 (all donated – no tax dollars) was spent on this program giving food and gifts so everyone could have a good Christmas. Churches, adult civic organizations, groups in both the community school and the academy and individuals adopted some of the families. We received food, gifts, hats, mittens and money from churches, town employees, the children at the elementary school, people at the academy and so many individuals I can not list them all. There was a wonderful group of high school kids from both the academy and the community school that helped organize, shop, wrap gifts and make up the baskets. Then the EMS and the Fire Dept. were there in force to deliver everything.

WOW, what a wonderful community! So whatever your part, know that you made Christmas 2009 special for many people in the Culver Community.

We are VERY THANKFUL for all your help. May God Bless you all.

**Culver Community Christmas Program**  
**Helping Those in Need**  
**Marlene Mahler – Union Twp Trustee**  
**Susan Herbert - Clerk**

Culver’s Tetzloff is Driver of the Year

Shaffer Trucking has named Jeffrey Tetzloff of Culver Driver of the Year for 2009. Tetzloff is based out of the Columbus, Ohio, terminal and lives with his wife, Vera Ann, in Culver.

Tetzloff is one of Shaffer Trucking’s top drivers. He won Driver of the Month in February 2009, making him eligible for Driver of the Year. Tetzloff also won Driver of the Month in December 2007 and March, April and August of 2008.

“Jeff has been a consistent performer for Shaffer,” manager Anthony Zavarelli said. “He is a multiple Driver of the Month winner and is consistent in production, customer service and safety performance.”

Tetzloff started driving 25 years ago and has logged more than 3.5 million miles. He joined Shaffer Trucking nearly 19 years ago.

To be named Driver of the Year, drivers must first be named Driver of the Month at least one time for the award year. To be named Driver of the Month, which is awarded among each of Shaffer Trucking’s 14 fleets, a driver must be accident-free for the month of recognition, maintain mileage requirements, keep accurate logs and warrant no disciplinary actions stemming from complaints within or without the company. The Driver of the Year is then selected from monthly winners.

Shaffer Trucking, based in New Kingstown, Pa., and York, Neb., is one of the nation’s premiere refrigerated carriers, hauling more candy than any other carrier. With 14 fleets nationwide, Shaffer Trucking hauls beverages, candy and confections across the 48 continental states.

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Funds raised through cookie sales support the Culver Troop and help members pay for their camping trips and supplies.

Butter braids on sale

Culver’s Tri Kappa is holding its annual Butter Braids sale now through Feb. 28. Contact Elaine Peterson at 574-842-2644 or Cassie Gunder at 574-542-9856. Order forms are also available at the First National Bank of Culver, 574-842-5142.

Free tax preparation help

Taxpayers who made less than \$49,000 in 2009 can get their tax preparation done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations throughout the community. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and increase their refund. To find a free tax preparation site, dial United Way 2-1-1 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to obtain an appointment. This EITC Initiative is led by the Tri County Tax Team of Marshall, St. Joseph an-

dElkhart counties and 20 agency partners, including United Way of Marshall County.

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.

Citizen contact info

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

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# Lake Max ice was pure indeed

Of all the various little Power Point-accompanied talks I’ve given around here on Culver history, probably the most popular was on the ice industry in Culver (running about neck-in-neck, interestingly, is anything on Culver’s African-American history, which we’ll be revisiting in later issues of the *Citizen* this month).

As many readers may know, Culver boasted a thriving ice industry from about 1880 -- when Indianapolis businessman Sterling Holt set up ice houses and ice “harvesting” on the south side of town -- until 1937, the year of the last actual harvest on the lake, though many readers may also recall ice houses existing here well after that year (those sold manufactured, rather than lake-harvested ice).

A few interesting additions to the assorted facts we know of the local ice industry came to light (to me at least!) recently thanks to Sherrill Fujimurra’s pointing out a couple of ads in April, 1926 editions of the Culver Citizen (and yes, that same edition spawned last month’s column, on this page, about Culver High School’s “rest room”).

To put some context to all this, Culver exported literally millions of *tons* of ice each season (tons, not pounds) from a relatively small “field” of ice, in lat-

er years on the east end of Jefferson Street. The ice houses took up much of the space presently occupied by the Culver Cove.

Between two and three hundred men -- many local



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

farmers and laborers with little or no income during winter months -- were employed in the ice harvest each year, usually in January, and paid \$1 to \$1.50 per day, according to the *Marmont Herald* newspaper of Jan. 25, 1895.

As I often tell younger audiences when giving a program on local history, it’s amazing how much technology has driven life in the Culver area, as indeed it still does in many ways (in fact, I have a column in mind on just that topic for future inclusion in this space).

The ice industry is no exception, of course. First of all, I try to explain to younger students that from our lake was used not in drinks (“Wasn’t there fish poop in it?” inevitably is asked), but for refrigeration in the pre-electricity days of ice boxes.

As some readers will remember first-hand, a wagon (in later years a truck) driven by the “ice man” made the rounds daily in

Culver and other communities, where households displayed placards with the number of pounds of ice needed for the day, which the ice man would cut from his supply.

Perhaps most amazing to audiences young and old is the fact that Culver’s ice houses kept tons of ice (literally) cold all year long. In fact, ice supplies often dwindled by autumn not so much due to melting from the heat as to the local supply being exhausted. Locally, Culver’s late former fire chief Dave Burns reported that marsh hay (not sawdust) separated layers of ice and helped insulate it, aiding in keeping it cold inside those long ice houses year-round.

Culver saw its first electric lighting in 1913, but 13 years later, the writing was already on the wall even if the average Culver household didn’t yet include an electric refrigerator. It likely wasn’t the first, but in the *Citizen* five years later, 1931, Rector’s Pharmacy on Main Street was offering Majestic fridges for the low price of \$195. As the Depression was well under way, it’s easy to see why there was still enough business in ice boxes to keep Culver’s last ice house operation, Medbourn’s on Jefferson, going.

But Sam Medbourn probably knew the Depression wouldn’t last forever. He went on the offensive and ran a good-sized box ad in 1926 with the bold headline, “Ice vs. Mechanical Refrigeration.”

A committee of the National Electric Light Association, the ad said, studied 157 household electric refrigerators in 42 cities over two years, with the finding that the average refrigerator cost \$296 (plus an additional \$17.76 in interest at six percent), with \$29.60 in depreciation at “ten per

cent, which is fair.”

At \$.053 per kilowatt hour, electricity to run one’s electric unit came in at \$50.66 annually. Add in \$15 per year for upkeep and maintenance, and you’ve got \$113.02 in refrigeration costs.

And ice from your friendly, neighborhood ice company? At 60 cents per 100 pounds, the average family’s annual ice bill, we learn, is \$27. If you’re keeping score, that’s a savings of \$86.02 per year (readers could telephone the ice company at 11 to order their ice).

Further, Medbourn didn’t banty about the “Pure Maxinkuckee Ice” moniker lightly. As is evidenced from the ad reprinted this page, he also ran information from the Indiana State Board of Health’s Laboratory of Hygiene’s analysis of Maxinkuckee’s water, which makes an interesting bit of info for today (especially if one wanted to conduct a comparison).

Of parts in 100,000, odor, turbidity, and sediment registered as “none,” and color as zero of Medbourn’s lake-derived ice. Free ammonia amounted to .0180, aluminoid ammonia .0360, nitrates were .0001, chlorine .4, iron .00, hardness 13.4, and colon bacilli was none. J.C. Diggs, chemist’s remarks were, officially, “This water is satisfactory.”

Diggs may have stopped short of praising Medbourn ice as the greatest stuff on earth, but

the point was made.

However, eventual change was inevitable, and that process was sped up by the efforts of federally-sponsored efforts starting in the mid-1930s via the WPA and others, to spread electricity to rural areas of the US. Even though some rural (and presumably town) households continued to use ice boxes, the Medbourn house scored its last ice field in the early months of 1937, never to harvest again.

With the economy the way it is, and if Medbourn’s figures are right, maybe we should all reconsider those ice boxes after all -- if we can still find one, that is.

## Faces of Lincoln at Culver museum

The Center for Culver History museum and research center in the historic Carnegie portion of the Culver Public Library is the temporary home to “Faces of Lincoln,” a large exhibit on loan from the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis.

The exhibit is comprised of recently-acquired materials making up the IHS’ Abraham Lincoln collection, one of the premier of its kind in the US. The exhibit was first unveiled as part of the Indiana History Train in 2004-05, and examines the image of Lincoln as it developed through the years of, and after, his life.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during the museum’s regular hours of Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Community calendar

- Thurs., Feb. 4**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 social mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement
- Fri., Feb. 5**  
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Citizen input on Maxinkuckee Village PUD, 10 a.m., depot-train station
- Sat., Feb. 6**  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library
- Sun., Feb. 7**  
Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium  
VFW “Soup”erbowl, 1 to 4 p.m., Post 6919 Washington Street
- Mon., Feb. 8**  
Culver Redevelopment Commission mtg., 4 p.m., town hall  
Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
- DivorceCare**, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
- Culver Community School board mtg.**, 7 p.m., administration building
- Tues., Feb. 9**  
Master gardening, 5:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
- Weds., Feb. 10**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver history presentation, REAL Services meal, noon, Culver park beach lodge  
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot-train station  
Knights of Columbus St. John Vianney Assembly business mtg., 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake church rectory basement
- Thurs., Feb. 10**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
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## Where in the world was the Culver Citizen?

Several readers correctly identified the location to which the Culver Citizen had traveled in last week’s photo. Rich and Janet Overmyer, Christine Fox from Monterey, Kevin Van Horn, Ed Pinder Jr., Don Burke, and Mary Anna and Dick Swennumson were all correct that the photo shows the Citizen at the Hoover Dam on the border between Arizona and Nevada. Readers Jim and Judy Sawhook stopped at the Dam during their travels last month and were thoughtful enough to snap a photo with Culver’s favorite world-traveling newspaper (I’m sure they never leave home without it!).

As most readers know, you’re all encouraged to submit photos of the paper in a famous or unusual location in an effort to stump readers. Guesses as to where the Citizen has traveled in the above photo 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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## Name that Culver “citizen”



Last week’s Mystery Citizen was recognized by a number of readers, and it’s no wonder. She not only has lived in Culver most (all?) of her life, but taught at Culver Elementary School for many years (she was, in fact, your editor’s third grade teacher, and a great teacher she was!). She was Sandra Middleton (formerly Sandra Hoesel).



Middleton, then and now. Right: this week’s mystery citizen.

er, Marizetta Kenney, Wanda Vonehr, Morrie Fishburn, Lynn Overmyer, Nancy McFarland, Betty Voreis, and Helen Overmyer all correctly identified her (Morrie points out, in fact, that Sandra’s father Evert was *his* fourth grade teacher!).

Sherrill Fujimura also correctly guessed our previous week’s Mystery Citizen, Grant Munroe, just after press time.

This week’s Mystery Citizen is a Culverite born and raised who left the area for some decades and returned within the last one.

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.



## 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, Feb. 4:** Hot dog and bun, baked beans, Warm Cinnamon Apples, raisin and carrot salad, and milk.

**Friday, Feb. 5:** Scrambled eggs, biscuit and biscuit gravy, corned beef hash, green pepper strips and ranch , orange, margarine, and milk.

**Monday, Feb. 8:** BBQ pork, bun, sweet potato patty, mixed vegetables, des-

sert, and milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Beef Stew with corn, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower and broccoli salad, peaches, and milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and margarine, cinnamon applesauce, and milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** Sweet and sour sausage, rice, black-eyed peas, roll and margarine, blueberry crisp, salad, and milk.

**Friday, Feb. 12:** Hamburger with cheese and onion,, bun, pea and cheese salad, fresh fruit (in season), cookie, margarine, and milk.

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# Sports



## Cavs finish strong at wrestling sectional

By James Costello  
Sports Editor  
PLYMOUTH — Culver Community had an outstanding showing as all seven Cavaliers captured top-four regional berths

son in the gym that he won that. He expects big things out of himself, and we expect big things out of him.” Although he fell to top-seeded Hurford, Vermilion’s presence in the title

left to go. From then on Senff dominated, pulling out a comfortable 8-2 title win.

“(Molebash) and Dylan know each other pretty well,” Buschman said. “They’ve wrestled a few times this year, and they seem to keep trading back and forth. It’d be a lot of fun to see them maybe face off in the regional championship and have one more go at it.”

Culver Military Academy was one of four teams in the hunt for a team championship but finished three points behind Warsaw with a score of 146.

“Our goal coming into it was to try to wrestle for a championship,” said CMA head coach Matt Behling. “There were a number of teams at the top. I think it could’ve gone either way: Whoever wrestled the best this day was going to get it done.”

Six CMA wrestlers — Canacci, Cameron Crowell (160), Charlie Salinas (119), Josh Brown (130), Daulton Vass (135), Zach Hewitt (152) — finished in the top four to earn Rochester berths, and Crowell claimed the team its lone championship with a down-to-the-wire win over Warsaw’s Everardo

Ahuatl in his last appearance under the light at Plymouth.

Crowell battled back from a 5-3 deficit in the second period, knotting the score at 6-all with 1:38 to go on a double-leg takedown. Ahuatl escaped but Crowell finished another takedown with less than 10 seconds on the clock for the comeback win.

“It came right down to the wire. I was proud of him,” said Behling. “His goal was to get his name up on our sectional board in the room, and he wanted to be sectional champ. He has worked hard for three, four years for this, and he finally made it happen.”

NSC teams enjoyed a total of 10 championship



PHOTOS/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community’s Ian Randolph, top, pins Warsaw’s Kyle Duzan, bottom during the 125-pound championship at the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional Saturday.

Saturday at Plymouth’s wrestling sectional, where smaller Northern State Conference schools shook up the standings at the wide open meet. Included were three championships by a talented trio of youngsters in sophomores Dalton Overmyer (119) and Ian Randolph (125) and freshman Matt Hurford (189). Robert Molebash and Tommy James finished second at 189 and 215, respectively, while Allen Betts (103) placed fourth in his division for Culver as the team racked up 144.5 points for a fifth-place team standing.

“All guys that participated actually moved on to regional,” said Cavs coach Mike Buschman. “We were talking about that earlier that we were really pleased that we wrestled exactly how we wanted to wrestle today in terms of overall performance. Obviously, you want to win them all, but in terms of the overall way that we performed today, very pleased that all seven guys on the mat are moving on.”

Overmyer and Randolph both recorded pinfall wins, while Hurford claimed an 8-3 title win over Triton’s Brock Vermillion.

“He’s a kid coming in we knew was as dedicated to the sport as he could be and as competitive as you can ask for,” Buschman said of Hurford. “I think he’s probably the least surprised per-

bout represented a victory in itself.

The junior Plymouth transfer eked out a 3-2 win over 189 second seed and former wrestling partner Barry in the semifinals Saturday.

“The match with Plymouth was really key to get to that 189,” said Triton head coach Sam Davis. “We knew since the seeding meeting that that was going to be the key match, and sure enough it was. It was a tight match. The Culver kid’s just tough.”

Triton and Culver faced



Culver Military’s Cameron Crowell, top, rides Warsaw’s Everardo Ahuatl during the 160-pound championship Saturday.

off in another championship showdown at 171, but it was the Trojans who came out on top as Dylan Senff and Molebash squared off for the third time this season. Molebash owned the top seed coming into Saturday with a win over Senff in their most recent meeting, but he appeared to gas late in the second period, glancing wearily up at the clock with half a minute

berths and six individual titles at the competitive sectional Saturday.

Wawasee also unseated reigning wrestling sectional champion Plymouth 189.5-179.5 at the meet.

Plymouth recorded three championships by Clay Corsbie (112), Chase Lewandowski (145) and Damon Howe (heavyweight), four third-place results in Stephen Abair (125), Caleb Kelly (152), Nathan Benham (160) and Scott Barry (189), and one fourth-place finish by Danny Stephenson (215) to advance wrestlers in eight weight classes to the Rochester Regional next Saturday.

Howe and Lewandowski dominated their championship opponents as Lewandowski scored two takedowns and a reversal and rode Culver Military’s Alex Canacci for most of the 145-pound title bout, and Howe earned his 27th straight win with a near major decision over Bremen sophomore Abe Hall at 7-1.

• PLYMOUTH WRESTLING SECTIONAL At Plymouth

Team scores: Wawasee 189.5, Plymouth 179.5, Warsaw 149, Culver Military Academy 146, Culver Community 144.5, Rochester 121, Bremen 102, Tippecanoe Valley 95, Triton 69.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103: Jarred Brooks (War) pinned Zech Weese (Roc), 0:31; 112: Clay Corsbie (Ply) dec. Doug Corl (Wawa), 3-1; 119: Dalton Overmyer (CC) pinned Seth Fincher (TV), 1:20; 125: Ian Randolph (CC) pinned Kyle Duzan (War), 2:27; 130: Justin Bogart (Bre) dec. Jacob Schroder (Roc), 12-10 in OT; 135: Bobby Marcuccilli (Wawa) dec. Austin Nelson (TV), 8-2; 140: Paul Manbu (War) dec. Darius Stevens (Tri), 8-2; 145: Chase Lewandowski (Ply) dec. Alex Canacci (CMA), 6-0; 152: Isaac Yoder (TV) pinned Trever Berger (Bre), 5:31; 160: Cameron Crowell (CMA) dec. Everardo Ahuatl (War), 8-7; 171: Dylan Senff (Tri) dec. Robert Molebash (CC), 8-2; 189: Matt Hurford (CC) dec. Brock Vermillion (Tri), 8-3; 215: Alan Bollenbacher (Bre) dec. Tommy James (CC), 3-0; 285: Damon Howe (Ply) dec. Abe Hall (Bre), 7-1.

CONSOLATION ROUND

(For Third Place)

103: Greg Newman (Wawa) pinned Allen Betts (CC), 4:52; 112: Scott Armstrong (TV) pinned Rusty Carlson (War), 4:48; 119: Charlie Salinas (CMA) dec. Luis Munoz (War), 13-9; 125: Stephen Abair (Ply) pinned Josh Gohlke (Wawa), 4:27; 130: Josh Brown (CMA) maj. dec. Jordan Horney (War), 18-7; 135: Daulton Vass (CMA) pinned Justin Keyser (Bre), 2:31; 140: Jake Wyatt (Roc) dec. Raul Rodriguez (Wawa), 4-3; 145: Artie Shidler (Roc) dec. Ryan Lindsey (Wawa), 8-3; 152: Caleb Kelly (Ply) maj. dec. Zach Hewitt (CMA), 9-0; 160: Nathan Benham (Ply) dec. Brian Clark (Wawa), 6-5; 171: Joe Melendez (Wawa) maj. dec. Phil Miller (Roc), 12-0; 189: Scott Barry (Ply) dec. Lance Wright (Wawa), 4-0; 215: Cody Gamble (Roc) pinned Danny Stephenson (Ply), 3:47; 285: Jeremiah Harvey (CC) dec. Dimitri Kaplanis (Wawa), 4-0.

## Culver holds off Oregon-Davis

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

HAMLET — Culver Community put the basketball in the right man’s hands at the right time.

Junior forward Zoe Bauer drained 9 of 10 from the charity stripe in the final 1:03 of the fourth quarter to help Culver escape The Den with a 67-60 win over Oregon-Davis Wednesday.

For the evening, Bauer reeled off a game-high 37 points on 11-of-17 shooting from the field and 11-for-12 from the foul line, snared seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

“Zoe’s shot free throws well all season,” Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. “He was 11-for-12 tonight, which was huge for us.”

“Zoe’s a good perimeter shooter; we’re even better when we get him off the dribble,” he added. “When he puts it on the floor he makes everyone better and gets the whole team involved. We’re just very excited to get a win.”

Bauer, who scored 18

corner. Bauer then sank his first pair of fourth-quarter free throws to restore a six-point Culver advantage.

Culver junior guard AJ Neace scored 15 of his 17 points in the first half — highlighted by a trio of treys and a pair of steals and baskets from the point of Culver’s handful of 1-2-2 zone possessions in the second quarter.

Neace drew a foul with an acrobatic finish off the second steal and deuce. Although he missed the free throw, freshman center Micah Budzinski grabbed the carom and kicked to Neace for a 3-pointer that polished off a 9-0 Culver streak and put the Cavs up 33-22 with 1:47 left in the first half.

“In the second quarter we played a pretty good stretch of basketball,” Elliott, whose team hit 62 percent from the field for the night, said. “AJ had a couple of good rotations on defense.”

Also for the Cavs, Budzinski clamped down a game-high eight boards, and freshman point guard Collin Stevens handed out

a game-leading

five assists.

Culver, though, turned the ball over 17 times against the Bobcats’ box-and-one and 2-3 zone defenses.

“We’ve been harping on our kids to take care of the basketball,” Elliott said. “When the other team’s in a 2-3 zone and not pressing we should be able to take care of the basketball. We had a lot of unforced turnovers with travels and double dribbles. At this point of the season that’s disappointing.”

For OD, sophomore guard Zach Richie scored 20 points, followed by senior Nick Hofferth with 17 points. Senior guard Matt Richie dished out four assists, and sophomore Craig McIntosh sparked the Bobcats off the bench with four steals.

The Bobcats fired up 22 3-point tries, hitting seven, but found their greatest success driving the ball to the rack in the second half.

“The third quarter, like all year, wasn’t very good for us,” Elliott said. “I must not have my motivational speech down very well. Our inability to move our feet on defense let (OD) get quite a bit of dribble penetration. Credit them as well for getting to the basket and executing.”

Both teams return to action Friday. Culver hosts

See Cavs page 12



PHOTO/DEANNA L. GREINERT

Culver Community’s Larry Clingler, right, guards Oregon-Davis’ Zach Richie, left during a basketball game at Oregon-Davis last week.

points against the Bobcats’ first-half box and one as the Cavs raced to a 39-27 halftime lead, made excellent use of head fakes and dribbles to set up jumpers for himself and layups for his teammates.

Meanwhile, the Cavs racked up a 30-11 advantage on the boards, including three offensive rebounds off missed free throws.

After getting outscored 22-13 in the second frame, though, the Cats whittled away their deficit in the second half, slicing the margin to four points late in the fourth quarter with the chance for more.

However, with the score 57-53 at the 1:16 mark, OD missed the front end of a one-and-the-bonus opportunity and then, six ticks later, misfired on a 3-pointer out of the left

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# Council tackles annexation debate, trash service specifics

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The town of Culver is moving forward with annexation of land on the south end of Culver despite objections from one property owner there. Culver’s Town Council, at its January 26 meeting, held a public hearing regarding annexation of property just south of the Marmont Grille at the intersection of Davis and Main Streets, and west of Main Street itself. Property owners Wade McGee and Tim and Casey Howard are in favor of the annexation, but the third owner within the land, Glenn Roberts, sent a letter to the Council objecting to the annexation, said town attorney Jim Clevenger, who added Roberts could remonstrate against annexation at a later date if the Council proceeds with the move. Council members said they expected a representative of Roberts to be present at the hearing, but no one spoke on his behalf.

Council president Sally Ricciardi said Roberts expressed concern in the letter that his property taxes would increase should the land be annexed. Town clerk Casey Howard, one of the property owners, said Roberts had suggested his taxes would increase by a third. However, Howard said taxes on her own land will only increase marginally. She said she also contacted McGee and his taxes “are hardly going up.”

Culver building inspector Russ Mason, in the audience, noted the properties should be considered for rezoning from their present status as S1, or suburban. Audience member Kathy Clark noted Roberts’ land could still be farmed regardless of rezoning, since five acres or more of land with no commercial or other major use can still be farmed, even in town.

Council member Ginny Munroe added Roberts letter, she said, she felt was “holding us responsible for not developing his property (for commercial or other use)...I don’t feel we can control who has approached him (for future development).”

Town Manager Michael Doss added most developers first ask what utilities are available at a given site, and annexing Roberts’ property would actually be adding infrastructure for potential development.

The public hearing was followed by the second reading of ordinance 2010-002, annexing the the Howards, McGee, and Roberts properties into Culver. The Council voted in favor of the move, which must pass a third reading, though Council member Ralph Winters voted against it. The McGee property was offered as available last year for development into a Garden Court senior living center.

In other actions, the Council passed – with Winters and Council member Ed Pinder opposed – on first reading ordinance 2010-003 to govern the collection of trash and charges associated. The move was the first formal step in establishing much-discussed town-wide trash service, in which the town would contract with the lowest bidding trash hauler to handle waste collection for all residents in town, who would be billed monthly on their water bill for the service. If enacted, the service would likely reduce many residents’ trash bills by half.

Doss noted specifics such as the establishment of an administration fee and the exact monthly cost can be injected into the ordinance before its third and final reading.

Doss also asked for direction from the Council on issues raised by some Council members regarding length of the waste hauling contract, which Council members suggested be kept at the previously-discussed three years.

Also discussed was an alteration of bid specifications regarding day and time of weekly trash pickup, which Council had previously requested take place each Monday. However, it was agreed alternate days such as Tuesday or Wednesday could be offered if trash haulers would charge a higher rate for Monday pickup. It was also agreed to limit trash pickup hours to 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., as some Council members expressed concern about trash vehicles in town during after-school hours or evening hours typically busier during Culver’s spring and summer months.

Bids will be opened up for town-wide trash service March 9, added Doss.

The Council also voted to fill three vacancies on Culver’s Redevelopment Commission. Pinder suggested nominating a Council member to act as a liaison between the CRC and Council, though Ricciardi objected an almost-unprecedented number of non-Council members have expressed interest in serving and should be accommodated. Munroe added Council members should attend meetings of area boards and committees such as CRC and the park board regardless of the presence of official Council liaisons.

The Council appointed Culver residents Pamela Christiansen, an attorney with a background in law and public management and Andrea Cook, coordinator of last year’s Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity event and president of the Midas Center in Plymouth with a background in public relations. Ricciardi, as Council President, appointed Culver Academies employee Jack Kelley, noting he comes “highly recommended.”

Brandon Cooper of Cul-

ver was appointed by Council to fill a two-year vacancy on Culver’s Plan Commission left when Park Superintendent Kelly Young resigned her position there. The vacancy is required to be filled by a town employee, noted Ricciardi.

The town’s efforts towards developing a comprehensive plan for its streets, sidewalks, and drainage was lauded by Lori Johnson and Qasim Asghar of engineering firm DLZ, who went over Culver’s streets and developed a set of recommendations towards improvement as well as obtaining grant funding. After some discussion by Johnson and Asghar, Doss said he and Culver Street Department head Bob Porter have looked over DLZ’s report and deemed it “pretty comprehensive.” Munroe praised the effort and its documentation as an improvement over detailed information about Culver’s infrastructure being “just in the head of the Street Department supervisor, town clerk, and town manager.”

The Council approved, at Doss’ request, two service agreements with grant writer Shannon McLeod at \$800 each, towards her work on grants for storm water improvement and Safe Routes to School sidewalk-related funds. McLeod had discussed grant possibilities at the Council’s previous meeting.

Also approved was first reading of an ordinance establishing a fund for use by the Clerk Treasurer in collecting monies for Culver’s storm water utilities (the actual collection was established by ordinance last year) as well as a resolution adopting Marshall County’s Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was passed on first, second, and third readings.

Audience member David Bigley presented photos of vandalism to a rental property he owns on the south end of Culver along with receipts for repair costs. He said the damage, as well as misbehavior directed at his renter, has been turned over to various area police agencies and the county prosecuting attorney. Ricciardi said she will discuss the matter with Culver Police Chief Wayne Bean.

Culver-Union Township EMS Director Chuck Dilts reported on ambulance run totals for 2009, explaining the department had 391 runs total, with 121 runs in the town of Culver proper, 101 in Union Township, 27 in the Monterey area, and 60 to Culver Academies, with a total of 348 patients. He said the numbers are similar to 2008 figures and that the department sees an average of one or two ambulance runs per day.

Clerk Casey Howard gave her end-of-year report of 2009 figures, noting the town ended the year with a higher balance – a bit over \$2 million -- than the previous year. She shared sheets

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ABOVE: Judy Stone, Marshall County Council member, and Marlene Mahler, Union Township Trustee, file for re-election with Marshall County Clerk Julie Fox, as Ward Byers, candidate for sheriff, talks with Doug Kucera, Center Township Trustee, during the process, and Commissioner Jack Roose fills out paperwork (center back).

## Union Twp. Trustee among candidates

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH – The race is on.

Filing for candidacy for elected office officially began this morning at 8 a.m. at the Marshall County Clerk’s office and many County Candidates were up early to get the paperwork and their run for office officially underway for November.

Candidates can file their intention to run during normal business hours in the Clerk’s office with a deadline of Noon on Febr. 19.

with Council members explaining the town’s income and expenses, as well as debts owed and years remaining to pay those off. She said a great deal of the \$2 million is tied up in reserve accounts, loans, and elsewhere, and does not represent monies available for spending.

Doss, during his report, told the Council the town is advertising to sell a small piece of property at the east end of Jefferson Street. The land barely touches the lake and is cut off on all sides from land access. Sealed bids will be accepted with a March 9 deadline.

Attorney Clevenger replied to a query from Winters about Culver’s long-awaited sewer plant rerating that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has received new rules from the federal government and has been delayed by efforts to decide how best to react to those. Clevenger said the expectation was to have an answer on the rerating in the very near future. The town, as well as the Southwest Conservancy District on Lake Maxinkuckee, has been anxiously awaiting a reply in order to move forward with plans for the District to tie into Culver’s sewer system.

Ricciardi, the Council’s representative to the Census Bureau, said census questionnaires will be sent out by mail – with in-person follow-ups for those not responding – starting February 22. She said each household filling out the surveys is “very important.”

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## One of Indiana’s best

Culver Community High School student Shae Harris was one of the school’s participants in the Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA) Honor Band over the January 23 weekend at the 2010 IMEA Convention at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. She is pictured here at the Convention Center.  
The IMEA Honor Band, according to CCHS band director Jason Crittendon, was made up of 104 of the best high school musicians from around the state. Harris spent the day rehearsing with the band and guest conductor, Crittendon adds, Friday the 22 and performed at 1 p.m. Saturday the 23rd.

## Bush makes Dean’s List

NORTH MANCHESTER — Culver Community High School graduate Dylan Bush, a sophomore educational studies major at Manchester College, was among a number of students in Marshall County recognized as being on the dean's list at the college.  
To receive this honor, students must complete at least 12 hours with a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. Manchester College offers more than 55 areas of study to 1,223 students from 21 states and 20 countries. For more about the College, visit [www.manchester.edu](http://www.manchester.edu).



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## Black history quilt display

The Culver Public Library will be celebrating Black History Month with a unique display. The Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church will have their Underground Railroad quilt for the public to view during the month of February. The quilt tells the story of the slave’s daring escape, journey to Canada and freedom. Each block has a significant message which guided them to safety. Come view the quilt and the brief explanation of the special message “hidden in plain view” in each quilt block.

## Free computer classes at Culver Library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes in February. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions for the month of February will cover Microsoft Office (overview of common features) and Microsoft Word. In the following months, we will offer classes covering other parts of Microsoft Office. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. Those that have their own laptop computer, can free to bring it to the classes.  
Classes for February include: Microsoft Office Overview Part I (Feb. 1, 6 p.m. and Feb. 5, 10 a.m.); Microsoft Office Overview Part I (Feb. 8, 6 p.m. and Feb. 12, 10 a.m.); there will not be class the week of Feb. 14 through Feb. 20, due to the Presidents Day holiday; Microsoft Word (Feb. 22, 6 p.m. and Feb. 26, 10 a.m. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit the Web site at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

## Culver Comm. High School honor roll

**Culver Community High School Term 1 grading period final**

**Grade 9:**  
A honor roll: Allen M. Betts  
A/B honor roll: John Ahlenius, Alexandria Baker, Erin Bau, Micah Budzinski, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Makennon Hicks, Cody Klimaszewski, Mitchell Maes, Ashley Martinez, Teddi Rausch, Collin Stevens

**Grade 10:**  
A honor roll: Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller, Cameron Turney  
A/B honor roll: Kellie Bonine, Zachariah Duplay, Serena Hughes, Aspen Kitchell, Cally Jo Klausing, Cassandra Vansky, Austin Vela

**Grade 11:**  
A honor roll: Cassandra Dehning  
A/B honor roll: Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Tyler Stevens

**Grade 12:**  
A/B honor roll: Cory Caudill, Kyle Corn, Amanda Rabenau, Max Schmidt, Jacob Sheridan, Nicole Ziaja

**Culver Community High School Term 1 grading period 2**

**Grade 9:**  
A honor roll: Erin Bau, Allen Betts, Micah Budzinski  
A/B honor roll: John Ahlenius, Alexandria Baker, Michelle Elam, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Makennon Hicks, Cody Klimaszewski, Teddi Rausch, Collin Stevens

**Grade 10:**  
A honor roll: Joseph Krsek, Kalee Miller, Cameron Turney  
A/B honor roll: Kellie Bonine, Zachariah Duplay, Serena Hughes, Aspen Kitcholl, Cally Jo Klausing, Alexa Marrs, Amanda Steele, Cassandra Vansky

**Grade 11:**  
A Honor roll: Clarissa Baker, Cassandra Dehning  
A/B honor roll: Jaclyn Bauer, Ashley Cox, Rene Porter

**Grade 12:**  
A/B honor roll: James Cole, Kyle Corn, Olivia Knapp, Kaitlyn Looney, Emma Lorenz, Cynthia Miller, Amanda Rabenau, Max Schmidt, Jacob Sheridan, Angelique Tobey, Hilari Weldon, Nicole Ziaja



# Dollmaker’s creations make splash with renowned author, others

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Sue Neikirk – familiar to many Culverites as one of the faces behind the counter at Osborn’s Mini-mart on Lake Shore Drive – acknowledges she has “a bizarre imagination,” but it’s apparently shared by acclaimed children’s author Alan Madison. His book, “Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly,” (illustrated by Kevin Hawkes) has won numerous awards (such as from the New York State Reading Association), high praise from across the country, and been selected to be read at the Smithsonian.

The tale of a young girl who learns all about butterflies in order to be “the best” at something also inspired Neikirk, who’s been making quirky, original dolls off and on for at least the past decade. She says she fell in love with Velma Gratch’s face and made a Velma doll, sending a photo of her creation to Madison, who grew up in Indiana but is based in New York. He was impressed enough to post the picture to his website, madisonia.

com and even ordered three of the dolls from Neikirk, who says most of her doll creations are one-time-only originals. She was happy to comply with Madison’s request, though, and has been working on the dolls.

“He said, ‘Sue, this is going to be a good start for you in your doll business.’ People keep saying, ‘Sue, you’ve got to sell your dolls.’ It’s easier said than done.”

A n o t h e r of Neikirk’s dolls, an original of hers named Pillock the Fool, won Best of Show at an event in Hamlet, and she took five of her dolls to the Indiana State Fair, where each was



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Familiar Culver face Sue Neikirk with “Velma Gratch” and a bevy of her own “Dolldrums” creations.

juried an awarded a ribbon. Though none took first place, Neikirk says most entries aren’t even juried.

“I was so proud of them!” The origins of Neikirk’s doll-making lie in her and husband Frank’s hobby of

taking part in Revolutionary War reenactments. “I had never sewed, and I had to make his redcoat. I’m sure my sewing teacher in school must have hated me!” But sew she did, and the activity became a venue for her creativity, as did the stories which accompany some of the dolls.

She’s created, for example, a “Fanny Flora Fuffingham, Fairy In Training” who spent many of her 50-plus years working towards fairyhood, and now finds herself middle-aged, “baggy,” and with a broken wand.

Others include bedbugs, a “Squiggie” (which has a poem to accompany it), a Foop, a Worry Wart Remover, an “Idget,” and Professor Balthazar Twinge, a name inspired by husband Frank’s great uncle, a Chi-

cago commercial artist who signed his correspondences with the unusual moniker.

Neikirk is working, she says, on a “Puddle Pirate,” part of a group who can be found in mud puddles when it rains, firing at each other and creating the flashes and booms of thunderstorms.

Oofta da Viking, complete with helmet and horns, is one of many Neikirk dolls featuring a face of polymer clay.

Collectively, Neikirk’s dolls are known as “The Dolldrums” (say it with a chuckle), and in the past she sold out of several at the Bear End in Culver and several have been on display for some time in the Culver Elementary School media center and library.

And, says Frank Neikirk, “They’re all kid-tested.”

The Neikirks’ grandchildren have been the recipients of many of her creations over the years, and, says Sue, the kids fight over them, which is surely the best testament of all. Velma Gratch would approve.

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LaVille in Northern State Conference action, while OD heads to Trinity.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 67, OREGON-DAVIS 60

At Hamlet

Score by quarters

Culver: 17 39 50 67

OD: 14 27 43 60

CULVER (67): AJ Neace 7 0-1 17, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Collin Stevens 0 0-1 0, Zoe Bauer 11 11-12 37, Kyle Pugh 0 1-2 1, Kyle Vlach 0 0-0 0, Micah Budzinski 2 0-2 4, Larry Clingler 4 0-0 8. TOTALS: 24 12-18 67.

OD (60): Matt Richie 4 0-0 8, Zach Richie 5 6-8 18, Michael Baughman 3 2-2 8, Nicholas Hofferth 6 1-2 17, Zachary Taylor 0 0-0 0, Craig McIntosh 3 0-1 7, Marc Edwards 0 2-2 2. TOTALS: 21 11-15 60.

3-point goals: Culver 7 (Bauer 4, Neace 3), OD 7 (Hofferth 4, Z. Richie, McIntosh); Turnovers: Culver 17, OD 10; Rebounds: Culver 30 (Budzinski 8), OD 11 (Z. Richie, Hofferth 3); Assists: Culver 17 (Stevens 5), OD 9 (M. Richie 4); Steals: Culver 4 (Neace 3), OD 8 (McIntosh 4); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), OD 21 (M. Richie); Records: Culver 6-8, OD 2-11.

In addition to their normal eight club events for their members, Plymouth-based MARCO Bass Masters have announced they will also conduct an open team tournament circuit to be known as the MARCO Bass Masters Tournament Series, consisting of seven tournaments, including two night events. Included will be events on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver.

The tournament will be open to anyone who pays the \$10 registration fee.

## Maxinkuckee among lakes slated for Bass Masters tournament

The ten teams accumulating the most points will split a point fund at the end of the year. The circuit will pay over 100 percent of the entry fees. Of the \$60 entry fee, \$50 will be paid at the ramp, \$5 will go toward big bass, and \$5 will go to the point fund. They have also teamed with local businesses to increase the pay out.

Two events will be sponsored at Maxinkuckee and one at Koontz Lake. One place will be paid for every five entries and the Travel Tender Of Goshen will be providing \$50 in gift certificates for the first team

placing “out of the money.” Other local merchants are providing merchandise.

Tournament Director Bruce Pearson says MARCO wants to develop an open tournament trail that will provide a good payout. He feels the chance to gain points and collect from a point fund at the end of the year, in addition to having payouts greater than the entry fees, all for only \$60 a tournament, offers something different for the local anglers.

The complete schedule is: April 10, Manitou; May 15, the IHTC Maxie

Rumble at Maxinkuckee; June 5, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Invitational at Koontz Lake; July 24, a night tournament at Maxinkuckee; August 28, a night tournament at Winona; September 11, the Collins Realtors Clash at Culver at Maxinkuckee; and the final event is on October 16 at Manitou.

For more information contact Bruce Pearson at 574-952-5509 or send an email to bassfisch@embarqmail.com.

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