

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Culver Elementary PTO hosts book fair

Culver Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair, "The All You Can Read Diner," February 8 through 12. The book sale and literacy event offers a full menu geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic Book Fair is available to students and the community from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. Culver Elementary PTO uses the funds raised from the book fair to purchase books and other resources for the school's library. For more information, contact Laura Garbacik at 842-3287 or laura1275@comcast.net.

### 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.

### Community meal at Grace Feb. 15

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

### Relay 'Drink of the Month'

The February drink of the month at the Culver Coffee Company is Mexican Hot Chocolate, and all proceeds from sales of that drink this month go the Relay For Life of Culver. Culver Coffee Co. is located at 634 Lake Shore Drive in Culver.

### Weekly Lenten services begin

The Culver Community Council Of Churches will once again hold weekly Lenten service, held at 4 p.m. each Sunday. The dates and Churches are as follows: Grace United Church Of Christ (February 21), Wesley United Methodist Church (February 28), Pretty Lake United Methodist Church (March 7), Emmanuel United Methodist Church (March 14), Leiters Ford United Methodist Church (March 21). All are welcome and encouraged to attend these inspirational

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## Young pizza chefs

Students from the senior class at the Wesley Preschool (based at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver) paid a visit to the Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive recently. With the help of CCC owner Dawn Minas Brockey (pictured above at right), the youngsters helped make pizza and bread-sticks, which they then enjoyed at the shop. Pictured from left to right: Nicky Huss, Bailey Culver, Connor Schmiedlin, Cabot Ellert, Ruthie Counts, Esme Kenney, Luci Overmyer, and Brockey. Thanks to Jennifer Luttrell for photo identification assistance.

# Maxinkuckee Village PUD, district debated at hearing

## Impact of proposed development on Lake Maxinkuckee discussed last week

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Representatives from both sides of a debate over the development of land adjacent to Lake Maxinkuckee – as well as a roomful of Culver area residents – spent the better part of last Thursday and Friday at the Lions Club depot on Lake Shore Drive in Culver, hearing and giving testimony on the issue.

Gary Aker of Aker Properties, LLC, filed a petition last September in Marshall County circuit court to establish a conservancy district as required before setting up sewer or septic on the site of a proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) tentatively named Maxinkuckee Village. The proposed project was given an initial green light in its first phase by Culver's Plan Commission, a necessary step in the procedure.

The petition was sent to Indiana's Natural Resources Commission, who set up the hearing for last Thursday at the depot, with Friday set aside for public comment and input on the matter (see accompanying article). The Commission will review the case and present its technical findings to the court, said Commission Judge Stephen Lucos, who oversaw the proceedings. The Marshall court, he said, will then determine whether the conservancy district may be established.

Lucos said a report may be prepared in time for the Commission's March 16 meeting, but in the more likely event that the report won't be complete by then, the Commission will review it in May.

The Commission, noted Lucos, will examine the conservancy district based on several criteria, including whether it appears to be necessary, holds promise of economic and engineering feasibility, will serve the public health, and can be established and operated in a manner compatible with established lakes other waterways, among others.

Remonstrating against Aker's petition was the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, represented by Syracuse-based attorney Steven Snyder, and Lake Maxinkuckee residents Bill and Jeanne Welch, represented by their son, attorney Brian Welch. Ecological services firm JF New of Walkerton acted as a consultant to the LMEC.

More than half of Thursday was spent in testimony and cross examination of witnesses from Aker's side of the issue, who described the background of the project and detailed methodology of waste and storm water treatment and collection within the 55.7 acres of property intended for development in the project. Following were witnesses opposing the establishment of the district, much of whose focus was on the adjacent Kline wetland, its importance to the Lake Maxinkuckee watershed, and opinions on potential threats to that watershed by the development of the PUD.

### Background of the project

Plymouth-based attorney Fred Jones, representing the developers, said Aker Properties, LLC, family-owned by Gary and Yvonne Aker and their son and daughter, purchased the Culver Marina and adjoining land about six years ago. All marina operations, Jones noted, use the septic present at the time of purchase, though this would change -- and the marina would join the new district's septic -- if the district is approved.

The project, said Jones, would entail construction of 31 individually-owned villas and four quadro-plex townhouses (for a total of 47 housing units), tennis courts, a swimming pool, clubhouse, soccer and athletic fields, and other amenities. He explained the conservancy district is required for handling of effluent created by the PUD before the next phase can begin, adding the Planning Commission and Town Council will still have to approve the project before construction could begin. Jones emphasized the function of the hearing was not to make determinations concerning the PUD itself, but only concerned creation of the conservancy district. Opposing attorneys later pointed out, however, that the project must be proven economically viable and in the interests of public health in order to meet requirements, suggesting many facets of the PUD are relevant in a decision about the district.

On the stand, Plymouth and part-time Culver resident Gary Aker said the idea for the project grew from conversations with several customers seeking "economical housing" on Lake Maxinkuckee, which led him to contact Alan Collins of Construction Management and Design, who came up with plans for the PUD. South Bend engineering firm Lang, Feeney, & Associates created the design for the septic treatment plant and drainage handling and soil erosion control plans. Copies of the plans were displayed for the parties in the hearing and the audience.

Aker said responsibility for maintenance of the septic system would eventually fall on the co-owners association of Maxinkuckee Village, the creation of which he sees as a 36 month to five-year process. He also said individual unit owners would receive no rights or special privileges to lake access by virtue of ownership, but would pay the same pier and slip rental prices (or fees derived from the marina hoisting boats into the

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## Public input sometimes emotional at conservancy district hearing

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It was standing room only last Friday at the public input portion of the Natural Resources Commission hearing – held at the Lions Club depot in Culver – on establishment of a proposed conservancy district on land owned by Aker Properties, LLC. There, developer Gary Aker and contractor Alan Collins hope to build the Maxinkuckee Village PUD.

The majority of citizens making statements to the Commission were opposed to the project, though several people also expressed support for it. Among these were Bill Girten, a friend for 35 years of the Akers who said he is certain all permits and procedures will be abided by in the project, which he said will be "first class."

Tom Flynn of Plymouth praised the Akers' environmental commitment. "They would rather lose a limb than hurt this lake," Flynn added.

Craig Schrimsher of Culver noted job opportunities are "hard to come by" in the area and expressed support for the project's employment possibilities.

Of the residents expressing opposition to the project, Chuck Blazeovich of Harbor Condominiums in Culver suggested promises made as to adhering to environmental standards in construction of the PUD are difficult to enforce. "This whole process reminds me of a public election," he said. "Politicians will say whatever they want, but after they're elected they will do what-

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## Culver area residents can breathe easier in tornado season

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — Residents of Culver will be able to feel a little safer this tornado season.

Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler reported to the Marshall County Commissioners that new alert sirens have been installed throughout the township. The town of Culver and the Culver Academies will install their own similar sirens adding to the ability of officials to warn residents of impending danger or emergency.

The township has placed five of the devices at various locations to ensure complete coverage of the warning alert. One siren will be located in Hibbard on 15th Road, another on SR 10 near Poplar Grove Church, at the Culver Marina, just south of Medallion on 19th Road, and on 16th Road just off of Thorn Road.

The township paid for the project at no expense to the county for a total of \$103,348. The money had been reserved for the project over the past five years.

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## Butterfly Hunting

The Citizen has been running – as space permits – winning photos in last fall's The Big Read photo contest, sponsored by the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Ginny Bess Munroe's photo, "Butterfly Hunting," was designated "Best" in "People" category of the contest.

Says Munroe, "I took this photo this past summer when our whole family was gathered in the backyard for a family get together. My niece Lucy is an independent child and was in her own world wandering about the yard to see what she could find. She picked up the butterfly net and then started to make her way around the yard. When I saw her head down the brick path toward the arch, I grabbed the camera, as I could see her determination and I thought that walking that path to that arch was typical of Lucy who always seems to be on a path leading to something she'll discover. She's very inquisitive and determined."

"In the winning picture," continues Munroe, "you can't see the entire path leading to the arch because it had to be submitted as an 8 by 10 and didn't print the entire path, but it's what made the picture special to me, as it's as if she knew that going down that path and through the arch was the way to get to the world of the butterflies. Back then, she called them 'utterflies,' and her fierce determination to find some made me smile. She's that way about everything she does, so trying to capture it on camera was a fun challenge that I happened on to that day."

The Citizen hopes to continue running the winning photos, as space allows, along with recollections from the photographer of the circumstances and methods surrounding their photo.

## Culverites named to Dean's, honor's list

DONALDSON – Ancilla College has announced its fall 2009 dean's list and honor's list recipients.

Kyle Mitch Page of Culver received the dean's list honor. Those named to the honor's list included Zachary Cole, Kristina Gray, Christi Smith, Hope Thomas, and Sheryl Tompos, all of Culver.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or above and carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Those eligible for the academic honors list must have a 3.0 GPA for the semester and have completed between six to 11 credits towards graduation during the semester.

Ancilla College is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

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The sirens will be linked to countywide 911 alert.

The commissioners also passed an ordinance on first reading to update the alert levels and definitions for travel on county roads during a weather emergency. The ordinance had been discussed at the previous commissioners meeting at the end of January.

As those around Culver can feel a little safer with their new warning system this tornado season, county residents can also be a part of making the whole county a little safer.

Marshall County Emergency Management Director Clyde Avery announce that the National Weather Service will be conducting Storm Spotter Training on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the board room on the second floor of the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The training will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to anyone in the public who would like to attend.

## Community calendar

### Thurs., Feb. 11

PTO book fair, Culver Elementary School (see Brief this issue)

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. 12

PTO book fair, Culver Elementary School (see Brief this issue)

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Culver Academies student production: "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom," 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

### Sat., Feb. 13

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Census job testing, 1 to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver Academies stu-

dent production: "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom," 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

### Sun., Feb. 14

Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium

Culver Academies stu-

dent production: "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom," 2:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium

### Mon., Feb. 15 -

### President's Day

Culver Public Library, other entities closed for holiday

Culver Community Schools make-up day (school in session)

Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
DivorceCare, 7 p.m.,

Grace United Church of Christ

### Tues., Feb. 16

Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Weds., Feb. 17

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Thurs., Feb. 18

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Board of Zoning appeals mtg., 4:30 p.m., town hall

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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ever they want."

Blazevich also discussed specifics of litigation and disputes against contractor Alan Collins at the previous day's hearing.

Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council director Kathy Clark read an emotional statement noting her organization "has worked for 28 years to remove septic systems from the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee (and) it's extremely upsetting that now... someone would consider giving anyone the right to build a septic plant right on the lake shore."

Carol Zeglis, of LMEC support organization the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, described "many, many years of long, tiring work" since the establishment of the organization and the resultant improvement of the lake. She said it's "impossible to know" if the septic system proposed for the Maxinkuckee Village project will suffice to protect the adjacent Kline wetlands and the lake, adding concern over the lack of space at the site to create a reserve area for affluent overflow.

Tom Sams described living on the lake for over 60 years and the "enchanting" status of the Kline wetland area during his childhood. He said it "doesn't seem logical" that further development could be allowed in the area.

East Shore resident Katy Lewellen, who traveled from Arizona to attend the hearing, said she is concerned about the infrastructure at the site and what she feels is a lack of sufficient study of the impact there.

Several residents, including Rich West, Kathy Berindei, and Elizabeth Albright, raised the issue of dangers derived from increased boat traffic on the lake with the addition of 47 families at the site.

Dick Dugger of the south shore said during the formation of the Southwest Conservancy District in that area, a health officer told committee members, "if you're anywhere near a municipal (sewer) treatment plant, don't even think of building a private one."

Resident Carol Saft described a childhood spent at Culver's public beach. "There's a town here that is also serviced by this lake," she said. "It's an important part of this town to have this lake. 'I heard yesterday a lot of, 'I don't know.' I think it's time to step back and find answers to those questions.... there's a developer here who has had litigations in past developments. There's an old adage, 'Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on us.'"

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## Death notices

## Benson

**Wilma E. (Bachert) Benson**  
**Feb. 2, 2010**

WINAMAC — Wilma E. (Bachert) Benson, 86, of Winamac, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by sons, Gerald Benson of Lafayette and Wayne Benson of North Judson; a daughter, Sandra Dietrich of Indianapolis; sisters, Ida Finkbinder of Culver and Dorothy Pitts of Knox; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5 at O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Highland Cemetery.

## Stone

**Claudene Stone**  
**Feb. 4, 2010**

GROVERTOWN — Claudene Stone, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 at her son's home in Grovertown.

She is survived by a daughter, JoAnn Fuchs of LaPaz; sons: Bobby (Julie) Stone of Plymouth, Dude (Brenda) Stone and Roger (Darlene) Stone, all of Grovertown, and Kerry (Roxanne) Stone of Hamlet; sisters: Joetta Maddox of Central City, Ky., Dorothy Piper of Texas and Shelby Puckett of Culver; a brother, Bobby Shemwell of Central City, Ky.; 18 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday, Feb. 14 at Rannels Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel and from 11 a.m. to the time of services Monday.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at the funeral home.

Burial followed at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The House of the Lord Food Pantry, 16493 Lincoln Hwy, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

## Geiger

**Cindy L. Geiger**  
**Jan. 29, 2010**

CULVER — Cindy L. Geiger, 62, of Culver, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at St. Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband Michael; daughter Lori (Jon) Frettinger of Bluffton; son, Jamie Geiger of Lakeland, Fla.; brother, Rodney Kemple; sisters: Karen Coby of Rochester, Mary Ann Rowe of Culver, and Judy Fisher of Plymouth; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. (EDT) at the funeral home.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Ladies' Auxiliary.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

## Zengri

**David A. Zengri**  
**Feb. 6, 2010**

CULVER — David A. Zengri, 43, of Knox, died at 1:31 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010.

He is survived by his wife Victoria; father, Philip Zengri of Chicago, Ill.; daughters, Robin Zengri of LaPaz and Lela Zengri of Ripley; step-daughters, Stephanie Minix and Michelle Minix, both of Knox; brothers, Donald Zengri and Kevin Zengri, both of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Mary Zengri and Dena Zengri, both of Chicago, Ill.; and a grandson.

Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

## Letter to the editor

## 'Culver Chuck' makes winter prediction

Dear Editor:

Hi, Culver Chuck here for his second annual Culver Challenge. To introduce myself to those who don't know me, I'm known for my cunning, calculating, corroboration of continuing climes in Culver on Groundhog Day.

I've just returned to my burrow on the outskirts of town from a lengthy visit to my second cousin once removed on my mother's side in Warton, Ontario, Canada. Cousin Willy is quite famous in Warton as a leading authority on onerous weather conditions in Ontario. He has an 80 percent prediction rate, which puts him in the Top Ten of groundhog predictors. He has an authorized biography written called "Carved In Stone". Rumor has it in Warton that it might be a candidate for the "Pulitzer" prize. The local Lions Club is selling copies of the book and when I left, it was number three on the Warton best seller list. Warton Willy was born on a peninsula on the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel halfway between the North Pole and the equator. His fur is snow white, which may be very well in Ontario, but as we North American groundhogs know, visibility is not to our advantage.

I had wanted to visit General Beauregard Lee, who has his plantation at the Yellow River Game Ranch in Georgia. Cousin Beauregard is the official prognosticator for the entire State of Georgia and is quite well regarded there. Unfortunately, due to the constant soirees and public appearances General Lee is required to make, time did not permit a family visit. Indeed, at the mere thought of my visit, he became quite haughty. His web site had the audacity to declare that "No Northern woodchucks are invited." So I just said "Fiddle-dee-dee" and journeyed home.

Well, to my cautious contemplation of conditions on Candlemas Day (or as we more familiarly know it, Groundhog Day) my considered comments are conclusive. Winter will remain until Spring.

Till next year,

**Culver Chuck**  
(Culver Chuck's comments are translated by *Citizen* staff writer, **Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow**)

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services.

## 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 Hobie 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.

## Free computer classes at Culver Library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Upcoming sessions Microsoft Office Overview Part I (Feb. 12, 10 a.m.); 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).

## 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 lithographs are viewable

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throughout the Culver Coffee Company, free for all visitors.

## Faces of Lincoln in Culver

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 examines the image of Lincoln as it developed through the years of, and after, his life. It is free and open to the public during the museum's regular hours of Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Black history quilt display

The Culver Public Library is celebrating Black

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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.

## Citizen input sought for library's future

The Culver-Union Township Public Library and its board of trustees is asking members of the Culver and Union Township community to participate in long-range planning for the library's future. Business people, parents, and individuals are asked to contact library director Colleen McCarty at 574-842-2941 as soon as possible, in hopes of forming a long-range planning group for a first meeting sometime in February.

## Girl Scout cookies

Culver Girl Scout and Brownie Troops #30472 continues to offer Girl Scout cookies. Those interested in purchasing cookies may call 219-405-5173.

## 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

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National Bank of Culver, 574-842-5142.

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



# Rollins Chapel

I remember, but not very clearly, the Rollins African Methodist Episcopal Chapel that used to stand on the west side of Coolidge Court, around the corner from what was then the car dealership, and is now the City Tavern. I mostly picture it as the home of the Methodist Thrift Shop, though Judith McKee Burns's website (which has a long and very helpful page on the Chapel, with references to the 2 March 1949 issue of The Citizen) says that it only took on that role in 1972.

Culver's earliest African-American residents, so far as I know, came here from Mexico, Missouri, with Colonel Alexander F. Fleet, when he moved the students, faculty and staff of Missouri Military Academy here in the fall of 1896. In the familiar story, Emily Jane Hand Culver heard of a disastrous fire at MMA, and mentioned it to her husband, who was having trouble filling his own school. Henry Harrison Culver then telegraphed Colonel Fleet, "You have the boys, I have the buildings, let's get together." One of those who came to Culver with Colonel Fleet was Roy "Sheep" Scott, who became CMA's first 50-year employee, and was honored by being called to the reviewing line for a full garrison parade in 1946.

According to some accounts, George Rollins was one of the 1896 group; according to his 1925 Citizen obituary, however, he moved here from Missouri with his family in 1899. He had been born in Missouri in 1857, which is to say that he may have been born in slavery, though I haven't



George Rollins

CITIZEN FILE PHOTO

seen any definite statement to that effect. He married Nettie Easley (born 1870) in 1887, and they were parents of six children. The Censuses of 1900 and 1920 list these as Victoria (b. 1885), Clara B. (b. 1888), Hollis (b. 1891), Florence (b. 1894) and Lawrence O. (b. 1903). The 1920 census has them living on Lake Street; according to Mr.

Rollins' obituary, only two of the children survived him, "Dr. H. T. Rollins of Detroit, and Mrs. C. L. Watts of Culver."

Clara B. Rollins was in the Culver High School Class of 1906, the school's first African American graduate. At the commencement exercises she gave (according to The Citizen)



*It's still the lake water...*

By John M. Houghton

"an instructive and thoughtful review of the development of the colored people of

the South since the civil war. She believes the time will come when the negro will not be socially ostracized." Clara eventually married Roy Watts, long-time head of the CMA waiter staff.

Mr. Rollins, the obituary says, worked at CMA for ten years, which would mean that he left the school in 1909. Three years later, on February 22, 1912, The Citizen reported "Mr. and Mrs. George Rollins have leased space on one of their lots to the colored citizens of Culver to build a place of worship. The lease is for 5 years with the privilege of moving the building whenever a lot may be secured as a permanent site." Later that same year, the paper gave an account of the opening services: "The new building of the African M. E. Zion congregation was dedicated Sunday afternoon with a Children's day service by the members of the Sunday school. The audience was composed chiefly of white people - men, women and children-who took a sympathetic interest in the program which was arranged and rehearsed under the direction of Mrs. Taylor, wife of the pastor. The children entered heartily into the rendition of their parts and the audience seemed to enjoy every number from the shy recitation of Jeanette Artis, a 3 year old tot, to the graceful elocutionary number by Miss Alberta Armstead. At the close of the exercises Pastor Taylor made an effective plea for subscriptions and contributions to liquidate a balance due the carpenter and to pay for the seats and the organ. As a result \$22 was added to the available funds of the society....The little church is 20 x30, and will cost about \$450. It is not yet lathed and plastered, but can

be used in its present state until fall. As the indebtedness is not large, it is safe to predict that the new society will find its 'title clear' to a permanent and comfortable place of assemblage by the time cold weather sets in. The community should rejoice in this effort to develop the religious and social life of the colored residents of Culver." (While this contemporary account refers to the AME Zion denomination, later histories say that the Chapel began as a non-denominational congregation, and later joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, rather than the AME Zion.) Relations between Rollins Chapel and other congregations in town seem to have been cordial; The Citizen contains various notices like that of January 8, 1930, noting that the Rollins choir would be singing the following week at the Methodist Church (then still located downtown at Main and Washington). In March of 1946, the paper ran two items on the Chapel's dedication of a portrait of Father Rollins, and, as I've already noted, it had a longish article on the history of the Chapel in March of 1949.

That Rollins Chapel was welcome is, I think, a positive sign about village life in Culver; that it was felt necessary, perhaps less so. When Mr. Rollins died, in August of 1925, The Citizen carried a news item on the front page, noting that "The Rollins Chapel is a lasting memorial to his life." In addition to this, there was an obituary, to which I have already referred, on page 7—the next to last. And on page 8, almost directly behind the obit, there is a large display ad, two or three columns wide and maybe three or four inches long. "BIG BIG BIG BIG," it screams— announcing a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Centennial Park, Plymouth, on the coming Thursday evening.

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*A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies, as well as at independent schools in Fort Wayne, St. Louis, and Baton Rouge. A fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation and an Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.*

## Transfiguration

There are many "mountain-top" experiences written of in Holy Scripture. This Sunday, many churches will celebrate the Festival of the Transfiguration

ing. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [literally, His exodus] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9:29-31 NKJV).

The second "mountain-top" experience we will hear about on Transfiguration Sunday

also involves Moses. "Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the South and the

plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar." (Deuteronomy 34:1-3)

Although Moses was not permitted to enter the Promised Land, the Lord did allow him to look upon it. It is even possible that the Lord provided Moses the ability to see in detail all of this land as he gazed upon it from the top of Mount Nebo.

Moses led the people of Israel during the exodus from Egypt to the promised land of Canaan. But it was Joshua who led the people into that land. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah (symbolic of the Law and the Prophets) speak with Jesus, the New Testament Joshua, of His exodus through death on the cross by which He will be truly glorified to lead His people into the Promise Land of eternal life.

As we, in faith, stand upon the Mount of Transfiguration, we look across the valley of Lent. Ash Wednesday, February 17, marks the beginning of Lent and continues for forty days. In case you decide to count the days on your calendar, Sundays are not included in the days of Lent because every Sunday is considered to be a little Easter.

The season of Lent

reaches its climax on another mountain, Mount Calvary. As we recall the depth of Christ's agony in the torture chamber and on the Cross, brought alive for us through the work of Mel Gibson and the movie, The Passion of the Christ, we are compelled to remember that our sins brought all this upon Him. So, during the Season of Lent, we search our souls and humble our hearts and focus on Christ's suffering and death in which He is truly glorified and to which His transfiguration points. This is a source of great relief and strength to us, for through His bitter agony and death, Christ removed our guilt and won the forgiveness of our sins.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you wondrously foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us coheirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Collect for the Transfiguration of Our Lord)

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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, 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.

**Monday, Feb. 15:** Salisbury Steak and gravy, yams, broccoli, bread and

margarine, strawberries, and milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:** Turkey Manhattan, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread, beets, dessert, and milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17:** Meatless spaghetti, tossed salad and dressing, garlic bread, green beans, parmesan cheese, pineapple, and milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 18:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, bread and margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Friday, Feb. 19:** Fish square, tarter and bun, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, grape juice, pie, and milk.

## Name that Culver "citizen"



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Morrie Fishburn, then and now. Right: this week's mystery citizen.



As noted last week, last week's Mystery Citizen left Culver for many years but returned a few years ago, a fact which didn't prevent a number of readers from recognizing Culver High School grad Morrie Fishburn. To date, correct guessers are Lynn Overmyer, Al Sytsma, Nancy McFarland, and Janet Overmyer, all of whom receive the customary free parking in downtown Culver prize!

This week's Mystery Citizen is involved in a number of service-oriented efforts in Culver, among other things.

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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# Sports



## Hurford grabs Regional title

ROCHESTER — Culver Community freshman Matt Hurford's performance at the Rochester Wrestling Regional Saturday might have surprised a few people, but it wasn't a surprise to Hurford.

Fresh off a Plymouth Sectional Championship last weekend, Hurford grabbed the title at his first-ever regional, pinning South Bend Clay's Justin McCray in 2:47 for the 189-pound crown at Rochester Saturday.

was led by a pair of second-place finishes from Damon Howe and Chase Lewandowski at heavyweight and 145 pounds, respectively. Howe lost just his second match of the season to Mishawaka's Travis Thomas, this time by an even closer 4-3 decision as Thomas took him down late in the third period for a comeback win. Lewandowski also lost to a familiar foe as Clay's Laquan Lunford beat him 5-0. It was Lewandowski's third loss of

Saturday, while teammates Abe Hall and Trevor Berger placed fourth in the heavy-weight and 152-pound categories to move on for the Lions.

Culver Military Academy's Josh Brown won his consolation bout with Rochester's Jacob Schroder to place third at 130 pounds and earn a ticket out to semistate, as well.

• ROCHESTER WRESTLING REGIONAL At Rochester

Championship round  
103: Jarred Brooks (Warsaw) pinned Sammy Ferdig (Adams) 1:40; 112: Paul Beck (Mishawaka) dec. Ben Varner (Penn) 9-2; 119: Alex Gregory (Penn) dec. Layten Binion (Mishawaka) 10-0; 125: Taylor Wisler (Mishawaka) dec. Mitch Hartman (Clay) 8-7; 130: Nick Schrader (Mishawaka) dec. Justin Bogart (Bremen) 10-2; 135: Matt Guerra (Mishawaka) dec. Bobby Marcuccilli (Wawasee) 6-2; 140: Paul Manbu (Warsaw) dec. Anthony Eddy (Mishawaka) 5-4; 145: Laquan Lunford (Clay) dec. Chase Lewandowski (Plymouth) 5-0; 152: Ryan Stahl (Mishawaka) dec. Isaac Yoder (Tippecanoe Valley) 10-0; 160: Malcolm White (Washington) dec. Austin Kunze (Penn) 6-4; 171: Andy Wiseman (Penn) dec. Richard Morin (Mishawaka) 5-3; 189: Matt Hurford (Culver) pinned Justin McCray (Clay) 2:47; 215: Christian Lentz (Mishawaka) won by forfeit over Devin Reagan (Penn); 285: Travis Thomas (Mishawaka) dec. Damon Howe (Plymouth) 4-3.

Consolation round  
103: Sarah Hildebrandt (Penn) dec. Zech Weese (Rochester) 8-3; 112: Jordan Sailors (Riley) dec. Garret Gleuckert (Clay) 5-2; 119: Josh Olsen (Adams) pinned Dalton Overmyer (Culver) 4:11; 125: Tyler Chapple (Penn) pinned Javier Martinez (Riley) 4:38; 130: Josh Brown (Culver Military) dec. Jacob Schroder (Rochester) 6-4; 135: Grant Anglemyer (Penn) dec. Kelly Kolat (Riley) 2-0; 140: Darius Stevens (Triton) dec. Vince Hill (Washington) 5-4; 145: Pat Davenport (Penn) pinned Darius Marshall (Mishawaka) :33; 152: Michael Hummer (Penn) dec. Trevor Berger (Bremen) 5-1; 160: Carl McCleod (Riley) won by forfeit over Alex White (Mishawaka); 171: Robert Molebash (Culver) pinned Dylan Senff (Triton) 5:56; 189: Timmy Buckingham (Riley) dec. Danny Abu-Shehad (Mishawaka) 7-3; 215: Eric McDaniel (Washington) dec. Joe Gallegos (Clay) 13-6; 285: Evan Nixon (Clay) dec. Abe Hall (Bremen) 5-4.

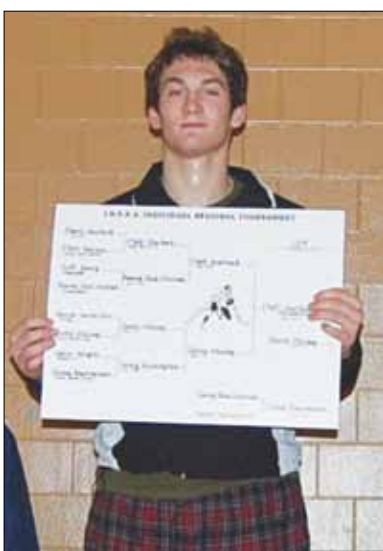


PHOTOS/MAGGIE NIXON

TOP: Culver Community's Matt Hurford, top, wrestles South Bend Clay's Justin McCray in the 189-pound championship match Saturday at the Rochester Individual Wrestling Regional. Hurford pinned McCray in 3:28.

LEFT: Matt Hurford on the medal stand.

BELOW: Triton's Dylan Senff, top, puts Culver Community's Robert Molebash, bottom, in a hold during the 171-pound weight class consolation round.



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"I think he's done everything he's expected to do," said Culver Community head wrestling coach Mike Buschman. "He's pretty confident in himself, and that allows him to do what he needs to do... I think he's the only guy on this team who's not surprised."

The Cavaliers also earned berths to the Merrillville Semistate next Saturday at 119 and 171 pounds at Rochester.

Dalton Overmyer lost a consolation bout at 119 to finish fourth there, and Robert Molebash topped Triton's Dylan Senff at 171 to earn his second consecutive semistate berth. Senff also qualifies for Merrillville in fourth.

year, and all three have come from Lunford.

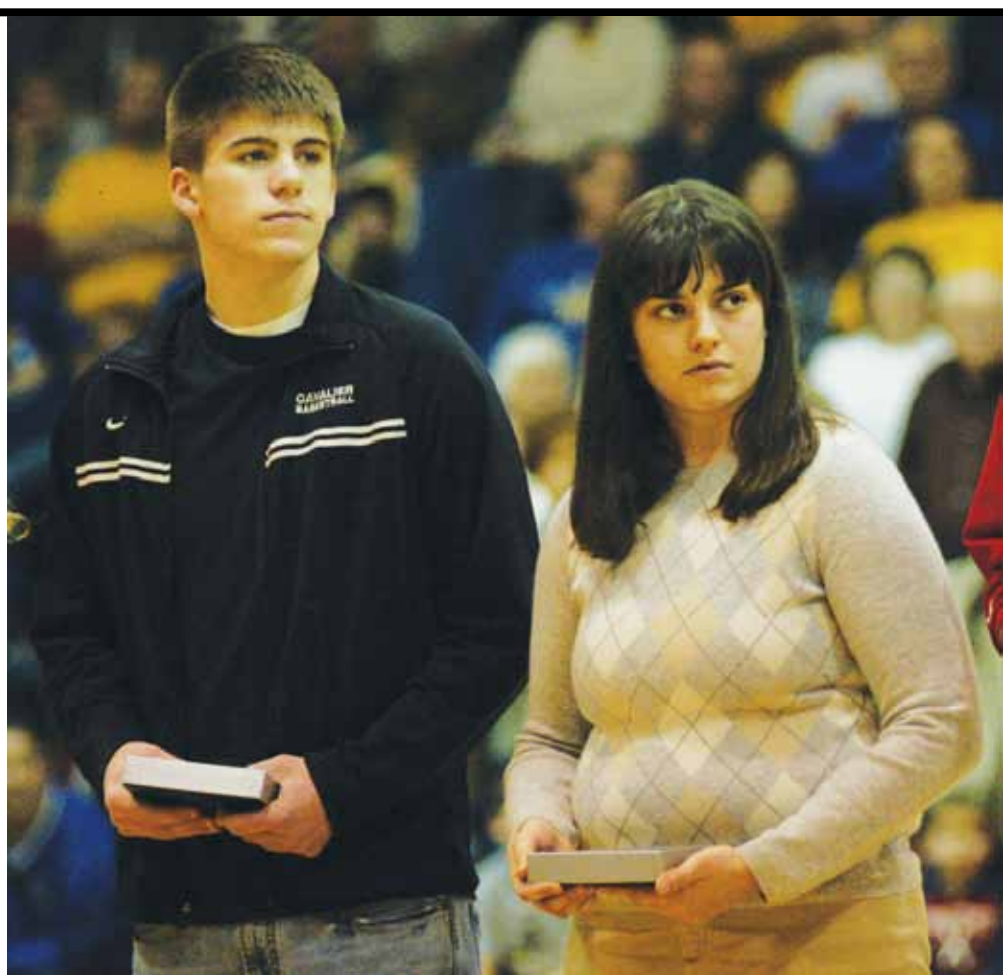
Also qualifying to semistate were Bremen's Justin Bogart, who lost a 10-2 major decision to Mishawaka's Matt Schrader in the 135-pound championship

Plymouth, meanwhile,

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## Cavs' Bauer, Miller nominated

Culver Community's Zoe Bauer, left, and Cindy Miller, right, were nominated for the Teachers Credit Union W.B. Hawkins Awards at the Bi-County Basketball Tournament. They are pictured standing during last month's ceremony for the award.

## Sports briefs

### Boys basketball Glenn, Alexander conquer Culver

John Glenn's Andrew Alexander pumped in a game-high 23 points and nabbed five steals to lead the Falcons to a 63-46 Northern State Conference boys basketball win over visiting Culver Community at The Aerie Friday.

Jake Kosinski contributed 14 points for the Falcons, with Josh Anderson chipping in 10 points, five rebounds and a pair of assists.

Zoe Bauer paced the Cavs with 20 points.

• JOHN GLENN 63, CULVER COMMUNITY 46 At Walkerton  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 10 16 27 46  
Glenn: 18 31 39 63  
CULVER (46): AJ Neace 2 0-0 4, Nick Peterson 1 0-0 2, Collin Stevens 1 1-2 4, Zoe Bauer 6 6-7 20, Kyle Pugh 3 0-1 8, Micah Budzinski 2 2-2 6, Larry Clingler 0 0-0 0, Johnny Anderson 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 16 9-12 46.  
GLENN (63): Jordan Hesters 0 0-0 0, Lonnie Shetler 2 2-2 8, Brock Solmos 1 0-0 2, Andrew Alexander 6 9-10 23, Josh Anderson 5 0-0 10, Jake Kosinski 7 0-1 14, Josh Horvath 0 0-0 0, Aaron Stegemiller 2 2-3 6, Carsen Heim 0 0-0 0, Andrew Morton 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23 13-16 63.  
3-point goals: Culver 5 (Bauer 2, Pugh 2, Stevens), Glenn 4 (Shetler 2, Alexander 2); Turnovers: Culver 21, Glenn 9; Rebounds: Culver 19 (Bauer 5), Glenn 24 (Anderson 5); Assists: Culver 0, Glenn 5 (Anderson 2); Steals: Culver 2, Glenn 9 (Alexander 5); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 15 (Neace), Glenn 17 (none); Records: Culver 7-9 (1-5 NSC), Glenn 9-5 (4-1 NSC).  
JV score (Thursday): Glenn 43, Culver 13.

• CMA wins  
Jermaine Myers ran off a game-high-tying 17 points to help CMA hang on for

a 41-40 basketball win at Elkhart Christian Saturday.

Travis Britt chipped in 11 points for the Eagles.

• CMA 41, ELKHART CHRISTIAN 40 At Elkhart  
Score by quarters  
CMA: 8 20 25 41  
EC: 8 10 25 40  
CMA (41): Nick Ahlers 0, Chier Ajou 4, Ramsey Bradke 0, Juwan Brescacin 7, Travis Britt 11, Jermaine Myers 17, Trace Thews 2, Braxton Troyer 0.  
EC (40): Sean Addison 0, Jess Alexander 6, Collin Craft 0, Austin Curtis 5, Dalton Lemert 0, Drew Lyon 12, Kyle Revella 17, Mitch West 0.  
Records: CMA 10-7, EC 8-6.

### Girls basketball Glenn seniors go out with victory

John Glenn seniors Savannah Bruski, Kim Podell and Emily Traversa celebrated Senior Night with a 46-31 Northern State Conference girls basketball win over Culver Community Friday at The Aerie.

Junior post Gwen Zehner led the Cavs with seven points, although Glenn's combination of man-to-man and 2-3 zone defenses held Zehner 12 points below her season average.

• JOHN GLENN 46, CULVER COMMUNITY 31 At Walkerton  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 3 17 18 31  
Glenn: 6 21 32 46  
CULVER (31): Nicole Carnegie 2 0-0 4, Susannah Baker 1 2-4 4, Kalee Miller 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 2 0-2 4, Alison Zehner 1 1-2 3, Ali Overmyer 2 0-0 4, Chelsey Jones 0 0-0 0, Erin Bau 0 0-0 0, Cindy Miller 1 2-4 5, Gwen Zehner 2 3-4 7. TOTALS: 11 8-16 31.  
GLENN (46): Emily Traversa 1 2-4 5, Cayla Ochs 1 0-0 2, Jacy Borlik 6 7-7 19, Savannah Bruski 4 2-3 10, Kim Podell 4 0-2 8, Katie Dreessen 0 2-2 2, Sarah Traversa 0 0-0 0, Hannah Strange 0 0-0 0, Dillon Schleg 0 0-0 0, Cara Ochs 0 0-0 0, Stephanie

Dreessen 0 0-0 0, Shelby Tetzloff 0 0-0 0, Elizabeth Dodson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 13-18 46.  
3-point goals: Culver 1 (Miller), Glenn 1 (E. Traversa); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 17 (none), Glenn 12 (none); Records: Culver 10-10 (2-5 NSC), Glenn 14-6 (5-2 NSC).

### LV goes 3-0 against Cavs

LaVille won its third game against Culver Community this season, rallying in the fourth quarter for a 46-39 Northern State Conference girls basketball win Jan. 30 at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium.

Senior forward Cori Lindke scored a game-leading 17 points for LaVille, which also defeated the Cavs during the LaVille Holiday Tourney and Bi-County Tourney. Point guard Elaine Schmeltz added 15 points and Kaitlyn Kopetski added 11 points for the Lancers.

Gwen Zehner topped Culver's scoring chart with 12 points, while Cindy Miller drained three triples as part of a 10-point night.

• LAVILLE 46, CULVER 39 At Lakeville  
Score by quarters  
Culver: 4 18 34 39  
LaVille: 8 20 30 46  
CULVER (39): Nicole Carnegie 1 0-0 2, Susannah Baker 1 2-2 4, Chelsey Jones 0 0-0 0, Whitney Sanders 3 0-2 7, Alison Zehner 2 0-0 4, Gwen Zehner 5 2-3 12, Cindy Miller 3 1-2 10, Kalee Miller 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 5-9 39.  
LAVILLE (46): Emily Fuller 1 1-2 3, Elaine Schmeltz 6 3-6 15, Katie Berger 0 0-0 0, Jesse Feitz 0 0-0 0, Anna Boits 0 0-2 0, Kaitlyn Kopetski 3 5-5 11, Shelby Low 0 0-0 0, Cori Lindke 6 5-5 17, Hannah Amor 0 0-2 0. TOTALS: 16 14-22 46.  
3-point goals: Culver 4 (Miller 3, Sanders), LaVille none; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), LaVille 15 (Lindke); Records: Culver 10-9 (2-4 NSC), LaVille 14-5 (3-3 NSC).



## Recent *Culver Citizen* issues online via Culver library

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library is pleased to announce the immediate availability of its new digital newspaper collection. Titled "America's News," this collection is free to library patrons and is updated daily. America's News provides Web-based access to current and archived issues of 1,409 full-text newspapers, including *The Culver Citizen*. The service currently offers access to issues of *The Culver Citizen* from 2008 to the present. The database only includes text from the newspaper articles, there are no ads or photos.

Library patrons can easily search and browse current and archived news articles, editorials, reviews, birth and marriage announcements, obituaries and a variety of special sections. In addition to using workstations at the library, patrons can access the collection from home by visiting <http://www.culver.lib.in.us/services.htm> and looking for the NewsBank link under Reference Services. A CUTPL library card number is required for authentication.

Among the selected newspaper titles available through the library are *The Culver Citizen*, *The Indianapolis Star*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, and *The Chicago Tribune*.

For more information on this collection, contact the library by calling 574-842-2941 or emailing [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us), or visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us).

## Culver residents urged to participate in Census

The Town of Culver encourages every citizen to participate in the U.S. Census and take approximately ten minutes to complete and submit the survey. Census data is used to inform our community's decisions, according to Town Manager Michael Doss. Data about changes in the community, he adds, are crucial to many planning decisions, such as where to provide services for seniors, where to build new roads and infrastructure, or where to create economic development."

Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution requires a national census to count every person residing in the United States. The Census is important because it is used to establish the number of representatives in Congress by State. Census data directly affects how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure that the Town of Culver and its citizens gets our fair share of federal and state funding.

Census questionnaires will be delivered to each household in late February. Between April and July 2010, Census takers will visit households that did not return the census form by mail. Census employees with proper identification may be appearing throughout the Town to verify and update addresses. (Please call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious individuals or activity. The police can verify census employee credentials if necessary.

For additional information, please visit [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census).

## Lions Club news



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## Culver students, Lions aid food pantry via chili supper

The Council of Churches and the Culver Lions Club sponsored a chili supper January 29 and organizers say the community response was outstanding. The freewill offering, at the door, resulted in excess of \$1,200 that will go to the Culver Community Food Pantry. The Culver Lions donated the chili, drinks and helpers; and the Council of Churches donated all of the desserts plus some helpers. In addition, 22 local students from the Culver Community School Corporation (CAVS club) and the Culver Academies service club, as well as CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization) which consists of youth from both schools, helped serve and assist guests when they came into the depot. They were hard workers, notes Don Freese of the Culver Lions, and finished the job by cleaning up the depot when the supper was over.

Pictured above are nine of the 22 students that worked at the chili supper. From left, Culver Community High School student Jackie Bauer, Culver Academies students Kord Gollhofer, Michael Nay, Rob McKinnis, and Austin Welch, CCHS students Steven Paolini, Joe Paolini, and Cassie Back.

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## Newest Culver Lions

New members of Culver's Lions Club members taken into membership at the January 13 meeting included, from left to right, (Culver Town Manager) Michael Doss, Jan Nannini and Dennis Lewandowski. Their respective sponsors were Barbara Winters (Doss), Jean Rakich (Nannini), and Marilyn Kelly (Lewandowski).



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## Culver Boys & Girls Club Power Hour winners

Pictured from left to right are Culver Boys & Girls Club's January Power Hour winners Christian Zakhi (third grade), Malik Guerra (sixth grade), Brandon Sellers (sixth grade), Wyatt Ringer (first grade), Hunter Ringer (third grade), William Baldwin (second grade), Taylor Noah (third grade), and Kaleigh Kephart (first grade). Not pictured: Trista Fritter (second grade) and Carmen Cook (second grade).

Power Hour is a program the Culver Boys & Girls Club offers to help children with homework. When a child does his or her homework and has it checked and corrected, if needed, the Boys & Girls Club records it and the top ten winners receive a prize at the end of each month. Every child has an opportunity to participate in this program with their own homework, worksheets provided, or educational computer programs.

The Culver Boys & Girls Club is located in the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3 to 6:50 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 for the year. There are scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 574-250-0103.

## Culverites on Ball State Dean's List

MUNCIE – Elyse Kelly, Samantha Lee, and Scarlett Russell of Culver earned the dean's list title from Ball State University during the fall, 2009 semester.

Ball State is a state-supported university with a current enrollment of about 20,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

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## ReStore offering scholarship to artist

PLYMOUTH — The Marshall County Habitat ReStore is offering to a high school senior a one-time scholarship of \$500 to create a design for the side of its 16 ft. box truck. The senior must be from a Marshall County high school and must have a talent to design an eye-catching picture that relates to one or more facets of the ReStore.

The ReStore is a discount outlet open to the public that sells donated building supplies, furniture and appliances to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity so it may continue to build homes in Marshall County for families in need.

More information can be obtained by going to the Web site: [Habitatomc.org](http://Habitatomc.org), e-mailing [habitatrestore@embarqmail.com](mailto:habitatrestore@embarqmail.com) or by visiting the ReStore at 116 S. Walnut St., Plymouth. Store hours are Wednesdays from 12 to 5 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Academies Selected for prestigious Equestrian Games

Culver Academies has accepted an invitation to participate in the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games' ([www.alltechfeigames.com](http://www.alltechfeigames.com)) opening ceremonies in September 2010, the first time ever the games will be held in the United States.

The 16-day event showcases world-class equestrian athletes competing for championships in eight equestrian sports: dressage, eventing, jumping, driving, endurance, reining, vaulting, and para-equestrian.

Interested readers may visit the Culver World Equestrian Games' page occasionally via [www.culver.org](http://www.culver.org) for the latest news and information about Culver Academies' participation in the world championship equestrian event featuring more than 800 athletes and 900 horses from more than 60 countries.



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## Culver rough riders

The Rough Riders horse team at Culver Academies presented a special exhibition January 23, the culmination of a week's work with equestrian acrobat and trainer Ricky Suarez.

In the photo above, Suarez shows two members of the Culver Rough Riders how to stand on their horses.

Suarez, who spent a year performing in the horsemanship spectacular "Cavalia," specializes in training horses and riders for acrobatic stunts. His family has been working with horses in this specialized field since 1872.

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(water) as non-owners.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and Indiana Department of Health all approved the plans, Aker said. He testified he had “no doubt at all it will work in conjunction with Lake Maxinkuckee...we’ve designed (storm and sanitary sewer) to be 100 percent contained

probability” the wetland areas could overflow, adding that would require three to four and a half-foot of extra water to the area. Instead, he said, “it doesn’t appear the water overflow will leave the (Aker) site... it will percolate into the ground. None of the water will be channeled into Lake Maxinkuckee or the Kline wetland area.”

Aerotech system, Papczynski added, is in place in municipalities throughout the country.

Attorney Snyder focused much of his questioning regarding the septic system on what would happen should it fail; Monaghan acknowledged any sanitary sewage overflow would end up in on-site wetlands. Papczynski, questioned by Snyder, admitted the largest sewage flow handled to date by Aerotech is 3,000 gallons per day, a significantly lesser amount than the 25,000 gallons per day the Aker system is designed for. The Aker plan, said Papczynski, ties together multiple 3,000-gallon systems in order to accommodate the large capacity here, a plan he said has not been put into action elsewhere.

### Collins testifies

Also testifying at the hearing was contractor Alan Collins of Construction Management and Design, Inc., who said he’s been in the construction business for 39 years all across northern Indiana as well as in other states. Collins described the economic viability of the project, countering opposition attorneys’ suggestions that the PUD’s lack of lake access makes it less likely to sell to prospective buyers. He said the proximity to the lake, small lots maintained by hired help rather than owners, the PUD’s amenities, and a purchase price per housing unit (which he estimated between \$450,000 and \$500,000) considerably less than million-dollar plus lake homes all make the project likely to succeed economically. Attorney Welch had noted, during cross-examination of Aker, that some PUD-type projects in the Lake Maxinkuckee area had failed to sell in recent years, which Welch suggested is due to their lack of direct lake access.

After asking Collins to

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describe the multiple other construction projects he’s headed in the Culver area, attorney Welch inquired as to whether Collins has had any “litigation or administrative enforcement proceedings come out of these projects,” which Collins initially replied he had not.

Welch, however, queried him on specifics of a south shore project in which he said enforcement proceedings began against Collins. Collins defended his actions in that case as well as a disagreement between himself and IDEM last year at a Sycamore Road project, and an earlier pier dispute in which he was involved at Collins’ Bayside Condominium project in Culver.

Attorney Jones also shared with Lucos copies of a petition he said contained some 100 signatures of people supporting establishment of the conservancy district. Aker acknowledged, after being questioned by attorney Welch, that some signers were Aker’s employees.

### Remonstrations

Several employees of JF New took the stand, including Culver resident and JF New central regional office manager Chris Kline, who outlined the history of the Kline wetlands, adjacent to the proposed conservancy district.

Kline said JF New had been conducting work on the wetlands almost since the firm’s 1989 establishment, sampling the water there over the ensuing years and helping develop a watershed management plan for the entire lake in 2005. He said the wetlands existed on the lake prior to 19th-century European settlement here and that the earliest existent maps show the wetlands as well. He noted the wetlands appear to have been first ditched around 1930. The Indiana DNR purchased 80 acres of the wetland in 1976, he added. Studies from the

1980s showed the Kline ditch was the main nutrient source for lake-harming phosphorus, and a large project ensued to restore the wetland as a result.

The LMEC, Kline said, raised over \$200,000 and the DNR some \$20,000 for a restoration project at the wetlands completed in late 1991. Studies from 1999 showed “significant improvements” in water quality and clarity there, he continued, adding an additional \$37,000 came from the state to stabilize the dyke there around 1999, he added. Kline also said agricultural runoff continues to stress Kline ditch at the wetlands’ inlet, though the wetlands remain an important filter for water coming into Lake Maxinkuckee.

Botanist and Ecological Resource Specialist for JF New, Scott Namestnik testified he was involved in a site assessment in 2009 at the Kline wetlands and discussed the overall quality of the area on a number of levels. He said development in general in the “extremely fragile and interconnected” ecosystem of the area causes degradation of the wetlands, adding the Kline wetlands are important in filtering harmful sediments before they reach Lake Maxinkuckee. Asked by attorney Snyder, Namestnik said addition of nutrients or sediment on the proposed PUD property would likely have a negative effect to wetlands on that property.

During his cross-examination, attorney Jones pointed out Namestnik’s findings show the Kline wetland areas closest to the Aker-owned marina property are actually the highest quality areas. Namestnik also agreed with Jones that if proper steps were taken during construction of the PUD, the wetland would not be affected by the work.

JF New employee and professional engineer Andrew Bender testified he

had reviewed plans for the proposed district’s cluster septic system. He said a reserve area “to account for any kind of failure in the system” could be set aside by developers – though doing so, he said, is not required by law – to best protect the wetlands and local ecology.

“If there’s failure in the system,” he said, “(the waste water has) no place to go and would directly impact the folks living there.”

Bender also said some waste affluent from the district would likely enter the soil there and could migrate off the property towards the lake, though he acknowledged he couldn’t tell whether it would do so or not. He also said the proposed septic system is “a good system” provided it’s maintained properly, adding it appears the majority of water runoff from streets and driveways at the PUD will stay on the site.

The small wetlands on the proposed PUD site, Bender added, are important parts of the health of the 8,000-plus acre Maxinkuckee watershed, adding compliance with minimum state requirements during construction alone are likely not enough to protect the Kline wetlands and those on the proposed site.

Attorney Jones noted Bender’s concerns were “not shared by the state board of health,” adding the users of septic systems currently on the lake pay for the maintenance and operation of those systems, just as would be the case at the PUD site.

The remonstrance side of the hearing also presented the Commission with petitions signed by over 700 people opposed to the conservancy district.



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The proximity of the Kline wetlands, pictured here, to a proposed development site is central to the debate outlined at last week’s hearing.

within our property.”

There is provision for two more phases of the project beyond what has been specifically proposed, said Aker, though no specific plans have been made.

Under cross-examination by Snyder, Aker acknowledged he wasn’t sure the exact cost of operating the septic system. Disputing the claim that the proposed conservancy district and its septic system will be beneficial, attorney Snyder pointed out the current marina septic is cost-free and added the new system will create a monthly fee the marina will have to pay. He suggested the only benefit to the conservancy district would be to developers for creation of the PUD.

Snyder also noted sewers had been installed elsewhere on the lake’s east shore as a replacement for septic systems on the lake, asking Aker if he felt the proposed system was “a very large septic system” as opposed to a sewer system proper.

### Detailing sewer treatment

Aker replied the system would be a “treatment plant,” explaining there would be four retention ponds with weirs to contain emergency overflow should a heavy rainfall take place.

Aker said he didn’t know if overflow from the site could leave his property via ground water, though he insisted it wouldn’t reach nearby Kline wetlands. He also answered a query from Snyder as to whether efforts for erosion control should go beyond the minimum requirements “because of the sensitive nature of the adjacent property (Kline wetlands),” that extra effort could be made during construction if deemed necessary.

The PUD development team introduced three witnesses to discuss specifics of their plans to handle storm and sanitary sewer in the district. Registered soil scientist Tim Monaghan, of Lang, Feeney, & Associates, said he had identified wetlands on the property, and his findings had been concurred by the Army Corps of Engineers in Indianapolis. Monaghan detailed the proposed flow of storm water on the property already touched upon by Aker, noting storm water is treated for sediment control before entering on-site wetlands, which he said would be the “final repository” for storm water.

Monaghan also said the proposed system is designed to hold up under a 100-year storm event, defined in Marshall County as about 5.5 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. He acknowledged a “pretty small