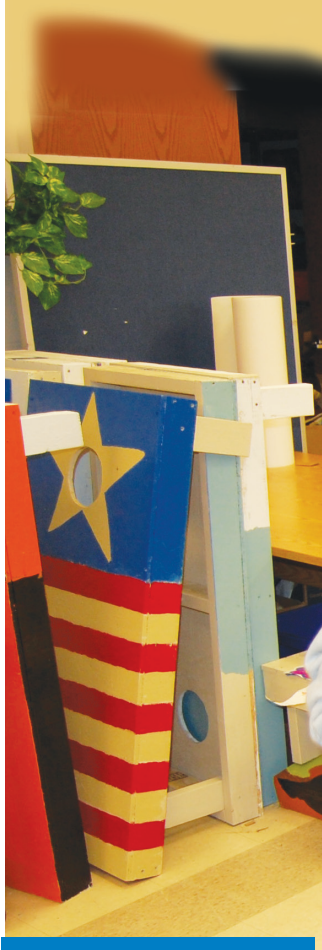


# The Culver Citizen



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## In Brief

### Baseball sign-ups this weekend

Culver baseball sign-ups will be held this Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

### End-of-month meal at St. Mary's March 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's end-of-month community meal will take place Tuesday, March 30. On the 30th day of each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending, with food and drinks supplied by parishioners (the format is similar to Grace United Church of Christ's mid-month meal). St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Thursday Tech Time March 25 at CUTPL

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Sessions will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Each session may have a speaker and topic or may simply be an open discussion. All sessions are free and open to the public. The March 25 session will cover Google and the various services it offers, including Google Maps and Google Earth, Gmail for e-mail, and Google Docs for sharing and working with documents.

### Leaf pickup next week

The Town of Culver will be picking up leaves the week of March 29 through April 2. Residents are asked not to mix any sticks, branches, or yard waste within the leaf pick-up.

### Culver Easter egg hunt April 3

The annual community Easter Egg hunt will take place Saturday, April 3, starting at 10 a.m. in the Culver town park on Lake Shore Drive. Participants, ages 2 through fourth grade, are reminded to meet at the beach lodge and bring a bag or basket to collect eggs and prizes.

### Trinity baked potato supper April 9

Culver's Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a "Baked

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## Heart and 'Soul'

LEFT: Culver Elementary sixth graders (from left) Gavan Compton, Maria Lindvall, and Machayla Allen work on a bean-bag toss game they'll be selling at the second "Soup for the Soul" event -- following up on 2008's very successful one -- in April. SEE STORY BELOW

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## 'One-woman medical facility'

RIGHT: Culver Community Schools' nurse Kathy Hermanson, seen here addressing members of Culver's Kiwanis Club recently, is in charge of medical needs, education, vaccination, and more for the more than 1,200 students and faculty in the school system. SEE STORY BELOW

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# CES students gear up for second helping of 'Soul'

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culverites with fond memories of the snowy night in November, 2008 when Culver Elementary School sixth graders served the community at "Soup for the Soul" will doubtless be pleased to hear the event -- which by all accounts warmed the servers and the served, both inside and out -- will return next month.

According to CES sixth grade teacher Missy Trent and CES art teacher Joyce Lyman, two of the central organizers of the first event, it was agreed that pushing this year's "Soup" to April 22 allows more time for adults and students to prepare...and there's plenty to prepare.

As in the first Soup for the Soul, which raised \$1,500 for the Heminger House women's shelter in Plymouth, CES sixth graders have been hard at work this school year hand-making soup bowls, cups, ladels, and other items out of clay, which Lyman fires and glazes in her kiln. During the event, which was inspired by a similar event in California, the students will serve soup and other foods in the bowls they've made, which anyone attending the public event may purchase as part of the entrance donation. The soup, food, drinks, and items for the Soup for the Soul silent auction or raffle (Trent says she's not sure which yet) are provided by a number of area restaurants, businesses, organizations, and individuals for the event.

"The last Soup event was a big success," says Trent. "We're hoping it will be annual. Our goal is more money...last time we raised \$1,500. This time it's \$2,000. We're hoping to surpass the last one."

Trent says the word spread about Soup for the Soul during and after the 2008 event, and notes Nancy McKinnis of Culver Academies has been "awesome" and is sending Academies students over to lend a hand, though she's quick to note the sixth graders -- who impressed many in attendance with their hard work as servers, cleaners, and the like in 2008 -- will still do most of the work.

That's in keeping with a major emphasis of Missy Trent's for her students every year: service to their community. She says she constantly emphasizes the power even of young people to make a difference in the world, and she's earned a reputation for the steady stream of community service projects

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## Library board takes steps in debt collection, audit compliance

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The Culver-Union Township Public Library board voted last week, at its monthly meeting March 16, in favor of a 90-day trial use of Unique Management Services, a company specializing in debt collection and materials retrieval for public libraries, hopefully commencing in April. A company representative discussed its methodology at a board meeting a few months prior, noting a "gentle" approach towards patrons is generally taken, growing gradually more aggressive as the process continues.

Library director Colleen McCarty recommended the trial, which will cost the library nothing, noting she's spoken to no one "who is not pleased with their service" and adding collecting fines owed and longstanding materials due to be returned would require "rather extensive staff time to do it ourselves."

Library financial manager Jim Faulkner also reported on efforts towards compliance with recommendations made by the Indiana State Board of Accounts in its audit of the library's finances from 2007 and 2008, released earlier this year. Noting the report cited expenditures not allowed for use with public funds, Faulkner said some expenditures paid became the personal responsibility of staff members, in this case previous library director Carol Jackson, who Faulkner said has now fully reimbursed the library for all disallowed items. Jackson had been asked to reimburse \$985.85 by the SBOA.

Faulkner also reported the library is continuing to develop a new purchase order system as recommended in the report, which he said should allow each library department to track its own expenditures.

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## Culver schools' Hermanson: medical every-woman to 1,200

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver Community Schools' school nurse Kathy Hermanson could be described as a one-woman medical care facility. Her mobile "office" encompasses Culver Elementary School, Monterey Elementary School, and both Culver Community Middle and High Schools, where she serves as a sort of emergency room technician and in areas of health education, chronic illness management, policy development, and legal issues, to name a few. And all of that for a total of 1,059 students and 152 staff members, between the various schools, for a total of 1,211 people: five days a week, at least 180 days a year.

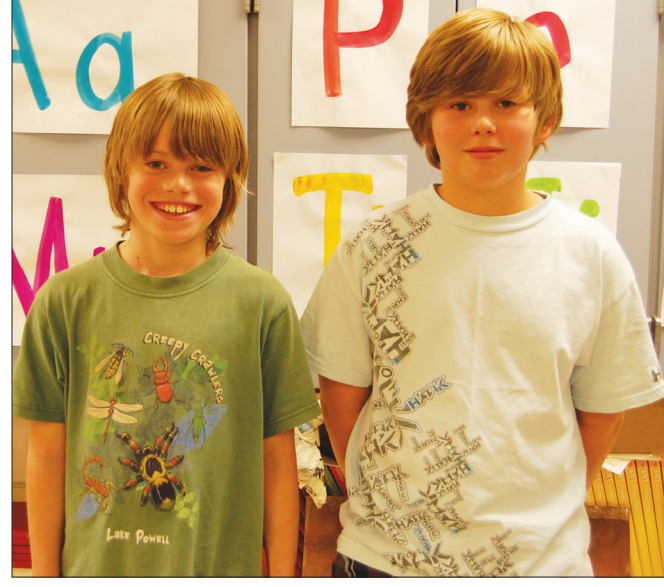
Hermanson discussed her duties recently with Culver's Kiwanis Club, which also presented her with a \$500 check to the nurse's "needy fund."

The days, said Hermanson, go "extremely fast" as she moved from one building to another and one location to another within each building. "There's never a dull moment," she smiled. "The kids just keep coming in and out!"

The 2009-2010 school year has been quite atypical, Hermanson added, starting at the beginning of the school year last fall with fears surrounding the H1N1 influenza virus. She said the school's Harmony system allowed sending email messages to parents, which helped disseminate information and action plans at various levels to parents, staff, and state officials. Students at that time were asked to stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours. Around 251 people attended a Marshall County H1N1 clinic at the Culver Community Middle School during this period, she reported.

Hermanson said her Culver Elementary office normally sees 20 to 25 students per day; during the September

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## Champion spellers

Culver Elementary School Fifth grader Patrick Kline (left) and sixth grader Ken VanDePutte will be headed to Argos May 3 to compete in the Marshall County Spelling Bee after winning first place in their respective grades' contest last week.

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## Library computer classes for April

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will start a new session of free computer classes in April. Classes will be held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. The April session begins with two sessions for beginners, and will also cover the Internet and E-Mail. These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes.

Classes for April:

**Computers for Beginners Part I:** Monday, April 5, 6 p.m., Friday, April 9, 10 a.m.

**Computers for Beginners Part II:** Monday, April 12, 6 p.m., Friday, April 16, 10 a.m.

**Internet:** Monday, April 19, 6 p.m., Friday, April 23, 10 a.m.

**E-Mail:** Monday, April 26, 6 p.m., Friday, April 30, 10 a.m.

For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

## Culver area, county filings for public office

State and Marshall County filings for public office have taken place and include several candidates or interest to the Culver-Union Township area.

Candidates for Union Township positions include Connie VanHorn, Bobetta W. Ruhnnow, and William W. Githens Jr. for **Union Township Board**. As yet, there has been no filing for the position of **Union Township Trustee**, long held by Marlene Mahler, who is currently filing for **County Recorder**.

Culver area residents filing for **State Convention Delegate** positions include Sean Surrisi (D), Janette Surrisi (D), William C. Cleavenger (R), and William W. Githens, Jr. (R).

Culver's Christopher R. Kline (D) and John A. Benedict have filed for the office of **County Council, Dist. 2**.

As previously announced in the *Citizen*, Francis K. Ellert of Culver is running for **State Rep. - District 17**.

Others who have filed in Marshall County include:

Clarence L. Shively (R)

**Polk Twp Board**

Kirk Livengood (R)

**Tippecanoe Twp Board**

Nilas L. Miller (D) **Polk**

**Township Board**

Dale F. Dodson (R)

**Sheriff**

Robert Listenberger (D)

**Precinct Committeeman**

Deborah VanDeMark

(R) **State Convention Delegate**

Daniel J. Fox (R) **State**

**Convention Delegate**

Ryan Ripley (D) **State**

**Convention Delegate**

Robert Listenberger (D)

**State Convention Delegate**

**U.S. Rep. - District 2:**

Jack Edward Jordan, Jackie

Walorski

**State Rep. - District 23:**

William C. Friend

**County Prosecutor:** David

R. Holmes

**County Clerk:** Julie A.

Fox

**County Auditor:** Penny

Lukenbill

**County Recorder:** Rex

A. Gilliland, Marlene

Mahler and Dawn L.

Pugsley

**County Sheriff:** Ward

Byers, Tom Chamberlin

**County Assessor:** Deb-

bie Dunning

**County Commissioner**

- **District 1:** Jack Roose,

Heath A. Thornton, Russell

Young, Steven C. Engel

**County Council - Dis-**

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**County Council - Dis-**

**trict 4:** Judy Stone, Ryan

Ripley

**Bourbon Township**

**Trustee:** Roger A. Schori

**Bourbon Township**

**Board:** Daniel Knepp, Her-

man Rettinger, Terry L.

Clemens

**Center Township Trust-**

**ee:** Doug Kucera

**Center Township**

**Board:** James O. Baldwin,

Keith B. Hammonds, Steve

Holm

**German Township**

**Trustee:** Ben Baker

**German Township**

**Board:** Robert Allen Huff,

Donald E. Meister, Larry L.

Weston

**Green Township Trust-**

**ee:** Marie Fishburn

**Green Township Board:**

Douglas Middleton, James

L. Fishburn

**North Township Trust-**

**ee:** Chelsea R. Roose, Elma

E. Konya

**North Township Board:**

Steven M. Davenport, Ron-

nie R. McCartney, Foster

Lee Davenport, Jr.

**Polk Township Trustee:**

Lynn L. Stull

**Polk Township Board:**

Richard L. Parker

**Tippecanoe Township**

**Trustee:** James A. Bates,

Jr.

**Tippecanoe Township**

**Board:**

Walnut Township Trust-

ee: Stephen A. Wilhelm

**Walnut Township**

**Board:** Russell L. Alderfer,

T. Edward Ummel, David

L. Stults, Sr.

**West Township Trustee:**

Terry Lee Borggren

**West Township Board:**

Danny J. Bates, Dennis W.

Beville, Thomas Flynn

**Precinct Committee-**

**man:** Vida S. Creed, James

Greer, Michelle Living-

house, Dale L. McCol-

lough, Mary Jo Finley



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Champion swimmers Mallory Mead (above) and Erica Rose will be part of this June's first annual Swim For Kids' Sake.

## First annual Maxinkuckee Swim for Kids' Sake is champion swimmer's brainchild

The first annual Swim For Kid's Sake will take place Saturday, June 12, in Lake Maxinkuckee, along the shore just east of the public beach. The event will include a half-mile, one mile, 5k, 10k, and four-mile relay-open water swim, with all proceeds going to Riley Hospital for Children and the pediatric brain tumor research.

The idea for the Swim for Kid's Sake was first planted when Mead – who grew up in Plymouth and today resides in Indianapolis -- and her father, Kip Cook, raced across Lake Maxinkuckee. The race, during which she swam two 2.5 mile lengths of the lake and Cook swam one, was part of a send-off party for Mead's 2008 swim of the English Channel, which has been called the "Mount Everest of the water."

Although Mallory was not victorious at Maxinkuckee that day, she couldn't help but think of the possibilities that surround the second largest naturally-occurring lake in Indiana.

Thus, on June 12, countless volunteers will join forces to put on the first annual Swim For Kid's Sake. The swim will also include an open water skills clinic taught by former World Open Water Champion Erica Rose, a half-mile, one-mile, a 5k, and a 10k swim. There will be divisions for those with wetsuits and without, and the event will be sanctioned by United States Masters Swimming.

Culver Lake Patrol will maintain a perimeter around the 2.5 kilometer loop course, and the area will be closed to boat traffic from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the swim will be postponed until June 13.

The night before the event, June 11, Mead and Rose will share their experiences in open water swimming at the pre-race dinner, to be held at the Culver Cove Resort overlooking the lake from 6 to 8 p.m. The dinner is free to Swim For Kid's Sake participants, and the event is also open to the general public as well for \$18 per person. A pasta buffet will be served. A pre-race dinner invitation may be found on Mead's website at [mallorymead.com](http://mallorymead.com).

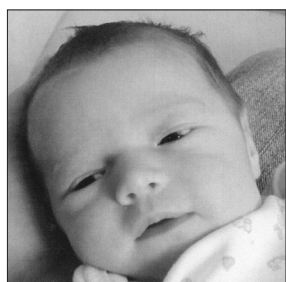
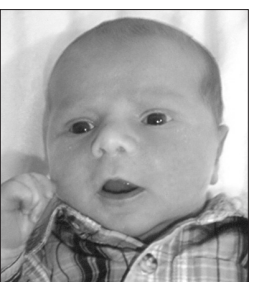
Mead is a member since 2004 of the prestigious Manhattan Island Marathon Swim (MIMS) after placing – at age 16 -- fourth overall and third amongst the women with a time of 7 hours and 44 minutes at the event. She was awarded the Robert Lyle Memorial Trophy for being the Channel Swimming Association's Fastest American of the Year. She was also awarded The Sotiraki Trophy for being the Fastest Lady of the Year.

For more information about the swim, and to download a registration packet and/or register online please visit [mallorymead.com/events-2/swim-for-kids-sake-2010](http://mallorymead.com/events-2/swim-for-kids-sake-2010).

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## Birth - Aman, Hilliard



Michael and Kathleen Aman, Plymouth, announce the birth of a daughter born at 5:05 p.m. Feb. 23, 2010 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Chloe Michelle Aman weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Michelle Cissna, Plymouth.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and SheriLynne Aman, Kalamazoo, Mich. and Lori Webb, Niles, Mich.

Kyle and Stephanie Hilliard, Tippecanoe, announce the birth of a son born at 8:59 p.m. Feb. 18, 2010 at St. Joseph

Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Carson Drew Hilliard weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Michelle Cissna, Plymouth.

Paternal grandparents are John and Alice Hilliard, Plymouth.

## Immunization clinic at Culver Schools March 31 and April 7

In 2010-2011 the State of Indiana school immunization requirements will change for students entering the sixth through twelfth grade. In anticipation of these changes, the Marshall County Health Department will be hosting free immunization clinics at Culver Community MS/HS March 31 for all students including current seniors and at Culver Elementary School April 7 for current fifth and sixth graders.

Notification was sent home with students. CHIRP Vaccination consent forms may be found on the corporation Web site at [www.culver.k12.in.us](http://www.culver.k12.in.us) or picked up at the child's school. Parents need not be present but signed permission forms must be returned to the schools office prior to the clinic. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this clinic in order to avoid the rush before school starts in August.

New requirements are:

- Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) must be given after the 10th birthday
- Menactra (Meningitis)
- Two Varicella (chickenpox) or written date of disease
- Hep B and IPV will also be available.

For more information call Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, Culver Community Middle School at 574-842-5690 or Culver Community High School at 574-842-3391.

## Community calendar

### Thurs., March 25

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Fri., March 26

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

### Sat., March 27

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Mon., March 29

Leaf pickup in town of Culver (all week)  
Story time, 11 a.m., Culver Public Library

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

### Tues., March 30

Tuesday Tea (and crafts), 1 p.m., Market Basket & Co., SR 17  
Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church

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

### Weds., March 31

Story time, 9:30 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Garden Club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

### Thurs., April 1

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Story time, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Census job testing, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lake Council #13720 business mtg., 7 p.m., church rectory basement

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## Death notice

Feece

**Ezra Feece Jr.  
March 14, 2010**

CULVER — Ezra Feece Jr., 86, of Culver, died at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, March 14, 2010, at the Florida Hospital, in Orlando, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Lexie Feece; daughters: Susan Engstom of Elkhart, Diana (Thomas) Zornow of Bristol, and Beth Anne (Kenneth) Riches of South Bend; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Burton Feece of Plymouth; and a sister, Gertrude Elliott of Fort Wayne.

Visitation took place from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 19 and one hour prior to services Saturday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. (CST) Saturday, March 20 at Eagle Creek Church, Knox.

Burial followed at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle Creek Church, 25 N. 700 E., Knox, IN, 46534.

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

## Death notice

Lewke

**Rev. E. Richard Lewke  
March 18, 2010**

PLYMOUTH — Rev. E. Richard Lewke, 85, of Plymouth, formerly of Argos, died at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a lengthy illness.

He is survived by the Morrison family of Culver and was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation took place from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services took place at 10 a.m. Monday, March 22 at the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 State Road 17, Plymouth.

Burial took place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 State Road 17, Plymouth.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](http://memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

## 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, March 25:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, black-eyed peas, roll and margarine, blueberry crisp, salad, and milk.

**Friday, March 26:** Tuna salad sandwich with cheese and onion, pea and cheese salad, fresh fruit (in season), cookie, and milk.

**Monday, March 29:** Chopped steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, succotash, wheat bread and margarine, cook's choice: dessert, and milk.

**Tuesday, March 30:** Pork fritter with mayo, bun, scalloped potatoes,

stewed tomatoes, peach cobbler, and milk.

**Wednesday, March 31:** BBQ chicken, broccoli, corn, wheat bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Thursday, April 1:** Liver and onions, with gravy,

mashed potatoes, pinto beans, mandarin oranges, wheat roll, and milk.

**Friday, April 2:** Spinach quiche, fruit salad, coffee cake, 100 percent juice, and milk.

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## Words of generosity

When I think about others in my life who are generous, I am instantly reminded of people who dedicate their time to helping others. Those who give their time freely in helping others in need are generous. There is such a need for volunteers in our own community and throughout the world and I am so thankful for the men, women and children who extend themselves to helping others with their time and service.



### ONE COLUMN AT A TIME

BY ANDREA G. COOK

For some of us, when we think of generosity, our initial thoughts immediately are directed to dollar signs. No matter what you call it: money, moola, cabbage, greenbacks or just cold hard cash, the all-American dollar has taken over as the standard in which we measure value in our culture. Each year about now, we are faced with tax season when we review our assets and liabilities, our income and expenses and naturally are determined to increase our net worth while trying to keep our tax payments to a minimum. Our net worth is considered as a number and sadly, some people seek their own value based on that number. Regardless of the itemized contributions, when we give freely from our wallets to help others in need, we face another opportunity to be generous.

Did you know there are more areas for you to reach out to show generosity other than with your time or money?

The spoken word holds a monumental, life-impacting value too. The words you offer to others is a form of generosity. There is great power in our words, power that can help- or harm others. In recognizing the level of influence your words have, it is important to be mindful of the opportunities in your life where you can be generous with your speech. I'm not talking about the quantity of words you share with someone. Talking excessively is not considered a form of generosity. The quality of words you offer another can be an asset that is far more valuable than anything your accountant could measure and record for you.

There are many ways in which you use words to help better others. You may be able to help someone just in a brief moment of sadness or crisis he or she may be experiencing. You may also provide that person with just the encouragement he or she may be needing to change his or her entire course.

Hopefully we can all recall that special someone who believed in us and took the time to share their insight with us. My guidance counselor in sixth grade encouraged me to take better notes in class so that someday I might be able to design perfume bottles, a creative profession that I had not yet considered. That was just the nudge, the connection I needed at that time to get me on the right course and I am thankful that he invested in me. He did not receive any monetary return on his investment.

After all, that is what being generous is about, giving freely, without any reward or recognition. Are there people in your life who have invested in you freely? More

importantly, are there people in your life today who you could invest in with your encouraging words? It may not take you too long to see a need around you. There is a need we all have in our hearts for words of encouragement. And there are moments in our lives when just a speck of encouragement is the spark we need.

The first time I realized this area of need was from a woman who I admired greatly. Although I hadn't been introduced to her formally, I knew of her and she had many attributes that I admired as a Christian working mom. She had given a presentation at an event that I attended. Following her presentation, I saw her in the ladies room. Although she intimidated me, I simply gave her a simple compliment about her presentation while washing hands next to her. She smiled, gave me direct eye contact and politely said, "Thank you." A few months passed when I saw her at another event. Someone introduced us and she smiled and said, "Oh, I remember you. You were so generous after one of my presentations." I smiled, shook her hand and inside my own head thought, "I was generous?" Since then, I have often thought of that interaction as it was very impressionable to me and my understanding of generosity.

The words that are the hardest to say are usually the most valuable. Words like, "I'm sorry," and "I forgive you," have great power when you set aside your differences with a generous heart.

Giving words of encouragement can also be misused just like giving money and time can be given for the wrong purposes. These virtuous acts can be devalued and worth nothing if something is expected in return. Giving freely is what generosity is about. Sometimes the measure of generosity is found in the sacrifice we make when we give to others.

Generosity doesn't have anything to do with how much money or time you have, or how talented you are, the condition of our hearts is what determines our willingness and courage to give freely. When our hearts and motives are pure, and we give generously, we realize that our lives have great influence and purpose.

Despite the condition that the world and our own community may be in today, there is a greater need that all the money, time and talent can't penetrate, won't fix and couldn't heal. A simple uplifting word has more power than you may ever know. I encourage you today to consider to reach out beyond your insecurity, comfort and fear and speak generously to someone.

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## Blood of Christ is therapy for us all

Opening day for Major League Baseball is just around the corner – the teams are wrapping up spring practice and getting ready for the real season to begin. The New York Yankees, the defending World Series Champions, open on April 6 in Boston, pitting the two historically strongest



### Pastor's Corner

By Pastor Larry Saunders  
Wesley United Methodist Church

teams in the American League East Division against each other. While I don't know yet who the starting pitchers will be, I do know who the projected starter for the Yankees will be at 3rd base – none other than 12-time All Star Alex Rodriguez. While this superstar has admitted in the past year to using steroids during his time as a Texas Ranger, he recently received an innovative (and legal) treatment for athletes known by the initials PRP – platelet rich plasma therapy.

In an interview with Robert Siegel on National Public Radio, Dr. Dennis Cardone of the New York University Medical Center explained how the therapy is done:

We take blood out of the arm of a patient or athlete . . . and we then spin it down in a special type of centrifuge, and . . . it concentrates the platelets. And then with that concentrated platelets, that's what we use to inject into an area or problem area, or area of pathology. The thought or the

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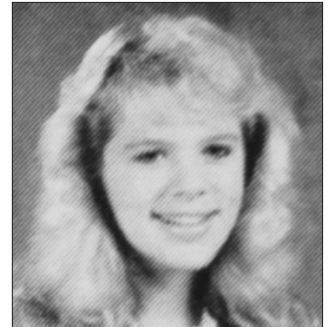
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### Name that Culver "citizen"

Your editor is hard-pressed to recall when a "Mystery Citizen" elicited such a widespread level of recognition, though it's easy to see why. Last week's Mystery Citizen, longtime (now retired) Culver Community High School teacher Barbara Winters, is another Culverite who still looks very much the same a few years later. Perhaps if



the editor had dug up a kindergarten photo of Mrs. Winters, it would have stumped more readers, but as it is, the list of those recognizing her includes: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Ed Pinder Sr., Mick Henley, Connie Van Horn, Marizetta Kenney, Rick Tompos, Barbara Winters, then and now, Judy Sawhook, Julie Bess, Jean Kindred, Larry Miller, Phyllis Hamman, Sharon Ehlinger, Gwen Hoessel,



John and Connie Schoening, JoAnn Ulery, Charlotte Hahn, Marilyn Kelly, Dottie Kissell, and Amy Hutchins. Culver's downtown will no doubt soon be crowded with winners cashing in on their free parking prizes due to correct guesses!

Returning to our previous week's contest, Dick Swennumson's correct guess of Bill Cleavenger came in after press time, so Dick can be added to that long list of downtown parkers.

This week's Mystery Citizen is recognizable in at least two relatively high-profile roles in Culver today and may be known to Culverites of a variety of ages.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto: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



## Culver baseball prepares for 2010 season

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

As baseball teams around the area prepare for the 2010 season, many have questions yet to be answered.

For good or ill, once the season starts in April those questions will be answered in a hurry with a hectic schedule at the front end of the season.

Culver Community dives headlong into

its season April 3 with the Frontier Tournament and maintains the pace with six games in the first week of play.

"We're going to know that first week where we're at, and then games will slow down a little bit after that first week so then we'll work on some things," said Cavaliers head coach Mike Elliott.

Culver returns a young but ex-

perienced core in pitcher/infielders Sam Hendrickson, Sam Hissong fellow hurlers Bryce Lindvall and A.J. Neace as well as outfielders Dennis Davis and Brian Nelson. Collin Stevens joins the squad as a utility infielder, as does Kyle Blauch, who is also expected to play center field this year.

With so many options around the infield, Elliott expects improvement in that area this year.

"Our infield is going to be stronger this year than it's been in the past, a little bit better fielding," he said. "We're still going to be

pretty young. Seems like we've been saying that for three years, but with no seniors that can be good or bad."

Elliott also believes his team is going to be able to generate some more hits in 2010, with one caveat.

"Offensively I think we're going to be better than we were last year... We're going to have to do some hitting and running," he said. "We're not going to have an overabundance of power, but I think we're going to make decent contact so we'll try to do some hitting and running and some situational things."



PHOTO/PAUL PARE  
Collin Stevens joined the CCHS baseball team.

## Culver Community holds winter athletic awards

Culver Community Middle and High School student athletes were honored March 15 at the schools' winter athletic awards. Honored students are pictured below.



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## 7th grade honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Mark Mayer, Alex Graham, Paul Foersch, Brandon Pinder, Donna Zehner. Middle row: Madalynn Coby, Mickella Hardy, Janelle VanDePutte, Angela Lewellen. Back row: Madelyn Strycker, Tia Romig, Katie Blocker.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

## 8th grade honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Trent Elliott, Shane Comiskey, Caleb Nash, Michael Skiles, Grace Lorenz. Middle row: Torrie Christlieb, Denisha Brown, Torrie Elliott, Abby James, Kayla Shaffer. Back row: Hayes Barnes, Nicole Baugh, Shawn Russell.

More honored athletes on page 7

## New faces join familiar ones as girls track season opens

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

Several new faces will join some familiar ones as the 2010 girls track season kicks off this month. Culver Girls Academy boasts an impressive lineup of returning letter-winners.

The Eagles return a duo of talented sprinters in Ashley Taylor and Erica Sims, who finished one-two in the 2009 sectional 100 race — Sims also won the 200-meter championship at Rochester — but unlike Plymouth, CGA also looks good in the distance races.

Junior Waverly Neer, a recent All-American nominee in the 5,000-meter run at the Nike Indoor Nationals, is back to lead the distance group, while Kaye Sitterly and Willow Smith are also back. Neer won Bremen Regional championships in both the mile and 2-mile on her way to the state finals last season, while Smith — whose status at present is uncertain with a foot injury — placed third in last year's regional 3200 to qualify with Neer for the state meet.

Moira Kelly and Anna Klondaris are back in the 400, and a talented group of newcomers has also turned out in Jasmine Solola, Kenzie Ungar and Kylee Shipley to give the Eagles some added depth.

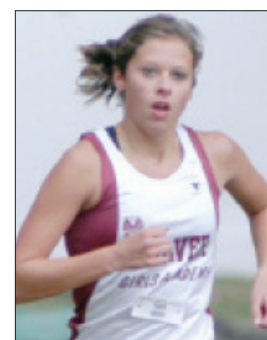
"The girls' depth is going to be pretty good in most events," said CGA head coach and 2009 IAT-CCC Class 2A Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year Michael Chastain. "The girls are going to be pretty good in almost everything. We don't necessarily have state-quality runners in everything, but in terms of sectional they're going to be pretty deep in almost every event."

"We will hope to be right in there. Plymouth will be good again too... It should be another nice battle with Plymouth, as it usually is."

At Culver Community, meanwhile, the Lady Cavs are making a rough transition under new head coach Mike Buschmann.

Lauren Shaffer and Chelsey Jones return in the distance events, and Serena Hughes and Hayley Weldon are back in throwing events along with sprinter Nicolette Banfield, but Culver's lineup features a total of just six athletes this year, making it all but impossible to compete in any team meets.

"We've just kind of got to work with what we have," Buschmann said. "The nice thing about track is you can focus on times. It's not just 'Hey we played well tonight,' which is judgmental. It makes it a lot easier to come out and for everyone to understand what they need to do."



CITIZEN FILE PHOTOS  
Above: CGA's Waverly Neer. Below: CCHS runner Lauren Shaffer



## Sports briefs

### Boys indoor track and field

#### CMA's Arroyo competes at HSR meet

Bremen's Austin Coffel placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 47' 11.5", while teammate Caleb Martin placed 19th with a 43'06.75" throw and Justin Bogart cleared 11 feet in the pole vault for 11th place at the Hoosier State Relays at Purdue University Saturday.

Culver Military's Alejandro Arroyo placed second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:28.54, just over two seconds back of champion Drew Gambill of Shakamak.

#### Arroyo sets 3 CMA records at Nike Nationals

Culver Military Academy senior Alejandro Arroyo set new CMA indoor track records in the 1,500-meter run, the mile and the 5,000-meter races at the Nike Indoor Nationals in Boston Sunday.

Arroyo clocked in at 15:10.88 for third in the 5,000 and was named an All-American for the outstanding performance. He ran the 1,500 in 4:05.88 and crossed the line in 4:22.62 for 22nd place in the mile.

### CGA's Ungar, Spaulding compete at HSR

The Lady Lions finished in the top five in a pair of relays, Hope Jordan was third in the 3200, and Jenna Pfeiffer finished 10th in the high jump as Bremen placed sixth overall with 26 points at the Hoosier State Relays meet at Purdue University Saturday.

Jordan, Megan Burcham, Anna Zeltwanger and Amy Fanning combined for fifth place in the 3200-meter relay and claimed third in the distance medley relay in a time of 13:21.76 at the meet, while Jordan completed the individual two-mile in 11:28.32, and Pfeiffer cleared five feet in the high jump. Pfeiffer also finished 19th in the 55-meter hurdles.

LaVille's Elaine Schmeltz placed eighth in the 3200 in a time of 12:02.94, while Culver Girls Academy's C.J. Spaulding was 19th in the shot put with a throw of 30'10". CGA's Kenzie Ungar placed ninth ahead of Pfeiffer in the high jump, also with a 5-foot clearance. LaVille's Emily Langford cleared 4-10 in a three-way tie for 13th in the high jump.

### Neer named All-American at Nike Indoor Nationals

Culver Girls Academy  
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### Girls indoor track and field



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

## High School honor roll athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Joe Krsek, Jacob Sheridan, Jackie Bauer, Collin Stevens, Erin Bau. Middle row: Clare Hartman, Aspen Kitchell, Kalee Miller, Clar Baker, Micah Budzinski. Back row: Nicle Ziaja, Michelle Elam, Allen Betts.

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## All-conference and champion athletes

ABOVE: Front row, left to right: Matt Hurford, All-NSC Regional Champion; Dalton Overmyer, Sectional Champion; Ian Randolph, Sectional Champion. Back row: Gwen Zehner, All-NSC; Robert Molebash, All-NSC; Zoe Bauer, All-NSC.

## Culver's Cook slated to present at Indy's Green Fest

A presentation titled, "A Girl and Her Green Dream" is officially scheduled for the upcoming Indy Green Fest. Andrea Cook, a small town girl with a big vision called Project Green Building will share her dream of taking green mainstream. She encourages other to join her in the journey as she shares her plan to purchase a distressed downtown property and renovate it into a green building for the sake of awareness. Hear more about the obstacles and her plan to spread the words "reduce, reuse and recycle" through living, working, building and learning in her community.

A business owner and community enthusiast, Andrea demonstrates a passion for eco-friendly activities spanning from her company's strong portfolio of green clients, her love of repurposed creative furnishings, special mom-n-daughter time growing worm farms and her latest entrepreneurial endeavor that she hopes will paint the town green: Project Green Building.

Cook has been named a finalist in Indiana's Green Entrepreneur of the Year. Awards will be presented during the first annual Indiana Green Business awards dinner, which will kick off the festivities scheduled for Green Fest Indy 2010. The awards event will be held March 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6930 Intech Boulevard in Indianapolis at 7 p.m., the evening before Green Fest Indy opens its doors at the Indiana State Fairgrounds March 26 through 28.

Sara Snow, author and TV host of the Discovery Network's "Get Fresh with Sara Snow" will be presenting the awards and the sponsoring judges include representatives from the USGBC (US Green Building Council), Whole Foods Market, Center of Wellness for Urban Women, Nuvo and IndyMetroBALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies).

For more information on the event, visit [greenfestindy.com](http://greenfestindy.com). For more information on Project Green Building, visit Project Green Building on Facebook.com.

## Library from page 1

In response to Faulkner's report on the state of library finances, board member Alfred Nyby said he felt the library is "doing very well."

During her director's report, McCarty said public usage of the library's Evergreen cataloging and materials system - adopted last fall - seems to be increasing, noting a number of books came in for local patrons and were loaned out to other Indiana libraries in February via the statewide consortium in which Evergreen is situated. She also noted staff members Barb Maves and Polly Thompson-Wolf have received Cataloging 1 status by way of Evergreen training, fulfilling the consortium's expectation of at least one staff member of that status in each participating library.

Of the library's 3,000-plus patrons, the director added, 1091 had Evergreen cards as of last month.

McCarty also said an average of 184 items circulated locally in the library in the month of February and 823 young people - both younger children and teens/young adults - visited the library's children's area last month. Attending adult programs during the same period were 483 people, with 69 attending library-sponsored events and 348 attending events sponsored by other entities but held at the library.

The Friends of the library will hold a luncheon for library staff and board members next month for National Library Week, as well as sponsoring a talk April 8 at 7 p.m. featuring Dr. Curt Bejes, an alternative medicine practitioner and author, on heart disease.

The library's ad hoc policy committee is reviewing new state-wide public library standards, McCarty explained, for compliance, though its main thrust is on the library's long-range plan. A community-wide survey is in the

works, which board member Carol Saft said will incorporate online service Survey Monkey - which allows user to fill out surveys both on paper and online - to feed into that plan. Members of the public are still being sought, it was noted, to take part in two meetings to help the library formulate its long-range plan.

Library IT head Andrew Baker discussed impending replacement of library servers, desktops, laptops, and software.

He also discussed usage of the library's website and the Evergreen system, as well as the publicly available computer lab, which he said peaked last July with around 1,600 people making use of it. He said the lab continues to get a great deal of traffic indicating the need for public computer access. Nyby asked Baker to begin placing usage statistics and other library reports on the website to add to the board meeting minutes already available there. At the board's request, Baker also said he would prepare a priority list for computer hardware and software purchases for this year.

McCarty discussed House Bill 1086, which includes some new - mostly minor - adjustments in public library expectations, many of which don't affect Culver as a Class 1 library. One change, she noted, is that library board members (trustees) may now serve a maximum of 16 consecutive years on the board before sitting out four years and serving again. The 2011 legislative session, she added, will likely look closer at consolidation recommendations in the Kernan-Shepherd report of a few years ago. The "absolute need to find new sources of revenue" besides property taxes for various entities, including libraries, was stressed as well, McCarty added.

## Pastor's from page 4

theory behind PRP is that by taking this aggregate or concentration of platelets, we are enhancing the body's healing response. ("All Things Considered," March 9, 2010).

In other words, the athlete's own blood is mixed around to concentrate the platelets, and then is inject-

ed into a bruised or injured part of the body, seemingly speeding up the recovery time.

This is not all that different from how the Christian understands Jesus' passion and sacrifice for us. As Easter approaches once again, we have to pause at least long enough to grasp

the terrible reality that we cannot get to Resurrection without first going straight through the betrayal, trial, mocking, denial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We may have lots of excuses for turning our attention away from His awful suffering, but we cannot escape the clear testimony of Scripture

that points ultimately to the God of the Son of God. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah proclaimed that the Messiah would be the one whose blood would bring healing when he wrote "He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, upon him was the punishment that made

## Preschool registration at Wesley UMC

Registration for Wesley Preschool begins Saturday, April 17th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the preschool room at Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street.

The Preschool offer two classes: a junior class and senior class. To qualify for the junior class, your child must be three by August 1, 2010, and toilet trained. To qualify for the senior class, your child must be four by August 1, 2010.

The junior class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$64 per month. The senior class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at a cost of \$92.00 per month. There is a registration fee of \$40, which covers supplies for the school year.

Wesley follows the Culver Community Calendar with the exception of its start date, which will be the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 7, 2010. Other than that exception, the calendars are the same.

Both classes follow a morning routine: circle time, center time (including many free play and free art centers, story and transition, snack time, and special activity time. Once a week, a representative from the library comes to read to both classes, and once to twice a week, P.E. class is held. The students take many field trips, enjoy parent and guest readers, celebrate special days with mom and dad, and enjoy a wonderful year together.

Currently there is a staff of three. Jennifer Luttrell is Preschool director and junior class teacher, Jill Gavlick is senior class teacher, and Shelly Schrimsher is assistant.

Please contact Jennifer Luttrell with any questions, 574-250-3852.

## Library book, film group looks at "Julie and Julia"

Culver Union-Township Public Library's book and film club, "A Novel Approach," will feature a book and film discussion on "Julie and Julia" by Julie Powell at noon, Wednesday, April 7.

The group is mirrored after a popular program currently in its 24th season at the Stratford Public Library in Stratford, Conn.

Participants are asked to first read the pre-selected book and then view its film version (to be shown at the library). Discussion follows the movie. Copies of the book are available to check out at the CUTPL Circulation Desk. The book club meets at the Culver Union-Township Public Library's Large Meeting Room located downstairs by the Computer Lab. Participants may bring a bag lunch to the program. The library will provide coffee and tea.

For more information call the library at 574-842-2941 or e-mail [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us).

All programs are open and free to the public.

## Sports from page 6

junior Waverly Neer set a pair of school records in the 1,500-meter and mile races and was named to the All-American team in the 5,000-meter race at the Nike Indoor Nationals Sunday.

Neer turned in a 4:40.95 in the 1,500 to set a new indoor school record in that event and finished 21st in the mile in a time of 4:59.99, another CGA indoor landmark. She missed the CGA indoor junior class record by just 1.7 seconds on her way to a sixth-place, 17:42.76 finish in that race, the third-best overall 5,000-meter indoor time in program history.

with seven goals, Bud Graham with four and Jesse Rabishaw with three. Starting goalie Coltan Armitage had 11 saves on 15 Noblesville shots.

• CULVER MILITARY 17, NOBLESVILLE 9  
At Noblesville  
CMA goals: Brandon Benn 7, Bud Graham 4, Jesse Rabishaw 3, Sean Thompson 2, Kyle Trolley 1; Assists: Ferris 3, Rabishaw 2, Trolley 1, Graham 1, Cameron Dabir 1; Saves: Coltan Armitage 11, Erik Feuillan 0. Record: CMA 2-0.

### CMA wins opener

Culver Military kicked off the 2010 lacrosse season with a 21-1 thrashing of Park Tudor Friday evening in Indianapolis.

The Eagles led just 3-1 after the first quarter but rattled off 11 unanswered goals to take a 14-1 lead at halftime.

The Eagles, ranked seventh in the Midwest by Inside Lacrosse magazine, were led by Bud Graham and Johns Hopkins recruit Brandon Benn with five goals each. Cameron Dabir had four assists and goalie Coltan Armitage had six saves against one goal before leaving the game. Erik Feuillan came in and collected five saves.

• CULVER MILITARY 21, PARK TUDOR 1  
At Indianapolis  
CMA goals: Bud Graham 5, Brandon Benn 5, Kyle Trolley 3, Jesse Rabishaw 2, Dean Ferris 2, Troy Grogan 2, Josh Berger 1, Alex Dodane 1; Assists: Dabir 4, Berger 2, Grogan 2, Ferris 2, Benn 1, Graham 1; Saves: Coltan Armitage 6, Erik Feuillan 5. Record: CMA 1-0.

### Boys lacrosse

#### Eagles dominate Noblesville

Culver Military ran off 11 unanswered goals over the second and third periods to break open a 6-4 lacrosse contest with Noblesville Saturday morning at Noblesville.

The Millers scored two goals in the first two minutes of the second period to pull within two points before Brandon Benn's goal off a Dean Ferris pass started the CMA run with 8:40 left in the period.

The Eagles, now 2-0 on the young season, held a 17-4 lead at the end of three. Noblesville came back to score the game's final five goals to draw closer. Noblesville's Brad Gyson gave the Millers a brief 1-0 lead at the start of the game.

Leading the Eagles' attack were Brandon Benn

us whole, and by his stripes we are healed." The blood of Jesus Christ is given that it might bring healing to every wounded heart. Every soul afflicted with sin can apply the blood of Christ, freely shed on the cross, and find it restored to peace and reconciled to God. When we call on

Christ to save us from our sin, when we trust in His atoning blood, then we give our hearts the only therapy available that is effective in leading to true healing.

## CCHS student project will aid Haiti

By Gwen Zehner

Culver Community High School

The Culver Community High School's Junior Humanities class recently wrapped up its community service project to help the people of Haiti after the disastrous earthquake that struck that country. The students began the project by collecting donations at the middle and high school boys and girls basketball games. The goal set by the class was \$300.

In an effort to raise more money, the class involved the student body in a competition which would also contribute to the relief project. Clubs and classes chose representatives to pose humorously for a picture as they vied for the title Port-au-Prince and a Port-au-Princess. The student body voted on their favorite photo with coin donations. One cent equaled one vote.

The candidates included Mark Maes and Angel Tobey representing Student Council, Chaney Campos and Alena Williams representing Cornucopia, John Alhenius and Makennon Hicks representing the Freshman Class, Jerry Smith and Angel Tobey for yearbook, Chris Bowen and Morgan Jenkinson for French Club, Nate Niswander and Nikki Banfield for CYCO, along with newspaper representatives, Brian Nelson and Gwen Zehner. Brian Nelson and Gwen Zehner took in the most money with \$54.23 and were crowned at the final boys' basketball game.

Several local businesses and Culver's Trinity Lutheran Church also helped the cause by setting out containers for donations.

On March 11, Humanities students Clar Baker and C.J. Dehning presented a check for \$623.42 for Haiti Relief to Kathleen Husband, a representative of the American Red Cross.

until Noon. This class is designed for the person who has very limited or no computer skills. Space is very limited so please call today to register for this class.

On April 7 the SCILL Center will present a Basic Excel class from 8 a.m. until 12 (noon) at the SCILL Center. Starting with the basics, you will learn how to create, format and manipulate data in a spreadsheet. This is a "hands on" class where you learn on computers, not on paper.

To register or for more information, call Terri at 574-772-8001.

### Town-wide spring cleanup

The Culver community clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Town of Culver will provide dumpsters for those wishing to dispose of debris from their home or yard. Hazardous chemicals and tires cannot be accepted. Please contact street department head Bob Porter (culverstreet@townofculver.org) or call 574-292-3943 with questions about what will be accepted.

### Market Basket offers weekly crafts

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S R 17, will be holding Tuesday Tea and Crafts each Tuesday in March from 1 to 3 p.m. A different craft project will be offered. All crafts will be in the \$5 range, and include bead and wire spoons (March 9), glass painting (March 16), fairy craft for mom and kids (March 23), and lavender sachet (March 30).

### Friends book sale

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will hold its next book sale 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.

### 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.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Culver Community High School junior C.J. Dehning, left, and fellow CCHS junior Clar Baker, right, give a check to Kathleen Husband of the Red Cross towards relief efforts in Haiti.

## Briefs from page 1

Potato Supper" at the Vandalia railroad station in Culver Friday, April 9. All are encouraged to dine from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This is a fund raiser to support the Culver Food Pantry and Trinity. Feel free to bring personal products (deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc.) the evening of the dinner, and those items will be delivered to the Culver Food Pantry.

Members of the Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO) will be assisting at the supper. The CAVS, from the Culver High School, and the Culver Academies Service Club will both be in attendance and at your service! Tickets can be purchased from any Trinity member or they can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 children 12 and under.

### Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will be flushing fire hydrants during the week of April 12-16. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water.

### CCHS Sports Spectacular April 9

Culver Community High

School will host its annual Sports Spectacular from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 3 at the high school gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30. At 6 p.m., there will be a faculty versus students volleyball game. This is followed by thirteen events that test the numerous abilities of CCHS' students. At 8 p.m., the faculty will play the students in basketball. The annual dance contest will be after the basketball game, followed by a high school dance from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission to the Sports Spectacular is \$3, and the dance will be free for high school students. All proceeds go to the Culver Community Athletic Department.

### Culver resident encourages personal protection whistles

One Culver resident wants to help others stay safe if attacked by way of the "three P's...Practice Personal Protection."

Pat Watson is hoping people – especially women – will consider purchase of personal protection whistles, which she says are visible and easy to reach and can't be used against their owners as pepper spray or mace can. The whistle, adds Watson, will startle

an attacker and alert others, giving a potential victim a chance to escape from personal attacks. The whistles are available alone or on a variety of necklaces, bracelets, and other formats.

Those interested in obtaining a whistle or with questions may call Watson at 574-842-4876 or purchase the whistles at Elizabeth's Garden florist on Plymouth Street in Culver.

### Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a spring town-wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the town hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 574-842-3140. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. A map of the locations hosting a yard sale will be disbursed by noon Thursday, April 21 at the town hall, Culver Express, and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

### Culver kindergarten student Roundup

Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt announced the kindergarten enrollment information for the 2010-11 school year. Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Culver Elementary

attendance district will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. Kindergarten Roundup for those students in the Monterey Elementary attendance district will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in the Monterey Elementary School cafeteria.

If a parent cannot come April 7 or April 8, a parent or guardian should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or Monterey Elementary at 574-542-2601 to make other arrangements.

### Faculty artworks at Coffee Company

The Fine Arts Department of Culver Academies invites the Culver community to view an exhibition of artwork by its Visual Arts faculty, including Audrey Blessman, Jack Williams, Ashley Zimmerman, and Bob Nowalk, at the Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive in Culver. The work will be on display from now until the first week of April and its viewing is free and open to the public.

### Free computer classes at SCILL Center

A "Basic Computer Workshop" will be held March 31 at the SCILL Center in Knox from 8 a.m.

## Tri Kappa news

## Culver Tri Kappa's Tour De Max

Registration is available for Tri Kappa's Tour De Max. Event is scheduled Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 7:00 a.m., local time. Participants can depart for a 10-, 30-, or 63 mile route starting and ending at Culver's Beach Lodge, 819 E Lake Shore Drive. Cost is \$20 before May 1 and \$25 after May 1 through the morning of the ride. Online registration this year accepts credit card payments. The registration fee include a t-shirt, rider number, SAG support and stops, as well as refreshments upon returning to the Beach Lodge. Children 12 and under ride free with an adult, but a t-shirt is not included. For more information, visit [www.tourdemax.blogspot.com](http://www.tourdemax.blogspot.com).

## Culver Tri Kappa Art Show 2010

Entry forms have been sent to community high school artists for the upcoming Culver Tri Kappa Annual Art Show at the Culver Cove. The public is welcome to visit the art show on April 23 - 25. More details to follow.

## Culver Tri Kappa Chapter-wide Family Rummage Sale

Culver's spring community yard sale is right around the corner, April 23- 25th. Culver Tri Kappa invites you to a chapter-wide family rummage sale at 217 South Ohio Street, Culver.

## About Tri Kappa's Local Community Enrichment

In addition the Tour De Max and Student Art Show, there are many other community-building programs

that Culver Tri Kappa members have developed and carry out from year to year. Notable events include Chairs for Charity, the Prom Dress Shop, Mom's Day Out, the Read Program Ice Cream Social, as well as holiday service projects like Christmas basket delivery and caroling to people in our community affiliated with Meals on Wheels and Miller's Merry Manor.

Culver Tri Kappa's fund raising efforts such as poinsettia- and Eastertime butter braid sales help provide the financial support that goes directly into the community. Contributing almost \$10,000 annually through scholarships, grants and charitable donations, the Culver Tri Kappa chapter has financially supported local individuals, families and organizations including high school- and college students, Culver's EMS and Fire Department, the Marshall County Hospice, Beaman Home and many other community enriching endeavors.

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peak of the H1N1 season, however, more than 50 passed through her doors for a total of 730 students that month, with 741 in October. "They were dropping like flies when the flu hit," she said. She replied to an audience query that Culver and Monterey had several cases of swine flu, eventually ceasing to test for the illness since treatment for H1N1 was identical to treatment for the regular flu. A few students, she noted, were hospitalized for pneumonia.

The normal school nurse visit situation differs a bit at the Culver Community Middle and High Schools, where three to four students per day is the average. At those schools, Hermanson noted, Tylenol is administered as needed, with 325 students having received that medication so far this school year.

Among the school nurse's other duties are vision exams, hearing tests, scoliosis checks (though not required by the state any more, she says, both elementary school principals have asked the practice to continue), and immunizations.

This time of year is a busy one, said Hermanson, for kindergarten immunizations in particular. Students may be excluded from school for 20 days if their shots aren't up to date, and of course a major goal is keeping youngsters in school, not out. New state immunization requirements include TDAP (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) after students' 10th birthdays, Menaactra (Meningitis), and two Varicella (chickenpox) or written date of disease if a student has already contracted it. Culver Community Schools is holding immunization clinics, in fact, later this month and in early April (see accompanying announcement this issue).

The new CHIRP (Children and Hoosiers Immune and Registry Program) system is "really great," Hermanson explained, and involves making records of shots administered by any health department or doctor/pediatrician available online for other health care providers, something for which Hermanson receives local parents' permission. She also said notice of immunizations is sent out online via Harmony to save paper and mailing costs.

Responding to an audience question, Hermanson said there is a religious objection form for parents exempting their children from immunization, in addition to a medical objection option for cases of students on chemo therapy or the like. Culver currently has three or four students exempted due to religious objections, she explained.

Hermanson praised the school secretaries at the various buildings, on whom she said she relies to help administer medication and first aid to students. She's taught them, as well as principals, how to use glucometers and administer shots in emergency situations. She's also a site for Ancilla College nursing students, who spend about four hours on-site with her as part of their observation. "They're usually quite amazed at how much goes on," noted Hermanson.

Some of her duties also include working with school social worker Deb Stevens, said Hermanson, on student hygienic and emotional issues. She also does head-checks at the elementary schools, teaches principles of hand cleanliness awareness, growth and development issues for fifth graders, and dental health teaching for kindergarteners and first graders. In fact, she shared with her Kiwanian audience the "giant tooth" she uses to teach good dental habits to students.

"Every day is different," Hermanson said of her multi-faceted role as school nurse. "You have to be flexible. Whatever I plan on a certain day is probably not going to happen!"

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in which she involves her students. In fact, this semester she's launched a program in which her language arts students must take part in a community service project of their choosing as part of their required class work (something the Citizen will feature in a future edition).

"I think I've honestly realized this year that we complain that we don't have enough and want more and more," says sixth grader Machayla Allen. "But there's people out there that don't even have what we have...it makes me really upset if you think about it."

"People need to know these kids aren't all juvenile delinquents," Trent notes. "We have kids here who work hard for their community."

She explains all sixth grade students are expected to help in one way or another with Soup for the Soul.

Says sixth grader Maria Lindvall, "Working together to do this is more fun than just giving money."

Fellow student Allen agrees. "You get to have everybody together helping people at once...when you have to clean and stuff, that gives us some (lessons in) responsibility."

Trent is also soliciting adult volunteers to help April 22 in the kitchen and with organization and supervision of students. The event could also use more soup donations, she adds, as well as paper bowls and other items.

This year, Trent and other organizers have opted to split whatever money is made between multiple charities. One area need touching Trent's heart was the Make a Wish Foundation endeavors for a young Bremen boy fighting cancer. Though the Foundation has granted his wish, the community need to raise the money, and Trent hopes part of the proceeds from "Soup" can go to him. Other likely destinations for event proceeds include the Culver food pantry and Marshall and Starke County Humane Societies.

Lyman notes this year one student, Gavan Compton, came up with the idea of making beanbag toss or corn-hole games to sell at the Soup event alongside the bean bags students were already making.

"Who just wants to go buy one bean bag?" asks Compton. "It won't be any fun. We can sell them in a set with a game and you'll have a lot more fun with it. We made nine sets (and) painted them red, white, and blue, and in Culver colors, Indianapolis Colts, and army camouflage for hunters."

"They're responding really well," Lyman says of the students. "They just don't question (the importance of what they're doing).

"If people came last year," she adds, "They should come again."

Naturally, Trent and Lyman hope this year's event will surpass expectations as did the 2008 Soup for the Soul, which Lyman says she had feared would leave them with many of the 140 student-made bowls unused. Instead, community members from a variety of backgrounds – as well as a South Bend TV station – filled the Culver Elementary School cafeteria, where "Soup" will once again take place.

"Culver really does have a great community in terms of helping out," says Trent. "Wherever I call, right away they offer to donate. People have really been good."

"Many people should come," adds Maria Lindvall. "It's a good cause and lots of fun."

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