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In Brief

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.

VFW Friday meal

Culver's VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will present another of its Friday dinners on February 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington Street in Culver. Half-slab ribs are \$9 and whole slab \$17. Steak dinners are \$12, and tip boards are available during dinner. Doors are open to the public, which is encouraged to enjoy a great meal with great friends without having to spend a lot of money.

CUTPL 'Fancy Nancy Tea Party' Feb. 20

Put a party dress on, dig out the feather boa and head down to the Culver-Union Township Public Library for the second annual "Fancy Nancy Tea Party" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. The party will take place in the children's room, and guests are encouraged to come adorned in their "fanciest" attire. Tea and fancy snacks will be provided, followed by a storytime featuring a "Fancy Nancy" title and concluding with a super fancy craft. This event is free and open to anyone ages three to 12. Fancy moms, fancy aunts, fancy grandmas, or any other fancy ladies are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the Culver Public Library at 574-842-2941.

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 services.

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Carrying on the 'Washington neighborhood' legacy

Representing four of the six generations of Klines to occupy land central to what was once the Culver-area 'Washington Neighborhood' are, front row left to right, Frank Kline, his great-grandfather the late Wayne Kline, father Chris Kline, Patrick Kline, and Wayne's son Bob Kline. Pictured at right* is an early 20th century photo of the Washington School in its heyday. At top,** well-known local artist Esther Powers Miller's watercolor of the school, on Queen Road, in the past decade, before it was eventually torn down.

Culver schools grapple with six-figure cuts

Officials outline plans to cut costs, solicit public input

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As cuts and rumors of cuts fly in surrounding Indiana towns and cities, the Culver Community School corporation hopes to assure parents and citizens of what isn't getting cut in local public schools.

Contrary to some of those rumors, for example, there are no plans to cut sports, band, and extra-curricular activities, says school superintendent Brad Schuldt. He and school treasurer Tom Bendy, working with the school board, are considering best means of handling Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' announcement this past December of Tuition Support cuts to education. Such cuts affect public schools' General Fund, which pays for the corporation's salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, property insurance, vocational programs, and special education programs, says Schuldt.

"One of the common misunderstandings people sometimes have," he explains, "is (thinking) we can mix and match these funds. People can't understand how we can cut one area, but renovate a gymnasium or other area. The General fund is the only one affected by cuts, but it's also a major portion of our total budget."

The General Fund is one of six funds from which the school draws monies. Others include the Debt Service fund (which cover the corporation's Lease Rental loan payments), the Retirement and Severance Bond fund (covering teacher pension bond loan payments), the Capital Projects fund (which covers purchase of land, buildings, and building repairs, technology, tech department salaries, and some utilities), the Transportation fund (bus driver salaries and benefits, bus fuel and maintenance), and the School Bus Replacement fund (covering replacement of buses).

As is apparent above, proposals to make cuts in spending on buildings and transportation, for example, will be of little value in aiding the specific needs covered in the General Fund.

In 2010, Culver's school corporation was to receive \$7,829,419 in Tuition Support, Schuldt says. After state cuts, that number will be \$7,472,239, a \$357,180 cut, which works out to 4.6 percent of the General Fund revenue. The school had, as of January 1, \$340,855 in its General Fund; between its cash balance and Rainy Day fund, the corporation, Schuldt notes, has over \$1 million in reserve, though he says spending will still have to be brought down to match the corporation's revenue. That's all the more true since he and Bendy see this as a two year process stretched over 2010 and 2011.

School officials may have to dig in for the long haul. Though the state expressed hope the 2011 budget could be kept current – and even hinted things could get better by then – it was announced last week state rev-

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School board examines renovations, student options

Bobbie Washburn Ruhnow

The Culver Community School's board of trustees have reorganized for 2010 with Jack Jones, president, Eugene Baker, vice-president and Ed Wentzel, secretary. Their Monday evening meeting dealt primarily with financial issues and approving a calendar for 2011.

The board did hear a brief presentation from Greg Saal, Stair Associates, regarding renovation of the Culver High School auditorium. Projecting a possible cost of \$200,000, Saal said the 742 seats placed in 1968 would be replaced with ergonomically correct seating of approximately 720. There would be some lighting changes, carpet replacement and general cleaning of the railings. He also suggested that the tiles be checked for asbestos. Some enhancements to the sound and video projector could be considered in a future project. Old seats could be recycled for a profit of \$500 to \$1,000.

Brad Schuldt, superintendent, told the board the presentation was informational only at this point. Funds could be taken from the Rainy Day fund, but until the 2011 budget is prepared in May through July, it won't be known if the project is feasible at this time. The board voted to approve Stair Associates providing a schematic drawing for consideration and Schuldt will contact a firm to inspect the existing tiles in the auditorium for asbestos.

Schuldt said two options for the 2011 school year were presented for review. Option A would provide two non-student days for professional development for teachers. School would be dismissed every Friday at 2:35 PM. Option B would include more snow days and if not used,

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Kline retirement caps six generations

Bob Kline retires after 40 years' service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

With more than 40 years of serving local and area residents to his name, there aren't many Culverites who aren't at least familiar with Bob Kline. That's due in part to his longevity – he started working at State Exchange Insurance in January, 1969 – in part to his visibility not only in insurance but in volunteering and service over the years in the community, and in part to his personality.

"Some are introverts," smiles Kline, who retired from Miller/Norcen Insurance on Main Street this past December. "And some are extroverts. I'm definitely an extrovert. I think that's why for 40 years I enjoyed working in the insurance business."

Over the years, Kline has earned a collection of industry awards as well as recognition as Business Person of the Year in

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The Klines of Washington neighborhood

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Bob Kline and wife Carolyn, as reported in this issue's article on Bob's retirement this past December, continue to occupy land – as does their son Chris and his family – which has belonged to their family now for six generations and over 150 years.

In fact, the family, along with a small handful of others, made up one of several smaller "communities-within-a-community" in the Culver area, well-known for many years as the Washington neighborhood, complete with its own school, cemetery, and no less than two churches.

There likely aren't many in the Culver area who don't know at least someone with the last name Kline. All descend from the same roots: Debolt and Elizabeth Kline, German immigrants who arrived near Lake Maxinkuckee in 1859, paying \$5,000 for a number of acres of farmland on Queen Road in the area south of 18B Road and generally centered near 20th Road.

Debolt and Elizabeth had nine children, including William Kline, whose wife Effie would give birth to Wayne Kline. Wayne and Ruth, in turn, were parents to present-day resident Bob Kline, who with wife Carolyn had children Chris and Jenny. Today, Jenny is an oncologist-hematologist in In-

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2000 by Culver's Chamber of Commerce. He's also earned the friendship and affection of generations of folks from Culver and beyond. During the State Exchange Insurance years, the company had offices in Lapaz, Argos, Plymouth, and Bremen, before expanding in later years into Starke and Pulaski Counties after it acquired the First National Bank of Monterey's insurance agency.

Kline is one of many who benefited from the widely acclaimed wisdom, business acumen, and community spirit of longtime State Exchange head W.O. Osborn, a giant in Culver for much of the 20th century.

"I worked with Mr. Osborn from 1969 to 1975," recalls Kline. "I learned a great deal on how to treat people. Mr. Osborn's philosophy was, no matter what size the account, give service to all who request, without discretion. If service is provided, the customer will remain loyal to the organization."

In 1985, State Exchange Insurance became the Norcen Insurance Agency, he says, and in 2000 merged into Miller-Norcen; through it all, Kline was part of the organization.

Robert W. Kline graduated from Culver High School in 1955 and Purdue University in 1959. He grew up tending the family dairy farm on Queen Road, land which continues in the Kline name into the sixth generation (see accompanying article this page).

"My childhood days were filled with dairy chores and 4H," Kline wrote in the early 1980s. "I have fond memories of the neighborhood friends, the Curtises - Jean, Bob, and Warren. Our family was very active in the Mt. Hope Methodist Church, and our social activities centered around the church."

After graduating college, Kline worked briefly at the Continental Bank in Chicago before his 1962 marriage to Carolyn Boswell and return to the family farm in Culver. Boswell, also raised in Culver, would become a teacher at both Culver High School and Culver Academies for over four decades. She taught for 17 years starting in 1962 at the public school and later teaching English and serving as Dean of Girls at the Academies until her 2002 retirement.

Carolyn's father, Hampton Boswell, was a longtime member of the State Exchange Bank and Insurance families, and "taught me the nuts and bolts of the insurance business" as a mentor, says Bob.

As might be expected, Bob Kline has witnessed a great many changes in the insurance business over the years. "In earlier years," he explains, "the insurance agency issued insurance policies in our office for the customer, where today all the policies are issued either online or by the underwriting insurance offices at the company level. There's been a lot of change with less people contact and more computer technology."

Over his many years in business in Culver, Bob Kline's face also became familiar to many by way of his service as a charter member of Culver's now-defunct but once very active Jaycees, membership (and for a time, presidency) in Culver's Chamber of Commerce, as a charter member of Culver's Kiwanis Club, Culver's Second Century Committee, and as an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. He's also, Kline adds, a Master Gardener "with a huge garden. I love to grow my own vegetables."

That garden will likely get a bit more attention now that Kline has retired. Though he and Carolyn plan to travel, he says they'll keep Culver as a home base, and will stay "very much involved" with their six grandchildren, four of whom are next-door neighbors, the children of Chris and Kathleen Kline occupying historic Kline family land.

And it should come as no surprise that Carolyn and Bob, ever the extrovert, also plan to stay involved in the Culver community which they've served faithfully for so long.

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could give students a four day vacation in addition to present vacation time. Presently, professional development is presented on weekends at extra cost to the corporation. Administrators and the CTA were in favor of Option A which was approved by the board with Chris Kline dissenting. The school year will be 180 days with August 16 2011 the beginning date for teachers, August 17, 2011, students will report. Graduation will remain the first week in June.

Financial issues were discussed in depth as outlined in the Culver Citizen. "Saving a dollar here and there, saves jobs.", Schuldt told the trustees. Some immediate savings realized were surprisingly simple Schuldt noted. Chuck Kitchell, changed the color of paper towels from white to brown cutting the cost in half. Ink jet cartridges cost \$5,000 and paper memos to faculty and patrons will be replaced by e-mail. Three teachers are retiring and one custodian and these positions will not be filled. One of these teachers is Mr. Schmidt, Industrial Technology, and this program will be discontinued. These four positions vacated will save \$110,000. Discussions will be held with the Culver Teacher's Association regarding the \$75,000 earmarked for raises in 2011. CCS is a self-insured entity and possible changes in insurance coverage and costs will be discussed. Professional leave policies will be changed. Mileage reimbursement will be reduced and no overnight lodging provided unless distance prohibits a round trip in one day. Public input on programs and cost saving ideas will be scheduled in the coming months.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board members extended their congratulations to the Culver High School Wrestling team who were outstanding in the Sectional and Regional events. Three team members will compete in the Semi-finals with hopes of continuing to the State champi-

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enue for January was already \$75 million less than anticipated, which means 2011 could be even worse than 2010.

On the one hand, it's obvious Culver schools don't stand to lose as much as some larger corporations making headlines of late, due in part, at least, to the small size of the local school system.

However, Schuldt says Culver is worse off in some ways than other corporations in that property taxes helped support all six of the school system's funds up to two years ago, when Indiana lowered its property taxes. At the time, Schuldt expressed concern to the Citizen that funding for what turned out to be the state takeover of public schools' General Fund would be derived from state income and sales tax. Both of those revenue streams are unstable and of course have been affected greatly by the recession of the past few years.

Even though Culver schools have one of the lowest school tax rates in the state, according to Schuldt (at 40 cents), prior to the shift in property tax rates "we had a real nice tax base for our General Fund and a community that supported education. That local control has been taken away and sent down to Indianapolis, and the funding's not there."

So what are some of the bottom-line changes the Culver school corporation intends to enact towards making necessary cuts?

Whenever possible, Schuldt says, the corporation isn't replacing employees who leave. Out of four retirements this semester (one in Special Education, one in Foreign Language, one in Industrial Technology, and one in Custodial), three will not be replaced and one will be replaced at a lower wage. In fact, the Industrial Tech program will be temporarily suspended.

"That's one way for schools to recover," Schuldt explains. "You can bring in younger teachers who make less money when your top-pay people retire." The schools are also working to conserve energy

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Ancilla sophomores (front, from left) Lauren Shepherd and Sophia Baldwin and (back, from left) Tiffany Leyva and Brittany Adkins were all "pinked up" ready for the "Chargers for Change" fundraiser Saturday.

Culver grad glad to help make a difference

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

DONALDSON — When the ball is thrown up for tip off on Ancilla College's game with Kankakee Valley Community College Saturday, Feb. 20 it will have a little more meaning for one Lady Chargers sophomore.

The game is the school's annual fundraiser for Marshall County's Ounce of Prevention Foundation — raising awareness and raising money to help cure breast cancer.

Culver's Tiffany Leyva has lived through losing her mother to cancer two years ago. While dealing with her mother's cervical cancer, Leyva was left dealing with her own pain and suffering dealing with the news.

"She tried to hide it from us, me and my brothers," said Leyva. "The first time she just told us she had to go to Indy. The doctor was just going to do something real quick and that it was no big deal. The second time she had to have surgery it was before a family trip to Orlando. I came in the room behind her and she was looking up Web sites for cancer on the computer. That's when she told me what was going on."

For a high school student, it was big awakening. "I knew that I was going to have to step it up," she said. "I knew that I was going to have to do the best I could to take care of my brothers now. My older brother (Tony, now 19 and a college student himself) wasn't going to be able to take care of them. I had an 8-year-old brother (Ethan, now 10) and a 3-year-old brother (Shane, now 5). I was going to have to step it up and take care of them."

The task hasn't been easy but it was one that Tiffany wanted to undertake to honor her Mother's memory.

"She was a caring, loving mother and even when she was sick it just never slowed her down," she said. "She never showed that she was in pain and she never wanted us to worry about her. She was just so open and easy going and cared about everybody. She was just so easy to open up to. If anybody had any problems of any kind our door was always open for them."

It means a lot to Leyva to be able to help others who are living with cancer.

"I feel great to be able to do something to help because I know what it feels like and I know what people are going through," she said. "There isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss my mom and everything she was. I understand what people feel."

by reducing temperatures in the various corporation buildings, turning off lights when gymnasiums and classrooms aren't in use, and developing policies on leaving computer monitors and machines off when not in use. There's also an extensive effort to cut costs in supplies, from moving to less expensive paper towels and replacing some with blow dryers in restrooms, to probable discontinuation of the corporation newsletter.

In the area of printing costs, in fact, the corporation intends to work towards using computer technology as the more primary means of communicating with parents (rather than through paper messages), sending out mass emails and utilizing automatic telephoning options. Network laser printers will replace higher-cost inkjet printing as well.

Unlike some area schools, professional leave requests will not be cut, but the school will no longer reimburse staff for any part of such trips except cost of the program and mileage.

While some corporations are looking at laying off teachers, Schuldt says so far there's no plans to do so in Culver.

"We'll try to do the best we can without harming the programs in existence," he adds, "but we will harm some." Schuldt and school officials have met with teachers at all the corporations schools, who he says "certainly understand the seriousness of the situation...they've been helpful with lots of good suggestions. They seem interested in trying to work through this."

There are possibilities of sharing teachers with other corporations, he notes, as well as alternative schools and distance learning as options on the table.

Lastly, Schuldt says parents are encouraged to give suggestions. "We're always looking for different, unique ideas that can help us."

Citizens are welcome to give input during the audience participation portion at school board meetings, or may email Schuldt at schuldt@culver.k12.in.us, board president Jack Jones at jones@culver.k12.in.us, or telephone the corporation office at 574-842-3364.

"Our plan is not a one-time decision (but) an ongoing process. The ultimate responsibility lies with the board, but I plan to make recommendations I think will cause the least amount of harm to the education process. The kids are first; that's our goal here."

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Death notices

Kinnane

Virginia A. Kinnane
Feb. 6, 2010

CULVER — Virginia A. Kinnane, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 at 5:35 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. She is survived by daughters Nancy (Charles) Cannon of Leiters Ford and Judith Dow; a son-in-law Bill Cox; a brother, Bob (Mary) Judnick of Dyer; a sister-in-law, Jeanie Judnick; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Following Virginia's wishes no services will be held. Memorial contributions in Virginia's name may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

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

Academies cellist wins competition

Eric Lee, principal cellist with the Culver Academies orchestra recently won the South Bend Youth Symphony Concerto Competition. He will perform the Haydn Cello Concerto in April as featured soloist with the orchestra. Lee placed earlier this month second among 20 soloists in the South Bend Symphony Competition, which carries a prize of \$300.

Community calendar

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

Fri., Feb. 19

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Culver Academies winter weekend leave begins
Friday meal sponsored by VFW Post 6919 Men's Auxiliary, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post

Sat., Feb. 20

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

'Fancy Nancy' party, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Census job testing, 1 to 4 p.m., Culver Public Library
Social Networking program, 1 p.m., Culver Public Library

Sun., Feb. 21

Open gym for adults, 1 to 3 p.m. (Sundays through March 7), Culver Middle School gymnasium
Lenten Service, 4 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Mon., Feb. 22

Free computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
DivorceCare, 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Culver Community School, 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Feb. 23

Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library

Weds., Feb. 24

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library
Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., depot-train station

Thurs., Feb. 25

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Obituary

Dorothy M. Miller

Aug. 8, 1924 — Feb. 11, 2010



CULVER — Dorothy M. Miller, 85, of Culver, peacefully went to be with her Lord Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 at the Mason Health Care Center in Warsaw.

Dorothy was born Aug. 8, 1924 to Howard and Addie Abbott in Rushville, Ill. where she was raised. After high school she studied to become a registered nurse. She met and married Harold Miller March 28, 1949 and moved to Culver in

1951.

Two children were born and survive her, Linda Johnston of Beaverton, Ore. and William Miller of Indianapolis, as does her husband, Harold Miller. She has four grandchildren: Eric and Kyle Johnston and Rebekah and Leah Miller. She is also survived by one sister, Ruth Roberts of Manteno, Ill.

She loved to do handcrafts and garden and loved her church even more. There she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and participated on the church board.

The family participated in a viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver.

The celebration of her life tookplace at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene in Winamac at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

Interment followed at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Winamac Church of the Nazarene missions fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

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Carrying on the tradition

Abbie Jeffirs of Plymouth, a freshman at Culver Girls Academy, shakes hands with Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton last month as part of CGA's annual Crest Ceremony, a cherished tradition at the school during which girls are formally inducted into CGA and given their Crest patch, an honor pin worn on their blazers.

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. 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.

Monday, Feb. 22: Ham and beans, pickled beets, cornbread and margarine, apple crisp, and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Pork Loin, peas, tossed salad and dressing, fruit cocktail, bread and margarine, and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Cheeseburger with pickle,

corn, green beans, bun, apricots, and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Beef cutlet with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and margarine, peaches, cookie, and milk.

Friday, Feb. 26: Stuffed baked potato, shredded cheese and sour cream, salad with French dressing, tomato and onion, lemon birthday cake, muffin, and milk.

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book sale

The first meeting of the Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library for 2010 will be Monday, March 1 at 1 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. New members are always welcome. The Friends' next book sale is slated for Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon both days. The group welcomes book donations any time; please bring to the main desk at the library. Those with questions may contact Charlotte Hahn at 574-842-3267.

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 or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

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 History Month with a unique display. The Sussanna 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.

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.

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 Town-

ship 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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Culver Comics brought baseball fame

Black History Month 2010

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

"The waiters had a good baseball team. It was out of the books. ER Culver used to follow us to our games in his big red Packard. Somebody got the suits for us. The name of the club was the Culver Comics. Coleman Jackson, a catcher, looked like Roy Campanella. (Roy 'Sheep' Scott) was an excellent first baseman, and I played third base. I wasn't too bad. I was on that hot corner. The fun we had kept the boys together." —Charles Dickerson, headwaiter at Culver Military Academy, 1909 – 1953

One local history mystery confronting some of us a few years back was the specific nature of an all-African American baseball team, based in Culver, called the Comics. It was obvious, when Thelma (Hodges) Moorehead, grand-daughter of iconic African-American Culverite Roy "Sheep" Scott shared a few clearly ancient photos of the team with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver a four or five years ago, that the team existed. For a time, the prevailing notion was that the team could have been part of the once-active Negro Leagues in Indiana, a group of baseball teams well-known in the segregated days before Jackie Robinson. The idea seemed odd even then, since most Negro League teams were from larger cities and gained a pretty wide following, though the name the Culver Comics was certainly in the tradition of Negro League monikers like the Indianapolis Clowns.

Information like that shared by Comics member Charles Dickerson in the quote above, from a 1968 edition of the *Culver Alumnus* Magazine, shed some light: the team was comprised of Culver Military Academy waiters. These men, initially made up of transplants from Mexico, Missouri circa 1897-1900 when the military academy there burned and the faculty and staff migrated to Culver, were an essential part of the CMA operation until the dining hall transitioned in 1958 to a "cafeteria style" system.

The existence of these African-American Culverites and their families made



Reprinted from a 1964 edition of the Citizen, this early 20th century photo shows (back row, left to right) Matthew Watkins, John Kiser, Charles Wade, Brooks Armstead, manager, Coleman Jackson, Alex Lyons, and Luther Whitted. Front row: Dave Baker, Roy Scott, and Charles Dickerson.

won 9 to 6.

This writer, at the age of 14, was the official scorer and he consulted the files of the Bourbon News-Mirror to refresh his memory.

Ed River, the genial druggist at Bourbon, had window cards printed that read, "Rufas, Rastus Johnson Brown, the Culver Comics are coming to Bourbon town," and it drew a crowd of 400 horses and buggies and Overland, Maxwell, and

up a sizeable community-within-a-community in Culver which contributed to Culver's having the first integrated high school team in Indiana and made for some of Culver's most beloved and respected citizens for several decades.

A 1960 *Alumnus* article on Dickerson's retirement describes the team as "the waiters' Sunday afternoon baseball team" and confirms "one of their more avid fans was Chairman of the Board E.R. Culver, Sr., who followed the team to Winamac, North Judson, Delong, Knox, and South Bend in his big red Packard." As in the article to follow, the Comics apparently played against white teams, one assumes an unusual situation even in Northern Indiana in the early decades of the 20th century.

Veteran Hoosier journalist Robert "Bob" Kyle — who wrote for newspapers ranging from Indianapolis to New York City, besides the tenure of his popular "It Must be the Lake Water" column in the *Culver Citizen* in decades past — recalled in the August 19, 1964 edition of the *Citizen* his memories of the Comics, which sheds even more light on the team. Here's Kyle's article:

In 1912 the Culver Comics Brought Baseball Fame to Culver.

"Rufas, Rastus Johnson Brown, What You Goin' to do When the Rent Comes 'Round," etc., triggered one of the most eventful bush-league baseball games ever held in Northern Indiana back in 1912.

The Culver Comics played the Bourbon Ath-

letic Club, which Bourbon

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Name that Culver "citizen"



Left: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Patty Stallings, then and now.



Right: this week's mystery citizen.

Last week's Mystery Citizen, as noted last week, has been part of the Culver community for decades and in the past one has been active in a variety of community organizations and endeavors. She's Patty Stallings, and Kate Marshall, Scott Huberty, and Lynn Overmyer recognized her as such in last week's issue.

Also, Guy Ott correctly guessed our "Where in the World is the Culver Citizen" photo of Hoover Dam from a few

weeks back.

This week's Mystery Citizen is quite visible in at least two endeavors in the area. 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.



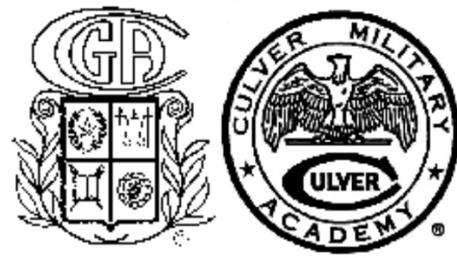
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Sports



Cavs' Hurford moves on to state



Matt Hurford

MERRILLVILLE — Culver Community fielded three wrestlers at the semi-state for high school wrestlers at Merrillville Saturday, including Dalton Overmyer at 112, Robert Molebash — who'll make his second straight semistate appearance at 171 — and 189-pound freshman phenom Matt Hurford, who moved on to the state competition.

Hurford burst onto the high school wrestling scene with sectional and regional championships in his first go in the state tournament — he won his Rochester Regional championship by pinfall two weeks ago — but has already been wrestling for eight years in freestyle and folkstyle camps and tournaments.

"My first couple years were kind of like I didn't know how the sport was and didn't know if I liked it, but I've gotten into it in the past few years," Hurford said.

Hurford led a trio of Cavaliers into semistate, a big accomplishment for the Class A program, the significance of which hasn't been lost on the freshman.

"It feels great," he said. "It just shows how a little school with not a lot of numbers on their team can turn out if they show up and wrestle hard in practice every day and at meets."

Hurford continued his strong season with a second-place finish at 189 behind Delphi's Braden Atwood at Saturday's semi-state and will also make the trip to the state meet Friday.

Girls basketball

CGA beats Elkhart Christian

Freshman forward Andrijana Cvitkovic scored 21, while Kylee Shipley and Brenna Newell chipped in 17 and 14 points, respectively, and Culver Girls Academy handed Elkhart Christian a 74-37 shellacking Jan. 29.

Cvitkovic led CGA in rebounds with 15 as the Lady Eagles out-boarded ECA 51-33, and she dished out another team-leading six assists.

• CGA 74, ECA 37
At Culver

Score by quarters
ECA: 3 12 27 37
CGA: 16 36 53 74

ECA (37): Lexi Rambadt 3-1 0-0 9, Kayley Baughman 3-2 5-6 17, Ali Bigler 0-0 0-0 0, Erin Walsworth 1-0 0-0 2, Alexis Lyon 0-0 0-0 0, Briell Deardorff 0-0 0-2 0, Emily Peterson 1-0 2-6 4, Caitlin Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Natalie Allen 2-0 1-4 5, Annalisa Puckett 0-0 0-0 0, Hailey Fultz 0-0 0-0 0, Dora Jongsma 0-0 0-0 0; TOTALS: 10-3 8-18 37.

CGA (74): Alexis Christlieb 2-0 0-0 4, Kenzie Ungar 0-0 0-0 0, Katie Gawor 1-0 0-0 2, Andrea Lin 0-0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 7-0 3-3 17, Moira Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Brenna Newell 7-0 0-0 14, Annie Morsches 1-0 0-0 2, Erica Sims 3-0 0-2 6, Casey Hall 1-0 0-2 2, Lindsay Haller 1-0 0-0 0, Monique Novoa 2-0 0-0 4, Andrijana Cvitkovic 9-1 0-0 21; TOTALS 34-1 3-7 74.

Shooting: ECA 13-of-52 (25 percent), CGA 35-of-73 (48 percent); Rebounds: ECA 33 (Peterson 5); CGA 51 (Cvitkovic 15); Fouls (fouled out): ECA 7 (none), CGA 20 (none); Assists: ECA 0, CGA 17 (Cvitkovic 6); Turnovers: ECA 21, CGA 13.

Lady Cavs lose early lead at Hebron sectional

HEBRON — Culver grabbed an early 10-3 lead in the first quarter but couldn't hold on in a 53-42 loss to Winamac at the Class 2A Hebron Girls Basketball Sectional Thursday.

The Lady Cavaliers racked up 22 fouls, and Winamac converted 19 of 29 charity tosses compared to a 9-of-17 mark from the stripe by Culver. The Lady Warriors used a 20-11 second frame to take a slight 23-21 lead into halftime after their slow start.

Allie DeFries led all scorers with 19 points for Winamac, while Ellie Kiser hit four 3s en route to 18 for the game. Gwen Zehner led Culver with 15 points, while Nicole Carnegie chipped in 8 and Alison Zehner and Whitney Sanders both chipped in seven.

Winamac moves on to face North Newton in the semifinals at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Culver Comm-unity finishes out a tough season at 10-11.

• WINAMAC 53, CULVER COMMUNITY 42
At Class 2A Hebron Sectional

Score by quarters
Winamac: 3 23 27 53
Culver: 10 21 25 42

CULVER (42): Nicole Carnegie 2 4-8 8, Susannah Baker 1 0-1 2, Whitney Sanders 3 1-3 7, Alison Zehner 3 1-2 7, Gwen Zehner 6 3-3 15, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3, Erin Bau 0 0-0 0, Ali Overmyer 0 0-0 0; Totals: 16 9-17 42.

WINAMAC (53): Jordan Brandt 0 9-10 9, Whitney Schmicker 2 0-0 4, Katy Sommers 0 1-5 1, Hayley Harper 0 0-0 0, Allie DeFries 8 3-8 19, Sarah Redweik 0 2-2 2, Ellie Kiser 5 4-4 18, Stef McGovern 0 0-0 0; Totals: 15 19-29 53.

3-point goals: Culver 1 (Miller 1), Winamac 4 (Kiser 4); Rebounds: Culver 26, Winamac 25; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 22 (Sanders), Winamac 18 (none); Records: Winamac 15-6, Culver Community 10-11 (final).

Sports briefs

Girls swimming

CGA's Potter earns state berth at Warsaw

WARSAW — Kenzie Miller and Alayna Holmquest led Plymouth with championships in both the 200 IM and 100 backstroke and the diving competition, respectively, while Culver Girls Academy placed second behind Warsaw with 223 points, Plymouth finished fourth with 166, Oregon-Davis was 10th with 12 points, and Argos' Kelsey Strahla grabbed three points for the Dragons at the Warsaw Girls Swim Sectional finals Feb. 6.

Miller dominated the field in her individual events, swimming a 2:05.33 to outpace CGA freshman Lauryn Robinson by nearly 16 seconds, and she turned in a 56.64 to win the 100 back. She thus

qualifies for the state meet Feb. 5 at the IUPUI Natatorium in both events; it will mark her third state appearance in multiple events in three years at Plymouth.

Catherine Potter earned CGA its lone berth in the 100 freestyle, where she finished first with a 57.53, while Michelle Tanke-Juska just missed a berth in second in the 500.

• WARSAW GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL

At Warsaw

Team scores: 1. WARSAW 284, 2. CGA 223, 3. LOGANSPOUT 192, 4. PLYMOUTH 166, 5. (TIE) COLUMBIA CITY, HUNTINGTON NORTH 151, 7. ROCHESTER 104, 8. TIPPECANOE VALLEY 45, 9. WABASH 32, 10. OREGON-DAVIS 12, 11. ARGOS 3.

200 medley relay: 1. Warsaw 1:55.18 (Erica Gauger, Ava Donovan, Leah Moore, Audrey Petro), 2. Plymouth 1:59.51 (Kenzie Miller, Dani Wise, Allyson Gergely, Morgan Gay), 3. Huntington North 2:00.29 (Mariah Patrick, Cassie Hacker, Andrea Okuly, Sara Karst); 200 free: 1. Peyton Zehner (L) 1:59.56, 2. Karst (HN) 2:05.12, 3. Gergely (P) 2:07.14,

6. Sophia Grazian (CGA) 2:10.73; 200 IM: 1. Miller (P) 2:05.33, 2. Lauryn Robinson (CGA) 2:21.22, 3. Gauger (War) 2:26.90, 5. Betsy Whitfield (CGA) 2:32.11; 50 free: 1. Petro (War) 25.42, 2. Morgan McCloskey (L) 26.02, 3. Carly Shultz (R) 26.46, 5. Michele Tanke-Juska (CGA) 27.02;

Diving: 1. Alayna Holmquest (P) 308.60, 2. Quinn Bixler (R) 293.95, 3. Kelsie Thomas (Wab) 293.00, 6. Emma Pettinga (CGA) 287.35, 8. Holly Overmyer (P) 278.80, 12. Andrea Canacci (CGA) 225.75; 100 butterfly: 1. Haley Richter (CC) 57.06, 2. Moore (War) 59.49, 3. Robinson (CGA) 103.39, 4. Gergely (P) 1:04.50; 100 free: 1. Catherine Potter (CGA) 57.53, 2. Hacker (HN) 57.61, 3. Marisa Vogel (War) 58.54, 6. Jaime Powell (CGA) 1:03.03; 500 free: 1. Zehner (L) 5:29.87, 2. Tanke-Juska (CGA) 5:35.54, 3. Karst (HN) 5:44.90, 4. Grazian (CGA) 5:47.45; 200 free relay: 1. Warsaw 1:44.83 (Vogel, Claire Wack, Moore, Petro), 2. Huntington North 1:48.63 (Okuly, Patrick, Karst, Hacker), 3. Columbia City 1:49.19 (Richter, Rachel Hartman, Holly Kyler, Celine Rongos), 5. CGA 1:53.19 (Powell, Carson Canonie, Anna Zaccaria, Whitfield); 100 backstroke: 1. Miller (P) 56.64, 2. Richter (CC) 56.88, 3. Potter (CGA) 1:04.29; 100 breast-

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Mock arrests, safety part of students' experience

On Thursday, February 4, Culver Community High School and other area students in Knox-based SCILL Center Auto Tech Classes were visited by Indiana State Troopers Steve Vanderaa and Rick Hudson (above, right) from the Indiana State Police, who presented safe driving classes to students in both the morning and afternoon sessions. The students were riveted, listening to stories of horrendous car crashes due to speed, drugs, alcohol and driver inattention. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Imagine the looks on students' faces when students from each class were surprised with a mock arrest and carried out of the school in handcuffs (it even scared the instructors a little)! Officer Vanderaa informed the class, but also had fun, and by the end of class had made friends with all of the students. At the end of class students were allowed to ask questions. Though some were a little edgy, all students were answered in a straight-forward and tactful manner by competent professionals.

BEAM to hold fundraisers for food banks

By Carol Anders
Correspondent

MARSHALL COUNTY — A local youth philanthropy board has two upcoming projects that they are hoping the communities within Marshall County will embrace.

BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County) is made up of 18 high school students representing every school in Marshall County. The group was created under the umbrella of the Marshall County Community Foundation during the spring of 2008 through an endowment from the Lilly Scholarship Fund. MCCF named its fund "Pennies from Heaven."

BEAM members will be canvassing their respective schools and communities for donations of cereal to be donated to food banks throughout the county. The idea came out of a brain-storming session where each member was asked to identify what kind of cereal they are most like. The project is directed towards aiding the food banks to provide for the needy in Marshall.

Additionally, due to the generosity of John Zeglis of Culver, the group has 500 tickets to a Mad Ants Basketball game Sunday, March 14. Zeglis, owner of the Fort Wayne Mad Ants NBA Development League Team, has donated the tickets to BEAM. BEAM members will be seeking youth-oriented groups to partner with them to sell the tickets, with the profits split between groups.

According to Bruce Jennings, BEAM advisor, the partnerships will help benefit local youth charities. Jennings said, "We (BEAM) will be passing on the service spirit to other youths."

Interested groups will be screened by the BEAM officers to help ensure that the service criterion is met.

Initial promotions for the fundraisers will be Mad Ants "clips" shown on school announcements or at convocations.

Current members of the BEAM board include: Linda Cramer, LaVille; Bryant Davenport, Triton; Shelby Dirrim, Bremen; Andy Langdon, Plymouth; Nathan Niswander, Culver Community; Nathaniel O'Dell, John Glenn; Anna Rich, Culver Academies; Kelli-Jo Stachurski, Argos; Wes Doody, LaVille; Kailyn Weiss, Bremen; Zach West, Grace Baptist; Danielle Wolfe, John Glenn; Bryton Hiatt, Plymouth; T.J. Mechling, Grace Baptist; Madi Williams, Argos; Cheryl Slabaugh, Triton; Patrick Felke, Plymouth; and Luke Kucera, Culver Academies.

Jennings is the principal of Bremen High School. When he was the president of the Marshall County Community Foundation board, Jennings began working on the idea of involving youth. He, along with Stasha Dirrim, formed a task force in 2007 to present the recommendation for a group such as BEAM to the Executive Board.

Once approved, applications were taken for membership. In two short years, the group adopted bylaws and established themselves as a not-for-profit organization as a subset of the MCCF, and adopted a logo and a mission statement.

BEAM member Andy Langdon said, "My hope for BEAM is that it establishes a connection between the high schools and cities in Marshall County by building off of an ability that we all share-service."

Current BEAM president Nathaniel O'Dell has a dream for the future of the organization. O'Dell said, "My personal vision of BEAM is that 15 years from now, BEAM will be a name that is recognized in every household in Marshall County. I'll know we've been successful when the image of

BEAM that pops into the mind of every Marshall County resident is an image of youth servicing their community to make it a better place."

For more information on BEAM, contact Jennings at bjennings@bps.K12.in.us or the Marshall County Community Foundation at 574-935-5159 or info@marshallcountycf.org.

CCHS' Valdez is SCILL center student of the month

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KNOX — The SCILL Center is pleased to announce the Student-of-the-Month recipients for the month of January.

Alexandria Valdez from Culver Community High School and Aaron Bachtel from Plymouth High School were the afternoon class recipients of the award. Kyle Keehn from Knox High School and Eric Sarber from Plymouth High School were the morning class recipients of the award.

The Student-of-the-Month is chosen by the AutoTech instructors, Rodney Dawson and Mark Anderson, based on the student's test scores, class participation, attitude, attendance and initiative in the shop.

PHOTO/DOUG HABERLAND, CULVER ACADEMIES COMMUNICATIONS

Commemorating teams '72 and '73

Members of Culver Military Academy's successful 1972 basketball team gathered for a reunion and special ceremony last month which included unveiling a banner commemorating its status as 1972 Associate state champions, and the 1973 team as Associate Schools state runners-up. Participating team members unveiled the banner — after introduction by Jack Mitzell and comments from team co-captains Randy Scott and Chris Eliopolus — between the school's JV and Varsity contests against Lake Forest Academy.

In the photo above, from left to right, 1972 JV team members Herb White (from the Chicago area), Chap Mitzell from Westfield, Ind., Assistant Coach Loren Carswell, and Danny Osborn, both of Culver. The JV team went 38-5 over the 1972 and 1973 seasons.



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stroke: 1. Hacker (HN) 1:13.46, 2. Ava Donovan (War) 1:14.49, 3. Whitfield (CGA) 1:16.67, 5. Wise (P) 1:17.64; 400 free relay: 1. Warsaw 3:48.27 (Vogel, Gauger, Moore, Petro), 2. Plymouth 3:53.22 (Gergely, Hannah Eads, Gay, Miller), 3. Logansport 3:55.05 (McCloskey, Ashley Fawcett, Katie Clements, Zehner), 4. CGA 4:01.71 (Tanke-Juska, Hanna Klondaris, Powell, Robinson).

MISHAWAKA GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING SECTIONAL
At Mishawaka
Team scores: 1. PENN 350, 2. BREMEN 241, 3. ST. JOSEPH'S 222, 4. ADAMS 131, 5. MISHAWAKA 130, 6. NEW PRAIRIE 89, 7. RILEY 78, 8. WASHINGTON 76, 9. MARIAN 35, 10. CLAY 25
200 medley relay: 1. Penn (Madeline Bradford, Nikki Hubbard, Nicole Schrad, Jennifer Priebe) 1:51.12, 2. Bremen 1:52.87, 3. Adams 1:57.08, 4. St. Joseph's 1:58.37, 5. Mishawaka 2:00.01, 6. Riley 2:00.85; 200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Brechensner (SJ) 1:55.94, 2. Ashleigh Bush (A) 1:57.86, 3. Alyssa Sater (W) 2:00.78, 4. Hayley Campeau (P) 2:02.02, 5. Ellen Roof (SJ) 2:02.23, 6. Amy Fanning (B) 2:05.56, 3. Schrad (P) 2:05.62, 4. Alex Keller (B) 2:05.64, 5. Kim Schmanski (Mi) 2:05.71, 6. Megan Knobloch (SJ)

25.94; Diving: 1. Allison Belcher (P) 366.85, 2. Kymra Keigley (NP) 352.25, 3. Morgan Thomas (SJ) 264.20, 4. Miranda Ryan (Mi) 260.75, 5. Ebe Kimmel (Mi) 257.75, 6. Aimee Culp (P) 251.70; 100 butterfly: 1. Hubbard (P) 56.15, 2. Molly Meyer (A) 1:01.08, 3. Sater (W) 1:02.67, 4. Fanning (B) 1:03.33, 5. Jessica McFarland (NP) 1:05.27, 6. Gabrielle Pope-Davis (SJ) 1:06.58; 100 freestyle: 1. Betsy Bowen (B) 52.23 (sectional and pool record), 2. Campeau (P) 55.83, 3. Keller (B) 56.33, 4. Caitlin Dippo (SJ) 56.91, 5. Kailin Potter (P) 56.93, 6. Shannon Reid (P) 57.13; 500 freestyle: 1. Brechensner (SJ) 5:10.27, 2. Bush (A) 5:19.57, 3. Meckstroth (P) 5:20.99, 4. Roof (SJ) 5:26.76, 5. Brandi Klingerman (B) 5:26.99, 6. Fisher (P) 5:37.11; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Adams (Meyer, Alvina Brown, Drew Jackson, Bush) 1:41.36, 2. Penn 1:41.75, 3. St. Joseph's 1:42.13, 4. Bremen 1:45.87, 5. Mishawaka 1:46.19, 6. Riley 1:47.74; 100 backstroke: 1. Bowen (B) 58.29 (sectional and pool record), 2. Meyer (A) 1:00.42, 3. McDonough (P) 1:03.01, 4. Schmanski (Mi) 1:03.26, 5. Bradford (P) 1:03.76, 6. Priebe (P) 1:05.38; 100 breaststroke: 1. Hubbard (P) 1:04.81, 2. Abby Hildebrandt (P) 1:10.94, 3. Kaitlyn DelleDonne 1:11.93, 4. Zeltwanger (B) 1:12.32, 5. Layman (Mi) 1:12.52, 6. Meredith Dorsch (R) 1:13.81; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Bremen (Erica Laudeman, Keller, Fanning, Bowen) 3:38.97 (pool and sectional record), 2. Penn 3:40.83 (qualified for state meet), 3. St. Joseph's 3:44.41, 4. Washington 3:56.87, 4. New Prairie 3:56.81, 6. Riley 3:59.95.

Girls basketball Cavs win

Culver came back from a 15-7 halftime deficit for a narrow 36-35 win over West Central Jan. 28.

Gwen Zehner was Culver's only double-digit scorer with 10 points, while West Central's Rylie Pfledderer scored a game-high 15 points.

Culver gave up just eight turnovers in the win but was held scoreless in the second quarter.

The Lady Cavaliers improve to 10-8 on the season. • CULVER COMMUNITY 36, WEST CENTRAL 35

At Culver
Score by quarters
CC: 7 7 21 36
WC: 8 15 25 35
CULVER (36): Nicole Carnegie 2 0-0 4, Susannah Baker 1 4-7 6, Whitney Sanders 3 0-0 7, Alison Zehner 3 0-0 6, Erin Bau 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 5 0-0 10, Cindy Miller 1 0-0 3, Ali Overmeyer 0 0-0 0; Totals: 13 4-7 36.
WEST CENTRAL (35): Justine Kruger 2 1-2 5, Rylie Pfledderer 6 3-7 15, Sabrina Risner 0 0-0 0, Courtney Nelson 2 1-1 5, Alysha Falor 0 2-2 2, Makenna Hamilton 1 0-0 2, Riley Cervenka 3 0-0 6; Totals 14 7-12 35.
3-point goals: Culver 2 (Sanders, Miller), West Central 0; Rebounds: Culver 26, West Central 22; Assists: Culver 10, West Central 5; Steals:

Culver 10, West Central 4; Turnovers: Culver 8, West Central 5; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 16 (none), West Central 6 (none); Records: Culver 10-8, West Central 13-4.

Boys basketball Eagles rally past Pike

CMA overcame a four-point deficit going into the fourth quarter to pick up a 63-60 basketball win at Pike Jan. 30.

Juwan Brescacin tossed in 20 points to lead four Eagles in double figures. Jermaine Myers added 15 points for CMA, with Chier Ajou and Travis Britt contributing 14 points apiece.

At Indianapolis
Score by quarters
CMA: 10 35 46 63
PIKE: 20 37 50 60
CMA (63): Nick Ahlers 0, Chier Ajou 14, Ramsey Bradley 0, Juwan Brescacin 20, Travis Britt 14, Alex Dodane 0, Jermaine Myers 15, Trent Sanders 0, Will Strong 0, Trace Thews 0, Braxton Troyer 0, Trevor Weaser 0.
PIKE (60): Alex Gardner 0, Josh Gentry 6, Hunter 7, Craig Lumpkin 0, Kristian Smith 13, Julian Strickland 11, Marquis Teague 10, Zavier Turner 4.
Records: CMA 8-7, Pike 9-5.

Culver gets first NSC win

Culver Community picked up its first Northern State Conference boys basketball win of the season by a 51-38 mark over LaVille at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Jan. 29.

Zoe Bauer led three Cavs in double figures with 17 points. Freshman center Micah Budzinski scored 13 points and Larry Clingler chipped in 10 points for Culver.

Jacob Mangus erupted for a game-high 28 points to lead LaVille.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 51, LAVILLE 38
At Culver
Score by quarters
LaVille: 10 14 26 38
Culver: 6 17 31 51
LAVILLE (38): Nick Amor 1 0-2 2, Justin Baker 0 0-2 0, Jay Carbniener 1 0-2 2, Cody Colblentz 1 0-0 2, Andrew Hostetler 1 1-2 4, Codee Kimbel 0 0-0 0, Jacob Mangus 10 4-5 28, Trenton Stout 0 0-0 0, Tim Wicks 0 0-0 0, Jordyn Williams 1 0-1 2. TOTALS: 14 5-12 38.
CULVER (51): AJ Neace 2 0-0 5, Nick Peterson 0 0-0 0, Brock Elliott 0 0-0 0, Collin Stevens 2 0-0 4, Zoe Bauer 5 7-7 17, Patrick Mulvihill 0 0-0 0, Kyle Pugh 1 0-0 2, Micah Budzinski 6 1-4 13, Larry Clingler 5 0-1 10. TOTALS: 21 8-12 51.
3-point goals: LaVille 5 (Mangus

4, Hostetler), Culver 1 (Neace); Turnovers: LaVille 12, Culver 13; Rebounds: LaVille 22, Culver 24; Assists: LaVille 9, Culver 14; Steals: LaVille 5, Culver 5; Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 14 (none), Culver 14 (none); Records: LaVille 5-10 (2-2 NSC), Culver 7-8 (1-4 NSC).
JV score: Culver 31, LaVille 27.

Hockey Late barrage leads Eagles

Culver Military Academy scored three goals in a 3:28 span of the third period to secure a 3-0 hockey win over Penn Gold Jan. 27.

Mike Geiger scored a pair of goals, with a Rhett Schaeffer score sandwiched in between for the Eagles.

CMA's Michael Wortell made nine saves to record the shutout.

• CULVER MILITARY 3, PENN GOLD 0
At Culver
Third Period
CMA — Mike Geiger (Alex Haygood) 15:28.
CMA — Rhett Schaeffer (Luke Kucera, Paul Leffler) 14:39.
CMA — Geiger (Max McHugh) 12:00.
Shots on goal: Penn 9, CMA 35.
Saves: Zachary Fadorsen (Penn) 32, Michael Wortell (CMA) 9. Record: CMA 11-16-1.



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Members of Culver Comm. High School's BPA group competing at the district competition in Warsaw last month include, from left to right (front row): Kalee Miller, Clare Hartman, Gavin Norton, Shae Harris, Nicolette Banfield, Lindsey Van Horn, Paige Norwich, Jackie Bauer, Kaceigh Ahlenius, Lizzie Rainey. Middle row: CJ Dehning, Cameron Turney, Kellie Bonine (partially hidden), Stevie Clingler, Alex Baker, Mark Maes, Alex Shaffer, Alexa Marrs (partially hidden), Colton Measels, Mitch Maes, Mike Schwartz, sponsor. Back row: Alicia Toll, sponsor; Clar Baker, Kaitlyn Comiskey, Teddi Rausch, Serena Hughes, Lindsey Keller, Caroline Baker, Chloe Broeker, and Chelsey Jones.

Culver Honors 100 Years of ACA and BSA

Two major youth organizations in the United States celebrate their centennial this year - the American Camp Association (ACA) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

ACA is the leading organization in child development and preserving the camp experience. It sets the benchmark for camps to provide the highest safety, programmatic, administrative, and developmental standards in the industry. According to BSA's website, BSA is "one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. For [now] a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun."



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Although Culver's institution was founded solely as a military academy for boys, it has expanded into two academically prestigious academies - Culver Military Academy (1894) and Culver Girls Academy (1971) -

and a world-renowned summer program - the Culver Summer Schools & Camps (1902). The Woodcraft Camp, in particular, honors one of BSA's predominant figures - Daniel Carter Beard.

General Leigh R. Gignilliat, the Academy's fourth superintendent, visited Sir Robert Baden-Powell soon after the creation of the Boy Scout Organization in England in 1908. Gignilliat persuaded Baden-Powell to visit Culver and help lay the ground work for a new program. Built on a Scouting framework that still remains, Culver Woodcraft Camp opened in 1912, and Daniel Carter Beard, chief executive of BSA and noted outdoorsman, served as its first director through 1915.

Around that same time, Culver provided facilities for a national training camp for executives and scoutmasters, and Gignilliat, with Culver cadets as his assistants, took several hundred Scouts from across the nation to the first World Scout Jamboree in Europe around 1920.

February 19, 2010, in fact, will mark the 98th anniversary of the sponsoring of Scouting at Culver. In a letter from Carl L. Griffin, Jr., the Northern Indiana Council President in 1973, to Lieutenant General John Carpenter, III, Culver's superintendent at the time, Griffin requested to hold an Executive Board meeting at Culver and how it "would be a wonderful time to recognize what is perhaps [their] oldest council partnership for boys." He continues: "I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, General Carpenter, and those fine men like Colonel Henderson who have carried the program forward in such a way that boys were truly taught leadership, character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. The Culver Military Academy will, I hope, take great pride in its long history and successful use of the Boy Scouts' program."

The current Cub and Beaver divisions in Culver Woodcraft Camp are evidence of the original Scouting organization. Woodcraft Camp's Troop 261 continues as a major activity for boys, ages 9-13, as does the Academies' Troop 209 for the cadets.

As BSA grew their organization through the years, so did ACA. In 1948, ACA adopted its first standards for camps. Culver became an accredited camp by ACA in 1959 and continues to present day.

Culver is honored to be a member of these organizations and congratulates them on their 100 years of service and commitment to youth development. Culver will recognize these milestones by honoring them on its Honor Card for campers this summer, and host a celebration during Homecoming and Parents Weekend in July.

Also in recognition, Culver's Adult Leadership Committee for Scouting has taken Woodcraft Camp's Troop 261 under their wing to again enhance the program as it continues to be a rich part of Culver's history. Woodcraft Camp will celebrate its own centennial in 2012.

Today, Culver offers several summer programs: Mini-Woodcraft Camps (ages 7-12), Junior Woodcraft Camp (7-9), Woodcraft Camp (9-13), Upper Camp (13-17), Family Camp, and Halloween Camp (7-12). Upper Camp's Summer Naval School is also an affiliate member of US SAILING, the governing body of the sport of sailing in the United States, allowing campers to be certified in 3 different certifications.

To learn more about Culver Summer Schools & Camps, visit www.culver.org/summer. More about BSA, visit www.scouting.org/100years. More about ACA, visit www.acacamps.org/anniversary

Culver BPA will send 22 of 28 to state

Culver Community High School's Business Professionals of America, under the leadership of sponsors Mike Schwartz and Alicia Toll, made another good showing last month at the BPA District Contest held in Warsaw, with 22 of the 28 student participants qualifying for the BPA state-level competition in March. Chloe Broeker was elected as the new District 2 President for 2010-2011, and her cousin, Mark Maes, will be running to retain the state officer position of vice president he's had this year.

CCHS' BPA team has consistently achieved disproportionately high levels of success on the state and national levels in recent years, and seems poised to repeat that success in 2010.

Those qualifying for state include Kaceigh Ahlenius (first place, Fundamental Word Processing), Alex Baker (third place, Keyboarding Production), Caroline Baker (fourth place, Keyboarding Production), Nicolette Banfield (Administrative Support Research Project - individual, and third place, Interview Skills), Jackie Bauer (second place, Banking and Finance), Kellie Bonine (first place, Desktop Publishing), Steve Clingler (Administrative Support Research Project - individual, and third place, Presentation Management - individual), CJ Dehning (second place, Desktop Publishing), Shae Harris (second place, Advanced Basic Office Systems and Procedures, and Interview Skills), Clare Hartman (second place, Keyboarding Production and Basic Office Systems and Procedures), Serena Hughes (second place, Presentation Management - individual), Chelsey Jones (first place, Advanced Basic Office Systems and Procedures), Mark Maes (first place, Advanced Interview Skills and Entrepreneurship), Colton Measels (third place, Fundamental Word Processing), Kalee Miller (first place, Legal Office Concepts), Gavin Norton (second place, Fundamental Word Processing and fourth place, Medical Office Concepts), Lizzie Rainey (first place, Basic Office Systems and Procedures), Alex Shaffer (second place, Economic Research Project - individual), Cameron Turney (third place, Economic Research Project - individual and fourth place, Legal Office Concepts), and Lindsey Van Horn (fourth place, Desktop Publishing).

In the Team Concepts area, the team of Kaceigh Ahlenius, Jackie Bauer, Colton Measels, and Paige Norwich took first place in the Economic Research Team contest.

Other awards included, in the Open Winners contests (open to all contestants), Cameron Turney, Colton Measels, and CJ Dehning in Administrative Support Concepts; Alex Baker, Mark Maes, and Lizzie Rainey in Parliamentary Procedures; Nicolette Banfield and Alex Shaffer in Management, Marketing, and HR; Clare Hartman in Insurance Concepts; Stevie Clingler, Kaceigh Ahlenius, and Lizzie Rainey in Information Technology. Mark Maes won the District Torch Award.



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History, hands-on

Culver Elementary School's fourth grade class took a field trip to downtown Culver's two local history museums January 29 as part of that grade's study of Indiana and local history. Following a Power Point presentation on the Potawatomi Indians of the Culver area by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop, students split into groups for tours of both museums, led by Kenney (at the Academies museum) and Marizetta Kenney at the AHS museum, the Center for Culver History.

Students were given hands-on tours through the history of the town of Culver and its settlement, businesses, people, and unique attributes, and the development of the Culver Academies and some of its famous graduates.



In the top photo, Jordan Schrimsher examines arrowheads and other local Native American artifacts at the AHS museum. In the bottom photo, students (from left to right) Shelby Swafford, Jake Rodgers, Danny Cook, Elise Oquendo, Kaylee Howard, Luke Schaller, Dylan Lewandowski and Caleb Sheridan (in camouflage jacket) check out a recreated scene from the Academies Dining Hall in years past, at the Academies museum.

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dianapolis (her husband is a film producer, says Bob, in Washington for the History and Discovery Channels, and the couple has two boys). Bob and Carolyn's son Chris, husband to Kathleen, lives "a thousand feet away" from his parents along with four children, Frank, Maeve, Patrick, and Nora Kline, all students in Culver Community Schools.

Among Debolt and Elizabeth's other children, notes Bob Kline, was Theodore Kline, whose son Ray was familiar to many for his longtime Main Street appliance business. Don Kline, also in the insurance business and subject of a recent Citizen article (his wife Janet has long been on the faculty at Culver Academies) is also a descendant of one of Debolt and Elizabeth's children.

It's no wonder the average attendance at the annual Kline family reunion each August in Culver is 100 people, all descended from the first generation of Debolt and Elizabeth.

Former Citizen editor Fred Karst today occupies one of several Washington neighborhood houses built in the area by Theodore Kline (whose son Ray — who passed away recently — was born there). Theodore's style, says Karst, is recognizable and he supposedly built homes in the Delong and Burr Oak areas besides building Bob Kline's present house and handling his own farming work. Theodore's farmland consisted of 120 acres.

According to Karst, in 1882 Theodore Kline and other residents petitioned the county to straighten the road, which used to run up from Theodore's property in a triangular fashion to where Queen Road extends at a western jog near the old Maxinkuckee schoolhouse at 18B Road. The imprint of the old road, notes Karst, can still be seen through the woods.

The first two generations of Culver-area Klines, says Bob Kline, conducted general crop and livestock farming on the family lands, but by the third generation, dairy farming became the specialty. The fourth through sixth generations, he adds, have reverted to crop farming of corn and soybeans, handled by farm manager Barry Lehman. The original Kline farm was 265 acres, though many of the parcels have been sold over the years.

The well-known, one-room Washington School was launched in the mid-1800s, Bob notes, along the road then known as the Curtis-Kline Road, named for the two prominent families in the area.

Ben and Georgie Curtis arrived around the same time as Debolt and Elizabeth Kline just a half-mile north on Queen Road, and both families were instrumental in building what would become known as the Washington neighborhood. Besides the School, built on Kline land at the corner of 20th and Queen Roads, two Evangelical churches, West and East, grew up as central to the Washington neighborhood.

According to a 1939 Culver Citizen article on the demolition of the old Washington church that year, worship began at the school house and grew out of the "Washington Society." The Society, said the Citizen, "was organized by Henry Prechtel in 1880 (and) located near the south shore of Maxinkuckee Lake. This society disbanded, part of it uniting with the Zecheil society."

Among this new "Society" were "Debolt Kline, Sr. and wife, George Kline and wife, Theo Kline and wife, Debolt Kline, Jr., and wife," and others.

"They first worshiped," according to the Citizen, "in a school house (the Washington School) near the church from 1881-86. Here Prechtel held a re-vival in 1881, which proved a success. In 1886 our people helped to build the M. P. church, one mile east from where our church now stands (the first Washington church stood across the road from Washington school — editor), for the privilege of worshipping here, and holding English services. In 1891 our people found it expedient to withdraw and in the same year began preparations for an Evangelical Church. H. E. Overmyer, pastor, called a society meeting and elected a board of trustees..."

The church, said the article, was 28 by 44 feet with a cost, exclusive of the lot and donated work, of \$1,350. It was dedicated February 21, 1892, and \$308 was raised that day, "which more than covered the debt. A Young People's Association was organized on March 14, 1895, with 46 members."

In 1892, a Christian Society was organized at Washington church with Rev. J. Rees as pastor and Mrs. Clara Kline as first president. Charter members included Mrs. Sarah Curtis, Clara Kline, Sarah Kline, Mother Elizabeth Kline, Victoria Kline, Mrs. George Kline, and others. The Washington Sunday school was first organized in 1870 in the old school house, it was noted.

Joyce Winn, whose father and grandfather attended church at the East Washington church mentioned above, is quoted on the Culver Public Library website as saying that building burned before she can remember. The Winn family was also a mainstay of the Washington area neighborhood and descendants continue to reside in the area.

The Washington church may have seen its demise in 1939, but the old school building remained one of the last visible signs — and a well-known historic landmark to many — of the old Washington neighborhood for nearly 60 years after.

Dean Walker, later Super-

intendent of Culver Schools from 1917 to 1925, had been a teacher at the Washington School during William and Effie Kline's generation, says Bob Kline. He lived where Bob and Carolyn live now, with William and Effie, just 1,000 feet from the 12-grade school building. The Klines drove Walker to school by bobsled in winter's ice and snow. As Walker was a 1912 Culver High School graduate, it's likely he served Washington School during the 1912 to 1917 school years.

Bob Kline believes Washington School closed its doors the year before his father, Wayne, was in first grade. Since Wayne was born in 1915, Bob Kline estimates the school to have closed around 1921. Certainly most area one-room schools in the area closed around this time as Union Township schools consolidated with Culver schools around 1919 or 1920, due in part to earlier, state-wide legislation limiting the distance children could walk to school thus requiring horse-drawn "hacks" to bus many children to school.

Bob Kline, in fact, believes the church and school were both out of operation by the early 1920s. Sadly, the school building was demolished in the last two years.

William Kline's wife Effie was also well-known to many in Culver. As a reporter of the Washington neighborhood news for its regular column in the Culver Citizen, Bob Kline says legend has it Effie would pick up the phone in those days of the "party line" each time it would ring and listen to the gossip. Notes as to which families joined one another for Sunday dinner ended — along with similar columns in the Citizen for Burr Oak, Hibbard, Maxinkuckee village, and other Culver "suburbs" — after William and Effie's generation.

Also in the area, Mystic Hills golf course, notes Bob Kline, was originally Kline land later purchased by Paul Winn. The nearby Kline wetlands goes back to Debolt and Elizabeth Kline. Their son John had a son named Clarence Kline, who is owner of the land, adjacent to the Jim Irsay property.

Many in the Washington neighborhood found their final resting place in the Washington cemetery, the very last landmark of the neighborhood whose name it bears, still very much existent on State Road 117, just down the road from the neighborhood itself. There are buried generations of Klines and others who made up the community which began with the arrival of Debolt and Elizabeth in 1859.

For his part, Bob Kline sees the legacy of the Kline family and Washington neighborhood alive and well in his son and grandchildren. Chris Kline, after graduating from Culver Military Academy, earned his bachelor's from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and worked in the senate for 13 years for John Glenn in Washington, DC. There, he met and eventually married his wife Kathleen, and the couple decided to move back to the Kline farm in Culver.

"Now he works for JF New in Walkerton," says Bob, "but his forte is writing grants...which deals directly with people in DC. He knows the 'do's and don't's' of what one must go through to obtain grants for his current business, which is environmental-related."

"I think that's kind of interesting," Bob Kline adds. "He had everything at his fingertips as far as having a nice, 13-year background in the world of politics, but he chose to come back."



The Washington Evangelical Church in days gone by, prior to its 1939 demolition.

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Culver's Neidlingers: from farmers to Florida tour guides



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Culver's Wayne Neidlinger (and friend) in Lake Wales, Florida, where he and wife Bonnie have traded in farm machinery for tour guiding air boats.

LAKE WALES, Fla. — Although the groundhog saw his shadow last week, there are many people in Marshall County who are thinking about their Spring Break vacation.

Many will be heading to Florida for some much needed sunshine and relaxation. If you are one of the lucky ones and you don't just want to waste those days lying on the beach or at the pool, you can have an opportunity to spend some time with a Marshall County air boat captain.

Wayne Neidlinger, and his wife Bonnie, are from the Culver area and have changed jobs — from farmers to business owners and tour guide.

Wayne and Bonnie own and operate Captain Fred's Nature Tours in Lake Wales, Fla.

Captain Fred's Nature Tour begins the moment you enter their unique shop. That is where you will find Bobby and Slick, their live baby alligators. Bonnie will get them out for your up close inspection so everyone will have an opportunity to hold and photograph them. This is fun and educational for all ages. Lake Rosalie, where the airboat tours are given is highly populated with Bald Eagles. Pairs of eagles are frequently seen perched atop trees, hunting for fish. Neidlinger a knowledgeable bird guide, knows where to find native birds.

Kissimmee State Park surrounds Lake Rosalie and provides airboat tours with the opportunity to view wild hogs, raccoons, turkeys, bobcats, deer, and many game birds.

The two airboats operated by Captain Fred's have stadium seating to ensure perfect views for both front and back seat passengers. The comfortable six passenger boats glide into areas only accessible by small airboats.

Captain Fred's recently updated their website with new information, pictures and maps. For more information on Marshall County's airboat captain call 863-696-1637 or check their website at captfreds.com.

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Council updates on siren, trash, streets

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

If it hasn't already, it appears the town of Culver's long-awaited central emergency siren will soon be activated, according to a report given by Town Manager Michael Doss to the Town Council at its February 9 meeting. The siren, planned to replace two sirens on the south and north ends of town as the primary signal given during fires, has been erected above the Town Hall building on Washington Street for several months, in place of an old siren mounted on a crumbling chimney now removed. The north and south end sirens will be used only in cases of severe weather once the new siren, which Doss said has now been wired and accompanying electrical boxes mounted, has been fully activated.

Doss' report was part of a brief Council meeting during which members breezed through several actions. He also updated members on the move to switch Culver over to a town-wide trash service, noting bids have been advertised for waste haulers seeking the contract. None have formally bid, he said, though Doss said two such companies expressed interest in bidding. The deadline to bid, he noted, is March 9.

The Town Manager also asked the Council to consider deferring funds for the 2010 sidewalk sharing

program towards use in upgrading curbs and gutters on several Culver streets. He said he and Street Department head Bob Porter have been surveying streets in conjunction with a comprehensive plan submitted by engineering firm DLZ and working towards a street paving list, which he intends to present the Council at a meeting in the near future. Noting it's "sometimes good when paving to go ahead and install curbs and gutters," Doss said the \$25,000 set aside annually towards sidewalk improvements – and shared with town residents wishing to re-do their own sidewalks – wouldn't cover a great deal of curb and guttering, but would be a start.

Doss added a \$250,000 grant sought via the Safe Routes to School program could "cover a lot of sidewalks." The town should learn results of its application for that grant in June or July, besides an autumn grant round with results announced in December. Doss said he's also working with another engineering firm on an idea derived from the comprehensive plan to redo the sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and repaving

of all of Ohio Street.

Council member Ginny

announcement from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management which will further an agreement with the Southwest Conservancy District on Lake Maxinkuckee, which hopes to join with Culver's municipal sewer system. The Council vote allows him to proceed once rerating is announced, without waiting for a Council meeting.

The Council also presented a check for \$5,000 to the Alan Loehr, Board President of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, which he said now has 263 paid members and averaged 100 children per day in attendance in 2009. Loehr also noted Marshall County has now allotted \$5,000 to each of the Boys & Girls clubs operating in the county, including Bremen, Plymouth, and Culver.

The Council also approved sending a letter to Culver's Post Office concerning the state of disrepair of a portion of the sidewalk outside the building. Discussion was also held with regards to the need for Council members staying abreast of the decisions of other boards and committees within the town.



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Alan Loehr, left, of the Culver Boys & Girls Club, accepts a \$5,000 check from Culver Town Council president Sally Ricciardi.

Munroe, noting the sidewalk sharing program "doesn't seem like it gets used a lot," said she didn't have a problem deferring its funds towards street improvements this year.

In other actions, the Council reappointed Kevin Berger to the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation and approved a contract with Stallings Consulting in regards to network consolidation and department security upgrades on town-owned computers.

Approval was granted Doss to move forward on rerating of Culver's sewer plant, a long-awaited an-

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Ford automobiles and their occupants, the like of which was never equaled before or since.

Both teams had exceptional baseball players who played just for the fun of it. The all-Negro Comics were outfitted by JP Walters, who owned and operated the Palmer House on Lake Maxinkuckee. These superb players, of whom three still live in Culver are Charles Dickerson, former head waiter at the Culver Military Academy dining hall, Roy "Sheep" Scott, still active as a baseball expert and former widely known umpire and employee of the Academy, and Luther Whitted, many years an employee of the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. He was a pitcher whom Sheep Scott thinks would, if he were pitching today, be in the Big Leagues. He had a pitch in those days known as a "fade-away" made famous by the great Christy Mathewson, but now known as the "slider" by current baseball announcers.

The Comics came to Bourbon-town and were quartered in Chris and Jennie Ringgenberg's New Colonial Hotel. William "Crappie" Keller was the business manager of the Bourbon team and he saw to it that the Comics had the best of everything.

The game was played in William Reed's former pasture field at the north edge of town where a grandstand had been erected that year.

The lineup of the teams were: Bourbon – Furel "Corky" Burns, cf; Boots Shaw, c; Dick Blue, 3b; Dicky Miller, 1b; "Curly" Rhodes, ss; Fred Hunter, 2b; "Snowball" Morriscal, rf; Curr, lf; Jones 2b; and Mike Eby, p. Culver – Sheep Scott, 3b; Lyons, ss; Coleman Jackson, c; Charles Dickerson, p and 3b; Dave Whitted, p and 3b; Luther Whitted, 1b and rf; Wade, 2b; Moore, lf; Fentress, cf. The game was played Sept. 5, 1912. Vern Snyder of Bourbon was the sole umpire and Sheep still claims that "we was robbed."

Anyway the record doesn't exactly bear this out because Eby, the Bourbon pitcher, struck out seven while Dickerson issued six bases on balls before relieved in the 5th inning by Dave Whitted, who evidently did even worse and was replaced by Wade. Hunter and Rhodes got two hits apiece for Bourbon.

Coleman Jackson, the Comic catcher, was the center of attraction. He was stocky, fearless, quick as lightning, and reminded this writer of Roy Campanella, the wonderful Brooklyn Dodgers catcher of a later era. His great sense of humor helped a lot when it came to "jockeying" the batters.

"Rufas, Rastus Johnson Brown" was a song written by Andrew B. Sterling and Harry Von Tilzer. Bert Williams, the Negro comic and pantomimist, sang the song in the Ziegfield Follies in 1911 and it was one of the hits of the show. Williams died in Harlem in 1922 and Mr. Kyle reported his funeral for the old New York Tribune before joining the Hearst organization.