

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### Culver schools' make-up day

Make up day is Monday, February 21 and Friday, May 6 for Culver Community Schools Corporation for days missed due to weather February 2 and 3. Any questions, call Brad Schuldt at 574-842-3364.

### VFW dinner Feb. 18

The Culver VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will once again host a Friday dinner on February 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington in Culver. Included will be Italian beef sandwiches for \$8, half slab of ribs for \$9, or full slab for \$17, the best prices in town. The doors are open to the public. Come on down and join us for a great meal.

### Harp, dulcimer concert Saturday

Culver musicians Beth Paré and Marcy Prochaska will perform together (on harp and hammered dulcimer, respectively) this Saturday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive. The performance is free.

### Chinese acrobats visit Culver Feb. 22

Culver Academies' Huffinton Concert Series will continue on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. with the Cirque Shanghai Bai Xi acrobatic troupe; on-stage at Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. The performance combines traditional and modern acrobatic stage performance, and displays of physical strength and feats of balance.

Email Marsha Coven to request tickets at [covenm@culver.org](mailto:covenm@culver.org). The box office phone number is: 574-842-7058.

### REAL Meals 'surprise' rescheduled

The presence of a surprise guest at Culver's REAL Services meal for a special, secret program had to be postponed recently due to weather. That event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 23 at noon, at the Culver beach lodge. Those interested are invited to attend, and encouraged to call Ruth Walker at 574-842-8878 before 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 22, to make reservations. A donation is suggested for those wishing to eat a meal at the program, but not required.

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## Time well spent

Freshmen students from Culver Community High School spent the morning at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home recently as part of an effort to "pay it forward" in Culver, having read the novel of the same name in English teacher Luke Biernacki's class. PHOTO AT LEFT: Students Caitlynn Brewer (left) Grace Lorenz color pictures with resident Mary Smith (center). PHOTO AT RIGHT: Students, from left to right, Meghan Purtell and Kayla Shaffer, resident Lillian Kenney, Kennedy Thomas, Megan Lyczak, Erin Salyer, and Ashley Braasch play games together.

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## Culver museum looks to decide its future

Staff report

If things seem quiet in Culver regarding the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver and its museum and research facility, The Center for Culver History, it's not because nothing's happening, say Jim Peterson, AHS President, and Jim Sawhook, Vice President (and Museum Manager).

In the months since the October, 2010 decision from the Culver-Union Township Public Library board of directors to give the AHS notice to vacate the room occupied by the Center since late 2006, Peterson and Sawhook say the organization -- though reeling a bit from the decision -- has been far from dormant. Instead, there's been a great deal of conversation, discussion, and regrouping, as the AHS' own board of directors, members, and supporters examine various options.

The organization's hope, says Peterson, is for the Society to move to a new location, but to do so "we will need the support of the community and not just the members of AHS."

Peterson, who says the AHS plans to have more information to share with the community this spring, notes the group's roughly 200 members have been actively enhancing the Culver community, and helping to preserve and celebrate its diverse history, for the past 20 years.

Lifelong Culver resident Sherrill Fujimurra agrees. "The Antiquarian Society has worked tirelessly throughout the years," she says, "to restore and keep alive the unique history of our small Midwestern town. Volunteers have given of their time and money to preserve the characteristics of the original settlers to present day citizens."

Peterson describes AHS efforts including the cleanup of the site at the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets and establishment there of Heritage Park; the designation of several sites in the area to the National Register of Historic Places.

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## Beloved teacher, BPA leader Schwartz loses battle with cancer



Longtime Culver Community High School business teacher Mike Schwartz, who made his lengthy battle with cancer a rallying point for his active involvement in Culver's Relay for Life, passed away Saturday in his home.

Schwartz was born December 1, 1953 in Bluffton, Indiana, and married fellow CCHS teacher Donna Heinrich in 1977, the year following the start of his career at the school. Among his other activities, Schwartz gained

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## A wish come true

Two Culver children will be heading to Disney World this month thanks in large measure to the efforts of Culver High School's Student Council and its coordinator, Tina Stacy. Surpassing all expectations, the students are seen here with a check for \$10,416, nearly all of the money allocated for young Chloe Hough and Chris Webb, whose Make-A-Wish endeavor began last fall. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Mitch Maes, Chloe Broeker, Mark Maes, Matt Manns. Second row, Nick Zehner, Luke Dunfee, Clayton Barger, Grace Lorenz, Zach Brewer, Jeremiah Harvey. Back row: Justin Croy, Chelsey Jones, Alex Baker, and Tina Stacy.



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## Culver students learn to 'pay it forward' in their community

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

The term, "pay it forward" has been in vogue in recent years, especially following the release of the popular 2000 movie of the same name, though many may not realize that, like many films, "Pay it Forward" was based on a book (in this case by Catherine Ryan Hyde).

Culver Community High School English teacher Luke Biernacki's freshman students, however, are very much aware. They read the novel, which focuses on inverting the age-old concept of "payback" for wrongs (or rights) done, by instead "paying it forward" -- that is, doing good deeds as a way to bring about good in the world without necessarily being the recipient of initial good.

The students were asked to reflect on the book's themes, but in keeping with the spirit of the book, to actually "pay it forward" in real life. Towards that end, the class headed across School Street recently to spend the morning with residents of Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, playing games, coloring pictures, talking, and just listening.

"We chose Miller's because we felt it was the best place in Culver to pay it forward," explains student Caleb Dehning. "We thought the residents there could use some company."

Adds Megan Lyczak, "The elderly are important too. We plan(ned) on playing some Wii games with the residents and just talking to them about how their life was when they were our age. It's truly the simple things that mean the most and give the greatest of pleasure in life."

Meghan Purtell noted, "The elderly people (at Miller's) are not as lucky as we are. Some of them have family that doesn't visit on a regular basis."

As many Culver area youth have demonstrated to this community in recent years, Biernacki's students are aware of many adults' perceptions of modern teenagers. They've embraced the concepts put forth in "Pay it Forward," and hope projects like this one will dispel some negative images.

"A major misconception adults have about teenagers," points out Donald Clark, "is... we are always about ourselves and don't think about anyone (else). As a teenager and 'paying it forward' to someone, I think we can prove that we don't have the cocky, non-caring attitude that so many adults believe we have."

In fact, the majority of class members pinpointed selfishness as the primary misperception adults have of them. Students, however, say they share the same dilemma adults face: how best to help those in need.

Says Lyczak, "If anything, we just don't know how to help. There's no sense in stereotyping us for that."

Kayla Shafer says negative adult images of teens could be altered "if we started to 'pay it forward'...then they would see that we can do many great things to change the world."

For her part, student Caitlynn Brewer hopes "paying it forward," in its own small way, can make big changes. "If people actually go through with it," she says, "it could make the world a better place to live."

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## Sheriff's department will patrol Lake Max this spring

Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin and Lake Maxinkuckee Association (LMA) president Jerry Butler announced last week that the Marshall County Sheriff's Department will assume patrol duties formerly managed by the LMA's Lake Patrol effective April 1, 2011.

The specific terms of the partnership call for the LMA to provide the Marshall County Sheriff's Department with all patrol vehicles, boats, and equipment necessary for patrolling the lake and surrounding roads. The Sheriff's department will use off-duty personnel, reserves and special deputies each with full law enforcement powers to man the patrol (lake and roads). All costs associated with the endeavor will be primarily underwritten by the LMA and by a grant from the Department of Natural Resources. The road patrol will be supplemental to the regular patrol conducted by the Sheriff's department in the ordinary course of their duties.

Sheriff Chamberlin indicated this arrangement is an excellent example of public-private partners collaborating to increase law enforcement activities at no cost to taxpayers and could serve as a model for future collaborative efforts.

LMA president Jerry Butler stated the effect of this arrangement is to provide increased protection for residents of Union Township, specifically those residing on and near Lake Maxinkuckee. Further, it places the role of administering this undertaking in the hands of the Sheriff.

"I think this is a very good deal for both parties," said Ted Schenberg of the LMA, "since it expands law enforcement without costing taxpayers any money, and gets the LMA out of the 'police business.'"

The LMA has been promoting the general welfare of individuals who own property on Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as the thousands of people utilizing the lake and its adjacent property, since its inception in 1897. The organization is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) public charity and is governed by a board of directors. In 1952, LMA began providing a police and rescue squad on the lake and surrounding roads. Formerly, the LMA used special deputies commissioned by the Marshall County Sheriff for the patrol. The Marshall County Sheriff's Department serves over 47,000 residents, and encompasses 450 square miles.

## Soldiers Again music group to perform here

In a small country school in Royal Center, Indiana, three boys attended high school together. From boys to men, they have sung Christian music throughout Indiana and the surrounding states, and even into Canada.

Mike Ross and Martin Lewellen (the latter is the son of Emmanuel United Methodist Church pastor Ron Lewellen) started singing together in 1969. Harlan Rittenhouse joined them in their previous group, "Light," and has sung with them for more than 25 years.

Together as the group Soldiers Again, they'll be performing in Culver Sunday, February 27 at 6 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main Street.

The group's recordings have reached all over the United States including Hawaii and are known to be as far as Japan. Troops in Desert Storm received their CDs as well. Their music variety includes favorites like, "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lighthouse, to, "Thank God for Kids," and "Mississippi Squirrel." And of course there's the song, "Soldiers Again."

Everyone is welcome to their Culver performance.



## Culver Cub Scouts hold Pinewood Derby



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Culver Cub Scouts participating in the Pinewood Derby included (front row – seated – left to right): Phoenix Dickson, Gavin Salyer, Dylan McKee, Dalton Powell, Cody Winkler. Second row: Ethan Lima, Trayden Schrimsher, Morgan Keller, Shane Stevens. Third row: Colton Wynn, Nolan Shaffer, Zack Busse, Noah Parsons. Back row: Michael Boland, Wyatt Coiner, Nik Vela, Adrian Craig, Lucas Vela.

Culver's Cub Scout Pack 290 held its annual Pinewood Derby January 19, at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver.

Of the nearly 20 Cubs and visiting youngsters participating in the event, the following awards were given:

Open class: 1st place: Logan Coiner, 2nd: Chuck Robbins, 3rd: Mary Boland.  
Tiger Den: 1st place Gavin Salyer, 2nd: Phoenix Dickson, 3rd: Cody Winkler.  
Wolf Den: 1st place: Trayden Schrimsher, 2nd: Shane Stevens, 3rd: Morgan Keller  
Bear Den: 1st place: Colton Wynn, 2nd: Noah Parsons, 3rd: Nolan Shaffer.  
Webelos 1 Den: 1st place: Adrian Craig, 2nd: Nik Vela, 3rd: Wyatt Coiner.  
Webelos 2 Den: 1st place: Lucas Vela, 2nd: Michael Boland.  
Grand Champion: 1st place: Lucas Vela, 2nd: Adrian Craig, 3rd: Trayden Schrimsher.  
Awards based on car design/theme:

Dylan McKee (most patriotic); Ethan Lima (best animal); Zack Busse (best overall theme); Phoenix Dickson (most colorful); Dalton Powell (shiniest paint job); Adrian Craig (best overall body design); Nik Vela (most futuristic); Colton Wynn (smoothest paint job); Gavin Salyer (best military theme); Shane Stevens (best sparkly paint job); Noah Parsons (best flame design); Morgan Keller (most original); Nolan Shaffer (best skateboard look);

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Trayden Schrimsher (best stripes); Wyatt Coiner (best lightning); Michael Boland (best gangster look); Lucas Vela (most metallic paint job).

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Culver Elementary 4th grader Jordan Schrimsher examines arrowheads and other local Native American artifacts at the AHS museum during a visit from the entire grade last year.

Historic Places; the creation of a replica of the circa 1894 lighthouse in the Town Park; and the publication of a number of items of historical interest, both print and digital. In addition, he says, the AHS has been preserving Culver's history through its collections -- currently housed in the museum -- as well as through various programs and events on an ongoing basis in the community.

As was discussed with the library board in October, Peterson points out the library's historic 1914 Carnegie rooms now occupied by the Center for Culver History, were renovated by the AHS at a cost to its members of more than \$100,000 -- \$40,000 of which was funded by a Marshall County Community Foundation grant -- and no tax dollars were used. In the months since the renovation was completed, thousands more have been put into upgrades and operation of the museum as well.

That room, Sawhook notes, has provided local history research services, as well as an educational and entertaining experience of Culver's history, for visitors of all ages.

Those are opportunities the AHS hopes to continue to provide into the future for the community, but Peterson hopes the people of the Culver area will step forward with ideas and assistance, both volunteer and financial.

In December, the AHS hosted Stacy Klingler, Assistant Director of Local History Services with the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis, for the first of a series of workshops to help facilitate the relocation of the museum. Attended by members of the AHS board and its museum committees, the meeting solicited input from the manifold perspectives of participants on the value of a local history museum and its hoped-for contents and offerings to the various elements making up the Culver community.

In workshop discussions, it was noted the Center for Culver History is the first and only entity in the 150-plus year history of Culver to collect, preserve, and share the rich history of the area, both for locals and visitors.

Also highlighted was the value a museum adds to the face of the community from a business and tourism point of view, with the point made that visitors to a community often wish to learn the high points and interesting or unusual facets of its history and background. Further, the potential economic advantages of bringing people into Culver to visit the museum or conduct genealogical research were highlighted.

The educational component of a museum was also stressed, whether for adults conducting research of one sort or another (Sawhook points out that a recently-released book on celebrated author Kurt Vonnegut's life in Indianapolis and Culver includes informational and visual research conducted through the Center), or the children of the community whose sense of civic pride and community investment is enhanced by visiting a local history museum.

A museum also provides a destination space, whether for families seeking an afternoon diversion, or for programs, events, and meetings sponsored by the AHS for the benefit of the community, the group discussed. This also adds a social component to the museum, as a space where community members can come together, examining and celebrating their shared heritage.

Additionally, many participants agreed it's important, in Klingler's words, to "keep Culver in Culver." While the AHS continues to enjoy a warm relationship with the Marshall County Historical Museum in Plymouth, AHS members present agreed that many Culver residents are hesitant to deposit the artifacts and research materials of their past at the county seat, if a local option for accessing those preserved materials exists.

And then there's the importance of preserving the stories of Culver's people.

"I'm currently writing a history book," says Ginny Munroe, a Culver resident and currently Town Council President, "and the one thing that strikes me as I'm researching...is that you must preserve (history) any way you can, to be able to tell of it. In this day and age of technology, you would think that would be an easy thing to do, but technology can't give you the same account of a history as looking at it, hearing it, and feeling it. To me, the museum is an important part of telling Culver's history, in that it allows us to experience that history in a very human way. Museums also capture the spirit of the voices of those who came before us, and (I believe) history is an account of many voices..."

Adds museum volunteer Marizetta Kenney, "There are still people living in this town who could tell you what it was like when their grandparents or great-grandparents came to this area...so many people have been interviewed, to preserve our history in oral tradition. Those memories, too, need a repository...interviews combined with pictures, with written history, with objects - these things bring Culver's history to life. That is what our museum can do for this community."

The museum has also served, argued some participants, and hopefully will only grow in serving, as a unifying force within the Culver community, bridging the various communities of the town of Culver, Lake Maxinkuckee area, rural Union Township, and Culver Academies, both by celebrating the histories of all, and by providing a place for residents of each to cross paths and work together.

Sawhook and those involved in the museum were moved and grateful for the groundswell of support from community members for the Center, both at the October library meeting, and in the weeks and months since. They hope it's an indication of the support the museum will receive as they move forward with discussions and planning for the museum's future. He stresses that financial support from all of the Culver communities will also be required.

"It has been such a pleasure to go into our wonderful museum and to experience the strong vibe of our Culver history," Fujimurra, who is also a volunteer at the museum, says, "as one pours through past articles and pictures of people and places that I remember my parents and grandparents talk about. It gives a continuity and excitement to our community that behooves us, as the current historians, to pass on to our future generations."

Munroe quotes poet and Pulitzer prize winner Robert Penn Warren: "History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."

"I hope the museum remains a priority for those in the community," adds Munroe, following up on Warren's words, "as I would hate for future generations to be disconnected from this part of their own humanity."

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notoriety statewide for his two decades' leadership of Culver's Business Professionals of America, which he shepherded to several state and national victories in recent years.

"My philosophy has been to try to teach kids skills that can be useful in their future, and in business it's more of a hands-on thing," Schwartz told the Citizen in an early 2010 interview.

He also discussed the very visible chronicling of his battle with cancer, which began in 2006, though there were periods when he seemed to have defeated the disease. By 2010, his fight was back in full force, and Schwartz delivered rousing testimonials to the importance of faith and a positive attitude, at a Relay for Life kickoff event at the high school, as well as in April at the Relay itself. His email missives updating friends, family, and supporters on his condition, peppered with his comments on faith and perseverance, proved inspirational to hundreds of recipients in dozens of states. Schwartz, a Plymouth resident, was also active in his church, Trinity United Methodist in Plymouth.

In addition to memorial services and visitation at the church, a memorial will be held at the high school this evening, February 17. Details and more information may be found in the death notice on page 3. A tribute to Schwartz appears on page 4 of this edition of the Citizen.

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## Council wrestles with Academies rate reduction issues

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's Town Council last week grappled with the best method of interpreting data relating to Culver Academies' base sewer rate, an issue which could have a major impact not only on the school's costs, but ultimately costs to Culver residents as well.

The Academies, said Council members at the February 8 meeting, has requested a reexamination of its base sewer rate by the town. That rate was determined most recently, after an extensive study led by Steve Carter of the Umbaugh consulting firm in 2005, based on the same methods used to determine all residents' rates: the outflow of sewage based on meter readings.

"The Academy is not a normal residential customer," noted Carter, in attendance at the meeting, "so we looked at the data: what is their flow compared to the municipal flow? We looked at 500 households (in the Academy area, counting students, faculty, and other houses surrounding the campus), and those numbers were based on the average flow going out."

Council President Ginny Munroe noted Council members, on the other hand, have begun to examine the issue based on the number of students, faculty, and others living in the area, rather than the outflow from the campus, and arrived at a number closer to 350 to 375 households, with an estimated average of 3.2 persons per household.

The Academies currently pays the town \$89,100 per year in sewer fees, said Town Clerk Casey Howard. Using the more recent measuring criteria to reevaluate the Academies' base rate, the town would lose between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per year in revenue, she said. On the

other hand, Council members pointed out, should Culver Academies opt to build and maintain its own sewer treatment plant, the loss would be more than three times that amount, a change which would register immensely in the wallets of Culver residents, who would have to make up the difference.

Howard recommended against reevaluating the base rate. She said the sewer department spent some \$140,000 more than it took in, in 2010, compared with the two previous years, in which it brought in an average of \$43,000 (in 2009) and \$77,000 (2008).

In response to a question from Council member Ed Pinder, Howard said there were several reasons for 2010's shortfall, including a design for sewer improvements, part of \$425,000 in matching funds for a sewer grant awarded to the town in 2010. She also cited phase one of water and sewer extensions for the Garden Court construction project on South Main Street, \$30,000 in sludge removal last year (which occurs every three years), increased state permit fees, and some repair and maintenance costs at the sewer plant.

Munroe suggested much of the sewer department overage of 2010 was due to the unusual circumstance of the matching grant money. She also questioned why there were high surpluses of money in previous years, suggesting such funds might best be allocated for planned plant maintenance and repair costs.

"Casey's financial con-

cerns are separate," said Carter. "What you need to look at is, is there data to suggest (the Academies) should be charged differently than they are now? It's an issue of fairness and ethics."

Carter added that data shows the Academy has "a significant issue with leaking pipes or water getting into their system (causing higher than normal flow). Who pays for that? We took the position that they need to pay for it."

Council member Sally Ricciardi suggested examining the school's percentage of flow into the town's sewer plant.

"Their flow is about one-third of the total flow coming into the plant," she said. "If the town has 850 homes in it, then (estimating) 350 homes (as a determinant of the Academy's base rate) is not an unusually small or large number. Their flow is 25 to 33 percent of the total sewer billing."

"If (the Academies' current base rate is) based on 500 homes," added Munroe, "and our total billing (for the town and Academies combined) is around 850 homes... they're paying for more than half the homes in the total that that's based on, and yet they're only using a third of the total. They're way overpaying on their base rate if it is."

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### Anniversary - Potthoff



Jim and Renita (Woodward) Potthoff, Monterey, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 29, 2011.

The couple was married in Monterey and have three children: Mike Potthoff, Monterey;

Jason (Monica) Potthoff, Winamac; and Jenny (Rob) Hurford, Argos. They also have three grandchildren: Dalton and Justin, Winamac; and Hannah, Argos.

Jim has been employed by North Central Co-Op for more than 35 years in various positions with a focus on petroleum in the later half of his career; he currently works out of the Star City location. Renita is the librarian at the Monterey Public Library, a position she has also held for more than 35 years.

### Engagement - Cottone, Messick



Cristyn Marie Cottone, Commerce Twp., Mich., and Dustin Ray Messick, Elkhart, announce their engagement to be married Dec. 17, 2011 in South Bend.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joseph and Cathy Cottone. She attended Lakeland High School and Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed as a Physical Education teacher with Culver Community Schools and is also the varsity softball head coach, varsity soccer asst. coach.

The future groom is the son of Tom and Carol Messick, Elkhart. He attended Elkhart Memorial High School and is currently employed with Inovia Credit Union.

### CUTPL offers "Welcome Spring" storytime

Culver-Union Township Public Library will be offering a "Welcome Spring!" storytime program beginning in March. Toddler Time will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. This storytime is intended for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. Age-targeted songs, stories, fingerplays and crafts will be included with this storytime.

Pre-school storytime will be held Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. and is intended for children ages 3 to 5. This storytime will also include songs, stories, fingerplays and crafts. Spring storytimes will run for eight weeks beginning Tuesday, March 1 and concluding Thursday, April 21.

Registration for storytime is required as space is limited. Register at the circulation desk in the children's department or by calling the library at 574-842-2941.

### Culver students on IUSB dean's list

SOUTH BEND — Indiana University's School of Education has announced Aurora Lindvall of Culver earned ranking on the dean's list for the fall of 2010. Alyssa Hyndman, Culver, earned ranking on the dean's list for the fall of 2010, in the University's Ernestine M. Raclin School of Arts.

### Culver's Lee on Ball State dean's list

MUNCIE, Ind. — Samantha Lee of Culver was included on the dean's list during the fall 2010 semester at Ball State University in Muncie.

### Donnelly nominates Culver students for U.S. Service academy admissions

SOUTH BEND — Congressman Joe Donnelly recently nominated 17 area students to receive admission into the United States Service academies for the class of 2015, including three Culver Academies students, one from Culver. Donnelly based his nominations on outstanding academic achievement, leadership skills, and commitment to a career in the Armed Forces.

They included Andrea Canacci of Culver, nominated to the Military Academy at West Point and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. She attends the Culver Academies.

Also nominated and attending the Academies are Nathan Turner of La Porte, nominated to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point; and James Whippo of Lakeville, nominated to Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Military Academy at West Point, and the Merchant Marines Academy at Kings Point.

### Death notices

#### Norris

**Tom Norris  
Feb. 7, 2011**

WHEATFIELD, Ind. — Tom Norris, 61, of Wheatfield, Ind., died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011 at South Shore Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Patty; son, Matthew (Heather) Norris of Tyler, Texas; daughter, Laura (Joe) Correll of Goshen; father, David F. Norris of Culver; five grandchildren; and a sister, Barb (Don) Johnson of Millersburg.

Visitation took place from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at KV Bible Baptist Church of DeMotte.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International for Bibles to be placed around the world.

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte assisted the family with arrangements.

#### Schwartz

**Michael Schwartz  
Feb. 12, 2011**

PLYMOUTH — Michael L. Schwartz, 57, of Carriage Drive, Plymouth, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Schwartz; their daughters, Leslie Anne Schwartz of Wilmington, N.C. and Amy Elizabeth (Chris) Jordan of Fishers; his grandchildren, Seana Jordan and Charlie Jordan of Fishers; and his parents, Lorin and Dorothy Schwartz of Bluffton.

Visitation took place from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

A memorial service was held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, at Culver High School. Memorials may be made to: BPA c/o Culver High School, 701 School St., Culver, IN, 46511 or to The Mission Scholarship Fund c/o Trinity United Methodist Church.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, assisted the family with arrangements.

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

### Community calendar

<b>Thurs., Feb. 17</b> Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall	<b>(Presidents Day)</b> Culver Public Library closed for holiday Snow make-up day, Culver Comm. Schools	Culver Public Library "Surprise" event at REAL Meals, noon, Culver beach lodge TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Road Literature book club, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library CCHS Student Council Make-A-Wish participants and shared student mission to Mexico, Lions Club mtg., 6:30 p.m., train station-depot
<b>Fri., Feb. 18</b> Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library VFW Men's Auxiliary dinner, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post	<b>Tues., Feb. 22</b> 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 Cirque Shanghai (acrobatic performance), Huffington Concert Series, 7:30 p.m., Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium (see Brief)	<b>Thurs., Feb. 24</b> Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Thursday Tech Time, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
<b>Sat., Feb. 19</b> Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library 'Culver's black history' program with Jim Harper, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	<b>Sun., Feb. 20</b> Adult basketball, 1 to 3 p.m., Culver Middle School Gym (see Brief)	
<b>Mon., Feb. 21</b>	<b>Weds., Feb. 23</b> Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m.,	

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### 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. 17:** Chicken chop suey, low sodium soy sauce, rice, Mandarin oranges, snow peas, cookies, and milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 18:** Vegetable

soup, sliced turkey meat, bun, cheese, lettuce, mayo, pound cake, warm cinnamon peaches, and milk.  
**Mon., Feb. 21:** Chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Tues., Feb. 22:** Pot roast with gravy, brown rice, Brussels sprouts, corn, biscuit, pear, and milk.  
**Weds., Feb. 23:** Veg-

etarian lasagna, salad and dressing, peas, bread stick, peach cobbler, and milk.

**Thurs., Feb. 24:** Sausage gravy and biscuit, scrambled eggs, breakfast potato, orange or orange juice, and milk.  
**Fri., Feb. 25:** White fish, tartar sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, capri vegetable blend, dinner roll and margarine, cake, and milk.

# Mike Schwartz: a wonderful life, lived to the full

Preparing to write this column, I was looking through emails between myself and Mike Schwartz, the longtime business and computer teacher at Culver Community High School (he started in 1976 -- see page 1 of this edition of the paper) who passed away Saturday afternoon, and



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

way. His regular email updates on his condition -- both physical and emotional-spiritual -- to the many who were supporting him with prayers and good wishes, were a testament to that.

In typical fashion, he himself downplayed the inspiration others said they derived from those emails.

"The things I write in my emails I've been told are inspirational," he told me during an interview in his high school classroom early in 2010. "I really am just writing down things that I've read in books and magazines! But I've even had people with depression say it's helped them."

Mike also minimized his role, during the same interview, with the Culver BPA's phenomenal success in recent years.

"People look at the success of BPA and I get lot of credit for that, but if I didn't have the students who were motivated to do their best, we wouldn't have been successful."

And while that's true, people in Culver and around the state of Indiana recognized that it was clearly Mike's ability to educate and motivate students which led the BPA to some 15 years worth of remarkable, disproportionately large success on a state and national level.

The first time Mike contacted me, early in my tenure as editor of the *Citizen*, I assumed I'd be writing up a short story on a group of local students who did well at a regional contest. Instead, I was writing the first of many articles on "the little club that could," and on a record that would be a lasting legacy of the man whose dedication and qualities as a teacher and leader would put our small town of 1,500 (give or take!) on the map across the state, and even

the country, in BPA and related circles.

Of course, that's far from Mike Schwartz's only legacy. His family is another, as is his involvement in his Methodist church in Plymouth, among many others. And, as was evidenced by the gathering flood of words of tribute to him pouring in on the social networking website Facebook, as news spread of his passing, his role as a teacher is another.

I had Mike Schwartz during, I believe, my freshman year in high school (and possibly during middle school as well). Those who did, know why he was a popular and effective teacher. He wasn't interested in authority for its own sake. He wanted you to learn, and he wanted you to learn because he knew what he had to teach was valuable to you, and he cared enough about each student to take the time and effort to share that.

"My philosophy has been to try to teach kids skills that can be useful in their future, and in business it's more of a hands-on thing," he told me.

He had a great sense of humor in the classroom, as many will recall, and I don't remember him ever having to raise his voice. Most students seemed to know instinctively that he was trying to help them out, and they cooperated. Those who didn't -- as I recall -- were quietly asked to leave the classroom.

I don't think many of us, as students, gave much thought to our funny, baseball-loving, laid-back Mr. Schwartz being an inspiration, or a pillar of faith to people, or even, in the small, quiet way that unsung heroes exist in towns and cities across America, a hero of sorts. But in the face of the challenge of life-threatening illness, he proved much more than just a good business teacher.

"Through a peace given to me only by God, I do not worry, have fear, suffer, or lose sleep over (my illness)," he told students at the high school in early 2010 during a Relay for Life kickoff speech that left many in the audience wiping away tears. "From day one, my philosophy has been that you can't change the past, but you can certainly ruin a perfectly good day by worrying about the future."

Mike said he'd found "that people who are deep rooted in God are taking things a whole lot better than those that don't have that," and so he surrounded himself, he pointed out, with positive people.

He was positive, even, in his final email to friends and supporters.

My heart had sunk early the week before last when

I'd heard he wasn't expected to make it the whole week, so it was a thrill to read an email from him saying he was home after a rough spot, and ready to keep up the fight -- he sounded as determined, faith-filled, and hopeful as ever.

And I'm sure he was.

Everything Mike said and wrote through this battle of his -- which, really, is the battle we all face one day:

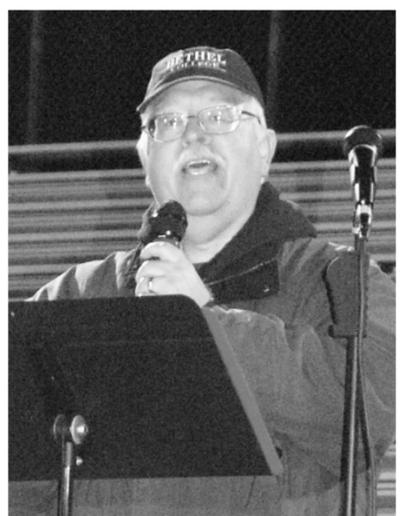
that of our own eventual mortality -- convinces me he would appreciate the love his friends and former students are showing after his passing, but he'd also encourage us all to fight to make a positive impact on the world around us, as he did, and to do so with faith and a positive attitude.

I can think of no better summation of Mike's life and legacy in all this, than his words to the students at the Relay kickoff last year.

"I'm blessed to be alive," he said. "I'm blessed to teach at Culver Community High School, and to know and work with all of you. My wife and I have received so many emails, cards, encouraging comments, and acts of kindness. I feel like George Bailey in, 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"

And well he should. And though Mike's legacy ought to encourage us all to move forward, I'm reminded of a quote (spoken by Clarence the angel) from the movie he referenced, which seems so appropriate.

"Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"



Mike Schwartz addresses the crowds with inspirational words at Culver's Relay for Life last April.

## Council from page 3

Council member Lynn Overmyer asked why the Council would question the base rate when a professional firm was already hired to evaluate and determine it.

"I feel we're investigating because the customer asked us to," answered Munroe. "We justify (lowering the school's base rate) if the data supports it."

Town Manager Michael Doss noted the Academy has said it plans to hire an engineer to evaluate the matter. Council member Ralph Winters added the meter measuring the school's flow into the town system was giving inaccurate readings for some time. That meter was replaced on the town's side over a year ago, as was the Academy's meter, but both have been plagued by various problems, which are now corrected, but which nonetheless have made accurate measurement more challenging.

Winters asked Carter if the Academy accepted Umbaugh's evaluation of five years ago.

"I wouldn't say they accepted it," Carter replied. "Their consultant had lots of issues with it. It was more a question of, from a legal standpoint, did they have a leg to stand on. My sense was they didn't have the financial or political will to continue."

Overmyer suggested Umbaugh generated its 500-home estimate of the Academies' usage based on the infiltration issues in the school's system, which would create greater flow than would otherwise be present, rather than a usage estimate based strictly on population.

"But you're penalizing them for their infiltration," said audience member Grant Munroe, "when half the homes in the town have sump pumps in their basement going into the town sewer system."

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"I don't think we can afford to lose (the Academies) as a customer," said Overmyer, "but we can't afford to raise everybody in town's rates either...it's a hard thing."

Council members agreed more dialog, by way of a work session, was needed on the issue.

In other discussion, audience member Jean Rakich asked the Council if a contingency plan exists in the event of a sustained, town-wide power outage in the midst of severe weather such as recent blizzard conditions and cold snaps. She pointed to the number of older residents in Culver, or widows living alone.

Howard said Culver follows Marshall County's emergency policy, noting the high school has a generator and several Council members are part of a committee to help handle such situations. Rakich noted Culver Academies Facilities director Jeff Kutch told her that school has generators as well, and equipment which could potentially pick people up and drive them to safety. Ginny Munroe also discussed the need for better communication when the town declares a snow emergency, which it did during the recent blizzard. She added that Culver's street crew members and police officers were on duty until 3 a.m. dealing with the blizzard during its first night.

Audience member John Helfrey complimented the street department and police on the "great job" they did.

The Council voted to pass, on first through third readings, an ordinance to refinance its 1998 sewer bond, a move which will save the town around \$72,000 net over the life of the loan, with around \$10,000 saved per year, according to Steve Carter.

Also approved was a quote from Moores Concrete to repave Ohio Street from Davis Street to Lake Shore Drive

this spring, at a total cost of \$57,610.

Audience member Bob Cooper asked the town to consider tight parking conditions on that street between Mill and BPA Streets, which had prompted the town to allow side-street parking on properties there as a concession to residents. Cooper was concerned that one household in particular could be prohibited from parking if a curb is placed where parking usually occurs. Doss said the town is aware of the issues and will address them.

Howard gave her end-of-year financial report, explaining the town's account balance at the end of 2010 was \$3.9 million (at the end of 2009, the amount was \$2.4 million, she said). Taxes brought in were decreased from 2009, and totaled \$1.1 million last year. Culver's debt was reduced from \$5.8 million at the start of 2010 to \$5.2 million at the end. The town lost \$321 due to "circuit breaker" tax legislation, a number which will increase each year due to the laws, Howard said.

During his report, town attorney Jim Clevenger followed up on a matter from the previous meeting and said residents of Lake Maxinkuckee's near west shore hoping to be considered for annexation after passing on that option a few years ago, are no longer in Culver's jurisdiction. Instead, they're part of the Southwest Conservancy District, which some of those residents said they would prefer not to join.

The Council also approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Culver, repeating a move started last year.

Approved as well was a change in meeting date in March, to March 29, instead of the regularly scheduled March 22.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'



Among those who correctly identified J.B. Overmyer as last week's Mystery Citizen were Tim McCarthy, Jim Keller, Jennifer Luttrell, Tabitha Smith, Terry and Carin Clifton, Cassie Schuldt, Kyle Daugherty, and Craig Hopple. Tim points out that J.B. works in the building which was the subject of the article right above his photo, on this page last week -- a strange coincidence. That's JMC Engineers today, but was the subject of last week's "If These Walls Could Talk," which focused on the history of today's JMC building, known for over 100 years as the K of P building.

Catching up on some older business, Cathy Keller identified Bryce Lindvall as our previous week's Mystery Citizen, a bit too late for press time that week. She still enjoys her free beach pass

at the Culver beach throughout the month of February, as do our other correct guessers -- so break out the suntan lotion!

This week, the Mystery Citizen is a face familiar for the past few decades to hundreds, if not thousands of Culverites who have encountered her at her work, and found a sometimes-difficult time perhaps made a bit easier by her care. 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, J.B. Overmyer, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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# Sports



## Culver takes home two weekend sectional victories

### Sanders lifts No. 6 Cavs over Winamac at North Newton



PHOTO/CONNIE OVERMYER

ABOVE: Culver Cavaliers team members, coaches, and managers celebrate the Lady Cavs' sectional victory Saturday night. Pictured in the front row (left to right), are Kaitlyn Comiskey (manager), Chelsey Jones, Melody Trostel, Ali Overmyer, Michael Skiles (manager). Second row: Breanna Powers, Whitney Sanders, Nicole Carnegie, Alison Zehner, Shakkira Harris, Abby James. Third row: Justin Croy (manager), Head Coach Tony Scheub, Patrice McBee, Gwen Zehner, Suzie Guard, Kayla Shaffer, Assistant Coach Heather Overmyer, Assistant Coach Shane Lowry, and Athletic Trainer Adam Rippy.

BELOW: Whitney Sanders cuts the net following the game.

THANKS TO JEAN OVERMYER AND HEATHER OVERMYER FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PHOTO.

MOROCCO — With twin towers Gwen Zehner and Patrice McBee struggling to produce, Culver senior guard Whitney Sanders stepped up with 13 points, lifting the No. 6 Cavaliers over Winamac 34-25 to win the Class 2A North Newton Sectional Saturday.

The Cavs overcame a one-point, 23-22 deficit in the final frame for their first sectional crown since 2002. Culver shot just 23 percent from the field but held Winamac to only 21 percent in the defensive contest. The Cavs hit 13 free throws in 22 tries compared to a 7-of-14 finish from the stripe by the Warriors.

Culver (23-1) plays Wheeler (13-9) in the second game of next Saturday's Culver Regional.

CLASS 2A NORTH NEWTON SECTIONAL • CULVER 34, WINAMAC 25

At Morocco

Score by quarters

Culver: 12 19 22 34

Winamac: 2 14 23 25

CULVER (34): Nicole Carnegie 5, Ali Overmyer 0, Suzie Guard 0, Patrice McBee 3, Whitney Sanders 13, Alison Zehner 4, Kayla Shaffer 4, Gwen Zehner 5, Chelsey Jones 0, Abby James 0, Breanna Powers 0.

TOTALS: 9 13-22 34.

WINAMAC (25): Bethany Brogdon 0, Jessica Schramm 2, Rachel Tetzloff 0, Whitney Hook 0, Brooke Daugherty 0, Kathryn Sommers 0, Haley Harper 0, Alexis DeFries 6, Sarah Redweik 11, Ellie Kiser 2, Katy Anspaugh 0, Stephanie Shorter 4.

TOTALS: 8 7-14 25.

3-point goals: Culver 3 (Carnegie,



Sanders, A. Zehner, Winamac 2 (DeFries, Redweik). Total fouls (fouled out): Culver 14 (G. Zehner), Winamac 17 (DeFries). Records: Culver 23-1, Winamac 13-10.

### CGA stops Zebras in OT for Rochester title

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — The Lady Eagles can breathe a sigh of relief.

Culver Girls Academy followed up a down-to-the-wire battle with defending champion Plymouth in the Rochester Sectional opener Tuesday with an overtime victory Saturday, holding the host Lady Zebras scoreless in the extra period for a hard-fought 44-39 championship.

"I've probably got a few more grey hairs; there's no doubt about that," said CGA head basketball coach Gary Christlieb. "The kids came in and Plymouth was the defending champ, and the kids didn't think there was a lot of credit given to us and they came in with a chip on their shoulders. We said the basketball gods smiled on them that night, and I think they were doing the same tonight.

"I just think that our kids showed the great moxy that we're known for. We understand adversity, we've dealt with it... They all responded. They got the lead in the last few minutes, and they knew that they had it, and I think we all just felt kind of relieved."

After leading for three quarters, the Eagles traded leads with Rochester three times and were knotted in two ties with Rochester in the fourth quarter. Reserve forward Victoria Christlieb found Kenzie Ungar under the basket for a layup at the 1:08 mark of the fourth to force the overtime, and 6-foot-2 sophomore Andriana Cvitkovic broke the tie with a baseline drive and traditional three-point play

at the 1:14 stop of the extra period to give the Eagles their final lead of the game.

Cvitkovic survived early foul trouble to score a

for opportunities to score."

Saturday's win broke a 14-year sectional championship dry spell for CGA. The title represents just the sixth all-time for the program, five of which have come at Rochester.

"The kids are getting accustomed to playing at Rochester. This is four games in a row now, and we're 4-0. I think it was huge for us to come over here on their Senior Night and play them, and it really gave our kids a sense of familiarity," said Christlieb. "Someone told our kids that of the five sectionals that we'd won, we'd won four out of the five at Rochester. That gave the interesting perspective."

The Zebras were led by Abbie Malchow's 14 points. Rochester finishes out its season at 14-9.

CGA (16-6) will meet Griffith (15-6) next Saturday in the first game of the Rensselaer Regional.

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 19 CHAMPIONSHIP

CGA 44, ROCHESTER 39 OT

At Rochester

Score by quarters

CGA: 8 17 32 39 44

Rochester: 4 15 29 39 39

CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY (44):

Alexis Christlieb 4, Kenzie Ungar 5, Kylee Shipley 4, Brenna Newell 7, Andriana Cvitkovic 18, Victoria Christlieb 4, Lindsay Haller 2.

TOTALS: 17 9-14 44.

ROCHESTER (39): Kirsten Elliott 2, Alanie Sroufe 8, Abbie Malchow 14, Jenna Crispen 2, Kelsi Denney 1, Leighnee Smith 2, Kayla Lindsey 3, Raeann Hunter 7. TOTALS: 10 17-26 39.

3-point goals: CGA 1 (Cvitkovic), Rochester 2 (Malchow, Lindsey);

Turnovers: CGA 13, Rochester 13;

Rebounds: CGA 34 (Cvitkovic 15),

Rochester 44 (Sroufe 11); Assists:

CGA 11 (Shipley 6), Rochester 2;

Steals: CGA 9 (Cvitkovic 2),

Rochester 11 (Malchow 3); Fouls

(fouled out): CGA 19 (none),

Rochester 12 (Lindsey). Records:

CGA 16-6, Rochester 14-9 (final).



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Members of Culver Girls Academy's girls basketball team celebrate their Sectional 19 championship win over Rochester Saturday.

game-high 18 points with 15 rebounds and blocked five shots for the second straight game to power the Eagles as senior guards Kylee Shipley and Brenna Newell struggled to finish at the game with four and seven points respectively Saturday.

"Going in here we thought our match-up advantage was the interior play," Christlieb said. "We played them before and we really didn't do a very good job of getting it into the interior. Then secondly, she (Cvitkovic) had foul trouble and was only limited to 17 minutes. We knew if we could keep her on the floor that was probably the advantage, and the kids knew that. I think late down the stretch they really started to exploit that and look for that.

"Andy did play big. She knew she needed to play big, and she hadn't been playing really well and she jumped in there and she did a really nice job in looking

### Culver holds off Dragons in bell game, 48-41

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community's boys basketball team reclaimed the traveling bell from Argos Thursday.

Given the way the Cavs floundered down the stretch, though, the bell probably sounded a little less melodious.

Culver watched a 16-point fourth-quarter lead melt to four points in the final minute before hanging on for a 48-41 win over visiting Argos at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"We got what we came for, and that's the bell," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott said. "However, we didn't win it in the fashion that we'd hoped to say the least. (Argos) played for 32 minutes. I thought we played competitively for three

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### Culver heavyweights impress at Semistate

By Tim Creason

MERRILLVILLE — A fearsome threesome are Culver Community's Jeremiah Harvey, Plymouth's Damon Howe and Bremen's Abraham Hall.

That trio has made Marshall County the center of heavyweight high school wrestling in Indiana this season. And it will be no surprise to see all three contend for a championship next weekend at the IHSAA individual state wrestling finals. All three will be there.

Each qualified by finishing among the top four in the 285-pound weight class at Saturday's Merrillville Semistate.

Harvey, a senior, won his first semistate championship by beating Howe, 8-4, in the title match.

Hall, meanwhile, finished fourth. But he beat one of the favorites — McCutcheon's Blake Ford, the Logansport regional champ — on his way to a state meet berth.

The state finals begin 6 p.m. Friday at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Joining the three heavyweights will be John Glenn senior Cody Strange in the 160-pound weight class and Culver Academies sophomore Anthony McHugh at 119. Each finished third at Merrillville.

Any wrestler who wins his first match Friday is guaranteed a spot on the IHSAA awards podium Saturday night.

Harvey takes a 41-4 season record into his first bout against Huntington North's Andrew Mason (37-9). Howe (31-2) will square off against Ta'Quan Walker of Fort Wayne North Side (25-5).

But that's not until Friday. For now, the locals are still enjoying their success at Merrillville and getting ready for the weekend ahead.

"The coaches have been pushing me to strive for success, and I think I'm getting the hang of it," said Harvey following a dramatic semistate championship match in which he scored the winning points in the final 20 seconds.

Howe was leading 2-1 with less than a minute to go. Harvey was able to shuck him with 38 seconds remaining, scoring a takedown to take the lead.

Howe escaped with 21 seconds remaining to tie the score, 3-3. Harvey then threw him for a takedown and three-point nearfall, locking up the win just before time ran

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ters and then completely lost focus.

“We had to take out some of our players and find others off the bench,” he added. “Fortunately we had some kids make enough plays to get us the win.”

The Cavs grabbed a 40-24 lead with 6:39 left in the game, and led by 15 twice more — the first on a trey from freshman Trent Elliott, the second time on freshman Jacoda Anderson’s layup off a feed from sophomore point guard Collin Stevens. Anderson’s bucket put Culver up 45-30 with 4:17 left in the game.

“Jacoda Anderson came in for his very first varsity game and gave us some very good minutes,” Kyle Elliott said. “He made some plays and gave us a little spurt. I’m very pleased for

him.”

However, Argos, still searching for its first win of the season, then rattled off 11 defense-fueled unanswered points. Freshman Dominic Cataldo drilled a pair of 3s during the run — both off dishes from classmate Taylor Ogle — and senior Sam Edmonds split a pair of charity tosses to make it a 45-41 score with 25 seconds left in the game.

Stevens iced the contest with a couple of free tosses with 22 seconds to go against a scrappy group of Dragons.

Culver senior Zoe Bauer, who drilled 5-of-10 attempts from 3-point land, scored 16 of his game-high 19 points during the first half as the Cavs shrugged off an early 6-0 deficit to take the lead for good mid-

way through the first frame. Bauer also snagged eight rebounds.

Also for Culver, senior guard A.J. Neace handed out seven assists and swiped four steals, and Stevens distributed five assists.

However, the Cavs turned the ball over 21 times, including nine during the fourth quarter alone.

“Many of those were unforced turnovers,” the Culver skipper said. “It’s too late in the year to have those type of turnovers. We need to finish off offensive possessions.”

• CULVER 48, ARGOS 41  
At Culver  
Score by quarters  
Argos: 11 18 24 41  
Culver: 18 26 39 48

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out.

“I’ve been trying to wrestle smarter and improve little technique things that will make a difference,” said Harvey, who was also last week’s Rochester Regional champ.

“The heavyweights in our area are phenomenal,” noted Cavaliers coach Mike Buschman. “Wrestling those guys throughout the season has prepared Jeremiah for what he’s doing now.”

Harvey opened the tournament by pinning West Central’s Jordan Culp and Calumet’s Tyler Van Lul, each in less than a minute. He beat Hall in the semifinals, 7-4.

Earlier in the day, Culver Academies’ freshman Kayla Miracle was unsuccessful in her quest to become Indiana’s first female state meet qualifier. She was beaten by Hanover Central’s Stevan Micic, 15-5, in the opening round.

Plymouth’s Jacob Seagraves (215), Bremen’s Jose Rodriguez (125), Culver’s Ian Randolph (135).

and Glenn’s Myles White (125), Ryan Ishmael (119) and Kaleb McCallum (112) all lost their tourney openers. CMA’s Luther Jacobs (140) and Culver’s Matt Hurford (189) made it to the quarterfinals before they were eliminated.

IHSAA WRESTLING SEMISTATE TOURNAMENT  
At Merrillville  
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND  
103: Josh Fuqua (Crown Pt.) dec. Stevan Micic (Hanover Central), 2-0.; 112: Jarred Brooks (Warsaw) dec. Paul Petrov (Hanover Central), 2-1.; 119: Kyle Ayersman (Lake Central) dec. Adam Garcia (Merrillville), 3-0.; 125: Layton Binion (Mishawaka) pinned Brandon Lopez (Lake Central) 1:59.; 130: Mitch Hartman (Clay) dec. Taylor Wisler (Mishawaka), 2-1.; 135: Alex Gregory (Penn) dec. Luis Acuna (Portage), 8-1.; 140: Jason Tsirtsis (Crown Pt.) pinned Brad Wartman (Lake Central), 3:40.; 145: Eric Roach (Crown Pt.) dec. LaQuan Lunford (Clay), 8-5.; 152: Isaac Yoder (Tippecanoe Valley) maj. dec. Mike Hummer (Penn), 10-0.; 160: Anthony Quiroz (Chesterton) maj. dec. Dusty Schurg (Crown Pt.), 18-5.; 171: Tanner Lynde (Delphi) pinned Jeremy Crocker (Lowell), 3:07.; 189: Kourtney Berry (Merrillville) pinned Eric Johnson (Highland), 1:14.; 215: Jack Seaman (Munster) dec. Tyler Kral (Crown Pt.), 6-0.; 285: Jeremiah Harvey (Culver) dec. Damon Howe (Plymouth) 8-4.

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### Community at St. Mary’s Feb. 28

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church’s monthly community meal will take place Friday, February 28. Typically on the 30th day or each month, a community meal will be provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

### Max Players accepting director resumes

The Maxinkuckee Players are accepting resumes for the position of director of the 2011 theater production. All resumes must be submitted by Feb. 25 to P.O. Box #45, Culver, IN, 46511 or e-mailed to movermyer@jmceainc.com.

## Zehner, Shipley named to Top 100

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — Two basketball players in the Culver area were selected to Hoosier Basketball Magazine’s Top 100 seniors list.

Culver Community’s Gwen Zehner and Culver Girls Academy’s Kylee Shipley were both named to the annual list Thursday.

Players are chosen based on observation of games during the season as well as contact and discussion with numerous coaches, sportswriters, sportscasters and college recruiters throughout Indiana.

Further research and evaluation is occurring during the IHSAA state tournament to pare the list down to 60 seniors. Those 60 girls will be invited to Hoosier Basketball Magazine’s 30th annual Top 60 Senior Girls Workout on Sunday, March 13 on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis.

Zehner, a 6-foot-1 Culver forward, owns 1,262 career points and a 16.7 per game average this season. She’s helped lead the 2A, No. 7 Lady Cavaliers to an undefeated Northern State Conference crown as well as Culver Holiday Tournament and Bi-County Tournament championships this season. The Cavs currently own a near-perfect record of 21-1 and will take on fifth-ranked Boone Grove at the North Newton Sectional tonight.

“What an awesome honor for Gwen. I’m so happy for her,” said first-year Culver head girls basketball coach Tony Scheub. “She’s been a great kid for me all season long. She was the focal point of the offense for three years and she’s kind of taken a reduced role this year with Patrice (McBee) and some of our guards stepping up, and she has never complained once. I couldn’t ask for a more coachable kid that’s willing to learn and wants to learn the game each day.”

“She’s been just a joy for me to coach all season long, and I’m very fortunate that I had the opportunity to coach her at least one year,” he added.

Shipley is a 5-11 point guard for the Eagles, boasting 1,190 career points with a 12.4 average this season. At point, she’s maneuvered her team to a 14-6 record. In CGA’s Sectional 19 win over three-time defending champion Plymouth Tuesday, Shipley played an all-around outstanding game with 12 points, eight assists, eight rebounds and two steals. The Eagles play New Prairie at the Rochester tourney tonight.

“Kylee has worked extremely diligently to improve herself in all facets and aspects of the game of basketball and is very deserving of this recognition as she has really put in the time to become one of the elite players in the state of Indiana,” said CGA head coach Gary Christlieb. “Teammates and coaches are all proud of her commitment and efforts, and we think it’s a most deserved honor.”

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### Friends of the Library new

The Friends of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library welcome donations of gently used books and media towards their first book sale of the year, Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. Books and other donated items may be brought to the front desk at the library any time during open hours. Those interested in joining the Friends are encouraged to do so. The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, at 1 p.m., in the library.

### Open gym

Adult basketball continues from 1-3 p.m., at the Culver Middle School Gym Sundays, through March 6.

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.

### 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. The 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. To learn more, or to register, visit The Market Basket and Company or call Kathy at 574-842-2145.

### 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.

### Free computer classes at Culver library

Culver-Union Township Public Library free computer classes in February include Microsoft Office Overview Part II (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 library’s street address is 107 N. Main St.

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