

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Culver schools' performance report

The annual performance report for Culver Community schools, from the Indiana Department of Education, appears in this edition of the *Citizen*, on page 2.

### High School 'Financial Aid Night' Feb. 2

Culver Community High School will host a "Financial Aid Night" Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It is recommended that students who are considering educational training beyond high school attend with a parent. Kathy Mills from Ancilla College will provide valuable information on how to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Mills will also have a question and answer session regarding the financial aid process. For more information call the guidance department at 574-842-3391 or 574-542-4017.

### 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 event will be held Friday, February 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Vandalia Railroad Station in Culver. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door.

### Culver School Board seeks new member

Due to the resignation of a school board member, Culver Community Schools Corporation is seeking applicants to be considered by the remainder of the board to serve as a replacement. The applicant must reside within the boundaries of Culver Community Schools Corp. Interested individuals should address a letter by Thursday, Feb. 10, to superintendent Brad Schuldt or board president, Gene Baker to the following address:

Culver Community School Corp., 700 School St., P.O. Box #231, Culver, IN.  
Call 574-842-3364 for more information.

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## News the Governor can use

ABOVE, LEFT: Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels should be ready to make the important legislative decisions affecting the Hoosier state now that he's had a chance to read his *Culver Citizen*. The Governor was in town last Wednesday and took in the Culver-Oregon Davis boys basketball game. SEE STORY BELOW.

## Elliott, community garden honored by Lions

Annual awards banquet, b-ball victory make big night for family

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Last Wednesday was an evening to remember for one Culver family among others. Culver's Lions Club recognized John Elliott as Citizen of the Year, even as -- several blocks away -- Elliott's grandson Trent was scoring 33 points in a Culver Community High School basketball matchup against Oregon-Davis (which Culver won 89-45), on a team coached by Trent's father Kyle Elliott (and in a game viewed in person by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels).

Introducing Elliott and Culver's community garden as Organization of the Year, Lion Dan Adams noted this month marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's famous inaugural speech which included the phrase, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Adams said the people recognized by the Lions asked themselves what they could do for Culver and produced some "noteworthy responses."

At the highly-attended community awards banquet at the train station-depot, Adams described the autumn, 1969 arrival of a young couple with three young boys to Culver to start a family construction business.

"Forty-one years later, this community is still reaping the benefits of that move," Adams said.

The couple's sons, Fred, Kyle, and Mike Elliott, were "involved in almost every sport that this community and the Culver Community Schools had to offer," Adams recalled, adding that parents John and Carol Elliott "were always tremendous supporters of all Culver athletics through their attendance, financial support, and construction expertise. That dedication continues today since his sons are now coaching and his grandchildren are now the athletes, but the loyalty to the sports programs has always been there, even if his kids or grandchildren were not involved."

Adams described John Elliott's sons as "three fine young men who obviously came from a home with a lot of love and a sense of service to others as part of their everyday life. John and Carol were the kind of parents that a teacher and coach love to be involved with."

The untimely loss of John's beloved wife Carol in December, 2004, left "a huge void in (John's) life," Adams said, "but with the love and support of his family and his good friends Dave and Sue Bendi, he made it through those hard times."

Besides service as a member of Culver's Plan Commission, Elliott was named "Man of the Year" by the Culver Eagles in the late 1970s.

"There are many, many things that John does routinely for people that seem small to him, but have big impacts on those that he helps," Adams continued, recalling winter evening choir practices at Grace church when John and Carol Elliott lived just south of the church building and choir members would head to their cars to find that Elliott had cleared them of ice and snow. Elliott is present at many events and programs at Grace, Adams added, greeting folks at the door with

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Culver's Town Council breezed through several actions in a relatively brief meeting January 25.

Included was approval of \$5,000 for Culver's sidewalk sharing program, which allows residents to seek reimbursement for part of the monies spent on replacement of existing public sidewalks on their property. Town Manager Michael Doss noted the same amount was allocated for the program last year, leaving several thousand free from the budgeted amount, to pursue other sidewalk-related

## Council talks sidewalks, hovercraft, other items



Test-driving a hovercraft for the Culver fire department is craft owner Dave Rayburn (driving, at right), of Goshen, and Culver Fire Chief Mike Grover, seated at left. Members of Culver's volunteer fire department braved the frigid temperatures the morning of January 22 as they test-drove the hovercraft.

The craft, which Culver's Town Council discussed at its latest meeting, would be used primarily for ice rescues by the department if purchased.

## Community servants

ABOVE, RIGHT: Members of Culver's community garden (pictured on the left) including, from left, Cory Barnes, Connie Richie, Barb Quivey, and Edna May Craft, were honored as Organization of the Year by Culver's Lions Club, and John Elliott as Citizen of the Year (he's pictured in the right-hand photo receiving the award from Lion Dan Adams, right). SEE STORY BELOW.

## Gov. Daniels pays visit to Culver

Takes in victorious CCHS game



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Governor Mitch Daniels, right, chats with Culver Community High School Principal Albert Hanselman (far left) and wife Joyce (center), as Valparaiso University basketball coach Homer Drew (second from left) looks on.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels made a stop in Culver Thursday evening, sampling the fare at the Corndance Cafe and meeting and greeting people at the Culver-Oregon Davis basketball game (which Culver won 89 to 45 -- see Sports on page 6).

Daniels was present to witness part of a big night in Culver for the Elliott family. Young Trent, a player on the team, scored 33 points during the game, which dad Kyle Elliott coached. Across town at the same time, meanwhile, Kyle's father John Elliott was awarded Citizen of the Year by Culver's Lions Club for his generosity and caring in the community (see article this issue).

Daniels made time for friendly handshakes and chats with students, school faculty, and audience members. His stop in Culver, he said, was a logical decision in light of his schedule that week.

work in town. The town will shortly begin taking applications for the program.

One project to which left-over budgeted funds might go pertains to an overhaul of sidewalks on Ohio Street, slated for replacement next year thanks to a Safe Routes to School grant for which the town applied with assistance

from Culver Community Schools. The Council approved town employees' handling of demolition work, at Doss' request, on curbs and gutters on those streets, after Doss noted estimates for outside contractors to handle the work have been "pretty high." It was hoped curbs and gutters all along Ohio could be replaced at the same time as the sidewalk work, though Council member Sally Ricciardi emphasized the downtown area should receive top priority should funds be insufficient to do the entire street.

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## Plan commission rules on several petitions

Staff Report

The Culver plan commission met to reorganize and rule on several petitions. Bill Clevenger will stay as chairman of the commission with Pete Peterson, vice-chairman and Brandon Cooper as secretary.

Jim Easterday, attorney, presented a petition for a replat and minor subdivision on behalf of Dr. Joseph and Noreen Faulkner at 314 S. Plymouth Street, Culver. The replat combines some eight small lakeside parcels and divides the property into two lake lots. Easterday noted that both lots now meet the ordinance requirements for building. Lot two of the minor sub division lies directly behind lot one and Easterday said there is no plan to build on this parcel.

Although the lots are in accordance with the ordinance, Janette Surrisi, commission member, noted that the survey and plat record presented did not conform properly to requirements as no setback lines were drawn on the plat although they were contained in the body of the mylar. The petition was approved on a vote of six to two with Surrisi and Bobbie Ruhnaw dissenting. Easterday advised he would have the mylar corrected and bring it back for signatures.

A petition for rezoning by Jerry and Joyce Greeson,

300 W. Jefferson St., was presented. Greesons requested a change of zoning from R-1 to C-2 to allow them to continue their certified accounting business at that location. Previously, they had occupied the residence and it conformed with the home occupation section of the ordinance. Since they have relocated their principal residence, any business conducted there is in violation. Greeson is the new township trustee and commission members agreed that township business could be conducted there as a government office. After much discussion, the decision was made to continue the petition but hold a public hearing to allow professional offices in an R-1 zone under a Special Use provision. A Special Use request would come under the Board of Zoning Appeals authority and would be monitored by them. If the authorized use change in the ordinance is approved, it will go to the Culver town council for final approval. In the interim, the Greesons will occasionally stay at the residence to maintain compliance. Barry McManaway, member, noted the Greesons provided an important service to the town and had not intentionally avoided the ordinance requirement.

A rezoning of three parcels on S. Main Street was approved without remonstrance. The former S-1 area was rezoned to R-2 for the McGee property and R-1, single

family, for the remaining parcels. The McGee property will be the home of the new Garden Courts. The petition now goes to the town council for approval.

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals also reorganized with Dan Adams as president, and Chuck Dilts as vice-president. Ruhnaw will remain secretary. The board welcomed new member John Helphrey who replaces Pete Trone on the board.

The petition for the Suzanne Ruppert Scott Trust at 290 S. Shore Drive was finally approved. After several months of hearings and many objections from the neighbors on S. Shore plus support from other neighbors, the variance for the new home was granted. Mike Stallings, Mirar Development, Inc., introduced revised plans and explained the difficulty of building a new home on the lot without a variance. James Easterday, was the attorney for the Scotts. The variance was granted on a vote of three to one.

Russ Mason, building commissioner, presented his final report for the year. There were 112 permits issued with building values of \$11,253,415 and fees collected were \$15,243.30. Fines for the year totaled \$750. There were six homes, two commercial/educational projects, built and the remaining permits were for miscellaneous remodeling, fences, etc.

## New township Trustee, board examine numbers

Staff Report

The newly elected Union Township Trustee, Jerry Greeson, hosted the first meeting of the year to approve the annual report for 2010 and organize the officers for the Advisory Board. He welcomed board members Connie VanHorn, William Githens, and Bobetta Ruhnaw and Marlene Mahler, outgoing Township Trustee and newly elected Marshall County Recorder, who was present to discuss the annual report. Greeson also introduced his deputy trustee, Joyce Greeson.

The annual report was presented for review. The begin-

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Council also accepted a bid of \$161,616.16 from lowest bidder H & G Underground Utilities for work facilitating infrastructure to be run to the Garden Court senior living facility planned to begin work within the next year on South Main Street. Councilman Ralph Winters noted the Garden Court still has not received official 501-C3 non-profit status, something audience member Kevin Berger said he has investigated, and which he said could be as late as March or as early as late January in arriving.

Council President Ginny Munroe was authorized by Council to sign an agreement between Culver and the Indiana Department of Transportation as one formality in moving forward with Culver's downtown streetscape improvement planned in coming months, for which the town received a grant from INDOT late in 2009.

Culver Fire Chief Mike Grover discussed with Council the possibility of the department purchasing a hovercraft for use on Lake Maxinkuckee, particularly in cases of rescues on the ice when the lake is frozen. Noting department members tested a privately-owned craft on the ice the previous Saturday, Grover said he was impressed with the maneuverability of the craft and the speed with which the department could respond to ice-related emergencies in it. He said the hovercraft was able to traverse the lake to the middle in about 90 seconds, as opposed to 20 minutes of walking across the ice when department members had to respond to a death on the lake two winters ago. The craft, he said, can go up to 60 miles per hour on the ice, and he also noted it would be faster on the lake in the summer than the department's pontoon boat, provided waves weren't more than two feet from the water's surface.

Council members agreed to wait for the Union Township board and trustee, whose budget would fund around half the cost of the craft, before approving the purchase.

The town will hire one seasonal and one part-time (up to 48 hours per two-week pay period) employee for the summer season, following Doss' request and Council's approval. The extra workers will aid in completing curbing and guttering and other grant-related projects this summer.

Also approved was \$3,000 in licensing for software to integrate GIS data with Culver's building and zoning departments' information, with hopes of adding the town's utility and street departments to the software -- which will greatly simplify planning and management of the departments -- in the future.

Town attorney Jim Clevenger discussed some property owners on Maxinkuckee's near west shore who don't wish to join the Southwest Conservancy District as members of the District prepare to hook into Culver's sanitary sewer system, a project Doss said has been bid out and is moving forward, with the District's next meeting planned for February.

Clevenger explained the handful of property owners in question elected in 2006 not to be annexed into the town of Culver along with several neighbors, something some would like to reconsider, though Clevenger added he feels the legal agreement precludes their doing so at this point. He will continue to research the matter.

ning balance for 2010 was \$1,004,404.47, receipts were \$351,500.89, and disbursements were 343,928.03, leaving a balance of \$1,011,977.33. The major disbursements were for emergency services which included the installation of the new warning sirens in the township totaling \$78,348.65 with an additional \$2,761.19 in miscellaneous costs. Township assistance totaled \$18,263.75 which included \$7,873 to NIPSCO for help in heating bills. The township is able to pay 60 percent of the EMS budget which helped in buying a new ambulance this year without financing the township's share and has committed to assisting in the cost of the new addition to town hall for the EMS personnel. Cemetery upkeep is also a large part of the township budget, Mahler noted.

In keeping taxes for the township low and carefully disbursing funds, the balance on hand is available for emergency services that may be required without increasing the taxes for the citizens. There is cause for concern, board members agreed, in the proposed legislation that would eliminate township boards and trustees. The funds on hand would revert to a county fund and under the guidance of a proposed county executive officer. Since the funds on hand have been raised through local township and

town taxpayers, the board feels the money should be spent exclusively in our area.

The board was organized for 2011 with Ruhnaw, president, Githens, vice-president, and VanHorn, secretary. The board of finance will be led by Githens, VanHorn as vice-president, and Ruhnaw as secretary.

Greeson announced the trustee's office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 300 E. Jefferson Street and is handicap accessible. The telephone number is 574-842-4260. He, along with his deputy, plan to attend seminars being held for newly elected trustees. Greeson also requested approval of acquiring updated government bookkeeping software which was approved.

Mahler announced that the Culver Union Township Fire Dept. is interested in investigating a Hovercraft to use in ice rescue. Greeson will be notified when the device is brought to Culver for review.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
Jerry Greeson, above, is Union Township's new Trustee.

### Lions from page 1



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY  
ABOVE: New members sworn into Culver's Lions Club last week and their sponsors, including (from left) sponsor Emma Bjornstad, members Darrell Knowlton, Caroline Podvin, sponsor Pat Birk, and Monica Cox.

handshakes or hugs, "a big smile, and a truly warm and heartfelt welcome. If it is raining or someone is in need of a strong arm to hold onto, he meets you at the curb with an umbrella and a strong arm."

Elliott took it upon himself to see that Culver church-operated Salvation Army kettles at local businesses are manned as much as possible for the past two Christmas seasons, and went so far as to persuade one local business to allow the kettles even though it was against the company's national policy. Last December while manning the kettle at Park N' Shop supermarket, said Adams, Elliott was soon helping people in and out of cars and carrying groceries for them, as well as collecting shopping carts from the parking lot!

Elliott also spent many hours of volunteer time and some of his own money, Adams explained, on the renovation and expansion of the food pantry located in Grace church's basement.

"Who is John Elliott? He is the guy who jumped into his truck to run home to get his jumper cables to start someone's car, followed them home, and checked with them the next day to see if everything was okay, and then thanked them for allowing him to do it."

Elliott is also "the guy who visits with those in the hospital who are terminally ill to help relieve the pastor of some of his many duties and offer comfort to the families," Adams said, adding Elliott drove a Culver resident with no local family to doctor's appointments in South Bend, sitting with him to help him understand what was said at the appointment and aiding him in placement in the nursing home and a return to the man's apartment. Adams also described Elliott's work on the church roof in spite of severe back pain, and cleaning up after Grace's mid-month meal following everyone else's departure.

Introducing the Organization of the Year, Adams said his research into the group's background yielded no charter, constitution, by-laws, or mission statement. Instead, he said, the Lions' selection committee already knew the

mission of the community garden's volunteers: "To serve the people of this community."

Adams said he had been involved in some of the initial discussions at Grace church which asked what could be done to help those going through hard times in the Culver community. Initially, the planned community garden would exist between the homes of Sue Kemple and Barb Quivey, but as word spread, Wesley United Methodist Church donated the use of land it owns at the corner of Slate and Lewis Streets, and the site has been home to the community garden for the past two summers.

Workers were needed to "plow, work the ground, plant, weed, water, pick, transport, and even work at (Culver's) Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings," explained Adams. "Last summer, almost \$600 was raised and given to the food pantry from sales at the market. Like in 'The Little Red Hen,' though, sometimes the crowds are very small when it comes to planting, weeding, and picking, but much more plentiful when it comes to the harvest!"

Adams explained the selection committee, in trying to keep the award a secret from garden workers, wasn't able to ask gardeners for a complete list of all involved, and so selected a group known to be very active in the endeavor. Receiving the award were Connie Richie, Barb Quivey, Edna May Craft, and Cory Barnes, though Adams added, "We know that there have been many other people involved in this project."

No dues, but time and "a little sweat" are all that's needed to be a part of the garden, Adams noted, pointing out that Monday evenings -- just prior to the food pantry's opening each week on Tuesday mornings -- and Friday evenings -- preceding the weekly Farmer's Market in the summer -- are especially helpful times (some of the food is donated to the pantry to be distributed to those utilizing its offerings).

"I'm sure there are always weeds to be pulled," Adams added with a smile, encouraging others to take part in the project this year. "Just don't steal the melons -- a zucchini, maybe, but no melons!"

Also during the evening, Lion Pat Birk presented a Past District Governor award to Jean Rakich of Culver for her work on the Lions' White Cane Day fund-raiser, which brings in money to aid the blind. Culver's club, she said, brought in more money than any other in the district, due in great measure to Rakich's work.

New club members Darrell Knowlton, Monica Cox, and Caroline Podvin were also sworn in by Lions President Barbara Winters, with Emma Bjornstad and Pat Birk sponsoring. Kathryn Breyfogle noted the new members bring Lions membership to 95.

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## Library looks at costs, labor expenditures

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

An in-depth look at the Culver-Union Township Public Library's finances took center stage at the library board's first meeting of 2011, which took place January 18.

Following the annual financial meeting, which among other topics detailed the library's investments and bank account holdings in 2010, the regular board meeting began with the introduction of newest board member Joan Bess, recently appointed by Culver's Town Council.

Board Treasurer Alfred Nyby, from a handout he distributed to board members and projected onto a screen, presented a report focusing on trends in library spending and receipts past, present, and future.

Nyby said the library took in \$457,000 in 2010, a bit more than the \$448,000 the board had projected going into the year. Library expenditures were \$443,000, while they were projected a year ago at \$439,000.

Required by the state is the spending of at least 7.5 percent of the library's budget on purchase of materials such as books, audio books, CDs, and the like, said Nyby, who noted the library is meeting those requirements.

Personal services -- payroll and related costs -- accounted for 63.3 percent of the library's operating expenses last year, Nyby explained, adding that two out of every three dollars spent went to those costs.

"Our biggest problem is expenditures," he said, after noting around \$11,000 came to the library unexpectedly from the county. "We spent \$182,000 instead of \$172,000 in salaries for our assistants."

Nyby displayed a graph tracking receipts and expenditures from 1999 to 2011.

"From 1999 to 2004, the library was pretty consistent at saving money," he explained. "Then we had a four-year stretch where we spent a lot more than was taken in. The last two years we did a good job of getting spending under control. This year we will likely spend more than we receive. We need to take that into account. Tax receipts have dropped, our personal services (costs) are increasing; most other costs are stable."

Nyby said the library asked to increase its property tax levy from \$269,000 to \$280,000 for its budget, though the state only agreed to \$274,000. The library's gravest con-

cern, he said, is CAGIT (County Adjusted Gross Income Tax) funds being altered, which will result in a \$20,000 loss for the library this year. Overall, Nyby projected a loss of around \$31,000 in 2011 for the library.

Personal services costs, on the other hand, will increase around \$9,500 (growing from 62 percent of the library's budget to 65 percent) this year. The state average, Nyby said, is 64 percent, "so we're okay, but it's a bad trend. It's slowly creeping up....we're going to have to watch what's going on."

In 2008, he explained, the library operated with over 20,000 hours in labor. That number was reduced to about 18,000 the following year, and in 2010 it was 19,000.

"We've tried very hard to keep the library open 60 hours (per week)," he added, "but that's something that costs a lot of time (in labor hours)."

He said even a seemingly miniscule gap in hours worked cost the library \$10,000 last year. The library operated with eight employees last year, but is now up to nine, and at least three employees are required to be in the building to keep it open at any given time. Group insurance costs will increase this year about \$5,100, he added.

Board member Carol Saft asked about the possibility of adjusting library hours to reduce labor costs. Nyby pointed out discussion had occurred in recent months of opening the library on Sundays (which it currently is not), though he noted such a move wouldn't increase total hours open, but would have to be a switch of hours from one period to another.

Saft suggested the possibility of reducing evening hours during the winter; the building is currently open until 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

In board actions, \$4,797 was approved -- pending proof of a minimum one-year warranty -- to install a cooling unit into the library's computer server closet on the lower level.

Library Director Colleen McCarty told the board that Circulation Manager Teresa Hudson has been appointed a representative on the state's Evergreen Indiana Circulation Committee, which she said gives Culver

input on how the State Library-sponsored cataloging consortium Evergreen (of which Culver is a member) is going.

Devices were installed December 31 to count the number of patrons entering the library, McCarty said, which will help give data for tracking of various aspects of usage statistics. She noted 1,292 people came through either the upstairs or downstairs library doors during the first week of January, and 1,101 the following week.

The state of Indiana has enacted requirements as of January, 2011, that every library have a qualified reference person available at least part-time, McCarty explained, adding part of the library's salary increases are related to meeting those standards. Staff member Jon Gaskill, who is in the candidacy program for the state's Masters in Library Science program, is manning the reference outpost from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at present, she said. The board approved \$500 towards Gaskill's schooling as part of its education reimbursement program.

Culver library should "go live" March 1 with Overdrive, an online program which facilitates library patrons' free access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, and music as part of their cardholding privileges. The system includes access to items purchased by other member libraries in the Evergreen consortium, including some large-city libraries, she pointed out.

The Friends of the Library group, McCarty noted, removed and stored the library's Christmas tree, donated \$500 towards a Medallion Cabinetry bookcase the library recently purchased, and bought and installed shelving for the library's small meeting room closets.

Wrapping up the meeting was the election of the board's 2011 officers, which included Jim Hahn as re-elected President, Nyby as Treasurer, Melanie Robertson as Secretary, and Peg Schuldt as Vice President. The March meeting of the board was changed from the 15th of that month to Tuesday, March 22.

## Letter to the editor

### Thanks for Kirkland support

Thank you!

On behalf of the Kirkland Family, we would like to thank our students, community and surrounding communities- be it monetary or otherwise. The benefit dinner/raffle was a great success, and raised over \$9,600.

Without the help from caring people like you, we could not have helped this family the way we did.

May God Bless each of you..

**The Benefit Committee: Culver Community High School Cafeteria Staff and Borko Employees**

## Campus news

### Franklin College

FRANKLIN — Franklin College has announced its dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. Students named to the dean's list have achieved academic distinction by earning a 3.5 grade point average or above.

Lucas Nathan Hill, a freshman, Culver, received that distinction:

### Midway College

MIDWAY, Ky. — Midway College announced the Fall 2010 dean's list recipients. In order to be named to the list, a student must be classified as a full-time student and must have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. Jessica Kutch, Culver received that distinction.

### Purdue N.C.

WESTVILLE — Purdue University North Central announced its Fall 2010 graduates. Patrick Maves, Culver, received an Associate of Science in Nursing.

The school also announced its fall 2010 honor roll list, which included Emily A. Glickauf of Culver.

### Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — Brittany Payne, daughter of Susan and Gregory Payne, Culver, has been named to the Saint Mary's College Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester.

A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., is a four-year, Catholic, women's institution offering five bachelor's degrees and more than 30 major areas of study.

## 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., Feb. 3:** Italian sausage and beef on a hoagie, spudsters, carrot coin salad, blueberry cobbler, and milk.

**Fri., Feb. 4:** Potato soup, chicken pasta salad, peas and carrots, crackers,

peaches, and milk.

**Mon., Feb. 7:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, cheesy potatoes, stewed tomatoes, tropical fruit salad, and milk.

**Tues., Feb. 8:** Chicken and sausage bean bake, asparagus, corn bread and margarine, peach crisp, and milk.

**Weds., Feb. 9:** Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, carrots, roll and margarine, fruit, and milk.

**Thurs., Feb. 10:** Pork loin with gravy, Brussels

sprouts, bread and margarine, black-eyed peas, cherry ambrosia, and milk.

**Fri., Feb. 11:** Chicken parmesan, linguini, lima beans, bread and margarine, spinach salad, fruit, and milk.

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## Obituary

### Barbara Esther (Whan) Hughes Feb. 1, 1916 — Jan. 25, 2011



WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Barbara Esther (Whan) Hughes passed away peacefully Tuesday the 25th of January, 2011, at Sophia's Care House in Walnut Creek.

Barbara was born Feb. 1, 1916 in Greeley, Col. to Bill, a Baptist minister and Esther, the church organist. She spent her childhood in a variety of interesting but short-lived towns including Billings, Mont.; San Antonio, Texas; Waukegan and Aurora, Ill.; and Pontiac, Mich.

Barbara received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State Normal College (Eastern Michigan U) in 1938, where she met her future husband Art, who preceded her in death in 1973.

Barbara and Art moved to Culver, in 1945, where in addition to running the Culver PTA, she taught English and Physical Education at West High School in Burr Oak and at Culver High School. In the 1970s she was a counselor and taught English in the formative stages of the Culver Academy for Girls.

Barbara retired in 1980 and moved to East Alton, Ill., where she volunteered for a local hospice. In 1992, she moved to Walnut Creek where she lived independently for 15 years at the Rossmoor Retirement Community. An avid reader, and a lifelong Democrat, Barbara was a proponent of and contributor to many progressive causes.

At Rossmoor, Barbara spent 12 years volunteering for the Senior Tutor program, a program that mentors troubled youth. For seven of those years, she coordinated seniors visits to Byron Boys Ranch (Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility), stepping down from that role when she turned 91.

Barbara is survived by two daughters and a son: Johanna Trickovic of Orinda, Calif. and Greta Berlin of Bar Sur Loup France, and Eric of Oakland; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Her daughter Christina preceded her in death in 1992.

Donations may be made to the Barbara Hughes Memorial Fund, Senior Tutors for Youth, c/o Ann Martin Children's Center, 1250 Grand Avenue, Piedmont, CA, 94611.

A private memorial is being planned for family and friends.

## Community calendar

**Thurs., Feb. 3**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

**Fri., Feb. 4**  
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Community chili supper (benefits the food pantry), 4:30 p.m., train station-depot

**Sat., Feb. 5**  
Chinese New Year program, 1:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

**Sun., Feb. 6**  
Superbowl party, starting at noon, VFW Post 6919 (see Brief this issue)

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

**Mon., Feb. 7**  
Friends of the Library mtg., 1 p.m., Culver Public

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

**Tues., Feb. 8**  
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Tuesday tea and crafts, 1 to 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co., SR 17.

OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

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

**Weds., Feb. 9**

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver history program, noon, REAL Meals (beach

lodge)  
Hooked on Books discussion group, 3:30 p.m., Culver Public Library

TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

"Work One" program (Lorna Shively), Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train

station-depot

**Thurs., Feb. 10**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

Culver's classic dance era program (Bob Hartman), 7 p.m., Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop

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## Enjoy healthy, savory meals

The Hoosier state is home to many exceptional cooks, my own mother certainly ranking as one of the top members in the club. Providing home cooked nutritious meals for her little flock of five children was a source of pride and joy on a daily basis. Just a few days ago

I was honored to sit at my parents table for another one of her scrumptious meals. The menu: made from scratch chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes, freshly canned green beans, fluffy yeast rolls, green garden salad, topped off with her specialty - homemade pies! As a person who feels absolutely no guilt from enjoying several slices of pie in one setting, consuming banana creams, peach and strawberry delights is a pleasure I enjoy frequently.

Growing up in Nappanee, I was privy to some of the finest cuisine in the land, but let's face it, although palatably appealing, a steady diet of heavy, rich foods is hardly ideal to our health and well-being. That blasé feeling of heaviness and fatigue after a large meal is not normal. If during your walk or jog you notice body parts jiggling that aren't suppose to, maybe it's time for a food makeover. Enjoying a balanced diet on a daily basis can be attainable if we adhere to the following guidelines.

1. Limit those high calorie meals to a couple times a week. Eating three meals a day is not a universal practice. In America it seems normal, but in many parts of the modern world, two meals are standard. Also, millions of people enjoy "grazing" throughout the day instead of cooking full course menus. People who graze enjoy the benefits of seldom being either hungry or full, because eating small portions throughout the day help maintain energy levels.

2. Drink plenty of juice. Mix and match juices and enjoy many glasses throughout the day. Juice absorbs quickly into the cells, giving energy and vitality for work and play.

3. Eat raw fruits and vegetables. Tom and Laura Ousley, owners of Natures Best Wellness Center, state "The more you choose foods that nourish rather than deplete your body, the better your body will be able to repair, rebuild, and rejuvenate. Living foods, those you get from the produce section of your supermarket, farmer's market or grow in your garden, are the ones that will bring you the most nutrition. The foods highest in nutrition density are vegetables and fruit, whole grains and beans, and nuts and seeds. These are the foods loaded with a wide variety of nutrients - enzymes, proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals. As you choose these as your main foods, you will notice an increase in your energy and vitality! Although there is occasionally an adjustment period when you may deal with the withdrawal affects of eliminating highly processed foods from your body, you will quickly experience great improvement in the way you feel."

A healthy diet is not meant to be a legalistic set of rules that prohibit a person from enjoying great tasting foods. Meals are intended to be savored. However, our bodies respond best to nutrition rather than "fake foods". A great guideline to follow is to eat as many "live foods" you can throughout the day (fresh, uncooked fruits and vegetables) and supplement the rest of your diet with calories from the protein and carbohydrate areas that taste good to you. Eating is fun. Dining with good company is even better. Enjoy!

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## If these walls could talk: Main Street

Part 2 of a series

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

We continue our series of regular (sometimes weekly -- sometimes unavoidably delayed due to space limitations) journeys through Culver's past as we look at the lives of historic buildings in the Culver area: how far back they go, what (or whom) they've housed through the years, and what



PHOTO/CULVER VFW LADIES AUXILIARY  
ABOVE: The Culver VFW Ladies Auxiliary march in front of 202 N. Main Street on May 30, 1956, during a Memorial Day parade.

PHOTO/CITIZEN ARCHIVES  
BELOW: Walter Johnson, longtime proprietor of the service station and tire repair shop bearing his name, photographed in 1938.



down the east side.

This week we pay a visit to 202 N. Main, today's Family Vision Clinic. This is one of many spaces in the downtown area through the past century-plus to house some business relating to The Culver Citizen. In this case, as of 1914, the building was the home of "Milly" Eleanor Zechiel Milinery, where printing of the Citizen took place. It had also been listed as a "kindergarten school." By 1924, it houses lodge halls, and in 1920, its longest-lasting occupation began, that of the Johnson Tire Repair Service, run from 1920 to 1930 by Walter Johnson. The original building was demolished in March, 1930, and the business in the new building (which sits there today) became Johnson Super Service (a Sinclair station) between 1930 and 1937, still operated by Walter Johnson. The Culver Citizen, in 1938, described the business as "Culver's first complete super service station."

Beginning in January, 1963, Harold Miller, Robert Miller, and Wesley Schilling purchased the operation, by then known as Johnson Tire Service.

Through the ensuing years, it changed hands various times, and was for a time home to Muehlhausen's Yarn Shop, a seamstress and clothing repair operation (notice the long-forgotten theme of repairing worn items, such as tires and attire, something absent in today's disposable culture).

Bob Tanguy ran Land & Lake Realty Inc., circa 1985 to 1987 there, and around 1990 (ending in 1993), The Entertainer Inc., run by Steve and Beth Randolph, rented videos and the like. Around 2002, Culver optometrist Dr. Mark Coutts took over the building, expanding it about five years later into its current incarnation.

At the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets sits the "Menser Building" at 116 N. Main Street, built in 1903. The building houses the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council and the Miller-Norcen Insurance office today, though for generations of Culverites the northern storefront, at least, may be best remembered as the home of Don Trone's clothing store, from 1949 to 1978.

A sometimes confusing assortment of businesses existed from year to year and storefront to storefront through the ensuing years. Details of early retail inhabitants are sketchy, but meat was sold there circa 1906. In 1909, Nathan Rector started the first incarnation of Rector's Pharmacy there, on the second floor (that business would thrive for decades several buildings south, in what is today a vacant lot at Main and Jefferson Streets). The very first school basketball games were played on the upper floor of the building, likely prior to the first recorded inter-scholastic games played here in 1910.

PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOC. OF CULVER

Visible at far left is a very early shot of the Menser Building on Main Street. Note the dirt streets and horse and buggies, placing this photo sometime around 1910.

they are today. For the first several weeks, we'll take a stroll down Main Street in downtown Culver, starting at the north end and making our way south

movie theater, one of Culver's first, occupied the south section as of 1914 as well, and Dr. B.W.S. Wiseman's office was listed in the building around 1920.

In January, 1927, Forrest Geiselman purchased the former Hatten grocery (which had been The Corner Market, which is said to have opened around 1924), preceding the opening of Verl McFeely's Culver Bakery, which opened in 1937.

The southernmost storefront for a time around 1920 was home to the Culver Vulcanizing Station, whose proprietor was the aforementioned Walter Johnson (for many years in the building just north across Washington Street). For about a year circa 1925, the State Exchange Bank functioned from the Menser Building while the old bank building was torn down and the current one built. A tailor and barber shop existed there afterwards, and John Drenk operated Culver Cleaners and Tailors in the building between 1931 and 1944, after which Culver Cleaners -- operated by Charles Ricciardi (father of today's Town Council member Sally Ricciardi) between 1944 and 1947 (many will recall Ricciardi and family running their business a few blocks south, on the same side of the street, for many years, which will be covered in a later installment).

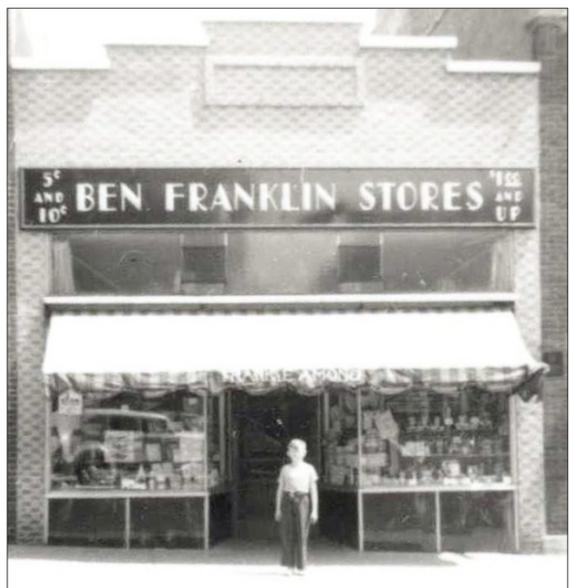
Through the years, the Menser Building housed Hersh Strang's barber shop, a beauty salon, Elliott Construction (in the 1980s), the Culver Citizen office (circa 1985), the cable television office, Rodrick's Hair Styling (in the mid-1980s), Don Miller's office, the Easterday and Ummel Law Offices, Chris Landskron's Interior Views, and other entities.

Over the years, various businesses came and went, as did apartments and offices. The structure was extensively remodeled around 2001 to create the two upstairs apartments and two business sections on the street level of today.

Just south of the Menser Building is the one-story structure at 114 North Main, which today is home to Michelle's Headquarters. It was listed on Sanborn fire maps as a vacant lot between 1906 and 1924, but in 1933 Ben Oberlin constructed the building as a Ben Franklin "5 & 10 cent" store, which opened in November of that year. The building continued in that function for many years, under Frank Amond in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Wilber "Bob" Taylor between 1952 and the 1970s, and the Johnsons between 1975 and 1980. Jerome "Zeke" Zechiel was proprietor of "The Parlor" there, which he opened in October, 1985 as an all-ages gameroom. Zechiel died in a car accident in December, 1996, but many recall The Parlor fulfilling an interesting function in Culver as a video arcade, pool hall, and general teen hangout during its heyday.

The building sat empty a few years until it was purchased in 1998 by Culver Academies fine arts instructor Bob Nowalk, whose art studio still occupies the eastern section of the building, behind the east wall of Michelle's Headquarters, which opened in the late 1990s.

Next installment, we'll continue our stroll down the east side of Main Street for a visit to the Kelly Shop, among other entities.



PHOTO/KIM AMONG WRIGHT

114 N. Main Street, earlier and later. ABOVE: Young Frank Amond stands in front of the Ben Franklin store at, circa late 1940s. BELOW: "J's 5 & 10" dime store, operated by the Johnsons, in the late 1970s.



## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Some good guesses came in regarding last week's Mystery Citizen (thanks in part to the editor's hint about her involvement in music). She was (and still is!) Mary Lynch-Weirich, who (though she grew up in Starke County) has become a familiar face in the Culver community at large, as well as at Culver Academies where she teaches piano and flute among other endeavors.

The Mystery Citizen this week is a local businessman also quite involved in recent years in at least two visible local organizations. A correct guess earns you a free pass to the Culver beach throughout the month of February.

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.



ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Mary Lynch-Weirich, then and now AT LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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### group hosts movie Feb. 5

The Culver Chinese Language Studies Group, headed by Ning and Rick Schultz of Culver Academies, will present a Chinese New Year movie event Saturday, Feb. 5, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Library, 107 N. Main St., Culver. The movie "Kung Fu Panda" will be shown in the large meeting room of the library. A brief Power Point presentation on the Chinese New Year will also be shown. Popcorn will be served. The event is free and open to the public of all ages. For more information, call 574-842-2941 or e-mail [staff@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:staff@culver.lib.in.us).

### VFW Superbowl party Feb. 6

Culver's VFW # 6919 Men's Auxiliary hosts its annual Superbowl party Sunday, February 6, at the Post, 108 E. Washington

Street in Culver. Doors open at noon. Bring a food dish to share, enjoy the best prices in town, 50/50, friends, and fun. The doors are open to the public.

### Union Twp. 4H dinner Feb. 10

Union Township 4H will sponsor a chicken noodle dinner Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. (prior to the Culver vs. Argos "bell" game) at the Culver Community High School cafeteria. Cost will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children aged 6 to 12. Under 6 eat free. Proceeds will benefit the Union Township 4H.

### Culver past dance culture at museum Feb. 10

Culver Academies historian Bob Hartman will present, an audio-visual program, "Tripping the Light Fantastic," starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 10, at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop,

located at 102 South Main Street in downtown Culver.

A trip back to the golden age of Culver Academy's dances will be showcased via the program, which coincides with an exhibit showcasing the artful and historic "dance cards" of Culver's past. Largely artifacts of a long-gone era, the "dance cards" from these events will be displayed into the springtime. The museum may be reached at 574-842-8842, or online via [www.culver.org/museum](http://www.culver.org/museum).

### Tuesday Tea and Crafts group meet in Culver

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S.R. 17 Culver, will host a Tuesday Tea and Crafts group, Tuesdays in February, from 1 to 3 p.m. Groups meet and either bring a project to work on or purchase supplies to do a featured craft while taking part in an afternoon of crafting and tea. Altered

crafts will be featured: altered art books, bookmarks, and cards, and teachers will be Mary Smith and Kathy Meek. Pre-registration is expected. To learn more, or to register, visit The Market Basket and Company or call 574-842-2145.

### 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 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.

### Free computer classes at Culver library

Culver-Union Township Public Library free computer classes in February include Microsoft Office Overview Part I (Monday, February 7, 6 p.m. and Friday, February 11, 10 a.m.);

## CCMS honor roll,

Culver Community Middle School has announced its honor roll students for the second quarter.

### Grade 7

**A honor:** Aaron Becker, Justine Dexter, Cheyenne Durbin, Jennah McCarthy, Margaret McKinnis, Clare Nowalk, Rebecca Rainey

**A/B honor:** Machayla Allen, Addyson Allyn, Jacob Awls, Courtney Black, Ellen Bowman, Carlie Bradley, Megan Brady, Gavan Compton, Caitlyn Cowell, Lindsay Emery, Danny Flenner, Teeno Hite, Marisa Howard, Tevin Jones, Madeline Justis, Cecilia Kenney, Everett Krueger, Maria Lindvall, Anne Nowalk, Brianna Overmyer, Leo Rivera, Tatyana Romero, Kelsey Shaffer, Victoria Shank, Abigail Surissi, Anna Tompos, Cody Valiquet, Kenneth VanDePutte

### Grade 8

**A honor:** Mickella Hardy, Haley Klimaszewski, Angela Lewellen, Dustie Pier, Tatum Schultz, Madelyn Strycker, Summer Turney, Megan Yeager

**A/B honor:** Katie Blocker, Michael Davidge, Shelby Gross, Frank Kline, Lauren Large, Brendon Pinder, Alecia Rearick, Alexis Robles, Tia Romig, Shianne Wagner, Donna Zehner

Microsoft Office Overview Part II (Feb. 14, 6 p.m. and Feb. 18, 10 a.m.); Microsoft Word (Feb. 28, 6 p.m. and March 4, 10 a.m.). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The li-

brary's street address is 107 N. Main St.



# Sports



## Culver collects NSC crown against LaVille

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

The honors just keep rolling in for Culver Community's girls basketball team.

Just seven days after seizing the program's first Bi-County crown since 1995, the Class 2A No. 6 Lady Cavs captured the Northern State Conference championship — also their first in 16 years — with a 45-36 win over visiting LaVille at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Saturday.

And with New Prairie's 40-38 loss at Bremen Saturday, Culver, riding a 12-game winning streak, claimed the title outright with one game left on the league ledger.

"I think it's great," Culver head coach Tony Scheub said of the NSC crown. "These girls have really worked hard and gotten better as a team. This means a lot to the girls, and I'm very happy for them."

LaVille, though, supplied the Cavs with plenty of nervous moments before Culver's veteran squad pulled through in crunch time.

Tied at 30-all heading into the fourth quarter, senior guards Alison Zehner and Whitney Sanders hit consecutive triples — Zehner from the right corner and Sanders from the left — to put the Cavs up 41-32 with 2:51 to go in the game.

"LaVille had a good game plan," Scheub said. "They took away our inside game, and we shot 1,000 3-pointers. We kept telling our guards that we want them to be aggressive, but we wanted them to reverse the ball, maybe get some penetration and take that shot on the way back. We were trigger happy, but we finally did hit some big 3s when we needed them."

"We've played six games in 12 days, and it showed a little bit," he added. "I'm proud of the way they found some extra energy in the third and fourth quarters."

Even with that late one-two 3-point punch, LaVille head coach Kevin McCullough said his team's defense executed as designed.

The Lancers played man-to-man with guard Elaine Schmeltz switching off her defensive assignment to deny 6-foot-3 senior Patrice McBee in the high post, and

LaVille's low post defenders clogging up the interior against 6-1 senior center Gwen Zehner.

LaVille's defense worked for the most part. Gwen Zehner scored a team-high 11 points — nearly six points below her average — and seven of those resulted from offensive rebounds. McBee added nine points and three blocked shots.

However, the Cavs, led by 13 rebounds from Gwen Zehner and 11 from McBee, established a 40-18 advantage on the boards, including two loose-ball offensive rebounds apiece from Alison Zehner and sophomore reserve Kayla Shaffer.

"We got a lot of hustle rebounds from Alison Zehner and Kayla Shaffer," Scheub said. "With our size we expect to get the rebounds in the lane, but the key is for us to get the hustle rebounds, and we got quite a few."

For LaVille, Schmeltz scored a game-high 12 points, including back-to-back baskets to give the Lancers a 27-24 lead with 3:21 left in the third stanza.

Jesse Feitz, a 6-0 junior post, ripped down nine caroms, and 5-11 senior forward Kaitlyn Kopetski handed out four assists.

But while the Lancers moved the ball into the post, they finished just 31 percent from the field under pressure from the Culver bigs.

Culver hosts Glenn Friday. LaVille is at home Wednesday against Mishawaka.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 45,  
LaVILLE 36  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
LaVille: 7 19 30 36  
Culver: 9 24 30 45  
LaVILLE (36): Leigha Manuel 0 0-0 0, Zoe Bulick 1 2-2 4, Elaine Schmeltz 5 2-2 12, Jesse Feitz 2 2-2 6, Kaitlyn Kopetski 2 3-6 7, Lynae Hostrawser 0 0-0 0, Katie Berger 2 0-0 5, Katie Bettcher 1 0-0 2, Hannah Herbster 0 0-0 0, Amanda Carbiener 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13 9-12 36.  
CULVER (45): Nicole Carnegie 2 3-5 7, Patrice McBee 4 1-2 9, Whitney Sanders 2 0-2 5, Alison Zehner 3 0-1 8, Gwen Zehner 5 1-7 11, Kayla Shaffer 2 0-0 5. TOTALS: 18 5-17 45.  
3-point goals: LaVille 1 (Berger), Culver 4 (A. Zehner 2, Sanders, Shaffer); Fouls (fouled out): LaVille 17 (none), Culver 14 (none); Records: LaVille 8-10 (3-3 NSC), Culver 19-1 (6-0 NSC).

## Cavs fall to LaVille

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

LAKEVILLE — Laville's Lancers rallied past Culver for a 51-47 Northern State Conference win in front of a packed house at Dale E. Cox Gymnasium Friday.

LaVille's Codee Kimbel took Culver's Larry Clingler one on one in the paint, and the Lancers' Andrew Hostetler split



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

LaVille's Jason Duerring, left, contests a shot by Culver's Zoe Bauer, right, during a Northern State Conference basketball game at LaVille last week.

in another one-and-one situation with only 11.5 seconds remaining, bringing the score to its final margin.

"Free throws were obviously a big key down the stretch: We missed four free throws there and one of them was on the

a pair of free throws on an A.J. Neace foul, but Collin Stevens gave Culver new life with a tri-fecta from the corner to bring Culver back within two at 47-45 at the 1:11 mark, and the two teams traded turnovers to whittle 26 seconds off the clock.

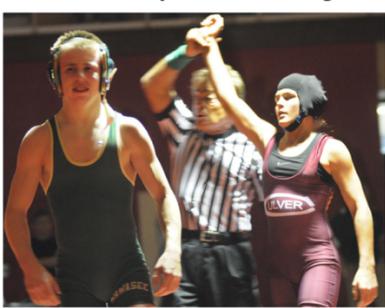
LaVille's Jordyn Williams buried two free throws in the bonus as Scotty Brown fouled him to stop the clock with just 25.7 to go, and Stevens converted two charity tosses in the bonus on the ensuing Cavs possession to keep the game within two before LaVille sophomore Nick Amor knocked down both freebies

See Cavs page 8

# CMA takes 3rd at Plymouth tourney

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military Academy placed third to Plymouth's fourth -- while Warsaw won the meet, Bremen finished fifth, Culver was eighth and Triton placed ninth -- at the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional Saturday.



PHOTO/JAN GARRISON

Culver Academies wrestler Kayla Wonder's hand is raised after defeating Wawasee's Greg Newman, left, in the 103-pound championship at the Plymouth Wrestling Sectional Saturday.

Ranked second in the state by IndianaMat.com, Plymouth's Damon Howe remained unbeaten with a first round pinfall victory over Bremen's Abe Hall for Howe's third consecutive sectional crown.

CMA's young but talented crew had a shot at winning the team competition but was handed a setback when No. 1 215-pound seed Jack Crawford was forced to sit out Saturday's meet.

"Leading up to it we really thought we had a good chance to win the sectional this year," said CMA head wrestling coach Matt Behling. "A couple obstacles came up right before the tournament. We ended up losing our No. 1 seed 215-pounder Jack Crawford; he got some skin problems and we couldn't wrestle him. That was a tough, tough loss

for the team. He's one of the senior captains, has a great record and was the No. 1 seed. We knew we had to make up a lot going from No. 1 to no points and that everybody else in the lineup needed to step up.

"Our kids wrestled their hearts out. They wrestled as hard as they could; I think it was just a little bit too far out for them to get into that number one spot, but to take third I'm proud of them."

Two Academies wrestlers grabbed championships at Plymouth as Luther Jacobs beat Bremen's Justin Corl in the 140-pound championship, and 103-pound freshman Kayla Miracle continued her outstanding unbeaten streak to 36 wins en route to the title there.

"I'm especially proud of her," Behling said. "She's a female wrestler that's come in and is still undefeated... I'm really proud of what she's been able to accomplish at this point in the year. I really like the way she's wrestling right now and hopefully she just keeps going."

Four other Eagles grabbed a top four regional-advancement spot Saturday, as David Zajac and Edmond Hogan placed third at 112 and 145, respectively, while Anthony McHugh took his first loss of the season in a rematch with Rochester's Garth Simpson in the 119-pound title match, and Carlos Salinas lost his 125-pound championship bout with Bremen's Jose Rodriguez.

Culver Community High School saw a pair of Hurfords advance and five total wrestlers earn top four spots at Plymouth, meanwhile.

While Ian Randolph finished second at 135, Allen Bets finished fourth at 112, Mark Hurford placed fourth at 160-pounds, and sophomore Matt Hurford claimed a repeat crown at 189 pounds.

Jeremiah Harvey lost a disappointing quarterfinal decision to Hall — his third loss to the Bremen heavyweight this season — before battling back with a major decision win over Wawasee's Dimitri Kaplanis for third place Saturday.

"As far as the match with Abraham Hall goes, it's just pretty much the same old story we've seen the past two times they've wrestled," said Culver head coach Mike Buschman. "It's just a matter of figuring out what to do against Abraham, who is a great wrestler and one of the top kids in the state. We may get the opportunity to see him a few more times as we move on and he'll move on."

"As far as the consolation match is concerned, it was a kid that Jeremiah has wrestled before and once you know you're qualified, we talked to the kids that it comes down to who can deal with the fact that they're not sectional champion and work and do their best from their, and Jeremiah was able to do that."

## PLYMOUTH WRESTLING SECTIONAL

At Plymouth  
TEAM SCORES: Warsaw 208, Wawasee 181.5, CMA 149, Plymouth 145, Bremen 124, Tippecanoe Valley 120, Rochester 118, Culver 112, Triton 32.5.

## CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103: Kayla Miracle (CMA) dec. Greg Newman (Wawa), 11-4; 112: Jarred Brooks (War) pinned Zech Weese (Roch), 0:33; 119: Garth Simpson (Roch) pinned Anthony McHugh (CMA), 2:56; 125: Jose Rodriguez (Bre) dec. Carlos Salinas (CMA), 7-6; 130: Seth Fincher (TV) dec. Josh Gohlke (Wawa), 8-4; 135: Austin Nelson (TV) maj. dec. Ian Randolph (CC), 12-4; 140: Luther Jacobs (CMA) dec. Justin Corl (Bre), 7-3; 145: Kyle Duzan (War) pinned Trent Bauters (TV), 1:01.

152: Isaac Yoder (TV) dec. Jacob Schroder (Roch), 3-2; 160: Everardo Ahuatl (War) dec. Shawn Duff (Ply), 9-3; 171: Zac Erba (War) dec. Nathan Benham (Ply), 4-2; 189: Matt Hurford (CC) dec. Ross Hoover (War), 8-6; 215: Alan Bollenbacher (Bre) dec. Jacob Segraves (Ply), 9-3; 285: Damon Howe (Ply) pinned Abraham Hall (Bre), 1:43.

# Culver gets defensive in win over OD

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

Culver Community freshman Trent Elliott fired in 33 points against Oregon-Davis Wednesday.

His dad, Culver boys basketball head coach Kyle Elliott, quickly deflected attention from the offensive onslaught to his team's defensive effort.

And why not? The Cavs limited the state's leading scorer, Zach Richie, to eight points — 35 points below his season average — held the Bobcats to a 25-percent finish from the field and dominated from the opening tip in an 89-45 rout at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I couldn't be prouder of the way our team played," the Culver skipper, whose charges raced to a 40-8 lead with 3:05 left in the first half, said. "It was a complete team effort, and it all started at the defensive end; our defense fed our offense."

"We held Richie to eight points," he added. "That's an outstanding effort, and the eight points he did score were hard-earned points. Zach didn't force anything. I thought he shared the basketball. Credit him for getting his teammates involved."

In front of a crowd featuring Gov. Mitch Daniels and Valparaiso University men's coach Homer Drew, Culver threw an effective triangle-and-two at OD, with both chasers enveloping Richie.

"We had Collin Stevens squaring up Zach always, and we rotated a player on his right," Kyle Elliott explained. "Collin Stevens never came out the whole night and did a great job. Larry Clingler and Scotty Brown rotated on the right, and I'm very pleased with their effort."

"The other thing we wanted to do was rebound," Elliott, whose team piled up a 52-27 advantage on the boards, said. "I thought if we could rebound we could get out and run, and we did. I'm very happy with the way we rebounded."

Richie wound up 3 of 19

## Lady Cavs' 2nd straight win vs Bobcats

Just three days after dethroning Oregon-Davis in the Bi-County Tournament final, the Class 2A No. 6 Lady Cavs upended the Lady Cats again, this time more convincingly than Saturday's four-point margin.

Culver landed a quartet of players in double figures and held Class A, No. 4 OD to 32 percent from the field in a 68-50 win at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Tuesday.

After trailing 23-21 at halftime, the Cavs hit 15 of 28 from the field and converting five of those misses into put-backs, including Gwen Zehner's bucket that gave Culver a 28-26 lead with 6:22 left in the third frame.

Senior forward Alison Zehner also finished with 16 points and four steals for Culver, and Whitney Sanders tacked on 14 points. Senior point guard Nicole Carnegie added nine points.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 68,  
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front end of a bonus, and they go 7 of 8 at the free throw line," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "But around the four and half minute mark, we're up two and have the ball and get fouled and come away with nothing, and then they come down and hit two straight 3s. That was the turning point of the game."

After a slow start, Culver outscored its hosts 18-5 in the second quarter to take a seven-point lead at the half. Micah Budzinski went 3-for-3 in the post in the stanza on his way to a team-leading 16 points for the night, but LaVille shut down Culver offensive engine Zoe Bauer's dribble penetration in the second half, stifling the Cavs' production.

"In the second quarter I thought our dribble penetration was the key," Elliott said. "We had some nice post feeds with Budzinski down inside; we also had a couple nice kick-out looks for 3s with Stevens as well. The second half we

got a little bit more hesitant. Credit their defense as well in taking away that dribble penetration, but even so, like I told the kids afterwards, we had our opportunities."

An under-the-weather Bauer finished five points below his average but still managed 14 points and five assists at LaVille, including the highlight play of the night, an offensive rebound and assist from the his back as he grabbed his own rebound after some contact in the lane and kicked out to Stevens for a 3-pointer that tied the game up at 16-all at the 4:13 mark of the second frame.

"Zoe shouldn't have even played tonight, and a lot of kids probably wouldn't have," Elliott said. "He knows how big this game is for our team, and he didn't want any part of coming out or not playing. He's just a competitor."

Culver slips to 9-5 and an even 2-2 in the NSC following a 2-0 start in conference play, and LaVille

from the field for OD which settled for perimeter looks and connected on just 7-of-41 attempts from 3-point range as a team.

Chief among those play-makers was Culver career scoring leader Zoe Bauer. Averaging nearly 20 points per game, Bauer scored just 10 Wednesday, but dished out seven assists and pulled down a game-best 14 rebounds — one of three Cavs with a double-double.

"That's the type of player Zoe Bauer's turned into," the Culver boss said. "He utilizes his teammates, and he's only concerned about the team. Last game he was wanting to draw up plays for the hot hand."

"We have unselfish players," he continued. "They try to get the ball to the hot hand. In some games it's been Collin, of course Zoe, and tonight it was Trenton. Our guys did a good job finding him, and he did a good job knocking down shots."

In the post Clingler and sophomore center Micah Budzinski scored 11 points apiece; Clingler also ripped down 11 rebounds, and Budzinski grabbed 10 cars.

Junior Zach Taylor topped the Bobcats' scoring chart with 12 points, and Craig McIntosh handed out three assists.

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Score by quarters

OD: 5 18 35 45

Culver: 25 49 69 89

OD (45): Zach Richie 3 2-2 8, Dalton

Taylor 0 0-0 0, Craig McIntosh 2

1-2 5, Marc Edwards 1 1-2 3, Nolan

Coffin 2 0-1 5, Ricardo Mastrocesare

1 0-1 3, Kenneth VandeMieroop 2

0-0 6, Zach Taylor 5 0-0 13, Nathan

Boyle 1 0-2 2. TOTALS: 17 4-10 45.

CULVER (89): Scotty Brown 3 1-1 7,

Kyle Vlach 1 0-0 3, Collin Stevens

1 6-6 9, Zoe Bauer 4 2-2 10, Trent

Elliott 11 2-3 33, Jacoda Anderson 1

1-1 3, Patrick McBee 1 0-0 2, Micah

Budzinski 4 3-4 11, Larry Clingler 4

3-5 11. TOTALS: 30 18-22 89.

3-point goals: OD 7 (Z. Taylor

3, VandeMieroop 2, Coffin,

Mastrocesare), Culver 11 (Elliott 9,

Stevens, Vlach); Turnovers: OD 10,

Culver 15; Rebounds: OD 27 (Richie

7), Culver 52 (Bauer 14, Clingler

11, Budzinski 10); Assists: OD 5

(McIntosh 3), Culver 16 (Bauer 7);

Steals: OD 2, Culver 2; Fouls (fouled

out): OD 20 (Z. Taylor), Culver 15

(none); Records: OD 3-12, Culver

9-4.

JV score: Culver 64, OD 18