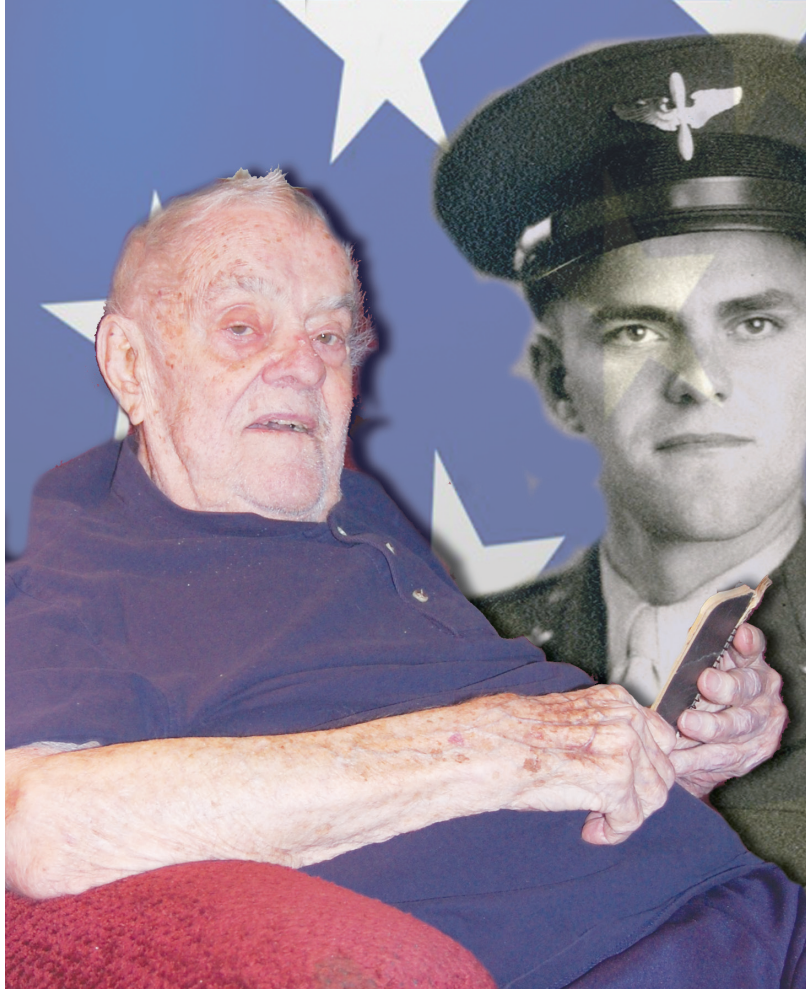


# The Culver Citizen



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## In Brief

**Culver Girl Scout donation drive Nov. 13**

Culver Girl Scout Troops 30472 and 30474 will host a Goodwill drive Saturday, November 13, 9 to 11 a.m. in the east side, front driveway at Culver Elementary School. Donors can drop off gently used items (during those hours) such as: clothing, jewelry, toys, shoes, purses/bags, hangers, pillows, blankets, common household items, books, board games, movies, tapes, CD's, knick-knacks, and other useful items. Goodwill is a great organization to donate to, say Scout Cadets Erin Bandy, Alyssa Stockberger and Madelyn Strycker, "because it gives you a feeling of joy when you donate, knowing that you have given your items for someone else who needs them. We would really appreciate your donations!"

**Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows breakfast Nov. 13**

Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will hold a pancakes and sausage - biscuits and gravy breakfast on Saturday, November 13, from 6 a.m. to noon at Pine and 18B Roads. The all you can eat meal cost is (adults) \$6 and (children) \$4.

**Culver in world wars program Nov. 11**

Culver Academies historian Robert Hartman will presents "Lest We Forget," an audio-visual look at the contributions of graduates of Culver Military Academy to the two great wars -- World Wars I and II -- of the 20th Century, as well as the development of the school in the years between those conflicts.

The program will take place on Veterans Day: Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, 102 S. Main St. in downtown Culver.

The event is free and open to the public. Information is available at [www.culver.org/museum](http://www.culver.org/museum), or call 574-842-8842.

**CUTPL Biography Book Club**

Culver-Union Township Public Library's Biography Book Club meets Thursday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m. The selection for this month is This Time Together

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## A Culver soldier looks back

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ABOVE, LEFT: Jim Miracle, one of Culver's few World War II veterans and a retired instructor at Culver Academies, pauses from browsing the pages of a diary he kept during his days on a B-24 during the war. At right is his WWII-era photo portrait.

See story below.

## Culver's Miracle recalls WW2 experience

*Veteran's Day 2010*

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Jim Miracle holds a small, faded notebook whose pages show the passing of more than sixty years. It's the diary that accompanied him on flight missions in Asia during World War II, and in which he made notes on every mission: which number it was for him, its date, and what happened. He kept it not only through the tumultuous six years he spent in the military during that period, but through moves to Culver -- where he spent some four decades as a beloved instructor in the summer and winter schools at what would become Culver Academies -- to Virginia in his retirement, through the death of both his first and second wives, and now back to the home in which he raised his children: 448 State Street in Culver, a home he shares today with son Tom, himself a graduate of CMA.

Miracle describes a "typical Midwestern Wisconsin" upbringing (he was raised and went to school in Oshkosh). He recalls teaching in famous Senator Joseph McCarthy's hometown and meeting the man synonymous with the anti-Communist hearings bearing his name.

Even as a student at the Wisconsin State Teacher's College, Miracle knew he would eventually be drafted and made plans towards that inevitability. Though he didn't attend Culver as a student, 19-year-old Jim Miracle heard staff members at Oshkosh High School discuss the school and wound up as an instructor in the summer Woodcraft program in the late 1930s.

In October, 1942, he got the call to Chicago to be inducted into the armed services, with just "a fairly new suit and a toothbrush to my name."

Miracle had always been interested in flight and the Army Air Corps (the predecessor of today's Air Force), so he joined about 200 other young men at the San Antonio, Texas Aviation Cadet Center.

"I decided if I had to go into the war," he muses, "I'd rather be in the air than slushing down on the ground. At San Antonio they put us through all kinds of tests, and I was classified as a potential pilot, bombardier aviator. I had no idea I'd wind up as an air crewman, but I did."

On Sundays in San Antonio, Miracle indulged in his secondary interest, that of choral music, singing in the choir at the Episcopal Church. His musical acumen would come to the fore in Culver in later years.

After attending bombardier training school in another part of Texas, Miracle was placed with others in for training in a 10-man crew, eventually picking up their airplane in New England.

"They printed, 'Innocents Abroad' on the side of the plane," he recalls. "I think I made that suggestion, and then each member of the crew had his name printed on the side near where he stood as we flew in combat."

The plane left Langley Field, Virginia, on July 8, 1944, stopping in Newfoundland and crossing the Atlantic Ocean on "a bright, beautiful day." The plane would land in the territory of Lisbon, where Miracle remembers heading into town with a group of others and spending the evening in an officer's club listening to American jazz, observing signs warning them of rats carrying

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## Weather throws Culver some curve balls

PHOTOS/BILL BIRK\* AND JEFF KENNEY

LEFT: Culver's Bill Birk shot this spectacular rainbow\* -- which garnered many comments from those who saw it -- over the eastern Culver sky a few weeks ago. Rain showers in Culver last Friday were replaced by snow (RIGHT), such as in this beautiful but chilly Saturday morning scene at Cass and Clymax Strets.

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# \$250k Culver sidewalk grant is result of collaborative effort

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver-area youngsters -- and pedestrians in general -- will have safer surfaces on which to travel to and from school and school-related events thanks to a \$250,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program, awarded to the town of Culver and announced October 26.

The effort to make the grant a reality in Culver has been the result of a collaboration between Culver Community Schools and the town itself, and that's something Town Manager Michael Doss and Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt feel is great news for the community, right alongside news of the funding itself.

The Second Century Committee of Culver's Chamber of Commerce actually began investigating SRTS around two years ago while researching funding possibilities for bicycling routes in the Culver area, explains Doss. MACOG (the Michiana Area Council of Governments) suggested to Second Century representatives that SRTS grant funding might be of assistance in their endeavors, and soon Culver Community Schools was getting behind the effort.

That's due in large part to the potential benefits of the program for local students, say Doss and Schuldt. The Safe Routes to School initiative is an Indiana-based adoption of a federal program aimed at combating weight gain and obesity in American (and closer to home, Hoosier) children. The INDOT website ([www.in.gov/indot/2956.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/2956.htm)) also notes that "towns with established SRTS programs also report a stronger sense of community identity and increased social skills among school-aged children." Further, the site quotes a 2008 study which points out, "If the number of kids who walk and bike to school was restored to 1969 levels, our nation would cut 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, and 89,000 tons of other pollutants annually."

Perhaps the most obvious benefit is in the area of safety. The funds awarded to Culver, Doss points out, will con-

centrate on improving two major sections of sidewalk, on Ohio and Main Streets, in an effort to cover the south and central portions of Culver and thus covering around two-thirds of the town.

"These were identified as two major sidewalks," says Doss, "We're hoping to provide an outlet for kids to come up on the side streets and get onto the major sidewalks."

He notes some crosswalks are crumbled in those areas, and few if any are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Further, traffic safety signals for pedestrians, where they exist at all, are deteriorated, and those will be replaced with new signals. Doss adds the hope is to work towards improving the north side of town -- specifically College Avenue -- in the future as well.

Schuldt says part of the grant application process was a school-initiated survey of Culver's elementary and middle school parents and students as to how many walk to school versus riding the bus, as well as whether more parents would allow children to walk to school if conditions were safer.

The survey additionally highlighted the fact that more students are walking to and from extracurricular activities, to the elementary school playground, downtown to the public library and other areas, and similar situations after school, on weekends, and in the summer, than were necessarily walking to and from school for their regular school day.

"It's important to have these safe areas," Schuldt says.

Schuldt emphasizes that the program is not an example of the school corporation seeking to reduce expenditures through reduction of the area it will send buses to pick up students, as some school corporations have done in re-



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Culver Town Manager Michael Doss, left, and Culver Community Schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt celebrate a quarter-million-dollar grant to improve Culver's sidewalks for Culver students walking to and from school and school-related activities.

sponse to massive cuts in education funds across the state over the past year.

"We haven't changed the basic parameters of where we pick up kids," he notes, explaining Culver's school buses generally begin picking up students at the Lake Shore Drive - Academy Road intersection to the east (and State Road 17 and Lake Shore Drive to the north), Jefferson Street at State Road 17 to the west. See Grant page 8 and Davis and South Main Streets

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bubonic plague. He also recalls flying, later, over Bethlehem on the way to the crew's destination, "and I thought how interesting it was to be in the air in the war, flying over Bethlehem."

Also memorable was flying over the Himalayan Mountains before eventually flying into China and unloading the plane.

"The barracks were rat-infested in the basement," he recalls. "At night they'd come up into the barracks proper, and I remember looking out of my mosquito netting and seeing rats out on the floor, and I thought, 'Oh my God, I'm sleeping with rats. At dawn we'd sit at the end of the building and try to kill rats (with our guns). That was my first combat!'"

Looking back, Miracle says he feels fortunate to have had the combined abilities of the flight crew he had. "The good Lord who selected these crews must have been looking at it and said, 'Hey, we'll take this guy for this position; and that guy for that.' There were four men on each craft that had (flight) ratings, and the rest were gunners, photographers, and so on."

Missions were flown at night, says Miracle.

"What an experience, to be up in the nose which stuck out further from the rest of the plane, and see the stars go by!"

The Innocents Abroad patrolled the China Sea, and there were always targets to find, he notes.

"Our crew found some to bomb and sink, so we got a reputation. They always called on (our) crew to go. I felt kind of proud about that. We flew all over the north, south, east, and west of China, all over the coastline and into China."

The plane was equipped with the relatively new invention of radar, and targets could be bombed through the clouds for protection. Always there was the threat of Japanese bombers, which destroyed several US B-24s.

The most important mission the Innocents Abroad flew, says Miracle, was on August 29, 1944, when 14 B-24s were assigned to attack a Japanese-held harbor 300 miles off the China coast where Japanese ships were repaired.

"They gave us a special bomb called an acoustical bomb

because it...only functioned when the right sound triggered off the detonating device," Miracle explains. The 14 planes took off at dusk for the islands, with Miracle's plane ninth in the trail. He recalls seeing Japanese searchlights, which enabled them to knock American planes out of the sky.

"I thought, 'Oh God, is this what we're getting into? We decided we would fly just over the water so if they were going to fire, they would have to fire from the ground at each other...they fired at us; and I could hear the noise as it went through the fuselage into the mechanism of the airplane. I thought, 'This is it; they really got the bead on us.' But we kept on flying and flying, thank God we were still in the air."

The Innocents Abroad dropped several acoustical bombs -- which could be triggered even weeks and months later by the sound of the right airplane overhead, Miracle says -- before returning to base. The crew later learned that one of the planes had struck a mountain and exploded near the end of the runway, though the other 13 planes returned relatively unharmed.

"I've got pictures that show our plane when it landed at the base," Miracle recalls, "with holes in the fuselage and big holes in the edges of the wings. That was mission number 29."

The Innocents Abroad's crew flew the 30 missions that made B-24s eligible to be pulled off combat status and head to a rest camp, later flying back to the US by a different route than they'd flown on the way. Miracle served the remainder of his time on active duty at Langley Field before completing his education at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

After the war, then-Superintendent of Culver Military Academy Col. W.E. Gregory said the school could use Miracle in its biology department. He would spend his summers teaching in the Woodcraft camp leading the nature study program as well as teaching music, and winters teaching biology and life science.

"I led the camp singing (at Woodcraft), which was my major reason for being (involved in the camp's Indian lore program). I still can do that, but I don't intend to anymore."

Miracle retired from Culver Academies in 1986. His first wife Ethna (known as 'Eckie'), whom Miracle met in

Virginia during the war, had passed away in 1964 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was active, says Miracle, in what is now known as the Wesley United Methodist Church, and traveled to various communities lecturing to women's groups among her other activities.

Miracle remarried a year later and moved the family to Hampton, Virginia, where his second wife, Martha, operated a thriving voice and piano studio and joined him in integrating into the community and church life there. Jim came back to the Academies in the mid-1970s to complete his teaching career and remained on the faculty there until his retirement. Jim and Martha then returned to their home in Virginia Beach and lived there until she also passed away, following a stroke, in February of 2008.

Jim Miracle returned to Culver two years ago Labor Day, to the very house where he brought home and raised their three children: a daughter, Laura, who lives today in Wilmette, Ill.; the youngest son, Jay, who's involved in the film industry as an editor, writer, and producer/director; and Tom, with whom Jim Miracle lives.

"I couldn't possibly exist without Tom being here," says Jim, "and he's so good at doing technical things."

"This is the family home," he adds. "They were ecstatic to learn Dad was going back to 448 State Street!"

And generations of former Academies students remember with great affection Miracle's role as song leader over those many summers. So much so that, at the last Culver Academies alumni reunion, David Culver and other alums from the class of 1959 asked if Miracle would lead a group of alumni in the former CMA library (the Legion Memorial Building) in some of the old camp songs.

"I was really thrilled," Miracle smiles. "I stood in the center of that group and I was just overwhelmed by the enthusiasm. Some of the people I used to know as little kids sang those songs we sang at Council Fires. That is my major contribution to the Academy. Nobody's around who can really appreciate how different it was back in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s, to have music like that. You don't hear about camp songs much anymore."

Miracle has those -- and many other -- songs to cherish, and flipping through his small book of handwritten memories going back nearly 70 years, he has memories of his role in what has been called 'the greatest generation,' those who fought and persevered in World War II.

"I can't explain what's going through your mind (during combat)," he says thoughtfully of his experiences in the war. "I'll tell you, I said all my Sunday School prayers over and over and over."

(Editor's note: a detailed account of the flights of the Innocents Abroad can be found in Elmer E. Haynes and A. B. Feuer's book, "The B-24 in China: General Chennault's secret weapon in World War II," 1986, Stackpole Books. The first-hand accounts in the book mention Jim Miracle several times).

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## Letter to the editor

### Retraction

It has come to my embarrassing attention that through my negligent lack of research, I grossly misstated the amount of the grant to the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver from the Marshall County Community Foundation, for the renovation of the museum site in the Culver-Union Township Library building.

For this error I take complete responsibility, and express my utmost apology to those concerned.

Sincerely,

**Jim Bonine**  
Culver

## Home networking topic at CUTPL Nov. 18

The Culver-Union Township Public Library's Thursday Tech Time will meet November 18 at 6 p.m. around the theme, "Home Networking How-to." Discover what networking the computers and devices in your home can do for you. Learn how to set up a home network, along with good security practices. Wired and wireless networking devices will be covered.

Thursday Tech Time is an open discussion group for anyone interested in computers and technology. Come and talk, share, listen and ask questions! Sessions are 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. For more information, call the Culver-Union Township Public Library at 574-842-2941 or email [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us).

## Wedding

### Sieber-Wise



Cara Ann Sieber, Tippecanoe, and Chris Alan Wise Jr., Jackson, Mich., were united in marriage Dec. 5, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plymouth, by Pastor Dennis Wenzel.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet with a silver lattice wrap of white hydrangeas, lavender freesia, purple, lavender and fuschia stock, and hypericum berries. She wore a white chiffon over satin gown with crystal beading. Satin bands trimmed the contoured, strapless, bodice with draping extending up from the empire waistline. Swarovski crystals and stones were clustered between the satin bands that trimmed the waistline and met the A-line skirt with a split, front, overlay and featured a chapel train. The bride also wore a tiara of pearls and crystals. A two-tiered veil of illusion edged with crystals and clear, mini beads highlighted her tiara.

The bride's attendants were Leah Binkley, Bremen and Laura Odom, Valparaiso, both sisters of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Denise Sieber, Culver; Deana Wright, Plymouth; Kim Snyder Monk, Indianapolis; and Hannah Mears, Delphi. The bride's wedding party wore floor-length, eggplant chiffon gowns in platinum.

Flower girls were Macie Binkley, Bremen and Grace Sieber, Culver.

They wore white, tea-length, organza dresses trimmed in white bias cut satin edging the hemline.

Groomsmen were Ryan Sieber, Culver; John Gulvas, Rives Junction, Mich.; Andy Trudell, Jackson, Mich.; Eric Fahlstrom, Stockbridge, Mich.; and Ryan Skinner, Leland, Ill. Ushers were Adam Binkley, Bremen; and Bryan Odom, Valparaiso.

Ringbearers were Max Odom, Valparaiso; and John Sieber, Culver.

A wedding reception was held at The Back Forty, Bourbon.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Susan Sieber, Plymouth and employed as a first grade teacher at Triton Elementary School, Bourbon.

The groom is the son of Chris and Patricia Wise, Jackson, Mich. He is employed with Aladdin, Inc. and is president of Advanced Underground Services, LLC.

The couple returned to their home from a honeymoon in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

## Community calendar

<b>Thurs., Nov. 11:</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> Veteran's Day observations, 11 a.m., Masonic cemetery, Culver, and Culver Academies' Legion Memorial bldg. "Lest We Forget" Veteran's Day in Culver Academies history program with Bob Hartman, 7 p.m., Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop	cake and sausage breakfast, 6 a.m. to noon, Pine and 18B Roads Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library Culver Girl Scouts' Goodwill donation drive, 9 to 11 a.m., Culver Elementary School parking area "12 Angry Jurors" fall play, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium	of Christ OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library
<b>Fri., Nov. 12</b> Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Culver Club of Culver open house event, 5 to 7 p.m., Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop "12 Angry Jurors" fall play, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium	<b>Sun., Nov. 14</b> Red Cross blood drive, 1:30 to 5 p.m., Culver Academies Fleet Gymnasium	<b>Weds., Nov. 17</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library TOPS mtg., 5:30 p.m., Grace church
<b>Sat., Nov. 13</b> Maxinkuckee IOOF pan-	<b>Mon., Nov. 15</b> Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library	<b>Thurs., Nov. 18</b> Biography book club, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Mike Overmyer, JMC Engineering, Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
	<b>Tues., Nov. 16</b> Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church	

## REAL Services menu

To share a meal at REAL Meals, call Ruth Walker at the nutrition site (the Culver beach lodge) before 11 a.m. the day before for reservations, at 574-842-8878. A donation is suggested for each meal.

**Thurs., Nov. 11:** Italian Beef/Sausage on a Bun, carrot coin salad, spudsters, blueberry crisp, and milk.  
**Fri., Nov. 12:** Cream of Broccoli Soup, tuna pasta salad, peas and carrots, crackers, peaches, and milk.  
**Mon., Nov. 15:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit salad, and milk.  
**Tues., Nov. 17:** Chicken/sausage bean bake, asparagus, corn bread and margarine, peach crisp, and milk.  
**Weds., Nov. 18:** Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, carrots, bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.  
**Thurs., Nov. 19:** Pork

loin with gravy, Brussels Sprouts, black-eyed peas, bread and margarine, cherry ambrosia, and milk.  
**Fri., Nov. 20:** Lasagna

Roll Ups/Red Sauce, lima beans, bread and margarine, spinach salad, fruit, and milk.

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## Obituary

### Mary G. Wildes

Oct. 27, 1923 — Nov. 5, 2010

CULVER — Mary G. Wildes, 87, of Culver died at 10:55 a.m. Nov. 5, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Mary was born to Vincent Roppolo and Lina Rizzo on Oct. 27, 1923 in Gary. She graduated from Emmerson High School. She was married Nov. 24, 1945 at St. Anthony's Rectory in Gary to Charles "Ted" Wildes. Together they raised five children. Ted preceded her in death in 1999.

Mary was a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver. She was a very good cook. Mary will be greatly missed by many.

Mary is survived by: her sons, Terry (Janice Ritz) Wildes of Crown Point, Tim (Susan) Wildes of Warsaw, and Kevin (Sherri) Wildes of South Bend; daughters, Sue (Danny) Deneen of Noblesville, and Paulette (Bill) Shaw of Chicago, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, Emily, Austin, Danielle, Jason and Nathan Wildes, Alice (Mike) Dominguez, and Kaley and Rory Deneen, Harry (Angella) Pierce, Thaddeus Pierce and fiance Esther White, Molly (Drew) Wilkerson, and Melissa Wildes (Bret) West; five great-grandchildren, Connor, Quinn, Fin, and Annora Mae Pierce, and Caleb West; one sister; and two brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A time to share memories with Mary's family will be at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be no funeral services. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Culver Community Food Pantry, Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

## Death notice

### Sayer

**Alice R. Sayer**  
Nov. 3, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Alice R. Sayer, 84, of Plymouth, formerly of South Bend, died Nov. 3, 2010 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She is survived by her children: Maria (Joseph) Brothers of South Bend, Christopher (Jeanette) Sayer of Culver, Theresa Lyczynski and Joseph Lyczynski, of South Bend; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Alice are Irene Parks, Billie Vaughn and Betty Simon; and a brother, Robert Tavernier.

Visitation took place from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola.

Funeral services took place at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

### Marlatt

**David E. Marlatt**  
Nov. 7, 2010

WINAMAC — David E. Marlatt, 57, Winamac, formerly of Plymouth, died at 1 a.m. Nov. 7, 2010 at Hickory Creek.

He is survived by his father, Jerry Marlatt of Indiana; daughter, Rebekka Trepanier of Lewiston, Maine; brother, Matt (Rosemary) Kovacs of North Judson; sister, Beverly (Jean) Michaud of Lewiston, Maine; and a granddaughter.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Heritage Baptist Church, Knox.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulaski County Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

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# Shooting of swans on Lake Max causes upset

What a relatively rare sight to see swans swimming in Lake Maxinkuckee. Last weekend many of us were treated to three swans with their graceful "S" curved necks playing in the lake near the lighthouse at the town park. What a treat on a wonderful fall day. Imagine my dismay when one of the Lake Maxinkuck-



PHOTO/KATHY CLARK

This and another mute swan were shot recently by an unknown person or persons on Lake Maxinkuckee. Many residents -- as well as the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources -- would like to know by whom.

ee Environmental Council members reported to me that they'd seen two of the swans lying dead at the water's edge near the lake outlet the following Monday. The third swan was seen swimming near some ducks in an area right between where the two dead birds lay. The Indiana De-

partment of Natural Resources was called immediately to report the deaths. Both the IDNR and the LMEC would appreciate any information on who may have shot the swans. All information will be kept confidential.

The swans appeared on closer inspection to be a species known as a mute swan because of their distinctive orange bills. These are not actually mute but they don't have loud calls like the trumpet and tundra swans. Mute swans are native to Europe and Asia, and were released in the US as an ornamental species. Since 2004 these exotic swans are no longer protected by the federal government because they are not native to the United States, but they are protected under Indiana law. A special permit is necessary to lethally remove one and the permit can only be granted once it is decided the swans are a nuisance to local wildlife or people. They are considered by the IDNR to be an invasive species when they cause trouble and are not encouraged to stay during mating season in the spring and summer. These birds were visiting our lake on their winter travels. But someone felt the need to eliminate them, apparently without a legal permit, what a sad, sad thing.

The tundra swan, the smallest swan to occur in Indiana, breeds in Arctic areas in Canada and Alaska. They are fairly common in Indiana in the fall and winter as they pass through to their wintering areas, such as the Chesapeake Bay. They have black bills with a small yellow area between the bill and their eyes. They usually swim with their necks straight or only slightly curved.

Trumpeter swans, the largest North American swan, breeds in Canada and many northern states, including



By KATHY CLARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
LAKE MAXINKUCKEE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. It has the smallest population of native swans, but it is recovering very well. They also have a completely black bill with the black surrounding their eyes and, like the tundra swan they have only a slightly curved or even straight neck. Trumpeters are not hunted anywhere in the US.

The LMEC warns you not to hike in the woods or wetlands during hunting season. Waterfowl hunting season is on now and runs through December 14. Small game season started November 5 with dates for certain game running until February 15, 2011. Please remember to always wear something orange if you feel you must hike this time of year.

The IDNR has made some changes to deer hunting rules this year; you can check them out at the Fish & Wildlife section on [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2343.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2343.htm). Deer season runs from November 13 through the 28, then December 4 through January 2. Check what types of deer you need to be licensed for during these times and what type of weapon can be used while you're at the Indiana DNR website.

## 'Evils of spooning' according to the *Citizen*, 1909

To be files under "times have changed" is this editorial from the *Culver Citizen* in 1909. Besides the reference to a term which has taken on a different meaning ("spooning," whose application as a form of romantic "cuddling" today would surely have sent our 1909 author into spasms of horror!), there are obviously some pretty dated references here, unless your editor is just too sheltered to have heard all those "foul stories at fodder-shredding time."

However, upon closer examination, your editor is actually beginning to wonder if the author here (noted in the original article as "an Indiana farmer's wife") might not just have some pretty good points!

"The moral tone of many country communities is not as wholesome as it should be.

There is a social evil existing in the country that to me seems so grave as to be worthy of the most serious consideration, and is so common and prevalent that I don't see how it can be stamped out.

I refer to the marvelously popular pastime of "spooning." Parents wink at the practice or else pretend ignorance; but the fact remains that a large percent of the girls, and perhaps a still larger percent of the boys, indulge in promiscuous spooning.

When the girl

is 14 or thereabouts, she commences in "having sweethearts" (she calls them her "fellows"). The sweetheart comes to spend the evening in the front parlor with the young lady or perhaps to take her to a revival meeting -- and then the spooning is on in earnest. During the winter season the young man may come at 6 o'clock and does not leave the young woman's side until 12 -- sometimes later. I know of cases in which the young man goes at 5 and stays until 2 without incurring the displeasure of the girl or her parents. The young people in some cases are high school students. They are thoroughly reputable and their standing in the community seems to suffer absolutely nothing because of the practice, which it seems would be regarded as indiscreet.

Now what do the parents of these young people can talk about for nine long hours or even six?

This spooning, as a reversion to instinct on the part of the young and amorous male and female is understandable. But the indifferent and complacent attitude of the parents who have arrived at years of cold-blooded discretion is not understandable.

I wonder what possesses a mother - a good, conscientious, devoted, religious mother - who send a 14 or

16-year-old girl out into the dark night in a closed buggy for a long drive? And where is the jealously protecting father-love? Has the father forgotten the foul stories that the young man told at fodder-shredding time?

But the buggy ride. Of course the daughter wanted to go and it is hard to refuse our children's requests; but is not the price the child must pay for the evening's pleasure too great? Perhaps she is going with a nice young man. Well, I would not want my young and tender daughter locked close in the embrace of any young man -- even a nice young man.

You say you can trust your daughter. I say to you -- and if you be a sensible father and mother you will hearken to me -- it is not a matter of trusting your daughter or your neighbor's son, but a matter of trusting human nature -- and human nature is ever fraught with frailties. Is your child good and pure and sweet? Then protect her from her own bewitching sweetness.

When she has attained proper age, and the right man comes to woo and wed, place in his arms a virgin whose lips are pure and undefiled by the promiscuous kiss. If he be the right man he will thank you with a deep and lasting thankfulness. And he will take unto himself the maiden as the dear wife of his bosom, and will treasure her most dearly, because she is and has ever been his alone."

Back in time photo



This photo, from the Sept., 1973 *Culver Citizen*, shows a familiar sight to generations of those who attended Culver Elementary School: the long-defunct merry-go-round, which facilitated many a game of "drop the stick," among others, for ye editor and his peers.

The original caption: "These Jaycees and helpers were caught in the act of putting up some new playground equipment at the elementary-junior high school...(they are) clockwise from 12 o'clock: Rich Overmyer (in Jaycees tshirt), Roy Shepard, Ken Reininga, Mike Overmyer, John Overmyer (son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Overmyer), Todd Shepard (son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shepard), Sean Overmyer (son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike), Dennis Westafer, Ed Richman, Leslie Shepard and daughter Kristin. Not pictured: Jim Balmer. The Tri Kappas purchased the pump merry-go-round, and the Jaycees purchased the other merry-go-round and installed both pieces of equipment, removing the old ones.

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### Name that Culver 'citizen'

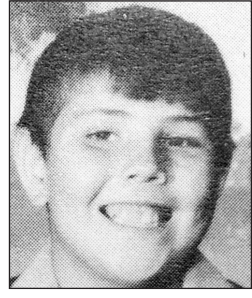
Last week's Mystery Citizen, Hilary Sopata (formerly McDonald) has carved a niche in Chicago and beyond via her work in "green" (environmentally friendly) interior design.

Readers Jon Gaskill, Maggie Nixon, and Carin Clifton recognized her, and hopefully will enjoy their free parking in downtown Culver -- downtown Chicago is another story entirely.

This



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



week's Mystery Citizen is another longtime Culverite with family roots going back a-ways. He's taken on a fairly visible position in the area in recent years -- can you name him?

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



## 'Snow' fun for Cavs in sectional championship loss

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — The snow was falling in flurries in the second half, but it was Culver's two turnovers in the first half that ultimately made the difference.

Culver's opening drive stalled at the South Central 12

yard line. South Central responded with a seven play, 79-yard scoring drive as Sam Hendrickson punched it in from 3 yards out to cut the Cavs' deficit in half, but the home team never reached the end zone again, and South Central tallied its final six points on a 20-yard keeper from quarterback Bryant Hoover with a little over 2 minutes on the game clock.

The Satellites outgained Culver 237-200 yards on the ground led by Biggs' 23 carries for 119 yards.

"They were just getting bodies on bodies and moving down hill, driving us off the ball," said Thomas. They did a good job of that.... They controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

The Cavaliers were led by Michael Salary's game-leading 163 rushing yards, while sophomore quarterback Collin Stevens went 9-for-20 passing with two interceptions for 122 yards in the nasty weather.

Culver closes its season at 8-4 after a landmark season that included the program's first ever 5-0 start and regular-season record six wins. The Cavs bid goodbye to seven seniors with Friday's championship loss.

"They've given a lot to our program," said Thomas of his seniors. "They are dedicated; they worked hard in the weight room and got involved in other sports like we asked them to do, and they're going to be hard to replace."

PHOTO/ALAN HALL

ABOVE: Culver's Michael Salary goes head to head with South Central's Matt Walker, left, during the Sectional 33 championship Friday at Culver.

BELOW: CCHS head coach Andy Thomas, left, looks on during the height of the snowfall which marked Friday night's game.

in the first quarter, and the Cavaliers gave up a pair of interceptions inside their own territory for a pair of Satellite touchdowns within a 2-minute span of the second quarter en route to a 20-7 Sectional 33 championship victory at Culver Friday.

"It's hard to win a championship turning the ball over," said Culver head football coach Andy Thomas. "We had opportunities on the first drive and couldn't capitalize. You've got to get scores. You can't win with no points. And then to be down inside the 10-yard line and turn it over, you can't do that and win a championship."

Culver gave up its first turnover on the Cavs' first snap after forcing a South Central fumble and turnover, and the Satellites capitalized on the Devin Wiltse interception with a seven play, 48-yard touchdown drive capped off by a 4-yard Ethan Biggs plunge into the end zone.

South Central's secondary struck again as Ricky Rigsby made another pick just over a minute later, this time inside the Culver 30, Wiltse scored on a 27-yard touchdown ramble, and the ensuing PAT put the Satellites up 14-0 with 3:54 remaining in the first half.



• SOUTH CENTRAL 20,  
CULVER 7  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
SC: 0 14 0 6 — 20  
C: 0 7 0 0 — 7  
Scoring summary  
Second quarter  
SC — Ethan Biggs 4-yd run (Austin Williams kick) 5:54  
SC — Devin Wiltse 27-yd run (Williams kick) 3:54  
C — Sam Hendrickson 3-yd run (Collin Stevens kick) 1:41  
Fourth quarter  
SC — Bryant Hoover 20-yd run (run failed) 2:16  
Culver stats  
Rushing: 41-200; Michael Salary 26-163, Hendrickson 4-16, Stevens 8-11  
Passing: Stevens 9-20-2 for 122  
Receiving: Micah Budzinski 4-65  
First downs: 19  
Fumbles-lost: 1-1  
Penalties-yds lost: 5-35  
Record: 8-4 (final)  
South Central stats  
Rushing: 43-237; Biggs 23-119, Hoover 8-60, Wiltse 4-38  
Passing: Hoover 2-8 for 12  
Receiving: Wiltse 2-12  
First downs: 12  
Fumbles-lost: 5-2  
Penalties-yds lost: 3-28  
Record: 10-2

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## State title a fitting capstone for CGA runner Neer's XC career

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — In some ways, it was a culmination. In others, it provided a perfect symbol.

Culver Girls Academy's Waverly Neer survived the second-closest battle in Indiana girls cross country history by edging out Bloomington South's Nicole Lucas by .7 of a second to win the 30th annual Girls State Cross Country Championship at the Wabash Valley Sports Center in Terre Haute and win the state title that had eluded her through three years of running with the Eagles.

While she preferred to give credit first to her teammates and CGA head cross country and track coach Michael Chastain, Neer said that her disappointments at both the track and cross country state championships each of the past two seasons, and in particular her second-place finish in the 1600-meter run at last year's state track and field finals — where she had placed runner-up in both the 3200 and 1600 runs the previous season — provided extra incentive for her senior season.

"I just really wanted to win," said Neer. "I'll be really honest with you — it really hurt after the state meet last year in cross country and this year in track always wanting to win that state championship, and it was hard for me to get second again in track. It was kind of a do-or-die mentality. I knew if I just gave it all I had this season and not let any outside distractions get to me I would finally be able to achieve what I wanted to do, and I guess I felt like I had one last opportunity."

Neer was tested as never before in her battle down the home stretch with Lucas for the 2010 state cross country crown, and she regarded the race as an apt emblem for her entire distance running career after being beset by injuries and untimely illness throughout her sophomore and junior seasons and ultimately falling short of the crown despite hers and many others' expectations.

"I think it's very symbolic of the high school career I've had," said Neer. "To have to battle it out at the very end of it after always coming so close to achieving what I wanted to do, but not quite reaching it. I think that that finish really topped off my season. I think it was really a turning point for me because it was either you stick in or you give up, and I think that being able to stick in there was just a testament to everything that I've had to go through in my high school career and every real injury or small injury... I think it all accumulated to that last, final battle."

"Since she's been at the Academy, this is the first season that she's not been either sick or injured during the course of the season," said Chastain. "The culmination of the training and things led to some very good performances at the end of the season."

"It was a very, very gutty effort on her part to almost take the lead in the beginning and then to hold onto it all the way through. Nicole Lucas from Bloomington South was a tough competitor no doubt."

The state finals supplied the perfect capstone for her high school running career. Indeed, Neer's entire state series this fall was remarkable as she followed up a record-breaking championship performance at the CGA Regional with another record-setting run to win the New Prairie Semistate en route to the finals.

Neer learned a valuable lesson in defeat a few weeks prior to the tournament as she missed a CGA Invitational championship by less than 4 seconds to Terre Haute North's Chanli Mundy. After the tough loss, she never finished worse than second again.

"That race really kind of woke me up to the realization that there are other people out there that are working just as hard as I am," said Neer of the invite. "Being beaten like that — I led the whole race and at the end I ended up getting passed — I guess it kind of opened my eyes up to the fact that whatever I want this season is not just going to come to me. There are other people out there who want it just as bad as I do so I have to want it that much more because they're just as talented, they have basically the same workouts, but what it's going to come down to is a test of your will and determination."

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## Culver Elementary A/B honor roll

Culver Elementary School announces its A/B honor roll students for the first grading period.

**Grade 1:** Marquez Donovan Anderson, Ayden Lee Annis, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Nico Mary-Madeline Barton, Bryce Allen Campbell, Charles John Carrillo, Zoey Louise Coble, Lane Conner Coby, Kennedy Rose Creviston, Matthew Paul Davis, Sydney Sue Denham, Austin Lee Dilts, Kordelia Fulton, Dayne Kennedy Garbacik, Adam Lee Garza, William Thomas Gregory, Sophia Luna Heath, Emily Heim, Tydameion M Hesters, Savannah Grace Hissong, Jesse D James, Mary Katherine Kelley, Paige Lilliann Lancaster, Cheyenne N Lindsley, Samuel Lawrence Luttrell, Alyson Paige Martin, Dylan James McKee, Shianne E Moss, William Thomas Nicholson, Kierra McKenzie Parker, Kathleen Rose Perkins, Jordan Mary Porter, Dalton Riley Powell, Elizabeth Ann Pugh, Alina Emily Rehka, Cole Austin Rieckhoff, Gavin Matthew Salyer, Kaydin Jovee Sayavongsing, Adrian Owen Schouten, Hunter Steven Sickmiller, Cameron Ford Skiles, Natalie Mechelle Stevens, Sergio Jesus Tapia, Ethan Dale Walleske, Haley Morgan Wieringa, Cody Daniel Winkler, Spring Ye, Timothy Oliver Young, Alex James Zehner.

**Grade 2:** Braxton Rolland Atkins, Damian Byers, Austin J Cooper, Ethan Michael Coyle, Anthony J Czerniak,

Damian R Dunn, Francis K Ellert, Makenzie Faith Handley, Trey Earnest Hardesty, Joshua P Havron, Aubrey M Highberger, Katie M Hoffman, Morgan J Keller, Kaleigh M Kephart, Ethan D Lima, Sarah Grace Lowry, Ethan Wayne Moore, Jessica Renee Pietsch, Lillian E Proskey, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Shane M Stevens.

**Grade 3:** Isabelle J Ahlenius, Kailyn Marie Ahlenius, Kacie Marie Atkins, William R Baldwin, Emily L Bendy, Alexis Lynn Berdine, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Amanda Paige Bradley, Anna Elizabeth Clemons, Aysia R Conley, Savana G Cook, Nicholas M Cornwall, Grant W Dexter, Zachary A Ditmire, Trista Rae Fritter, Hanna K Haimbaugh, Krisonica G Hesters, Gabriel M Hissong, Kagnie J Hoffman, Haley N Howard, Allan C James, Emma E Krueger, Oliver Ryan Lampton-Adkins, Hunter D Lutt, Lance D Miller, Jordan J Mulvihill, Rachel E Nash, Kaitlyn Rose Nickerson, Noah Riley Parsons, Erin K Renneker, Dana T Rodgers, Lilly M Sayavongsing, Brooklyn M Sellers, Gabriel M Sherman, Brittnee Michelle Spicer, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Ryan W Tompos, Owen R Valiquet, Robert Coltin Wynn, Donovan M Ziaja

**Grade 4:** Dakota Lee Bennett, Shelby N Blair, Jermiah V Brady, Madison P Brewer, Rebecca C Christlieb, Wy-

att J Coiner, Brandon Ray England, Gabriel M Gomez, Katherine A Heim, Taelor Alexander Hesters, Bailey C Howard, Trenton M Jones, Gabrielle Jade Kegley, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Sarah E Morrison, Austin B Otteman, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Kaysha L Redford, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Hunter Mn Ringer, Sara E Ringer, Tihana Stefanic, Alex R Wagner, Christian J Zakhi

**Grade 5:** Marcellus Donnell Anderson, Michael M Boland, Emily Marie Bradley, Pierce H Ellert, Rachael Lynn England, James W Fagan, Dylan R Griewank, Dylan C Lewandowski, Tracey R Lindvall, Payton M Lowry, Benjamin B Myers, Dylan Pitera, Sydney G Pritz, Lindsey R Proskey, Reilly K Reinhold, Cody J Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Jake S Rodgers, Cody R Russell, Makayla Ann Sanchez, Raymie L Shoop, Ethan P Shuman, Macee Marie Strycker

**Grade 6:** Aviana L Ahlenius, Erin E Bendy, Brenni Aaron Betts, Drake Lee Garbacik, Alexandria M Harris, Brandon P Havron, Tanner R Hoffman, Patrick D Kline, Joshua P Krsek, Matthew A Markovitz, Cheyanne B Powers, Jackson S Rich, Levi M Shedrow.

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er, by Carol Burnett. Carol tells of her remarkable friendship with stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, Cary Grant, and Julie Andrews; her television show that won twenty-five emmys in eleven years; and the sorrow she overcame with undaunting humor.

Join us in the small meeting room of the library, at 107 N. Main, to discuss the book. Copies of the book are available at the "Book Club" sign in the library. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 574-842-2941.

### Culver Club event Nov. 12

The Culver Club of Culver will host an evening at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop (102 S. Main Street) on Friday, November 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., for those interested in learning more about the organization. Wine, cheese, soft drinks, and other refreshments will be provided by the Club, for the free event. This will also be the last public opportunity (for the time being, at least) to view the museum's popular display on Culver Acad-

emies' beloved model railroad of the past. There will be a brief presentation on the Culver Club at 6 p.m. as part of the event, and Culver Academies historian and author Bob Hartman will be present to sign copies of his books, which will be available for purchase.

Questions about the Culver Club of Culver or the event may be directed to Furry at 574-842-2135 or kristafurry@mac.com, or Githens at ndame@aol.com or by phone at 281-788-5688.

### Blood drive in Culver Nov. 14

While some people believe personality is driven by blood type, one truth holds: when you donate blood through the American Red Cross, you become the giving type. Area drives hoping to fulfill the demand for a variety of blood types include: Sunday, November 14, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at Culver Academies in the Fleet Gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more

information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when donating.

### Community meal at Grace Nov. 15

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

### VFW soup cook-off Dec. 5

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a soup cook-off Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. \$5 buys all the soup you can eat. All community organizations are encouraged to participate. All monies received will be donated

to the Culver Food Pantry. Doors are open to the public for this event, which takes place at 108 E. Washington Street in Culver.

### Auxiliary needs new members

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is in need of new members. Men and women can join to be volunteers to provide front desk and gift shop help. There are also opportunities to volunteer in the surgery office, in spiritual care, the emergency room, the free clinic, and other areas of the hospital. The Culver unit makes animal pillows to be given to children at the clinic and the hospital. Dues are \$5 per person and are being collected now. For more information call Ann at 574-842-2146.

### Lions citrus fruit sales

The Culver Lions Club's citrus fruit sales have begun, and prices are the same as last year. The pick up date for the fruit is December 4. Available are navel oranges, juice oranges, grapefruit, and tangelos. Prices are \$9 for 10 pounds,

\$16 for 20 pounds, and \$24 for 40 pounds. To order, contact a member of the Culver Lions.

### AHS exhibit examines Indiana cartoonists

The many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in the Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibition, Indiana Cartoons and Cartoonists, opening October 28 through December 8 at The Center for Culver History, the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver's research center and museum, 107 N. Main Street (lower level of Culver-Union Twp. Public Library).

The exhibition examines the life and work of such Indiana cartoonists as "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; Abe Martin creator Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard; and Muncie's Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

### Girl Scouts meet

Culver's Girl Scout Junior troop #30472 and Cadette troop #30474 will meet at the Culver Public

Library the first and third Mondays each month starting in November. During the month, they will also collect clothing and donations for the Goodwill "Bag-It-Up" campaign. A drop off location for Goodwill donations will be announced in coming weeks.

### Maxinkuckee Players call out to past members

Maxinkuckee Players are currently planning a 30-year celebration of their group's existence. It's been 30 years since Ben Rumson spearheaded the group and members would like to reassemble as many of past and present members as possible.

Former members interested in participating in any way, should contact either: Andrea Mallory at 574-784-2479, Dan Adams at 574-842-3478, or Vickie Dearth at 574-842-2978.

The actual performances will be in April. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the performances.

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## Culver Comm. High School honor roll

Culver Community High School announces its honor roll students for term 1, grading period 1.

### A honor roll

**Grade 9:** N/A

**Grade 10:** Micah Budzinski

**Grade 11:** Kalee Miller

**Grade 12:** Cassandra Dehning

### A/B honor roll

**Grade 9:** Kevin Dehning, Trenton Elliott, Abby James, Grace Lorenz, Megan Lyczak, Meghan Purtell, Jaelyn Rocco, Kayla Shaffer, Emily Shidler, Michael Skiles, Kennedy Thomas, Timothy Wireman

**Grade 10:** John Ahlenius, Bradley Beaver, Allen Betts, Marena Fleury, Clare Hartman, Alissa Overmyer, Tucker Schultz, Collin Stevens

**Grade 11:** Kellie Bonine, Aspen Kitchell, Cally Jo Klausing, Joseph Krsek, Cameron Turney, Cassandra Van-

sky

**Grade 12:** Clarissa Baker, Jaelyn Bauer, Zoe Bauer, Zachary Brewer, Larry Clingler, Teresa Daugharty, Candice Lehman-Dilts, Zachary Loehmer, Patrice McBee, Rene Porter, Allycia Rabenau, Whitney Sanders, Kyle Vandeputte

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smiles Loretta.

As might be expected, Chloe's condition complicates life for the Back family, who must tear down and set up her wheelchairs and make other accommodations in addition to the usual challenges of running an errand or be in any way mobile with young children in tow.

Things are complicated as well by the fact that 24-year-old Larry Back suffers from augmented meningitis cytositis, which has required multiple knee surgeries and leaves him with tumors on his knee, requiring him to use a cane to walk any significant distance. Doctors also want to perform surgery on his left shoulder and back. He's opted to forego the annual knee surgeries -- which seem to leave him in ongoing pain more than anything else, he says -- originally planned for his knees. Because of his condition, only Loretta is able to work outside the home.

Larry stays home with Chloe and the others, and is assisted by friend Alan White, who shares the family's home and assists with the children. Besides the Backs, only Chloe's grandparents, aunt, and White are able to care for her, and Chloe's parents are grateful for the help these family members and friends provide.

"We look at the kids and know that God put us here for a reason," says Loretta, discussing the family's source of ongoing strength. "He's the only one. We said if we couldn't do it, He wouldn't have (placed us in this situation); we pray with our church."

Chloe's parents ran through a list of various possibilities for her "wish" until she responded with excitement to the notion of going to Disney World, to which the family is scheduled to travel in March.

"It's exciting for the whole family," says Larry, though he admits they're a bit nervous as none of them -- Chloe included -- have traveled by airplane before. "We've never been out of state besides Kentucky before. It's something we can do as a family that's real fun -- something to enjoy and remember the rest of our lives."

Loretta, noting Chloe's doctors felt the trip would be "fun and interesting for her," agrees, adding, "This is family time."

Up the road a few short miles in Burr Oak lives young Chris Webb, Jr., age four, with siblings Devin (age 9), Leeah (age 6), and Bentley (three months). Mom Sheena Passino says Chris was born with complex heart disease, and has had four open heart surgeries between his birth and age two.

"Right now he's doing good," she explains. "He takes medication and sees the cardiologist every six months for a checkup. His right and left ventricle leak, so he's on

medicine to help slow that down; they can't stop it, but they can slow it down."

As Passino notes, "you can't tell there's anything wrong with him by looking at him." Chris is an outgoing, talkative, and precocious boy full of smiles and enthusiasm.

However, doctors "keep informing me that could change at any time. There will be more surgeries later in life when he grows more, like in his teenage years he could run into complications. They try to do the last surgery at two years old so they can make (his heart stint) big enough to grow with him."

Chris must avoid bumping his head (he's on aspirin and bleeds easily, and must beware of brain hemorrhages), though such avoidance is a challenge for an active four-year-old boy. When he falls, he bruises easily as well, and though Chris may say he feels fine while exerting himself, shortness of breath and blue lips are signs it's time for him to sit down and rest. He must also avoid colds and other immune system-compromising illnesses.

Chris is too little, says Passino, to really grasp the significance of his condition (he proudly displays what he calls his "zipper," a surgery scar running down his chest), though he realizes he has a bad heart and cautions other children in his Head Start classes not to hit him in the chest.

Passino is pleased that Chris hasn't suffered some of the thinness and slower learning abilities many babies with heart conditions undergo, and thankfully the frequent need to "re-learn" basic skills after each surgery didn't apply to Chris.

Passino applied online this past spring for Make-A-Wish, and Chris was quick to choose Disney World, a trip planned for February, 2011, to coincide with his birthday on the 13th of that month.

"He's ready to go," smiles Passino, a statement evidenced by Chris' obvious affection for a Mickey Mouse plush toy Tina Stacy sent him. "He wants to meet Mickey first and ride the teacups. That's what he wants to do. He didn't mention anything else (even though) he's seen the websites and all the different rides and other characters."

"It's something special for him," says Chris' grandmother, Mary Corchado. "When money's tight, you can't do a whole lot.

"Normally birthdays around here are just cake and ice cream and a couple of friends," affirms Passino.

"This will be really special for him," adds Corchado.

"It's something he'll always remember."

That's the hope Tina Stacy and the CCHS Student Council have for both children. Stacy's role as a volunteer is

to be a bridge between the family and the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Indianapolis office, and she'll also coordinate information about fundraisers and other endeavors.

The Student Council is working with local businesses to raise funds, and a grade-wide competition at the school is planned to see who can sell the most candy canes for Chris and Chloe in the school and the community ("Candy for Chris and Chloe," in fact, is the heading under which their efforts will appear). The winning grade will watch a Christmas movie with popcorn in the school auditorium.

Stacy admits they're trepidatious about raising money as the holidays approach in an already recession-afflicted economy.

"We need all the help we can get," says Student Council President Mark Maes, who has hope in the generosity of Culverites. "The fact is, Culver has raised money for a lot less important causes than this in the past."

He adds he's been proud to see how Council members -- including, he points out, a number of freshmen -- are "stepping up and trying to find the best way to raise money in a short time."

With February and March trips planned for both children, time is obviously of the essence, and Stacy hopes donors will see assisting the families as one of the great Christmas gifts they can give.

"It's easy to dismiss this as, 'Oh it's only a free trip,' but the fact is these are people in our community who have suffered for a long time," Stacy explains. "These families' lives have been forced into a medical condition;. The things regular families take for granted, like getting up and going to the store, can't easily be done by them, and they've been doing it for a long time. That's a rough situation to be in. Granting a wish for them is granting the whole family's wish that for once, everything is taken care of for them, so they can be taken care of and just enjoy being a family."

A total of \$12,000 is needed for both children's trips, and those funds are to be raised in the children's' local communities. Student Council itself has pledged \$500, and so far Culver Elementary School's Soup for the Soul charity event has pledged an additional \$500. Stacy is also hoping more potential donors -- and ideas -- will come their way. "We are begging for contacts," she admits.

The Council's candy cane fundraiser will officially kick off November 29 and run through December 10, though of course donations are welcome anytime up through January, 2011. Those wishing to donate are encouraged to do so by contacting Stacy through the high school, at 574-842-3391.

Election 2010

# Republicans take big wins across Marshall County

## Culver's Benedict defeats, praises fellow Culverite Kline in County Council race

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — It was a big night for Republicans all over the country and Marshall County fell in with the national trend sending Republicans to office in some hotly contested races.

Most county Republicans ran unopposed. Two Marshall County Council seats were contested this year — Republican Don Morrison ran unopposed for his seat — and GOP candidates took both of those seats.

Republican first-time candidate John Benedict beat Democratic first-time candidate Chris Kline.



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Sam Schlosser stands with Francis Ellert, candidate for State Rep. (District 17) as County Council winner John Benedict shakes Ellert's hand. Ellert won Marshall County votes, but came up almost 300 short to incumbent Nancy Dembowski at final tally.

“It’s a good year for Republicans,” said Benedict. “I think name recognition had a lot to do with it. I’ve been in the community a long time. Chris is a good guy. He’s a good family man. He works hard. I wish I had an opponent that I could feel good about beating but I can’t with him. I hope he comes back and tries again for another office. He’s a good man and I just hope he can be part of the process.”

Benedict also feels ready to face the big challenges of the Council in the coming year.

“If a roof leaks you have to fix it. You can’t let people sit in the rain,” he said. “Outside of that you have to prioritize. The money situation is going to be tight for awhile. There’s no magic wand. If it’s not there it’s not there. Raising more money to throw at a problem is never a solution and that’s my philosophy starting out.”

In another close race for District 17 State Representative, Republican Francis Ellert was able to win Marshall County; however Democrat incumbent Nancy Dembowski won her home Starke County and ultimately won the race with 49 percent of the vote over Ellert’s 47 percent, a margin of less than 300 votes.

“I think people were just looking for people to listen to them,” said Ellert. “I knocked on more than 5,000 doors in the district and I didn’t catch everybody at home but the ones that I did were concerned about the broader economy and just concerned that people needed to be listened to. I think that’s one message I heard loud and clear. Voters want to be heard.”

“I think we made some progress in Starke County, but obviously when you are facing an opponent that’s a long time incumbent from that county it’s a big hill to climb. I think we made some great progress from where we were in the primary nine months ago when I was a virtual unknown.”

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# Marshall Co. votes by the numbers

Marshall County votes are in. Of 28,638 registered voters, 13,524 votes were cast Tuesday. That is nearly half the voters at a little more than 47 percent turnout. Of the total, 11,292 were machine ballots while 2,232 were absentee. Any provisional ballots were not counted in these totals.

Straight party summary: Democratic Party — 930; Libertarian Party — 9; Republican Party — 2,543.

United States Senator 8,279, 62.62% DAN COATS (R)

4,362, 32.99% BRAD ELLSWORTH (D)

580, 4.39% REBECCA SINK-BURRIS (L)

Secretary of State 8,255, 63.86% CHARLIE WHITE (R)

3,914, 30.28% VOP OSILI (D)

758, 5.86% MIKE WHERRY (L)

Auditor of State 8,000, 64.17% TIM BERRY (R)

3,908, 31.35% SAM LOCKE (D)

558, 4.48% ERIC KNIPE (L)

Treasurer of State 8,415, 67.40% RICHARD E. MOURDOCK (R)

4,070, 32.60% PETE BUTTIGIEG (D)

United States Rep. District 2 7,225 54.29% JACKIE WALORSKI (R)

5,421 40.73% JOE DONNELLY (D)

660 4.96% MARK VOGEL (L)

State Representative District 17 5,438 54.64% FRANCIS K. ELLERT (R)

4,177 41.97% NANCY DEMBOWSKI (D)

338 3.40% RICHARD A. LIEDTKY (L)

Culver-Union Township elections

Union Township Trustee 685 63.60% JERRY GREESON (R)

392 36.40% JAMES C. FAULKNER (D)

Union Township Board Member (vote for 3)

623 32.53% WILLIAM W. GITHENS, JR. (R)

638 33.32% BOBETTA WASHBURN RUHNOW (D)

654 34.15% CONNIE VAN HORN (R)

Culver Town Council Member (vote for 2)

390 100% LYNN OVERMYER (R)

Culver Comm School Corp. At Large B 652 100% RYAN SIEBER

Culver Comm School Corp District 3 673 100% MARILYN I. SWANSON

Culver Comm Schools Corp District 4 659 100% JACK JONES

Marshall County elections

County Council Member District 4

1,606 57.40% JUDITH STONE (R)

1,192 42.60% RYAN RIPLEY (D)

County Council Member District 2 2,032 59.64% JOHN A. BENEDICT (R)

1,375 40.36% CHRISTOPHER R. KLINE (D)

State Representative District 23 2,792 100% WILLIAM C. FRIEND (R)

Prosecuting Attorney 9,894 100% DAVID R. HOLMES (R)

Circuit Court Clerk 10,204 100% JULIE A. FOX (R)

County Auditor 10,202 100% PENNY LUKENBILL (R)

County Recorder 9,995 100% MARLENE (MORRISON) MAHLER (R)

County Sheriff 10,095 100% TOM CHAMBERLIN (R)

County Assessor 9,974 100% DEBRA A. DUNNING (R)

County Commissioner District 1 9,841 100% JACK W. ROOSE (R)

County Council Member District 1 2,327 100% MATTHEW HASSEL (R)

County Council Member District 3 3,015 100% DON MORRISON (R)

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to the south. Students residing on State Road 10 north of Culver are picked up, as there are presently no sidewalks there.

Schuldt also says the corporation has considered ideas of allocating portions of the seven acres east of its current administration building on School Street to benefit students -- and the community at large -- in the area of fitness. He notes volunteers are now in the process of grading land there for a community soccer area, and there’s been discussion of a fitness course in that spot and possibly on the approximately 20 acres of land across School Street to the west, on which the high and middle schools and their related facilities exist. Those are ideas Doss says fit nicely into the SRTS program, and the current grant helps get students to such areas to begin with.

“If we ultimately develop programs through the school that encourage kids to walk to school or exercise,” he says, “we have to have means to get them there safely. Not having adequate sidewalks discourages them from walking and getting to programs at the school, and we lose that objective.”

Both Schuldt and Doss see the collaboration of several community groups -- Second Century, the town, and the school corporation -- as heralding new possibilities to benefit not only area students, but the community as a whole.

“We’re looking, from a town and school district standpoint, at other things we can do together,” says Doss. “The things the school does impacts the town and vice versa. We both recognize that this is a really good collaboration to start building on those relationships.”

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