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## In Brief

### Spring soccer registration

Spring soccer registration is this Saturday, January 15 and next Saturday, January 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Culver Public Library. Fees remain the same as last year. Registration deadline is January 31. Contact Lisa James, 574-933-4822, lisajames24@yahoo.com or Bruce Snyder, 574-842-2576, bksnyder@wildblue.net with any questions. Or visit our new website, under construction, www.culveryouthsoccer.org

### 'Coaches vs. Cancer' this Saturday

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. 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.

### Community chili supper for the food pantry

The Culver Community Council of Churches, together with the Culver Lions Club, is sponsoring the annual "Chili Supper" from which all proceeds go to the Culver Food Pantry.

The supper will again feature the famous "Pinder Chili" and the "desserts" that are provided by the ladies of the various churches that comprise the Council of Churches. The event will be held Friday, February 4 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Vandalia Railroad Station in Culver. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door.

### School in session Jan. 17

Culver Community Schools Corporation will hold classes Monday, Jan. 17 to make up for the day cancelled Dec. 13 due to bad weather.

### Open gym

Adult basketball continues from 1-3 p.m., at the Culver Middle School Gym Sundays, through Feb. 8.

This is for adults, in the

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## Feeding the need - a community endeavor

ABOVE: Culverites from all walks of life and of all ages have made the recent holiday season one of bounty for Culver's food pantry, says pantry Director Leroy Bean (ABOVE, CENTER), flanked at right by assistant Dennis Lewandowski (the two are standing next to an industrial sized refrigerator made possible for the pantry by community donations as well). BOTTOM LEFT: \*Culver Elementary fourth graders (from left) Madison Brewer, Austin Otteman, Nathan Jolly, and Brandon Jones shop in Plymouth for food and supplies (using money the students earned on their own, outside school) which they delivered to the pantry in December. LOWER RIGHT: Culver's VFW once again stepped up with the proceeds from its annual soup cook-off, held last month. Winner (by a "landslide" 10 out of 25 total votes) Pam Hyndman says she learned the recipe for her "BLT Soup" while cooking at Shady Rest home in Plymouth years ago. Hyndman is daytime bartender at the Post on Washington Street (open to the public weekdays and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. ; it will soon open Sundays for the winter).

See story below

## Culver pantry has banner season - thanks to local kids, volunteers

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

If Culver area youth were to hold drives for the Culver Council of Churches food pantry year-round, says pantry Director Leroy Bean, the shelves would likely always be stocked and the coffers full of funds. Bean knows whereof he speaks: between November 15 and December 20, the pantry took in 4,258 pounds of donated items, and a good share of it came through the efforts of local young folks.

It would be a challenge to list every donor to the pantry this holiday season, but Bean describes some of the significant contributions, many of which involve youth. Over the November 19 weekend, for example, local 4H and Gleaners brought in 698 pounds of food plus cash donations, much of it thanks to an event at the Uptown Cinema, which showed the movie, "Secretariat," over the weekend with a donated item for the pantry as admission.

Culver Community Middle Schoolers' food drive yielded a December 10 donation of 898 pounds of food and toiletry items; Wesley Preschool -- operating out of Culver's Wesley United Methodist Church -- donated 201 pounds of food and 85 pounds of paper products, besides cash donations, on December 16 following a special Christmas party for which students were encouraged to bring items.

Bean and Pantry assistant Dennis Lewandowski (who earlier replaced Joyce Wynn, and whom Bean calls "my right hand and my left hand" at the pantry) were most moved at the sight of two Culver Community Schools buses pulling in December 16, following Culver Elementary School fourth graders' shopping trip to Plymouth. In what has become an annual tradition, the students are expected to earn money, on their own time doing chores and the like, towards the project. Math and shopping skills are employed as teachers and adult helpers walk the aisles with students, choosing the best deals for their money, and all of it aimed at helping stock the pantry shelves.

Though pantry volunteers knew the students were coming, watching youngsters pour from the buses laden with food-filled bags -- which the students insisted on carrying downstairs to the pantry, located in the basement of Grace United Church of Christ, by themselves -- clearly warmed the hearts of those helping out that day. The fourth graders brought in 624 pounds worth of items.

Other large donations included 235 pounds collected from St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, 160 pounds brought in from Miller's Merry Manor, and 130 pounds collected from a box the pantry leaves at

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## Trone, one architect of Culver planning, part of long legacy of Culver service

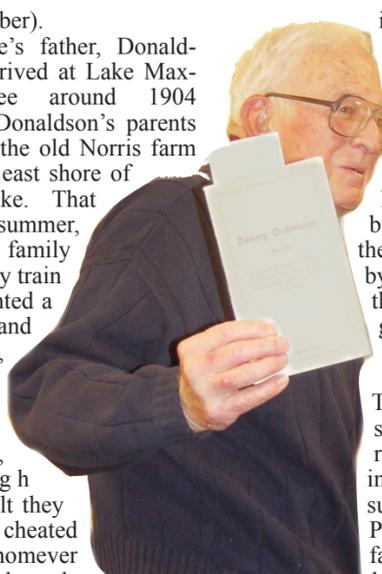
By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

It's well-known around Culver that if one has a question about the history of the community -- and that includes the town of Culver, Lake Maxinkuckee, and Culver Academies communities -- Pete Trone very likely has the answer. Besides an encyclopedic memory, there's the fact that Trone has not only longevity here, but has been deeply involved in the community in a variety of capacities. He's also had a foot in each of those "sub-communities" of Culver well before he began the 34 years of service on Culver's planning and zoning boards for which he was recognized by both the Culver Board of Zoning Appeals (in late November), and the Town Council (in

December).

Trone's father, Donaldson, arrived at Lake Maxinkuckee around 1904 when Donaldson's parents rented the old Norris farm on the east shore of the lake. That first summer, the family came by train and rented a horse and wagon, says Pete

Trone, though they felt they were cheated by whomever rented them the horse and wagon, planning and zoning ordinance from line up to Culver.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Pete Trone hold his copy of Culver's first planning and zoning ordinance from line up to Culver.

ing summer they drove an Indianapolis neighbor's horse and buggy all the way here, by way of the Michigan Road to Logansport. The absence of road signs in those days suggests to Pete that the family likely followed the Vandalia Railroad out, so the boys were instructed to get rid of the



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## City Diner no more

Culverites flocked to Culver's City Diner (formerly City Tavern) last weekend for a last chance to dine at the seven year old institution, after a sign appeared in the windows late last week announcing the weekend as the last for the popular destination.

The restaurant has been one of a handful which helped establish Culver's reputation for fine dining, and owner Larry Surrishi (who also founded the Edgewater Grille on Lake Shore Drive) added to its reputation through his catering and support of a host of charitable and service-oriented events through the years.

Don Trone was 11 or 12.

"My dad's goal after World War I -- he was in the service in the war -- was to save enough money to buy a place on the lake. So in 1923 he had that opportunity when Mr. (William) Osborn, who was in real estate even then, told him about a place on the east shore on the market for immediate sale."

It seems, according to Trone, that Vandalia railroad agent W.T. Parrish and railway express agent Shively had purchased a little shack on the east shore to use as a fishing base.

"It turned out, on damp and rainy days, they didn't do any fishing but probably drank some moonshine and played poker," smiles Trone. "Their wives found out, so the boys were instructed to get rid of the

property immediately! So Will Osborn called my dad. He wasn't married yet -- he married my mother, Almada, in 1927 -- so for the next 22 years the family used it as a summer cottage, and then my folks moved here from Indianapolis (year-round) in 1949."

Many in Culver will recall the presence of Trone's store on the corner of Main and Washington Streets (the site of the Maxinkuckee Environmental Council today), long known as the Menser Building.

Don Trone, says son Pete, felt the need for more fashionable clothing than was available at the time in Culver, and opened Trone's at the site in 1949, where it operated until 1978.

"Retailers always had to

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# First baby of 2011 welcomed

Culverite's granddaughter is county's New Year baby



PHOTOS/MAGGIE NIXON AND \*PHOTO SUBMITTED

LEFT: Welcoming Abigail Rose Freese, the SJRMC/Plymouth first baby of the new year Sunday, Jan. 2, at 9:15 a.m. are mom and dad, Amy Malek and Chris Freese. RIGHT: Great-grandparents Margaret and Leroy Bean of Culver greet Abigail.

By Carol Anders  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — It was just a little less than a year ago that Cheryl Smith was named one of Marshall County's Biggest Losers in a weight loss competition. And now this Culver grandma feels like the county's biggest winner, as the first baby to arrive in 2011 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth is happy, healthy and just wonderful, according to her mother Amy Malek, Smith's daughter.

Abigail Rose Freese was born Jan. 2 at 9:15 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Her father, Christopher Freese, chose Abigail because it is a name he really loves — and Rose is a family name.

Little Abigail's big brother Skyler Pike will be able to share the exciting news of her being the New Year's baby of 2011 when he returns to his first grade class at Jefferson Elementary.

Amy said, "Skyler is really excited, but still taking it all in."

Abigail's arrival was also extra special since she is the first girl born on Amy's side of the family since she was born in 1986.

"She will have lots of cousins to play with, but they will all be boys," Amy said.

An ultrasound performed during the pregnancy indicated that the due date was Jan. 2, but it appeared for a while that the birth could be Jan. 1.

Amy went to the hospital in the wee hours that day, but was sent home. That night near 10 p.m., the couple knew it was time to go back to the hospital.

Since the ultrasound confirmed they were having a girl, they were able to have the nursery all ready for the baby as they go home.

Amy was able to take time off from work during the last few months, but is planning to return to work in a few weeks.

Abigail will be spending her days with her grandmother Kathy Rose.

Other proud grandparents include Smith and her husband Joe of Culver and Curtis Freese of South Bend.

Abigail's great-grandparents are well-known Culver couple Leroy and Margaret Bean, Cheryl's parents.

Amy said, "I'm so lucky to have such a supportive family."

## Pantry from page 1

Park N Shop in Culver. One family, adds Bean, donated 24 Christmas stockings "jammed full of personal items."

Leroy Bean has been volunteering at the food pantry for eight years now, though he became Director September 1, taking over the job from an ailing Amy Hutchens, whose leadership there for several years was also remarkable.

Bean's involvement began through his membership in Culver's Lions Club, with whom he's become very active over his ten years of membership. Bean accompanied other Lions on a trip to the South Bend food bank, to which the Culver pantry still journeys every few months to pick up food. He gradually became more and more involved with the pantry before being chosen last summer as Hutchens' successor.

Bean, who utilized his utility van to eventually become the primary traveler to South Bend, notes he hasn't had to make the trip since October, thanks to the community's generosity. The exceptions were two loads (totaling 1,300 pounds) he picked up after the South Bend pantry received a \$280,000 donation it shared with the 220 northern Indiana pantries it serves in five counties. Bean also often picks up loads around the Culver area as well.

Bean jokes that he can't seem to stop volunteering, and that's not just at the pantry. In recent years, he's become very visible in Lions on a number of levels, including leading the charge in picking up and hauling items for the club's popular spring and fall flea markets. He's been on Culver's Parks and Recreation board, including most recently as President, and also sits on the board of directors at Grace United Church of Christ (he's been Vice President and Co-Chair on that board), at which he's also a deacon.

All this volunteering earned Bean the Culver Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year award in 2008 -- "So I've got to keep doing it!" he jokes.

At the pantry, which is open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon (except days when the weather is severe enough for local schools to close, in which case the pantry is always closed as well), Bean -- with the help of Lewandowski and other volunteers from Lions and Grace Church -- stocks shelves, sweeps the floor, and keeps a meticulous inventory of items (and their weight) donated. He makes shopping trips to local stores with funds donated as well.

The Council of Churches handles distribution of pantry funds to Bean, as well as acknowledgement of donated items, which is specifically undertaken by Council Treasurer Pat Birk (Marilyn Kelly is current Council President, says Bean, Nancy Strycker Vice President, and Don Freese Secretary).

Last Tuesday, 26 families visited the pantry. Bean points out that the number of families has increased noticeably over the past year or two. During November, 117 families visited, with 100 in October, he says -- all numbers he tracks because some funding towards the pantry comes from the US Department of Agriculture, which requires such reporting as well as food inventories.

The pantry, Bean explains, has a separate meter from the church for its light and heat, "and it gets expensive." A dilapidated freezer was recently replaced after Culver's Tom Kearns pulled together interested people to raise the approximately \$4,600 for the new freezer in use today. Kearns' daughter donated two refrigerators to the pantry as well, Bean adds.

The outpouring of donations this holiday season has been "amazing," he reiterates, but he and Lewandowski remind people there's a need for food throughout the seasons.

"Most people think about the food pantry around the holidays," says Lewandowski, but, as Bean notes, "People's hungry all year round."

Meantime, Bean and other pantry volunteers can be -- and clearly are -- proud of Culver's young people.

"Last year, when I picked up the food from the middle school," recalls Bean, "I went in and...they grabbed a bunch of kids. The kids wheeled (the food) all out to my van."

"They're fantastic. They do a good job...if they keep doing the same things through their entire life, we've got a great bunch of people to look forward to!"

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## Obituary

### Rhoda A. Niswander Jan 26, 1928 – Dec 28, 2010

CULVER — Rhoda A. Niswander, 82, of Culver, passed away Dec. 28, 2010 in Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Rhoda was born Jan 26, 1928 in Huntington, to Dr. David and Dr. Leila (Powell) Garber. She was a 1944 graduate of Peru High School. She then continued her education at the Carlton University in Minnesota, graduating in 1948.

March 12, 1950 Rhoda was married to Herman "Duke" Niswander in Peru. They were married 49 years and raised nine children.

Rhoda was a lady of many talents. Among them an accomplished pianist, gourmet cook, and an avid gardener. Rhoda's roots ran deep in Culver, as her grandparents were the first to build a home on the South Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Rhoda was a wonderful mom who will be dearly missed.

Rhoda is survived by her sons: Sam (Amy) Niswander and David (Cindi) Niswander, both of Huntington, and Matthew Niswander of Milwaukee, Wis.; daughters: Melissa Niswander Sytsma of Culver, Natalie Niswander and Katinka (Tim) Dixon of Ft. Wayne, Gretchen (Mark) Nichols of Granger, and Letitia (Sanford) Snyderman of Fishers; sister, Mary Jane Garber of Ft. Wayne; grandchildren: Nate Niswander and Joshua Richey of Culver, and Ryan (Molly) Richey of Plymouth; 19 other grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; daughter, Deidre Niswander; and grandson, Matthew Richey.

There will be no visitation for Rhoda and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be given in Rhoda's memory to the Culver Community Pantry, c/o Pat Birk, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, IN, 46511.

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 entrusted with arrangements.

## Letter to the editor

Your Century That Was was (December 30 and January 6 editions of the *Citizen*), and is, most interesting. However, overlooked were two events of the '40s, the Culver High School basketball teams that came within a basket of reaching the Final Four when the sport was the wintertime king of small town Indiana. The '44 team, coached by Paul Underwood, lost to LaPorte by a point in the night game of the Hammond Semi-Finals and the '46 team, coached by Red Sering, lost to Flora on a mid-court heave with time running out in the night game of the Lafayette Semi-State. Reaching the Final Eight in a field of more than 400 is quite an accomplishment.

May I suggest a feature story on these teams. Right in your midst are Ralph Pedersen of the '44 Indians and Johnny Hoesel of the '46 team. I'm sure there are others but both served as team captains (Ralph in '45).

Pedersen is retired from a sterling career at Tulane University and Hoesel from the motion picture theater business in which he began his career selling popcorn at the Lake Side, then named the El Rancho, I believe.

### Russ Leonard, Indianapolis.

*The editor responds:* Thanks to Mr. Leonard for his readership and his letter. He is quite right that Culver's 1940s basketball teams have deservedly attained legendary status not only in Culver, but well beyond as well, and a more in-depth article on those teams is a great idea for the near future.

Regarding the contents of the time-line, unfortunately I wasn't in a position to accentuate Robert Rust's work (he wrote the time-line, at least up to 1979, after which I took over). I noticed several omissions which some could consider glaring (the '40s ball teams among them), but a year-by-year analysis of 1910-1979 was more than I could undertake last week! Perhaps down the road.

While awaiting the article(s) our 1940s basketball teams deserve, the editor suggests a history of Culver's basketball teams and records published in the Sept. 17, 2009 edition of the *Citizen* and available to any reader by email, upon request.

On a related note, please see page 4 for a correction to a photo caption from that article.

## 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., Jan. 13:** Quiche, cubed potatoes, coffee cake, orange or orange juice, and milk.

**Fri., Jan. 14:** Salmon patties and tartar sauce, ca-

pri vegetable blend, roasted sweet potatoes, dinner roll and margarine, fancy round cake, and milk.

**Mon., Jan. 17:** Pepper steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, and milk.

**Tues., Jan. 18:** BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, corn, bread and margarine, pudding, and milk.

**Weds., Jan. 19:** Chicken

pot pie, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit, pecan pie, and milk.

**Thurs., Jan. 20:** Chili, baked potato and sour cream, oyster crackers, cottage cheese, Mandarin oranges, and milk.

**Fri., Jan. 21:** Stuffed cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fruit cup, cookie, and milk.

## Anniversary - Tousley



Dallas and Mary Tousley, of Phoenix, Arizona, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October by taking a week long cruise around the Hawaiian Islands aboard the Pride of America.

The couple was married October 23, 1960 in Culver, Indiana. They met at a drive-in restaurant in Tennessee while Dallas was stationed there in the Air Force and Mary was attending college. Dallas and Mary lived together in Culver for 26 years and moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1986.

Dallas is retired from nearly 50 years in the field of Accounting and Mary is semi-retired, still working part time in Business Management. They enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends and visiting their daughter, Sharon, living in Texas.

## Community calendar

**Thurs., Jan. 13**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

**Sat., Jan. 15**  
Spring soccer sign-ups, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Culver library  
Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Culver

"Coaches vs. Cancer" fund-raiser (part of Culver Academies boys basketball game), 7:30 p.m., Fleet Gymnasium, Culver Academies

**Sun., Jan. 16**  
Adult basketball, 1 to 3 p.m., Culver Middle School Gym (see Brief)

**Mon., Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King Jr holiday)**  
Culver Community Schools in session (snow make-up day)

Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Tues., Jan. 18**  
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

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

**Weds., Jan. 19**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m.,

**Thurs., Jan. 20**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

## Manchester joins American Angus Assoc.

CULVER — Gweneth Manchester, Culver, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 30,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 19 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information, keeps production records on individual animals, and develops industry-leading selection tools for its members. These programs and services help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

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## Girls basketball

### Cavs still perfect in conference play

Culver Community landed three players solidly in double figures to stay perfect in Northern State Conference girls basketball play with a 58-47 win over New Prairie at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Friday.

Gwen Zehner scored a team-high 16 points for the Cavs. Patrice McBee and Whitney Sanders followed with 15 points apiece.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 58,  
NEW PRAIRIE 47

At Culver  
Score by quarters  
New Prairie: 7 15 32 47  
Culver: 15 27 44 58

NEW PRAIRIE (47): Heather Macher 1 0-0 2, Courtney Spencer 8 0-0 21, Alyssia Smith 0 0-0 0, Sam Emerick 3 0-0 8, Paige Thompson 0 0-0 0, Mary Gamble 0 0-0 0, Brooke Fedder 0 0-0 0, Katie Buford 3 0-0 6, Kelsey Prestin 0 4-4 4, Sarah Van Waardenburg 0 0-0 0, Katie Singleton 3 0-0 6, Lexi Buford 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 18 4-4 47.

CULVER (58): Nicole Carnegie 3 2-4 8, Ali Overmyer 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 4 7-7 15, Whitney Sanders 6 0-2 15, Alison Zehner 1 2-4 4, Kayla Shaffer 0 0-0 0, Gwen Zehner 7 2-5 16, Abby James 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21 13-22 58.

3-point goals: New Prairie 7 (Spencer 5, Emerick 2), Culver 3 (Sanders); Turnovers: New Prairie 16, Culver 22; Rebounds: New Prairie 16, Culver 34; Assists: New Prairie 11, Culver 17; Steals: New Prairie 3, Culver 4; Fouls (fouled out): New Prairie 21 (Singleton), Culver 10 (none); Records: New Prairie 4-9 (2-1 NSC), Culver 12-1 (4-0 NSC).

JV score: New Prairie 26, Culver 14.

## Wrestling

### CMA takes 3rd at Knox invite

Culver Military placed third, while John Glenn was fourth, Knox was fifth and Triton placed sixth at the Knox Super Duals Saturday.

Kayla Miracle, Jack Crawford and Anthony McHugh



PHOTO PROVIDED/MOLLIE HOWARD

Culver Military's Edmond Hogan, top, wrestles Chesterton's Chad Shaw during a 152-pound match at the Knox Super Duals Saturday.

won the 103, 215 and 125 pound classes, respectively for the Eagles, while Glenn had an individual champion at 112 pounds in Kaleb McCallum, and Knox recorded two champs in Eric Dan and Garrett Majchrzak at 119 and 152 pounds, respectively.

Triton's Brock Vermillion topped the 189-pound heap at the meet.

• KNOX SUPER DUALS

At Knox  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. CHESTERTON 5-0; 2. WINAMAC 4-1; 3. CULVER MILITARY 3-2; 4. GLENN 2-3; 5. KNOX 1-4; 6. TRITON 0-5.

Weight Class Champions  
103: Kayla Miracle (CMA); 112: Kaleb McCallum (JG); 119: Eric Dan (K); 125: Anthony McHugh (CMA); 130: Robert Hartley (W); 135: Chris Katsafaros (C); 140: Luther Jacobs (CMA); 145: Will Butz (C); 152: Garrett Majchrzak (K); 160: Anthony Quiroz (C); 171: Tony Sanchez (C); 189: Brock Vermillion (T); 215: Jack Crawford (CMA); 285: Zac Dix (W).

# Reaping benefits of 15 outside minutes in winter

Fifteen minutes of outdoor activity per day may prevent sickness, depression and fatigue this winter.

Most Hoosiers enjoy spending time outdoors during spring, summer, and fall seasons. However, when our winter foe returns each year many of us retreat into the warmth of indoors and hunker down awaiting its passing. Reading about adventures in books and watching movies seem very appealing compared to the enemy lurking on the other side of the walls and windows.

But, research indicates that spending as little as fifteen minutes outdoors, even in the coldest of weather, will most often be the preventative measure to avoid depression, illness and fatigue. Fresh air, no matter what season, is a prescription for healthier hearts, lungs, minds and souls.

My son recently returned from a hunting weekend

## Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER



with my brother-in-law and 80 year old father. The trio ventured outdoors five times over a two day period, returning with tales of camaraderie and exploration. They were cold, tired and hungry by nightfall, contrasted by joy, humor and satisfaction of a day well spent. The muzzle loader my son received from my dad on his fourteenth birthday was the catalyst that brought them together creating memories of their hours in the woods that will last forever. Experiencing physical and mental exhaustion from a strenuous day outdoors is healthy. **The fatigue of exhilaration always outweighs the fatigue of boredom.**

Although at times adversarial, the months of January and February can be the proving ground for health and fitness. Here are a few things to consider:

1. If you participate in a regular cardio workout and the frigid weather forces you inside to the treadmill, insist on spending the first fifteen minutes of your exercise outside, even if you must bundle up.
2. Keeping your New Year's resolution of walking

each day can be tough this time of year. Meet friends outside for the first part and enjoy the rest of the walk in the warm abode of the mall or fitness center.

3. Pack a hot thermos and drive to a local park or downtown area to walk, cross country ski, sled or run. Your car will be close if you need it, plus the change of scenery will be pleasant. Don't be mentally tricked into thinking that you are the only one odd enough to be out in the elements. You may be surprised how many people have the same toughness level as you do.

4. Our county has many small streams and creeks to walk along – take your camera and capture the beauty of a snowy day. A great foot care product called yaktrax will provide you with better traction for walking or running needs. Yaktrax simply attach to your shoes or boots and can be purchased locally for less than \$20.

Winter dynamics can be difficult, but let's commit to pray for daily patience and appreciation for the weather that God gives us, knowing that in less than three months (March 20) spring will arrive!

## Correction

On this page in the January 6 edition of this newspaper, a photograph was wrongly identified as depicting the first graduating class of the then newly-established Culver Academy for Girls (today's Culver Girls Academy, established in 1971).

One of the young ladies in the photo, Cindy Marshall, wrote to point out the error. As she notes, she, Mayra Perez, and Kris Tanner were the last three girls to graduate from Culver Military Academy. Beginning in 1957, Academy faculty daughters were allowed to attend CMA, even though no formal girls' school existed. Marshall is the daughter of the late Chester (Sr) and Glenda Marshall, Chester being a longtime member of the school's faculty. Cindy Marshall graduated in the spring of 1971, and CAG opened that fall, graduating its first students in the spring of 1972.

Cindy also notes that "Culver Academies celebrated the first girls who graduated from the military school recently with the first coed graduates passing through the celebrated Iron Gate for CMA at their 50th reunion."

The editor ought to have known better, and apologizes for the error!

## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen is more often behind the camera than in front of it, but he's visible to many in Culver through his work on Culver's Lake Fest committee, with Lions Club, and other endeavors. He's also been documenting local events for posterity via his photography for years. Glenda Marshall, Jim Jones, Phyllis Lindvall recognized Bill Birk.



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

Catching up on older news, Nancy McFarland correctly identified our previous week's Mystery Citizen, Mike Chastain, shortly after press time.

This week's Mystery Citizen's Culver roots run deep, and he and his family have been involved in Culver in a variety of ways for years, including public service.

Guesses may be emailed to citizen@culcom.net, dropped off in one of our drop boxes (located at the Culver Public Library and Culver Coffee Company), or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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serve the town, the lake cottagers, the Academy, and rural interests,” points out Pete Trone. “More recently, the areas of interest have melded together more.”

Don Trone passed away in 1970, and his wife operated the store for its remaining eight years in his stead.

Young Pete was away at school before entering the military in 1951. He returned to Culver in 1953 and began a long full-time association with the Woodcraft Camp at Culver Academy. A graduate of Culver’s summer Naval School, Trone actually began at Woodcraft as a counselor in the summer of 1949. Working year-round in summer admissions, Trone left the school in 1977.

He and his family had watched as the south shore of Lake Maxinkuckee began to develop into “a nice residential area,” says Trone, following World War II. In conversation with area entities such as the Culver Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Academy, the notion of comprehensive planning in the area began to be explored. A group of individuals representing those organizations was appointed to serve on a planning committee, and on June 15, 1959, a comprehensive plan was adopted by the town of Culver, going into effect in January, 1960.

“At the time there wasn’t much commercial development on the lake,” recalls Trone. “We were concerned there might be development that might become overbearing or unwieldy for the community. The only commercial development then was two small groceries and a general store on the east shore and two marinas, one on the south and one on the west shore. Plus there was commercial development around since the founding of the railroad: the lumber yard, bulk oil, and before that, ice houses. So we proposed to the town that districts be created to contain the various commercial enterprises, and we put restrictions on residential constructions around the lake and in the incorporated town.”

At the time, says Trone, Academy Road didn’t exist west of Lake Shore Drive, though a subdivision had been proposed there, in addition to other rumored developments some felt should be permitted, but controlled.

In those days, there was no comprehensive plan in place in all of Marshall County, notes Trone, with the possible exception of Plymouth. Similar Indiana communities such



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Trone’s store on the corner of Main and Washington Streets, in the 1950s.

as Lakes Wawasee, James, and Tippecanoe were pursuing comprehensive plans, with a concerted effort by lake associations in various communities to incorporate lakes into local comprehensive planning.

“My dad and Mr. Lilly from Wawasee lobbied the state legislature to create an act that would permit planning to incorporate adjacent communities such as Culver and Syracuse, but recognize the unique features of the lake communities. So they were successful in doing that, and I believe it’s helped orderly development of these lakes.

Eventually there might have been better planning without any legislative action, but I think that was key.”

There were a few roadblocks to comprehensive planning in the Culver area, says Trone, mostly from those concerned the plan would deny them the opportunity to continue to use their land or real estate as they had been, including some farmers who worried agricultural use opportunities would be hampered, and developers who might wish to create more subdivisions than allowed.

“Many didn’t understand the concept of comprehensive planning,” Trone says, though he recalls that, “generally members of the community were supportive.”

State legislation gave municipalities on or near a lake the power to enact planning and zoning ordinances to affect their incorporated entities as well as a lake that abutted their corporate limits, Trone explains.

Thus, the town of Culver’s zoning ordinances apply to the town and an area within a two-mile radius, plus all of a body of water that abuts the town limits, and a buffer area beyond that. Therefore, if Lake Maxinkuckee extended south beyond the two mile limits, the land could still be included. Since then, he adds, Culver is “pretty close to having the two-mile radius encompass the lake because of annexations along the west shore and Long Point.”

One concern for some involved in the original plan was an interest in orderly development on the lake and opportunities for recreational use, “which some of us felt would be limited if there was much commercial development on the lake,” Trone says.

Pete Trone was an original member and President of Culver’s first Plan Commission. His involvement with the Board of Zoning Appeals began when a member of the Plan Commission was called for to serve on the BZA.

“There was a supposed quirk in the state law that didn’t permit a resident of the jurisdictional area outside town limits to serve, except as an appointee of that district. Our attorneys later decided otherwise, so now theoretically all members of the BZA could be outside of town. I was on the Plan Commission around eight years, then BZA a total of 17 years. Then I was off 17 years, and then back on for 17 until I retired.”

The first members of the Plan Commission, in 1960, were most active in the original development of the comprehensive plan for Culver, says Trone. These included community members Rev. Kendall Sands, Hampton Boswell, Jean (Mrs. Warner) Williams, and Jean Dugan; jurisdictional area members Pete Trone (President) and Admiral John Bays (Secretary); and town board appointees Don Mikesell, Charles Cook, and A.R. McKesson. The 1960 (first) Board of Zoning Appeals, which acts as the “enforcement arm” of the Plan Commission, included citizen members Robert Berger (Chairman), Wilfred Craft, Robert Osborn; Plan Commission members Hampton Boswell (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Warner Williams (Secretary); jurisdictional area representative Harry Edgington.

“We tried to have the town board and other entities who appointed members of the Plan Commission and BZA to have a broad representation of the various facets of the local community,” says Trone, thumbing through what may be the only remaining copy of that first zoning ordinance, printed in April of 1960 by the Lake Maxinkuckee Association.

So, with 34 years under his belt, what kept Pete Trone serving on planning and zoning boards in Culver?

“My desire to have development,” he replies, “but that it be orderly and logical development.”

He recalls serving from the old town board chambers, in the cramped basement of the old fire station on Plymouth



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES  
Pete Trone in the 1960s

and Cass Streets, the site of today’s Grace Church parking lot. In those early years, he says, “the town hall was actually in Will Easterday’s funeral parlor on Main Street, when he was town clerk!”

Looking back over the years, Trone says some major moments stick out, including the development of Venetian Village on the lake, which took place in fall, 1959, before Culver’s zoning ordinances had taken place.

“If that had occurred in 1960,” Trone explains, “the lot sizes would have

been much larger. Lots not served by sewer systems without a public water supply are much larger in square footage, for the health and safety of the lake’s water.”

Probably the largest development in the area, he says, would have been the 1963 relocation of the Woodcraft Camp. Other major item affecting lake properties included the so-called “anti-funneling ordinance” of the early 1990s, which doesn’t permit “piggy-backing” several homes on one lot, or giving access to the lake to lots off of the lake. That move also pertained to the health of the water and how much use it can withstand, though Trone notes the Culver area has largely avoided problems with funneling “except places we already had, like 18B Road and other public access sites,” he says.

When the railroad was discontinued, recalls Trone, Culver was faced with redevelopment of west shore properties.

“In front of the cemetery on the west shore, you could probably pick up a lot for \$150 if you had the cash,” he says. “There were squatters there who used the land. So the elimination of the railroad (in the late 1970s) opened up more development opportunities.”

Trone says the best development has been the onset of what he calls “a professional approach to enforcement of the ordinances, with (Culver Building Inspector) Russ Mason. Russ and the present members of BZA understand the ordinance, and we believe we’ve applied it correctly and judiciously. There’s a greater acceptance of the need for planning by all segments of our society...in most cases we’ve proven to people that our efforts are worthwhile.”

A major future challenges in Culver’s planning and zoning life, he adds, is in the area of lake water quality and preservation of opportunities for use of that resource by all segments of the Culver community.

The future, however, is no longer Pete Trone’s specific concern, as he bids farewell to more than three decades of service in those areas and more. Besides his involvement in planning and zoning, Trone is remembered as an active member (and secretary) of Culver’s Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was involved with the Lake Maxinkuckee Association for many years (his father was involved for a quarter-century as secretary of that organization, from its inception). He’s served actively on boards with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and the county-wide Wythougan Valley Preservation Council.

Trone plans to “take it easy” from here on out -- and that’s a luxury he’s more than earned.

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local community/school district. Please bring your good sportsmanship and please do not bring your children. Cost to play (for insurance) is \$2 per Sunday. Call Ken VanDePutte, 574-274-9942.

### Culver Park and Rec. Dept. 2011 schedule

The Culver Park and Recreation Department will meet in 2011 the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Culver Town Hall. Meeting dates include: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 (with an executive session at 6:45 p.m. for summer staff hiring), June 1, July 26, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Board members are Ed Behnke, Leon Bennett, Peg Schuldt, Tammy Shaffer, and Leroy Bean.

### Culver boat slips available for rental

The Culver Park and Recreation Department has boat slips available for the 20-11 boating season. Interested individuals should contact Kelly Young, park superintendent at 574-842-3510 during the evening hours to inquire about the slips.

Fees for the upcoming season are \$700 for Culver/Union Township residents and \$1,000 for individuals

owning property outside the area. A boat lift is required for boats and wave runners. Spaces are also available for Hobie sailboats and kayaks.

### Community meal at Grace Jan. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Jan. 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.

### TOPS meets in Culver

Meet new friends and Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) at the TOPS meetings held every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, in the lower level conference room (use east, front entrance). There is no charge to visit. Follow the TOPS weight-loss “winners of the world” and learn how to achieve KOPS status. For more information contact Chris at 574-850-3914 or visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) online.

### Culver postage-Air Mail connection

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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 museum’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](http://www.culver.org/museum).

### 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.

## Culver Elementary honor roll

Culver Elementary School has announced its second grading period honor roll students.

**Grade 1:** Marquez Donovan Anderson, Samantha Kay Balchunas, Mackenzie Michelle Banks, Mariah Nicole Bell-Howard, 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, Zachary Wayne Hine, Savannah Grace Hisson, 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, Haley Morgan Wieringa, Cody Daniel Winkler, Spring Ye, Timothy Oliver Young, Alex James Zehner

**Grade 2:** Braxton Rolland Atkins, Matthew J Bailey, Blake Wayne Baugh, Damian Byers, Makaila Elizabeth Caudill, Mia Patricia Conroy, Austin J Cooper, Anthony J Czerniak, Francis K Ellert, Makenzie Faith Handley, Joshua P Havron, Aubrey M Highberger, Katie M Hoffman, Cassandra Rose Jones, Morgan J Keller, Kaleigh M Kephart, Ethan D Lima, Sarah Grace Lowry, Ethan Wayne Moore, Jessica Renee Pietsch, Abigail E Richard, Tyler D Rogers, Madison A Shedrow, Darren C Shock, Shane M Stevens, Chyna Dawn Thomas

**Grade 3:** Isabelle J Ahlenius, Kailyn Marie Ahlenius, William R Baldwin, Emily L Bendy, Kenzie Lynn Binkley, Ashley N Black, Anna R Blocker, Amanda Paige Bradley, Aysia R Conley, Nicholas M Cornwall, Grant W Dexter, Karina Faith Figueroa, Trista Rae Fritter, Drake A Gross, Hanna K Haimbaugh, Lily G Hayes, Krisonica G Hesters, Gabriel M Hissong, Kagnie J Hoffman, Haley N Howard, Makenzie M Hymel, Emma E Krueger, Oliver Ryan Lampton-Adkins, Hunter D Lault, Hunter A Manns, 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, Carter C Stevens, Alexandra R Temme, Ryan W Tompos, Owen R Valiquet, Donovan M Ziaja.

**Grade 4:** Kennedy Lynn Ash, Justin L Bennett, Jermiah V Brady, Rebecca C Christlieb, Wyatt J Coiner, Brandon Ray England, Gabriel M Gomez, Abigail R Gregory, Katherine A Heim, Kaleb Ryan Jones,

Trenton M Jones, Gabrielle Jade Kegley, Nora H Kline, Sarah T Luttrell, Sarah E Morrison, Austin B Otteman, Maranda J Otteman, Haley Jordyn Pennington, Kaitlyn K Renneker, Alyssa E Richard, Hunter Mn Ringer, Sara E Ringer, Hailey C Shipley, Tihana Stefanic, Alex R Wagner, Christian J Zakhi

**Grade 5:** Marcellus Donnell Anderson, Emily Marie Bradley, Pierce H Ellert, Rachael Lynn England, Jasmynne D. Fowler, Malachi L Griffith, Dylan C Lewandowski, Angel Marie Moore, Benjamin B Myers, Dylan Pitera, Sydney G Pritz, Cody J Rieckhoff, RT Roberts, Jake S Rodgers, Cody R Russell, Alex Ted Santistevan Cole, Jordan M Schrimsher, Raymie L Shoop, Ethan P Shuman, Macee Marie Strycker.

**Grade 6:** Samantha Kathrine Basham, Erin E Bendy, Brennin Aaron Betts, Jennifer L Dady, Drake Lee Garbacik, Alexandria M Harris, Brandon P Havron, Tanner R Hoffman, Patrick D Kline, Joshua P Krsek, Matthew A Markovitz, Amanda G Morrison, Jackson S Rich, Levi M Shedrow, Vedrana I Stefanic

## Culver’s Lintner finishes final meeting

By Rusty Nixon  
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH – When the Marshall County Council reconvenes in the new year it will be without a mainstay at the table.

Last month, Councilman Fred Lintner attended his last meeting as a member of the Marshall County Council, having decided not to run in the last election.

“This is my last meeting but I may show up to take part in the ‘public comment’ section,” he warned Council members at the end of Monday’s meeting. Councilman Don Morrison then reminded Lintner that he would be limited to five minutes as per the rules.

John Benedict will take Lintner’s spot on the Council

in January.

Lintner was praised by current Council members Judy Stone for his hard work, expertise and dedication to the work of the Council. Councilman and current Council President Matt Hassel thanked Lintner for being his “mentor” and Councilman Ralph Booker thanked Lintner for all he had taught him.

On his own Lintner had praise for current and former Council members he has worked with.

“This is a very dedicated and hard working Council and Marshall County is very fortunate to have people who work so hard,” he said. “John (Benedict) will make an excellent member of this Council. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention some former members – some of whom are



Fred Lintner

no longer with us – that I’ve had the great pleasure to work with. Joan Vanderweele, Bill Gee and Peg Clevenger. Nobody worked harder than they did during their time on the Council.”

Commissioners Tom Chamberlin and Kevin Overmyer also came forward to express gratitude and praise for Lintner and his work with county government.