



In Brief

Community meal at St. Mary's Dec. 30

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's community meal will take place Thursday, December 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.

BZA member needed

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Board of Zoning. Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 no later than December 28, 2010, by 4pm. The Culver Board of Zoning is in need of two appointments that reside within the jurisdictional area; one applicant must currently be on the Plan Commission. Both appointments may not hold any other elective or appointive office in municipal, county, or state government. Both appointments will be made by the Town Council President. Appointments will be made at our Town Council Meeting on December 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Park board appointments sought

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest for the Culver Park Board. Please send letters of interest to the Town of Culver, 200 E Washington St, Culver, IN, 46511 no later than December 28, 2010, by 4 p.m. The Culver Park Board is in need of two appointments that reside within Culver Town limits; one applicant must be a registered Republican and one applicant must be a

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The faces of Santa in Culver

ABOVE: As in the past, old St. Nick has been making appearances throughout Culver this holiday season, including not one, but two grand entrances. The first, with help from Ralph Winters (LEFT), brought Santa to town in a convertible (he's seen here letting five year old Grant Doss, son of Culver Town Manager Michael Doss and his wife Beth, give his sleigh bells a shake) for the town tree lighting event December 3. Santa also took to the streets in one of Culver's fire trucks as part of the annual children's Christmas party December 11 (here he's aided by fireman Tyler Master), continuing a tradition of fire truck-based entrances going back decades in Culver. Santa no longer holds court in his little "house" on what used to be the north library lawn (ABOVE), but kids in Culver had chances to visit him.

See story below.

Behind the scenes with Culver's 'Santa helpers'

Bringing Kris Kringle to Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

As Culver's tiny tots once again eagerly await the arrival of that red-suited, jolly old elf this weekend, several not-so-tiny Culverites are preparing to retire the red suits and beards with which they "help" Santa Claus make several local appearances this year, as he has in years past.

To be sure, several Culver men have donned that beloved attire during any given Christmas season, but now as in years past, there are just a few who help Santas make the rounds of civic events, children's affairs, and many other activities with jolly old Saint Nick on a regular, ongoing basis.

The most visible of these over the past decade-plus has been Culver's own Ralph Winters, who by Christmas will have brought Santa to Culver's uptown tree lighting ceremony, REAL Meals Christmas party, and Miller's Merry Manor nursing home. He'll also continue a tradition he started a few years ago when coming home from a "gig" helping Santa, with a number of candy canes left over and no place to take them.

"I just whipped into the Monterey bank," he says. "They were all tickled to see Santa -- it was a break in their activities."

Since then, he's made it a regular practice on Christmas Eve to facilitate Santa's making the rounds of Culver's businesses to distribute candy canes.

"It just seemed like a fun thing to do," explains Winters. "I'll get rid of as many as 200 candy canes...it's always positive. Parents want their kids' pictures taken."

Many in Culver may recall the community's previous "regular" Santa helper, Charlie Wolf, who assisted Kris Kringle for a number of years.

"You'd see him walking home and think, 'Gee, that's neat,'" recalls Winters. "Then Charlie died. (Some 12 to 15 years ago) I went ahead and bought a suit and beard and let it be known I would like to do it."

Growing up on a Monterey farm, Winters doesn't recall Santa visiting the Monterey Elementary School (neither does Barbara at Holy Family School, later St. Anne's). Instead, Winters just "saw a niche" when Wolf passed away, and sought to fill it.

Santa as helped by Winters has a couple of uniquely distinguishing features, most notably the "Lapp Lander" hat he wears, as opposed to the traditional red "pom-pom" hat of most Santas. Winters and wife Barbara picked up the hat some 10 years ago on a visit to Finland.

"It's the 'Hat of the Four Winds,'" he explains. "We spent a day in the woods (in Finland) riding a traditional Lapp sled pulled by real reindeer -- caribou...there is a huge manmade cave in Finland that is a Santa Claus Workshop. We spent half a day there one year; (it's) really elaborate. It is above the Artic Circle."

The hat, he says, "just seemed a personal touch to the costume."

With his own real beard (not nearly as white or prolific as the See Santa page 2

Council joins BZA in recognizing Trone's service

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council last week joined the Board of Zoning Appeals in honoring 34-year BZA member Pete Trone, who will leave the BZA at the end of this year. Council President Sally Ricciardi presented a plaque to Trone for his years of service to the community not only through his 34 continues years with that board, but as Trone pointed out, his service further back, since his start on Culver's Plan Commission in 1960.

Trone showed the Council and audience a 1960 booklet printed by the Lake Maxinkuckee Association and containing the first zoning ordinances. He also read the names of those involved at the time, many still familiar for their involvement in well-known and long-lasting local businesses and civic affairs. Trone himself was President.

Thanking the Council, Trone said the town attorney once told him "either I had broad shoulders or was awfully stupid to be on the Plan Commission this long!" He added a humorous quip about the Council doubling his pay, which Ricciardi smilingly said could be arranged (his position, of course, has been as an unpaid volunteer).

The Council approved a request from Culver-Union Township EMS Director Chuck Dilts to pay \$2 per hour to EMS volunteers covering portions of other volunteers' shifts when work or other situations arise, causing those scheduled to delay starting their shifts. Dilts said the scheduled volunteers would still get \$26 pay for their 12-hour shift even if they had to begin the shift late, noting he felt the \$26 stipend was low enough not to lower it due to delays in starting. He also said the volunteer stipend is less expensive than bringing in one of the department's paid, part-time staff to cover the hours. He added he felt the \$2 per hour would give any volunteers willing to cover those hours a bit of incentive to do so.

Culver's EMS operates on five shifts per day totaling 35 shifts per week in volunteer hours. A PRN is utilized four to six times per week, Dilts said, with volunteers handling the majority of shifts.

The Council also voted to contract with E&B Paving for \$107,845 for Culver's 2011 street paving projects, as well as

Culver first graders share Christmas wishes

We asked the students in Culver Elementary School's three first grade classes about their Christmas wishes this year. Following is their response.

Andrea Berndt's first grade class

Zachary Hine: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: An XBOX 360, XBOX 360 games, and a Star Wars double sword. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Marquez Anderson an XBOX 360.

Alex Zehner: If I could

have some things from Santa, they would be: Legos, Star Wars figures, and action figures. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my sister a Barbie doll.

Savannah Hissong: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Pillow Pet, Mrs. Berndt, and ice cream. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom bouquet of flowers.

Paige Lancaster: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a DS, a cooking game for DS, and a mood ring.

If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my grandma "grams" a bouquet of flowers.

Mariah Bell-Howard: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be an IPOD touch, clothes, and shoes. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my dad a birthday card.

Natalie Stevens: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: more kittens, Just Dance 2 Wii game, and another puppy. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Mrs. Berndt more necklac-

es that I made.

Kierra Parker: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Pillow Pets, a DS, and a Barbie doll. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom a necklace.

Cody Winkler: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a toy with a bird that falls when you shake it, a toy truck, and a fake sword. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my grandma paint and my grandpa tools.

Liam (William) Nichol-

son: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A reading book, a book that tells me how to get my sister off of me, and a science experiment book. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom jewelry.

Austin Dilts: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Gameboy, Wii Fit, and a Chipmunks movie. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Alan Dilts (my brother) a fake sword.

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actual Santa’s), twinkling eyes, and a red Santa hat, Winters says he’s been approached by children wanting to meet Santa while just “out and about,” even without officially attired Santa in the vicinity.

He also accentuates his Santa with large sleigh bells he added some years ago. “That puts a sound with the presence,” he explains. “People hear you coming when you’re outside or at end of the hall.”

Children ask where Santa’s reindeer are, he says, to which Winters replies the animals can’t fly if there’s no snow, or in the daytime. Instead, Santa has arrived on the scene in Culver fire trucks, or in Winters’ own Jeep, or more recently, his Miata.

He says the endeavor is fulfilling.

“You just feel good. Little kids want to whisper into your ear -- it just adds to the pleasure. But probably the most rewarding is the nursing home. Somebody who’s probably just sitting there, staring at the wall -- you tell them, ‘Merry Christmas,’ and you can tell how happy they are you could come. That’s really rewarding, the older people moreso than the kids.”

Winters says “it’s just fun to get out and see different

people” when he’s facilitating Santa, and he intends to continue “until I get too feeble to do it.

“In the movie, ‘A Miracle on 34th Street,’ they said there was something lacking in your own psyche (if you play Santa),” smiles Winters. “You must do this because you’re not all there. That’s possible, too!”

Another regular, though perhaps not as visible Santa helper in Culver got started around 15 years ago when a local clergyman agreed to buy the necessary accessories and asked him to help out. This Santa helper wishes to remain anonymous, partly as he’s had to scale back his appearances through the years.

Starting as a youth in the 1940s and 50s, this Santa assistant spotted various renditions of the beloved character “in person” not only in Culver but in other nearby communities where work took him.

“Every town had one,” he recalls, adding warm Christmas memories of customers giving him enough Christmas gifts to fill bushel baskets.

This Santa’s aid has brought the man in red to the Culver library, one area church in particular each year, Miller’s Merry Manor, and even as far away

as a South Bend nursing home.

“I always enjoy the kids and the singing,” he says, “and try to remember some of the kids’ names from year to year. I just enjoy seeing the look on the kids’ faces. I think they get a lot out of it. I calm down the little kids and tell them, ‘Don’t ask for too many things.’ Last year, many kids only asked for one item!”

This Santa helper, a longtime Culverite, recalls Art Fishburn and others playing the role regularly prior to Wolf’s stint in the role.

Of course, Culver’s many years’ tradition of a free children’s party sponsored by -- in varying degrees of involvement depending upon the year -- Culver’s Lions Club, fire department, VFW, Tri Kappa, and Kiwanis Club, has included a visit with Santa as it did once again this year. For several years now, members of Culver’s volunteer fire department have taken turns helping Santa arrive in full regalia, often via a grand entrance by fire truck (a tradition going back at least to 1960, according to a Citizen photo from that year, and likely much earlier).

At least during the late 1960s and possibly earlier, and well into the 1970s,

Santa had a small “house” on the library lawn near the corner of Main and Washington Streets before the State Exchange Insurance building (and today’s Culver library extension) was erected there, recalls Mike Willhite, whose photo can be seen in a 1968 Citizen sharing his gift wishes with St. Nick. In those years, Santa kept designated hours to hear Christmas requests from area children, and besides the organizations mentioned above, Culver’s Chamber of Commerce and the now-defunct Jaycees usually sponsored his arrival and appearances, and related children’s parties featuring St. Nick around town. This in addition, of course, to assorted appearances at some of Culver’s stores over the years. The announcement of Santa’s arrival is almost unchanged from year to year between the late 1950s and the early 1970s: he always arrived by fire truck (“fire chief David Burns has promised to drive him through town...”), held court for a couple of Saturday morning hours in the “library auditorium” (today’s Center for Culver History), and by the late ‘60s offered scheduled hours throughout December at his little “house” on the library lawn.

Through the past five years, Santa has held an annual party at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in his more traditional garb as “Saint Nicholas,” a fourth-century bishop from the land today known as Turkey. These parties, as well as appearances at Wesley Preschool and elsewhere, aim to explain the historical origins of the many traditions surrounding the figure of Santa.

Regardless of when or where in Culver, Santa continues to have the same appeal he’s had to generations of children everywhere.

“I think it’s hope,” says Ralph Winters. “Belief in the future. The whole spirit of Santa Claus seems to abound. Everybody’s glad to see me come in.”

Besides all those children’s smiles, Winters sees his role assisting Santa in much the same way other Culver Santa helpers probably have.

“I’ll repeat what Pat Birk said a few years ago: ‘If you want the community to be a nice place, you’re the only one that can do it.’ This is a little bit of public service that doesn’t cost that much money.”

But for children throughout the Culver area, a few moments with Santa are priceless.

Greeson is new Township Trustee

As many in Culver are aware following last month’s elections, Union Township has a new Trustee taking the helm at the start of 2011 from longtime Trustee Marlene Mahler.

Jerry A. Greeson was elected Trustee, and tells the Citizen the new Trustee’s office will be located at 300 West Jefferson Street in Culver.

Office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 to 4 p.m. Greeson may be contacted by phone at 574-842-2722.

Possibly the best-known of the Union Township Trustee’s work is in the area of poor relief, coordinating Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for area needy families in conjunction with area schools and organizations. Funds and emergency aid is made available as well for families and individuals facing crisis in the township.

The Trustee also maintains the township’s cemeteries. Portions of the Trustee’s budget go towards Culver-Union Township’s fire department and EMS service, Culver’s town park, the local VFW for flags for public places, REAL Meals for older adults, and other local needs. The trustee works in conjunction with a township advisory board

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a total of \$4,000 for grant writer Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources to write a grant seeking \$40,000 towards a study of Culver’s water systems to discern where improvements are needed, in preparation for a hoped-for project to overhaul those systems in the future.

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Council members agreed with member Ed Pinder’s request for more information as to specifics of financial advisory services through Umbaugh and Associates. That firm may handle refinancing of Culver’s sewer bond, which could save the town \$16,000 per year for a total of around \$60,000 on the bond’s term. Umbaugh’s services, however, would run approximately \$20,500.

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CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Pete Trone, left, holds a plaque given him by Culver’s Town Council, represented at right by President Sally Ricciardi, in recognition of more than three decades of service on Culver’s BZA.

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Town Clerk Casey Howard agreed to ask Steve Carter of Umbaugh to attend the Council’s next meeting.

The Council approved purchase of a second leaf collector from Brown Equipment at a cost of \$34,000, replacing the existing, 1999 machine, which Town Manager Michael Doss explained has “seen better days.” He said that machine has been breaking down, and explained trade-in value on it was low. Keeping the machine would allow the town to make use of it as a backup, he noted, possibly allowing two leaf collecting crews to run simultaneously.

The Council renewed its annual \$10,000 contribution towards the Marshall County Economic Development Corporation, whose Executive Director, Jennifer Laurent, attended the meeting along with Corporation representative for Culver Kevin Berger. Town Attorney Jim Clevenger emphasized the Council should utilize Laurent’s skills in developing economic opportunities for Culver. Laurent noted she’s available to help, and hopes to work with Doss in the near future towards that end.

“I want to be part of what you’ve got going on here in Culver,” she added.

Council member Lynn Overmyer complimented the look of Culver’s downtown, particularly in the degree to which it’s been plowed following recent snowfall.

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Obituary

Charles A. 'Chuck' Orangias
April 16, 1959 — Dec. 10, 2010

CULVER — Charles A. “Chuck” Orangias, 51, of Culver, passed away on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010.

Chuck was born April 16, 1959 in Melrose Park, Ill. He was one of the six children born to Mike and Marie (Hartmann) Orangias. He attended and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1977. There he met and fell in love with his lifelong best friend, Kay Flosenzier. They were married June 28, 1980. Their union was blessed with two children.

Chuck was a retired restaurant manager with the McDonalds Food Corp. He spent 25 years in fast food management. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, trips to Chicago, attending his children’s sporting events, following the Chicago Bears football and Louisville Cardinals basketball. A naturalist, Chuck liked gardening and bird watching. He was a member of the Church of God Prophecy in Taylorsville, Ky.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Kay of Plymouth; son, Michael Brandon Orangias of Louisville, Ky.; daughter, Sarah Jean-Marie Orangias of Culver; faithful friend, Lilly Mae, their Australian shepherd; brother, Anthony Orangias of Culver; sisters: Gloria Hainsworth of Carol Stream, Ill., Carol Ziert of Virginia, Linda Pettie of New Chaney, Texas, and Gail Orangias and husband Trevor Skarber of Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no service or visitation.

Memorials may be given to the Culver Community Pantry, the Neighborhood Center in Plymouth, the Marshall Co. Humane Society, or the American Kidney Fund in Chuck’s memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneral-home.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Odom Funeral Home in Culver.

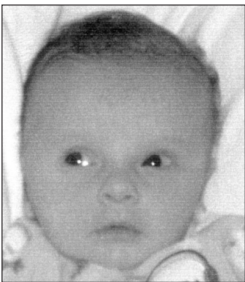


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A pajama party for the hungry

Students at the Wesley United Methodist Preschool enjoyed extended class days last week for a “pajama party” including a visit from St. Nicholas and rides on the “Polar Express.” Students were encouraged to bring contributions to Culver’s food pantry as part of the event, and the resultant collection, awaiting delivery to the pantry, is shown here. Behind it are students in the pre-school’s senior class (back row standing, left to right) Grant Doss, Jack Christiansen, Jack Rodgers, Brennan Campbell, Karsen Hoffman, Nora Johnston, Madison Collins, Gwendylan Gilley, Alexis Roberts, Avery Garland. Front row kneeling, left to right: Eliza Loehr, Makenna Strycker, Lauren Gerber, Tristan Nix, Preston Jessen, Sophie Blessman, Ben Blessman, Aiden Rivera, and Ryan Gormaly.

Birth - Goins



Joshua Eugene Jackson and Jilisa Larie Leslie Goins, Knox, announce the birth of a daughter born at 6:06 p.m. Nov. 16, 2010 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Jalylah Leslie Rae Goins weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Sheila Rae Goins of Monterey.

Paternal grandparents are Orville and Olivia Jackson, Knox.

Routson completes training

Navy Seaman Danyelle I. Routson, daughter of Linn R. and Jack E. Campbell of Culver, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Routson completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is “Battle Stations”. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly “Navy” flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Routson is a 2003 graduate of Culver High School of Culver. She is a 2007 graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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Death notice

Beran

Vivian J. Beran
Dec. 16, 2010

PLYMOUTH — Vivian J. Beran, 55, of Plymouth, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

She is survived by her son, Matt (Nichole) Beran of Abbotsford, Wis.; daughters, Kelly Beran (Phil Scruggs) and Angie (Kenny) Rundell of Plymouth; son Adam Beran (fianceé Brandi Trusty) of Plymouth; sisters: Penny (Gerald) Harrelson of Dorchester, Wis., Terry (David) Koontz of Sussex, Wis., and Lynn Klemetson of Abbotsford, Wis.; half-sister Shari Bellinger of North Manchester; fiancé, Ron Tanner of Plymouth; his children: Ronald (Kim) Tanner of Argos, Tony (Tracy) Tanner of Michigan, Tyrone Tanner of Plymouth, and Kim (Bruce) Birchfield of LaPorte; eight grandchildren; and Ron’s six grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 10 a.m. to noon (EDT) Monday, Dec. 20 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services took place at noon Monday at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family via the funeral home's website at www.odom-funeralhome.com.

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., Dec. 23: Closed for the holiday.

Fri., Dec. 24: Closed for the holiday.

Mon., Dec. 27: Sloppy Joe, bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit salad, and milk.

Tues., Dec. 28: Ham and beans, pickled beets, corn-bread and margarine, peach crisp, and milk.

Weds., Dec. 29: Salisbury Steak, carrots, mashed potatoes, bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

Thurs., Dec. 30: Closed for the holiday.

Fri., Dec. 31: Closed for the holiday.

Community calendar

Thurs., Dec. 23
Biography book club, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Sat., Dec. 25 - Christmas day

Mon., Dec. 27
Computer class, 6 p.m.,

Culver Public Library
Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building

Tues., Dec. 28
Story time, 10 a.m.,

Culver Public Library
OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
Town Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

Weds., Dec. 29
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
TOPS mtg., 5:30 p.m., Grace church

Thurs., Dec. 30
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church

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Spirit of Christmas alive and well in Culver youth

A few Saturdays ago (December 11), my family and I dodged raindrops and ventured to the Culver High School for the benefit dinner for Shari Kirkland, whose battle with terminal cancer was detailed in the December 9 edition of this newspaper. Besides the good food, fellowship, and of course the importance of the cause, by the time I reached the cafeteria, I must say I was proud of Culver and its young people.

The benefit coincided with a basketball game in the gym, and those attending were greeted with a table set up to collect donations for Culver's two "Make-A-Wish" children (profiled in an earlier edition of the paper), sponsored by the school's Student Council, which is headed by CCHS English teacher Tina Stacy. I have no idea how much money has been raised towards Make-A-Wish, but I know that Tina and the Council were concerned as to whether enough money could be raised between October and the children's planned visits to Disney World a few months into 2011, and I believe the students' success has exceeded those expectations as well. This includes, I believe, not only the efforts of the Student Council, but those of the Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO), which involves students from both CCHS and Culver Academies (CYCO collected funds for the cause at the annual town tree lighting in early December as well, for example).

Making our way down the hallways towards the cafeteria, we noticed, beyond the "fences" set up to lock up the middle school area, bags and bags of items collected for the Culver food pantry, along with collection boxes which had obviously been set up for that purpose around the middle school. I later learned from Culver food pantry director Leroy Bean that the Middle School collected around 800 pounds of items for the pantry (more on that later).

By the time we reached the cafeteria itself -- having passed a rather amazing assortment of raffle items donated by area businesses -- the place was buzzing with activity (and I admit I got a kick out of eating dinner on the same trays I ate on in high school...and darn it, I like those cafeteria chicken and noodles!). I was told by organizers that

during the early part of the event, it was standing room only, a full house. I don't know how much money was raised that night for the Kirkland family, and I'm well aware that the benefit will not "fix" Shari Kirkland's health problems. But I hope that the groundswell of support will remind Shari and her family that they are valued, and that each of us matter. I also hope the event reminds all who attended of our own interdependence as human beings, and the good that can come of seemingly "small" acts and activities.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

This paper has reported in years past on the annual December tradition of Culver Elementary fourth graders' working at home to earn their own money and then taking those funds shopping to purchase goods for the food pantry (which also teaches students the value of a dollar and how to calculate the best deal for their money). The tradition continued this year, but I was told by volunteers at the food pantry how overwhelmed they were to see school buses pull in and a stream of students -- who insisted on carrying their own items into the pantry without help from volunteers -- pour into the pantry. Leroy tells me over 600 pounds of food were brought in by those students, all from the pocket money they earned at home, on their own.

I intend to sit down with Leroy in the coming week or so and get a more detailed tally of what was brought and how things are going at the pantry, but something he said bears repeating. He noted the food pantry collection boxes at Park N' Shop in Culver are "hit and miss" in terms of the volume of donations left there, but when the community's young people are asked to step up to support the pantry, amazing things happen.

I've certainly found this to be the case across the board,

whether it's community-related projects taken on by students at Culver Academies (Relay for Life, anyone?), or the aforementioned CYCO endeavors throughout the year, Culver Elementary School sixth graders' "Soup for the Soul" event for a variety of area charities, the phenomenal success of last year's Make-A-Wish Student Council fundraiser, or any number of similar efforts. Culver's young people, from all backgrounds and affiliations in particular here, bring an energy and enthusiasm to their volunteer work which can and should teach all of us, as adults, a thing or two.

You'll see photos and info this week and in coming weeks about Culver Elementary School efforts towards our local Make-A-Wish kids as well, from a school dance organized by two sixth grade boys to raise money for the children, to last week being a "theme" week in which students were encouraged to wear certain attire as a show of support and bring in donations towards Make-A-Wish (see page 12 this issue). I could add more to this, but you get the idea.

I've written this sort of column before, though it's been a while and it never hurts to revisit this theme, particularly since events of the past weeks have made it seem unjust to leave some of this unsaid.

I think all of us are aware that Culver's young (and adults!) are not always perfect, but -- as I've also said before -- the activities in this community on behalf of others which are spearheaded and supported by young people certainly surpass any memory of such efforts in my own youth. And the thing is, these aren't stories which just happen at Christmas, or started last month -- they've been growing and increasing in my three-year tenure with this newspaper.

So this Christmas, as we wade through all the negatives -- the headlines of wars, economic strife, and political partisanship -- this Christmas eve we can drink an eggnog toast in spite of it all, to Culver's youth people, from our preschoolers up through our soon-to-be graduates, and perhaps be warmed by that eternal Christmas spirit of hope for the future.

Nostalgia

100 years ago: Dec. 22, 1910

The Reformed Sunday School (*today's Grace United Church of Christ -- editor*) will give a cantata, "The Children of Bethle-

hem," Saturday evening followed by the distribution of lots of good things from a tree. The Methodist Sunday School is preparing a miscellaneous program. A tree, richly loaded with lots of presents and goodies for

big children and little children, will add to the festivities of the evening. The Evangelical Sunday School (*today's Emmanuel United Methodist Church -- editor*) will present a cantata, "The Little Joy Givers," on Friday evening, with treats given to the Sunday schoolers.

The lake froze over completely the week of the 8th (last year it froze over on the 16th but thawed the same day). Yesterday (Weds.) the ice was five inches thick, and Med-bourn (ice company) plans to begin cutting Monday.

Sleighs have been used more or less since Dec. 3 -- the prospect of another old-fashioned winter seems likely.

80 years ago: Dec. 24, 1930

Thursday evening the annual candle light service will take place at the Methodist Episcopal church in Culver. Tonight at Memorial Plaza (editor's note: adjacent to the then-Boy Scout cabin in Culver near the corner of today's School Street and Lake Shore Drive) will be home to the Legion Christmas party

for the children of Legionaires, Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, and Cubs; following will be the Cub Scout open house in the Scout cabin. The Culver Chamber Community Christmas program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Culver's new community center, the Memorial Plaza, instead of at the town Christmas tree downtown as in years past.

The bird sanctuary and small game preserve promises to be one of the biggest projects ever attempted along this line anywhere in the country. Already there have been over 500 bird

houses erected.

60 years ago: Dec. 27, 1950

John Wagner and John Lewis homes won top honors in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Culver Lions Club.

50 years ago: Dec. 21, 1960

be held every day regardless of weather, Principal Kenneth Cole announced, so there is no reason for calls to be made inquiring if there will be school.

Where in the world is the Culver Citizen?

As of press time, readers weren't able to pin down the exact location of last week's "Where in the World" photo, which was sent us by Russ and Rita Mason of Culver from their vacation a while back. Pictured is the *Citizen* enjoying the scenery at the famous Banyon tree in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. In fairness to our always sharp-eyed readers, making the tree clearly visible in a small photo in a newspaper may be regarded as a bit of a challenge. Hopefully other readers will be sending more shots of their local newspaper on its many travels around the state, country, and world, to see if others can pinpoint just where our sophisticated, well-traveled paper has been this time.



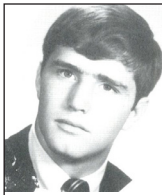
Such photos may be sent to the editor at citizen@culcom.net, or dropped off in our drop-box (located alternately in the upper level of the Culver Public Library), or call 574-216-0075 for other arrangements.

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Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen stayed a mystery, as no readers were able to tell his identity from our photo of a few years past. He's John Buxton, Head of Schools at Culver Academies for more than a decade now and so obviously a prominently known Culver citizen locally and, for that matter, around the world.

Larry Miller wrote to correctly identify the Mystery Citizen of a few weeks back, Marizetta Kenney, and your editor was red-faced when the Mystery Citizen just prior to John Buxton pointed out that he'd already been featured as a Mystery Citizen. He was Kevin Berger, and once he said so, I remembered! I believe this was our first "repeat" so far, though I'm not sure if the fact that no readers mentioned Kevin was a repeat means no one else remembered, or everyone was just being polite! Either way, the editor will have to forfeit my free parking in downtown Culver for a while in punishment.



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



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Sports



Culver Academies' Miracle off to strong start

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — It's not that Culver Military head wrestling coach Matt Behling hasn't seen female wrestlers before.

It's just that he's never seen one quite this good. Freshman Kayla Miracle is off to an undefeated start with CMA wrestling, moving to a remarkable 16-0 record with the team after going 5-0 over the weekend. "I have to believe that's a pretty good start for a girl in Indiana wrestling," understated Behling. "And she's not squeaking by either. She has nine pins this year, which is pretty good."

When Miracle decided to make the move from Bloomington to the Academies at the start of the 2010-11 school season, Behling wasn't sure what to expect. With a father who coaches Hoosier Elite wrestling club and a brother on his way to wrestle at West Point



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Academies' Kayla Miracle, top, wrestles LaVille's Jake VanBlancorn during a dual wrestling meet at LaVille earlier this season.

next year, Behling was impressed with what he found.

"I didn't know anything about her. I didn't know who she was. I hadn't heard of her, but I contacted her father and after speaking with him I found out wow, this girl's pretty good," Behling said. "She has aspirations to be an Olympic gold medalist

in wrestling on the girls' side. For me, that was a great opportunity for us to meet up because we're trying to develop a great program here at Culver, and if our coaching staff can help her toward her goals and going on to do great things then I think that's really good for our program. We're just glad to have her."

Miracle says her transition to the team has been an easy one. She's been wrestling since she was 4 years old so neither the sport or wrestlers are anything new to her, and she said her Culver teammates have been more than accepting of her.

"In practices I've always had my dad as a coach and I've been wrestling a long time, so they all know who I am and they drill with me just like I'm another guy," she said. "Coming into Culver, the coach talked to the boys and they knew that I was coming onto the team, and they were great. They just welcomed me."

Behling said he's proud of the way his other wrestlers have handled themselves, but he makes it clear their warm welcome has less to do with restraint than it does with Miracle herself.

"I'm really proud of the way the boys have handled it, but the fact is, she's earned their respect," said the CMA boss. "She gets in here, and she works her tail off. She comes into the room, and she's one of the hardest workers in the room."

"It's almost as if she's not coming in as a girl," he added. "It's as if she's coming in as another wrestler and a good wrestler. So the boys give her the respect just for that fact."

Not that everyone has always been so respectful. But Miracle has been more than happy to show them the error of their ways.

"Sometimes at tournaments people don't believe that I can wrestle the way I do," she said. "I do not like smack talkers, and it kills me when people think that just because I'm a girl I can't do anything. Anything boys can do, girls can do."

Miracle is one of three remaining undefeated Eagles along with 215-pounder Jack Crawford and 125-pounder Anthony McHugh, and the 103-pound freshman is the only first-year wrestler who hasn't lost yet. It's a great start, but she's far from ready to rest on her laurels.

"It's kind of been a surprise. I thought that some of the kids could have gotten me, but I just keep believing," said Miracle. "My goal is to make it to state this year and by the time I graduate I want to win it. Then after high school I want to make the Olympics so I just keep believing in my dreams and keep working towards it."

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Culver wins second conference game against Jimtown

By Megan Hamand
Correspondent

CULVER — If Jimtown is a brick wall, then Culver's Zoe Bauer was the bulldozer that broke through it.

The Cavaliers, led by Bauer, came from behind in the last minutes of the game to increase their Northern State Conference wins to two, with a W over the Jimmies, 41-33.

Jimtown came to Culver knowing they had to shut down the Cavs' four-year varsity player. And for the first three quarters, they did just that.

"I think we did a great job on Bauer," Jimtown head coach Randy DeShone said, "until the third quarter. He's been around a while, and a kid like that is going to beat you."

And beat them, he did. Culver trailed the Jimmies by eight points at half-time. But out of the locker room, they slowly started to chip away at the lead. Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said their plan was patience. "We weren't in panic mode," he said, even though the Jimmies clearly controlled the pace of the game, with their deliberate and disciplined offense that waited patiently for the backdoor cut or flare.

"The kids didn't panic," Elliott said. "By the end of the third, we had cut the lead in half. We knew if we could get the lead, we could force them offensively to

get out of their rhythm, which indeed we did."

With Bauer's leadership, the Cavs turned the game around. He started picking up the pace at the end of the third quarter, and with 5 minutes left in the game, his 3-pointer turned the scoreboard around. The 6-foot-2 senior, who led the Cavs with 24 points for the night, followed up the momentum change with an defensive rebound, quickly followed by two free throws.

From then on, the game was Bauer's.

"Zoe wanted the ball in his hands, and when the ball is in his hands, good things happen," Elliott said. "Tonight, I thought he did an exceptional job handling the ball, stepping up and hitting the free throws. But more importantly was his leadership, getting everybody where they needed to be."

With A.J. Neace and Micah Budzinski, fouled out in the fourth quarter, the Cavs needed Bauer's leadership to show them how to step up. The team was also led by senior Larry Clingler, with 10 points.

"Larry just plays extremely hard," Elliott said. "He was battling one of Jimtown's two big players (Brae Beadle and Brian Hosinski) all night long. He never came out of the game."

Clingler helped to keep Beadle and Hosinski's points in check, with them

scoring 11 and eight, respectively.

DeShone said the Jimmies' loss came down to defense against Bauer. He gave credit to his senior, Brandon Abel, for holding Bauer down in the first half, keeping the team captain to only six points at the half-time buzzer.

"During the first half, our defense was hopping," DeShone said. "We knew right where to go, but then we just didn't get any help."

But Abel's defense and Beadle's leading 11 points weren't enough to give the Jimmies their first conference win. Jimtown's record falls to 4-2 and Culver adds one more W to their record, making it 5-1.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 41, JIMTOWN 34
At Culver
Score by quarters
Jimmies: 11 20 29 33
Culver: 6 12 25 41
JIMTOWN (33): Brae Beadles 3 4-6 11, DJ Washington 2 0-2 4, Brian Hosinski 3 2-4 8, Brown 1 1-2 3, Brandon Abel 1 1-1 3, Hinkler 0 0-0 0, Max Pollock 2 0-0 4, Desimone 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 12 8-15 33.
CULVER (41): AJ Neace 1 0-0 2, Scotty Brown 1 0-0 2, Collin Stevens 0 0-0 0, Zoe Bauer 7 8-11 24, Patrick McBee 0 0-0 0, Micah Budzinski 1 1-1 3, Larry Clingler 4 2-3 10. TOTALS: 14 11-15 41.
3-point goals: Jimtown 1 (Beadles), Culver 2 (Bauer); Turnovers: Jimtown 14, Culver 8; Rebounds: Jimtown 18, Culver 21; Assists: Jimtown 9, Culver 10; Steals: Jimtown 6, Culver 7; Fouls (fouled out): Jimtown 19 (Desimone), Culver 18 (Neace, Budzinski); Records: Jimtown 3-3 (0-1 NSC), Culver 5-1 (2-0 NSC).
JV score: Culver 31, Jimtown 24

Sports briefs

Boys basketball

CMA beats Traders Point

Jermaine Myers scored a game-high 22 points, while Juwan Brescacin and Chier Ajoe each scored 12 as Culver Military Academy beat Traders Point 59-41 Friday.

Traders Point was led by Alex Olah's 19 points in the loss.

CMA moves to 3-1 with the win.

• CULVER MILITARY 59, TRADERS POINT 41
At Culver Academies

Score by quarters
TP: 5 15 30 41
CMA: 25 38 47 59
Traders Point (41): Luka Zivkovic 3-2 0/0 12, David Tector 0-0 0/0 0, Anthony Williams 0-1 0/0 3, Alex Olah 6-1 4/5 19, Anthony Harris 2-0 0/0 4, Cody Young 0-0 0/0 0. Elijah Jamerson 1-0 1/2 3. TOTALS: 12-4 5/7 41.
CMA (59): Jermaine Myers 4-4 2/2 22, Hayes Barnes 1-1 2/2 7, Eljay Murray 0-2 0/0 6, Aramonti Phillips 0-0 0/0 0, Juwan Brescacin 6-0 0/0 12, Alex Dodane 0-0 0/0 0, Chier Ajou 0-0 0/0 12. TOTALS: 17-7 4/4 59.
3-point goals: TP 4 (Zivkovic 2), CMA 7 (Myers 4). Rebounds: TP 23 (Olah 6), CMA 37 (Brescacin 7). Turnovers: TP 20, CMA 13. Assists: TP 6 (Zivkovic 3), CMA 12 (Myers 5). Shooting percentage: TP 36 percent (16/45), CMA 45 percent (24/53). Records: CMA 3-1.

Girls basketball

Cavs hang on at Jimtown

Culver Community withstood a fourth-quarter rally at Class 2A No. 7 Jimtown to escape with a 44-41 win Saturday and remain undefeated in Northern State Conference girls basketball

action.

Gwen Zehner scored a game-high 13 points to lead the Cavs, followed by Alison Zehner with eight points.

Culver led 34-18 after three quarters, before the Jimmies closed the gap in the closing minutes.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 44, JIMTOWN 41
At Elkhart
Score by quarters
Culver: 13 23 34 44
Jimmies: 5 12 18 41
CULVER (44): Nicole Carnegie 4, Suzie Guard 0, Abby James 2, Patrice McBee 6, Ali Overmyer 0, Whitney Sanders 6, Kayla Shaffer 5, Alison Zehner 8, Gwen Zehner 13. JIMTOWN (41): Kelsey Brubaker 0, Alexis Cook 0, Angie Dotson 9, Katie Goward 12, Samantha LeSure 5, Sarah Miller 1, Emma Stahl 9, Lakin Swann 0, Ally Vicsik 0, Nikki Ward 5.
Records: Culver 9-1 (3-0 NSC), Jimtown 8-2 (2-1 NSC).

Shipley triple-double leads Eagles

Senior Kylee Shipley turned in a triple-double

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TOP PHOTO: Andrea Berndt’s class -- front row, left to right: Bryce Campbell, Haley Wieringa, Mariah Bell-Howard, Zachary Hine, Emily Heim, Matthew Davis, Savannah Hissong. Second row, Andrea Berndt (teacher), Kierra Parker, Austin Dilts, Cody Winkler, Mackenzie Banks, Natalie Stevens, William Nicholson, Dalton Powell. Third row, Sydney Denham, Alyson Martin, Spring Ye, Alex Zehner, Paige Lancaster, Charles Carrillo, Lori Nash (teacher aide).

BOTTOM PHOTO: Kelly Dickerhoff’s class -- front row, left to right, Cameron Minix, Shianne Moss, Noah Pratt, Alina Rehka, Kathleen Perkins, Jonathan Turner, Nico Barton. Second row, Cheyanne Lindsley, Lane Coby, Kordelia Fulton, Codell Neace-Phillips, Hayli White, April Leeper (teacher aide). Third row, Kelly Dickerhoff (teacher), Adam Garza, William Gregory, Kennedy Creviston, Dylan McKee, Hunter Sickmiller, Mary Kate Kelley. Not pictured: Jesse James and Keynan Jones.

Charles Carrillo: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A remote control helicopter, a GI Joe guys, and a water rocket. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Liam Nicholson a sled.

Alyson Martin: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A bumble bee pillow pet, a new bedroom, and a Tinkerbell rainbow house. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Matthew Davis a new bedroom.

Matthew Davis: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: XBOX 360, Playstation 3, and Call of Duty Black Ops. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Mrs. Berndt clothes.

Emily Heim: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Zhu Zhu pet, a DS, and a

necklace. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom a star.

Marquez Anderson: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be XBOX 360 kinect, a Wii, and a PSP. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Bryce Campbell clothes.

Sydney Denham: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Barbie, a toy pony, and a Pillow Pet. If I could give a present to anyone, I would make my mom a heart out of paper. I would get my dad tools.

Spring Ye: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Silly Bands, toys, and stuffed animals. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Savannah Hissong silly bands.

Mackenzie Banks: If I could have some things



from Santa, they would be: Littlest Pet Shop, a Zhu Zhu pet, and a stuffed animal. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Taylor Smith a Zhu Zhu pet.

Dalton Powell: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Pillow Pet, a nerf gun, and Legos. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Matthew Davis some Legos.

Haley Wieringa: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Barbie doll, a DS, and accessories for Barbie dolls. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Paige Lancaster some jewelry.

Bryce Campbell: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be:

An IPOD, a pocket rocket, and Nerf guns. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Marquez Anderson a pocket rocket.

Kelly Dickerhoff’s class

Adam Garza: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: An XBOX, a Wii, and a DSI. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my dad a phone holder.

Lane Coby: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: DSXL, Wii games, and Battle Force 5 big cars. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my best friend Ryan some Maro games.

Keynan Jones: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: 100 pack of silly bands, an after glow controller, and a new pillow. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom a cross necklace.

Mary Kate Kelley: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a computer, new clothes, and new shoes. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Sydney a new puppy.

Jesse James: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Pillow Pet, a color changing play set, and Bullseye Round Up. If I could give a

presents. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my friends my brother.

Nico Barton: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a skateboard, bouncy ball, and a toy cat. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom a dollphin.

Johnathan Turner: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: An IPOD, a Nerf gun, and a sword. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Hunter S. an IPOD.

Cheyenne Lindsley: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A game, a doll, and a Barbie. If I could give a pres-

present to anyone, I would give my brother the Bulls-eye Round Up.

William Gregory: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A remote control car, a guitar, and a 4-wheeler. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my grandparents a new computer.

Shianne Moss: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A printer, a coloring book, and Rudolph. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my dad a Play Station.

Cameron Minix: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A game, presents, and don’t give my brother any

ent to anyone, I would give Kathleen P. a puppy.

Hunter Sickmiller: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A toy gun, clothes, and a toy bow and arrow. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my sister toy cars.

Kordelia Fulton: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A DSI, a cell phone, and a camera. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Shianne M. a glitter pencil.

Sophia Heath: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Zhu Zhu pet stroller, lots of snow, and a new Wii game.

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If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my dad a new pair of sunglasses.

Alina Rehka: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A DS, a bike, and roller skates. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my friends bikes.

Dylan McKee: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A DS, a skateboard, and an XBOX 360. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Hunter a skateboard.

Kathleen Perkins: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Pillow Pet, a T.V. for my room, and slippers. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Emily H. something that she wants.

Kennedy Creviston: If

I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Zhu Zhu pet, markers, and a Brat doll. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my dog a sock to chew on.

Codell Neace-Phillips: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A bike, Xbox 360, and a dirty bike. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Cameron M. a 4-wheeler.

April Jefferies' class

Tucker Fisher: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: An ipod Touch, a PSP, and a football DS game. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Kaydin a PSP.

Ayden Annis: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: an Ipod, a book, and Ravin Rabbits for the Wii. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Mathew an Ipod.

Samantha Balchunas: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a kitten, a Barbie doll, and pajamas. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Hope a dog.

Zoey Coble: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Roller skates, sand art, and dominoes. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Lizzie a stuffed animal.

Phoenix Dickson: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Toy animals and bugs, a

Life Saver, and a coloring book. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Skylar rocks.

Dayne Garbacik: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Queen Rock Band (if it comes out before Christmas), the giant Lego Star Wars Ship, and a toy dirt bike. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Cole toy snake eyes.

Emily Jefferies: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: a little cart, high heels, and a dress. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my family tools.

Sam Luttrell: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: the Star Wars character JarJar, a great white shark toy, and

LEFT: April Jefferies' The Scream. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Ches something from the Santa shop.

Lizzie Pugh: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: An Ipod, a DS system, and DS games. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Mrs. Leeper stuff to take care of her donkeys.

Cole Rieckhoff: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A real drum set, a paintball blaster, and Tommy 20. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Adam Kinect.

Gavin Salyer: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A trampoline, Dsi, and the Lego Indiana Jones 2 video game. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Sam the Lego Star Wars.

Kaydin Sayavongsing: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: The Call of Duty 2 Wii game, My Simms Wii game, and an air soft game. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Gavin, my cousin, another Nerf gun.

Adrian Schouten: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A toy reindeer, a toy Santa, and a sled for Santa. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give mom

a joke book.

Cameron Skiles: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A DS game system, a new bike, and an Ipod. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give mom a necklace and pair of earrings.

Ty Hesters: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Legos, a basketball, and puzzles.

Sergio Tapia: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Spiderman, a Nerf squirt gun, and the Green Goblin. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Gavin a Playstation 3.

Ethan Walleske: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Ben Ten toys, Silly Bandz, and Batman Legos. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Cole an Ipod Touch.

Timothy Young: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: A Dsi, Dsi games, and an Ipod. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give Thomas a DS.

Jordan Porter: If I could have some things from Santa, they would be: Princess toys, zebra toys, and Hello Kitty toys. If I could give a present to anyone, I would give my mom a necklace.

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registered Democrat. Both appointments will be made by the Town Council. Appointments will be made at our Town Council Meeting on December 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Library board. CRC positions needed

The Town of Culver is accepting letters of interest

for the Library Board. The Culver Library Board is in need of one appointment that resides within Culver town limits. This appointment will be made by the Town Council.

Also, the Culver Redevelopment Commission is in need of five appointments that reside within the Town of Culver. Three

appointments will be made by the town council president and two appointments will be made by the Town Council.

Letters of interest for available seats should be sent to: the Town of Culver, 200 E. Washington St., Culver, IN, 46511 no later than Dec. 28, by 4 p.m. Appointments will be

made at the town council meeting Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Culver postage-Air Mail connection exhibited

Culver's connection to the creation of US Air Mail is one topic to be explored at a new exhibit just opened at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop, located at 102 South Main Street in downtown Culver. Also displayed will be choice selections from Culver Academies' extensive collection of rare and notable postage stamps. The exhibit may be viewed during the mu-

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seum's regular weekend hours of operation, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special tours and visits are available by appointment. These and any questions may be directed to 574-842-8842. The museum may be found online at www.culver.org/museum.

Donations sought for 'Coaches vs. Cancer'

Local Culver Girls Academy senior Alexis Christlieb is seeking donations towards "Coaches vs. Cancer," a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society as part of the CGA basketball game on January 15, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

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Local sponsors and donors are sought to purchase a Wall of Hope Donation card, or make a donation of their choice, by contacting Christlieb via 574-842-7032 or at Alexis Christlieb, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511.

Make-A-Wish donations accepted

Donations are welcome for two Culver area children fighting serious illnesses and hoping their wishes will come true for trips to Disney World in early 2011. Donors are encouraged to give up through January, 2011 by contacting Make-A-Wish volunteer Tina Stacy through the Culver Community High School, at 574-842-3391.

Holiday scenes around Culver

Quilters, preschoolers bring holiday cheer to Miller’s



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The Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, were pleased to add some holiday cheer to the residents of our local Miller’s Merry Manor. The group made several lap robes and gave them to the residents as an added gift at their annual Christmas party. Pictured here are, (standing from left to right) Sharon Hartz, Ruth Chandler, Cathy Emmons, Connie Overmyer, Activity Assistant Annette Hall, Judy Patton, Barrie Hoskins and Elaine Averill. Seated is Alisha Konrad, Activity Director.



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Recently Culver’s Wesley Preschool’s senior class visited Miller’s Merry Manor to sing Christmas Carols to the residents and pass out ornaments and coloring pages they made earlier in the week. Pictured here are Brennan Campbell (left) and Eliza Loehr presenting their items to Ruth Kline of Miller’s

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CES students go all out for Make-A-Wish

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Students at Culver Elementary School last week put special effort into helping Culver’s two "Make-A-Wish" children make their goal of a 2011 trip to Disney World. Each day during the last week of school before Christmas break, students were encouraged to collect and bring in donations, and wore special "themed" clothing for the day. Though students missed the chance Monday due to a snow day, Tuesday’s theme was wearing mismatched clothes (it’s what’s underneath that counts), Wednesday was Culver or spirit-themed attire (the Cavalier spirit, Christmas spirit, and spirit of giving), and Thursday’s attire was Christmas-themed, to emphasize the spirit of Christmas alive and well at CES.

The week, part of an ongoing effort in conjunction with Culver High School’s student council’s Make-A-Wish endeavors, was organized by CES 6th grade teacher Missy Trent, who was amazed that the school was able to collect nearly \$600 from students and teachers in just three days of school. Trent praised the Culver community for its support. "We just seem to get an outpouring of caring donations from our community," she said.

Pictured AT RIGHT are students from Jean Urbin’s kindergarten class in their last-day-of-school, Make-A-Wish-supporting holiday attire. Front row, left to right: Addison Crippen, Kali Kidd, and Chloe Danti; back row, Benjamin Lee, Abby Sullivan, Tabatha Tapia, and Steven Pugh.



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Ringling the bell for charity

LEFT: Sandra Middleton of Culver rings the bell for the Salvation Army on an especially chilly and damp Saturday afternoon at Park N’ Shop in Culver, where she helped collect holiday donations for the well-known charity.



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with 18 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists to lead CGA to a 69-57 basketball win over South Bend Washington at Fleet Gymnasium Saturday.

Andrijana Cvitkovic added 17 points for the Eagles, and Kenzie Ungar chipped in 15 points.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 69, S.B. WASHINGTON 57
At Culver
Score by quarters
Washington: 8 32 47 57
CGA: 12 34 61 69
WASHINGTON (57): Jae’twana Williams 0 0-0 0, Shareita Patton 8 0-0 17, TaShamere Chism 2 2-5 6, Terran Scott 5 3-8 14, TeShyla Peters 0 0-0 0, J’Shante Gunn 0 0-2 0, Ayana Thomas 6 1-6 13, Letitia Welch 3 1-2 7, Vanessa Olivarez 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 24 7-23 57.
CGA (69): Alexis Christlieb 1 0-0 2, Kenzie Ungar 7 1-1 15, Katie Gawor 0 0-0 0, Andrea Lin 0 0-0 0, Kylee Shipley 7 0-2 18, Annie Morsches 2 0-0 4, Brenna Newell 3 0-0 6, Victoria Christlieb 0 2-2 2, Casey Hall 1 1-4 3, Lindsay Haller 1 0-0 2, Monique Novoa 0 0-2 0, Andrijana Cvitkovic 6 5-6 17. TOTALS: 28 9-17 69.
3-point goals: W 2 (Chism), CGA 4 (Shipley). Field goal percentage: W 30 percent (24-79), CGA 41 percent (28-69). Rebounds: W 59 (Thomas 13), CGA 53 (Shipley 11). Turnovers: W 15, CGA 20. Assists: W 4 (Patton, Thomas), CGA 20 (Shipley 10). Personal fouls (fouled out): W 16 (none), CGA 16 (none). Officials: Ron Day Tom Hinz, Trent Long. JV score: CGA 28 (Monique Novoa 6), Washington 18 (Breanna Latham 7). Records: CGA

Balance key in CGA win

Three Culver Girls Academies scored in double digits as the Lady Eagles claimed a 59-41 win over Argos on the road Tuesday.

Kylee Shipley put up 17 points, while Andrijana Cvitkovic and Brenna Newell each chipped in 14 points for CGA, which improved to 7-3.

Argos was led by Latisha Shepherd’s game-high 23 points and falls to 3-5.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 59, ARGOS 41
At Argos
Score by quarters
CGA: 12 26 34 59
Argos: 5 16 25 41
CGA (59): Alexis Christlieb 4, Victoria Christlieb 4, Andrijana Cvitkovic 14, Katie Gawor 0, Emily Gilland 0, Casey Hall 4, Lindsay Haller 2, Andrea Lin 0, Annie Morsches 0, Brenna Newell 14, Kylee Shipley 17, Kenzie Ungar 0, Rita Zambon 0.
ARGOS (41): Emily Alcorn 0, Keri Bair 0, Karalei Kring 0, Carly McCay 2, Jamie Patterson 3, Kayla Prochno 0, Shelby Sanders 0, Latisha Shepherd 23, Karlee VanDerWeele 3, Madeline Williams 2, Alexandra Zechiel 8.
3-point goals: CGA1 (Shipley), Argos 4 (Shepherd 3, Patterson 1); Fouls (fouled out): CGA 9 (none), Argos 4 (none); Records: CGA 7-3, Argos 3-5.

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