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In Brief

Soldiers Again concert Feb. 27

Music group Soldiers Again will be performing in Culver Sunday, February 27 at 6 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main Street. 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.

Maxinkuckee Players' special mtg. this Sunday

The Maxinkuckee Players will be having a special meeting Sunday, February 27 at 1 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St, Culver. All members are strongly urged to attend.

Community meal 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.

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.

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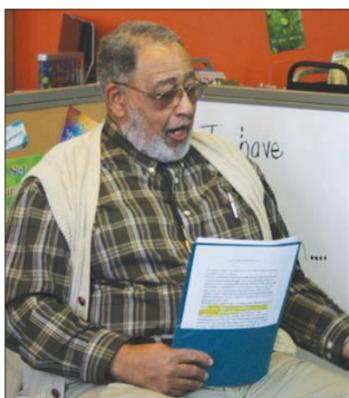
History is made, in orange and black

ABOVE: The community joined Culver Community High School in a historic weekend of victories. ABOVE, LEFT: CCHS Principal Albert Hanselman, left, hands the game ball to Lady Cavs team members Whitney Sanders, Nicole Carnegie, and Gwen Zehner, following the team's Saturday regional victory against Fairfield. BELOW LEFT: The team, managers, and coaches pause for a celebratory team photo. Front row (left to right): manager Michael Skiles, Kayla Shaffer, Abby James, Brienna Powers, Shakkira Harris, Ali Overmyer, Suzie Guard (standing), and Chelsey Jones. Back row: managers Justin Cory and Kaitlyn Comiskey, Head Coach Tony Scheub, players Patrice McBee, Nicole Carnegie, Allison Zehner, Gwen Zehner, Whitney Sanders, coaches Shane Lowry, Hather Overmyer, and Adam Rippey. CENTER: *Newly-crowned Indiana Heavyweight wrestling champion Jeremiah Harvey, center, celebrates with his father, Roberto Garcia (left) and mother, Trena Garcia, at a victory reception for the returning champ, held Sunday at the School. RIGHT: **Harvey at the Conesco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, just after winning the championship.

Harper shares story of local African American community

Black History Month 2011

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor



PHOTO/JON GASKILL

Culver's Jim Harper addresses young people last Thursday at the Culver Library.

As has been documented in recent years, Culver was once home to a thriving African American community which included members of the first integrated high school basketball team in Indiana (in 1922), an African Methodist Episcopal Church, and many more notable features. Of that community, Jim Harper remains to tell the story, which is what he did last week at two events at the Culver-Union Township Public Library -- one aimed at teens (last Thursday) and one at adults (on Saturday), in honor of Black History Month.

Harper said he was actually born in Terre Haute, though he spent his youth from two or three months old, in Culver, most of it on land on which he lives following his return here after retirement.

Harper said he was one of seven children in his family, five of whom graduated from Culver High School, and three of those from college. He added family and church are other major influences, in his case Emmanuel church, which in his youth was an Evangelical United Brethren church, to which he was invited by neighbor girl Hazel Thompson.

"I've been involved in church all my life," said Harper, who also attended seminary in Chicago as an adult.

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Burr Oak crash leads to air-lifted patient

By Delilah Bingle,
Correspondent

CULVER — A Plymouth woman was airlifted Tuesday after driving into a barn.

The Culver-Union Township Fire and EMS were called to the scene at 15034 S.R. 17, on the north side of Burr Oak.

Connie Goad, 45, was eastbound on 15th Road, and as she approached S.R. 17, police said she was driving faster than the speed limit and became airborne — traveling about 30 feet before striking a concrete embankment. She then traveled another 50 feet in the air before crashing through a barn on the Overmyer Homestead.



PHOTOS/DELILAH BINGLE

TOP PHOTO: Brian Whitmarsh of the Culver fire department watches as a helicopter arrives to airlift Connie Goad of Plumouth.

CENTER PHOTO: Culver firemen on the scene at the accident, where Goad's van struck a barn on the Overmyer homestead farm in Burr Oak.

Historic weekend for Culver Comm. sports

Culver's fire trucks had quite a workout this weekend, but it was due to celebratory parades through town, not fires.

Culver Community High School's Lady Cavaliers earned their first ever regional basketball championship as they came from behind to beat Fairfield 37-33 after trailing by as many as six points in the fourth quarter at home on Saturday night (see story, page 6).

After that championship win, hundreds stayed behind at John R. Nelson Gymnasium to watch a live IHSAA broadcast as Culver Community senior heavyweight Jeremiah Harvey won the school its first individual wrestling state title with a 3-1 overtime win over Plymouth's Damon Howe at the 73rd Annual IHSAA Individual State Wrestling Finals at Conesco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Saturday (also covered on page 6). Sunday afternoon, fans gathered at the school to welcome Harvey home and launch a parade through town.

The wins represented Culver Community's first team regional championship and the school's first state wrestling title in over 42 years of existence.

Citizen now offers more via Facebook, web

The Culver Citizen newspaper leaped forward into new areas of technology with the creation of a page on the popular social networking site, Facebook. Within 48 hours of its Facebook launch, the paper already had nearly 200 "friends," or other Facebook users who will see updates, photos, and more from the Citizen as part of their daily Facebook routine.

Citizen editor Jeff Kenney sees the move as a great way to expand the offerings the paper can give its readers, as well as a more immediate and convenient way for readers

to interact with the newspaper and its editor. "There's already been great response and interaction from readers," he says. "It's been exciting to see the response, and making use of this tool will enhance our print newspaper as well as our readers' experience both in-print and in the digital realm."

The Facebook presence joins the existing Culver Citizen webpage at www.thepilotnews.com/culver, where a greatly increased amount of news and information is now appearing, and

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Harper was involved in Culver's public school, though not heavily in athletics.

"I had two left feet," he recalled. "I was active in (Culver's) Hi-Y Club, which was responsible for all the concessions at the ball game. My junior and senior years, I was treasurer for (the) club."

In fact, CHS Principal Raymond "Doc" Ives told Harper the Club made more money under Harper's care than ever before.

In 1950, James Harper left Culver to attend North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, then an EUB school.

"My first year at college," he said, "I was the only person of color in Naperville and at the school, but it didn't seem to make a big difference. I was elected president of my freshman class at college!"

More recently, Harper said an article in The Chicago Tribune which suggested Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. likely wouldn't have been allowed to stay overnight in Naperville during the 1950s and '60s, piqued his interest.

"I had to respond. I told (the author) I had been in Naperville and gone to school there, and had been free to move about without a problem. He did some checking (and) he printed my email to him questioning his statements."

Harper's college career was broken up, he said, by two years in the Army following his volunteering for the draft, after which he was trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After turning down repeated requests that he consider officers'

training school, Harper eventually went to radio school. He would be assigned to an infantry regiment in Korea, during a time in which America's armed forces had only recently become desegregated.

His college major changed to philosophy-psychology, Harper returned to North Central, later attending seminary for a year, after which he moved to Chicago. A group of fellow students accompanied Harper on a summer trip to Europe in 1957, where he recalled being assigned an "old people's home" in a small German town which saw its very first person of color in Jim Harper.

"I was an oddity," he smiled, "I had a real good time." Harper didn't know any German prior to the trip, though interestingly he recalled hearing the language when he first started attending Culver's Emmanuel church, which still had a service in German, so dominant was the language in much of Indiana in earlier years.

Back in Illinois, a college acquaintance training to be a medical technician insisted Harper meet a young woman at the hospital. Considering his friend's tastes in women dubious, Harper resisted (as did the friend's female acquaintance, and for similar reasons!).

"But one day at lunch we ran into each other," said Harper of his wife Ina, "and 50 years ago (in August), we were married."

Following his seminary experience, Harper found himself serving a racially mixed church congregation in Chicago in 1963. His wife and several others in the church urged him to attend the civil rights march on Washington, DC, that summer, and as a result, Harper was a firsthand witness to the historic event, during which Martin Luther King delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.

"When you're raised kind of isolated, you don't get wrapped up in those sorts of things," Harper noted. "But I'm glad I went. A whole trainful of people went from Chicago to Washington."

Referencing a photo slideshow of scenes of earlier African American life in Culver (presented by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver), Harper discussed the basis of Culver's black population and fielded audience questions about it.

He noted the community had its roots in the 1896 exodus of over 70 boys and several faculty and staff to Culver Military Academy from Mexico, Missouri, after the military academy there burned down. Among other roles, blacks in those years occupied positions

primarily as waiters in the full-service mess hall at Culver. The waiters and other African American staff formed a popular baseball team, the comics, which traveled around the state and gained quite a following in the early 20th century.

Culver's black population, Harper indicated, became integrated and respected members of the community at large, some members forming the Rollins Chapel (African Methodist Episcopal, or Jim Harper's Culver High School graduation photo. BELOW: Culver's Rollins Chapel, near Coolidge Court and Lake Shore Drive.



BELOW: Culver's Rollins Chapel, near Coolidge Court and Lake Shore Drive.



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. 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.

Mon., Feb. 28: Pepper steak, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Tues., March 1: BBQ chicken breast, broccoli, corn, bread and margarine, pudding, and milk..

Weds., March 2: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, roll, fruit, pecan pie, and milk.

Thurs., March 3: Chili, baked potato and sour cream, oyster crackers, cottage cheese, Mandarin oranges, and milk.

Fri., March 4: Stuffed green pepper, mashed potatoes, green beans, what roll, fruit cup, cookie, and milk.

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in an even more timely fashion. Kenney invites readers -- and those not currently reading the paper, but interested in keeping current with Culver news -- to make the site a regular part of their online browsing. He adds that plans are in the works to make accessing the Citizen site even simpler by way of www.culvercitizen.com.

The weekly print edition of the paper will continue to be the central news vehicle for Culver, Kenney emphasizes.

"By no means is an increased online presence for the paper meant to replace the experience of receiving the printed paper," he notes. "Besides the experience many of our readers enjoy of actually holding that tangible, printed newspaper, there's a great deal of unique content in the print edition that won't make it to the web, or at least not right away."

And, at just \$23 for an entire year of the paper (for Indiana residents; \$30 per year for out-of-state subscriptions), Kenney says there's no reason not to take advantage of both the print and digital incarnations of Culver's only local newspaper of record.

The Citizen can be found on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com and searching for "Culver Citizen." Questions may be directed to Kenney at citizen@culcom.net or by phone at 574-216-0075.

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Tri Kappa week celebrated, Chairs for Charity, Tour de Max announced

Across the state, members of Tri Kappa are celebrating Tri Kappa week, which is from February 21 through 27. Members of Culver's Tri Kappa organization are busy making plans for their spring and summer events, the two largest of which are Tour De Max on May 21, and Chairs for Charity, June 12.

Heading up Tri Kappa's organization in Culver is Colleen Denham who says, "We've been doing the Tour De Max for several years now, but this is only the second time we've done Chairs for Charity. It was a huge hit the first time around, so we are excited to do it again. We hope the community will support both events as they always have in past years, as these are our two largest events."

Chairs for Charity event organizer Judy Sawhook adds, "We have a new venue for Chairs for Charity this year, and we are excited to work with Lee Willhite who will help us create a magical evening that includes great food, a glass of wine or beer, and of course, all of the beautiful chairs."

This year's Chairs for Charity event will be held at the Ward Lay Dining Hall on Culver Academies campus. Organizers will announce the time of the June 12 event at a later date.

People attending the Chairs for Charity event will be able to bid on a number of chairs which members of the community and Tri Kappa will create.

One member of the event committee, Chris Sheppard, says, "We find chairs from all over the community and are always willing to take chairs from those who might find

one but don't know what to do with it."

Adds committee member Kathy Rich, "Last time we did this event, artists in the community participated, some organizations like the Boys and Girls Club gave us a chair, and all of the Tri Kappa members put chairs up for bid. There will be something for everyone."

Rhonda Anderson rounds out the three-person committee supporting Sawhook. She explains that those who want to contribute a chair can paint one, reupholster one, or come up with another creative way to present a chair.

"Those who aren't feeling as creative but who might have a chair they want to donate can contact one of us and we'll happily take the chair," she says. "One of our members can transform the chair into something creative or functional."

Adds Rich, "Last year, we had members create one-of-a-kind chairs that might have a specific theme in mind or might be targeted toward a specific user, such as kids. Each chair was its own work of art."

Members of the community wishing to create and contribute, or donate, a chair can write to chairs@deadline-driven.com or they can call Rhonda Anderson at 574-842-2169.

"The Tour De Max and Chairs for Charity will provide funds for the majority of our budget," says Denham. "Each year, we give college scholarships to local students and we give to numerous organizations, such as the Culver Boys and Girls Club, hospice care, a women's shelter,

Riley Children's Hospital, and many more organizations. These two fundraisers and some of our other fundraising activities support many worthy causes that we are proud to give to."

Karen Heim, who has organized the Tour De Max for several years now says, "Every year, we try to raise the bar and put on a better event. We are always amazed by how many in this community come out to support our events and the many other events that take place throughout the year. Many organizations in town put on fundraising events, and we think it's pretty incredible to see this community support all of them. Without that support, we wouldn't have been able to put on Tour De Max all these years."

Adds Denham, "We are grateful that we are one of the organizations to receive so much support from the community, as like many others, we believe in our mission to serve others in the community."

Tickets to this year's Tri Kappa events will be available soon. Says Kathy Rich, "With the change in weather comes a lot of social activity in Culver. Be on the lookout for our Tri Kappa events! We'll take care of the energy and work that goes into one of these events, and you can take care of the fun."

Concludes Sawhook, "And you might come out of one of our events having taken a beautiful ride around the lake and into the country side or with a really cool chair!"

Obituary

Minonna 'Noan' Fox Dec. 23, 1919 — Feb. 15, 2011

PULASKI, Ind. — Minonna "Noan" Fox, 91, of Pulaski, passed away at 12:03 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

She was born Dec. 23, 1919, in Headlee, to James Edward and Cordelia H. Hall Crissinger. Minnona married Joseph F. Fox July 14, 1945 in Winamac. He died Feb. 8, 2010.

Noan was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pulaski. She was also a member of the Christian Mothers, VFW Auxillary in Winamac and the Country Maids Home Extension Club.

She was a 1938 graduate of Royal Center High School. She worked as a laborer at the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant during WWII. Noan was a hardworking farm wife. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, whistling and baking. Noan enjoyed doing farm work, especially driving the vehicles.

Noan enjoyed spending time with friends and family, especially playing cards.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law Nancy Jo (Dave Hitchens of Monterey, and Marian Sue (Tony) Reinhold of Monterey; sons and daughters-in-law, Francis E.(Marlene) Fox of Winamac and Paul E. (Sue) Fox of Star City; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Mary V. Sell of Lafayette and Ethel Stanley Robinson of Royal Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. Fox; father, James Edward Crissinger; mother, Cordelia H. Hall Crissinger; son, Harold Lee Fox; grandson, Jason Fox; and brothers: Ralph Crissinger, George Crissinger, LeRoy "Peeney" Crissinger, and William Crissinger.

A Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. (EST) Friday, Feb. 18 in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pulaski, with Rev. Bert Woolson officiating.

Burial took place in the St. Joseph Cemetery South located at Pulaski.

Friends called 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Frain Mortuary.

A Rosary Service was held at 7:15 p.m. Thursday at Frain Mortuary, 30 E. Main St., Winamac. The Rosary was immediately followed by a Scriptural Wake Service.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family online at www.frainmortuary.com.

Obituary

Paul E. Triplet May 18, 1932 — Feb. 17, 2011

BURR OAK — Paul E. Triplet, 78, of the Burr Oak area passed away at 8:17 a.m. Feb 17, 2011 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Paul was born May 18, 1932 on the family farm in Burr Oak. He was one of four children born to Charles and Fern (Marsh) Triplet Sr. After graduating from Culver High School in 1950, Paul began his lifelong love of farming. Paul fell in love and married Mary Ellen Casey June 20, 1981 in Knox.

He farmed during the day and worked second shift at Bendix Corp. in South Bend, retiring after more than 32 years. He enjoyed being outdoors, looking for mushrooms, and deer hunting. Paul also enjoyed traveling to Arkansas and spending time in Branson, Mo.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen Triplet of Culver; sister Kathryn May of Culver; stepson John (Jan) Berry of Huntington Beach, Calif.; stepdaughter Annette Berry of Seattle, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Charles Triplet Jr.; and sister Betty McKee.

A time of sharing memories with Paul's family was held Wednesday, Feb 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services followed at 1 p.m.

Burial was at the Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given in Paul's memory to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, in entrusted with the arrangements.

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Death notice

Wilkins

Genevieve Wilkins Feb. 9, 2011

CULVER — Genevieve Wilkins, 91, of Culver, died at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 at her residence.

She is survived by a son, James A. (Christy) Wilkins of Culver.

No visitation or services were held. Burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted the family with arrangements.

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

Culver students on Arts and Sciences dean's list

SOUTH BEND — Joshua E. Behnke and Jordan Dee McIntire, Culver, were named to the Indiana University South Bend College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list for the Fall 2010 session.

Community calendar

Thurs., Feb. 24

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

Fri., Feb. 25

Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sat., Feb. 26

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library

Sun., Feb. 27

Adult basketball, 1 to 3 p.m., Culver Middle School Gym (see Brief)
Soldiers Again concert, 6 p.m., Emmanuel United

Methodist Church

Mon., Feb. 28

Knitting group, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library

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

Community meal, 6 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic church

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

Tues., March 1

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

Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall

Culver Chamber of Commerce mtg., 6 p.m.

Weds., March 2

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library

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

Park board mtg., 7:30 p.m., town hall

Thurs., March 3

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library

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If these walls could talk: 108 N. Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

We continue our series of semi-regular journeys through Culver's past as we look at the lives of historic buildings in the Culver area. For now, we're strolling down Main Street's east side in downtown Culver, making our way south.

This week we're stopping in to see the Willhite family at 108 N. Main, today's Gladie's deli and catering (as of 2007), owned by Lee Willhite with assistance from his family, including Gladys, for whom the deli was named, of course. This is, today, the last building south on that block of Main Street, but it wasn't always so, as we'll discuss in our next installment.

This building truly has a storied history and has housed some of the most iconic and longest-lasting businesses in Culver. For Culverites of the first half of the 20th century (and a few years after), the building was the Easterday Funeral Home and (for part of its existence) furniture store. As reported in last week's "If these walls could talk," William Easterday actually launched his mortuary business in 1893 a few doors north, in a frame house located at what is today the northern section of the K of P building (that's the one directly north of Gladie's today, and home of JMC Engineering).

The site of 108 N. Main Street, which would eventually house Easterday's business, was listed as the site of a grocery as of 1914. William S. Easterday, the founder, had moved the business to the brick building, certainly, by 1924, when it was remodeled and renovated. Easterday's curriculum vitae in Culver could easily fill an article of its own (and no doubt will some day!), but suffice it to say he was deeply involved in Culver's business, civic, church, and even educational life, in addition to his duties in the mortuary business (he abandoned the furniture side of his operation in 1923).

In fact, John Houghton a few years back dug up a 1907 Culver Citizen article detailing the fact that a keen demonstration of embalming techniques was on display for some time outside the Easterday business at that time, in the form of a dog, preserved in friendly greeting for passers-by, apparently not quite as odd a notion as it might seem to some today.

In 1933, William's son, William R. Easterday moved to Culver from Plainfield, Indiana (where he'd been chief clerk of the Indiana Boys' School). The two were partners in the funeral home until the elder Easterday passed away in 1946, after which son William R. continued the business in the same locale, later with the assistance of part-time staff members A. M. Romig and Charles Ferrier. William R. and his wife Hildreth occupied the second floor apartment above the mortuary until "Bill's" retirement in 1962.

Two years earlier, in September of 1960, Jim and Rosalie Bonine had moved to Culver and began working with the funeral home. Their early years with the operation were recounted in great detail last summer in an extensive article in this newspaper, celebrating their 50th anniversary in Culver and as a married couple. Your editor, in fact, was chatting with Jim about the building last week, and he told me -- quite rightly so, I'm sure --

that he could fill me in on it in great detail. He mentioned a now non-existent door leading from the outside of the building to the basement mortuary, which actually extends, under the sidewalk, west all the way to the edge of Main Street. Inside the business, a large elevator was used to lower caskets into the basement and back.

Many in Culver will recall the "box" style sign (between 108 N. Main and the K of P building north of it) posting funeral notices, a concession, said Jim Bonine, to the fact that Culver had (and has) only a weekly newspaper. Understandably, local residents wanted to know funeral times more rapidly than every week. The sign is still there, and well into the 2000s was still being updated by the Bonines.

Soon after the Bonines' arrival, the business officially became the Easterday-Bonine Funeral Home, with Jim and Bill running it together until 1963, after which Jim and Rosalie took over completely. By 1966, the Bonines moved the operation to what had been the home of O.T. Goss and his family (we'll meet Mr. Goss again in a few weeks, when we examine the hardware store he owned for years before its sale to the Snyder family). In 1961, the Van Gilder mortuary operation had purchased the Goss house, at the northeast corner of Main Street and Lake Shore Drive, for the purpose of expanding their Plymouth-based business to Culver. Their move was apparently unsuccessful, as the Bonines moved in five years later, to what remains today Culver's only funeral home (having been purchased and taken over recently, of course, by Greg Odom).

Generations of Culverites will remember 108 North Main, as does your editor, as Verl Shaffer's iconic barber shop, complete with the classic red, white, and blue barber pole out front. Inside, almost as classic, were the touches that made Verl's: the array of clocks -- painstakingly repaired, wound, and kept up by Verl himself -- including that cuckoo which every child surely loved; and the deer head, hooves, and -- other parts, some quite lifelike when Verl wanted them to be. Many the treats your editor enjoyed there, from bottles of orange pop to Tootsie Roll suckers, and many the comic books I read while listening to the grown-up men swap stories with Verl, and how much simpler times seemed in there.

Culver's last official barber (so far, anyway) removed the last clock from those hallowed walls in 2006 to, as the sign on his window put it, stop and smell the flowers before he started pushing then up himself. By the following year, the interior was transformed into the beautiful cafe setting it contains today, and Gladie's Deli began carrying on a century-plus business tradition in that historic spot.

Reader response, incidentally, to this column has been very positive (which your editor appreciates). Returning momentarily to our previous installment, reader Jeanette Geiselman wrote of the K of P building just north of 108 N. Main, which is today home to JMC Engineers. "Also above the Kelly Shop (in that building)," Jeanette points out, "was Dr. Howard's office before he built (I think) the Lake Shore Clinic. Then too was the Landrace Office that Gene and Opal Benedict were managers of, and before it was moved by the next managers to above Verl's Barber Shop."

Reader Russ Leonard wrote of his memory of the same building upstairs, in what was for decades "the Lions Den" (home of the Culver Lions Club). "I heard a speech by (popular former Indiana Governor) Henry Schricker," writes Mr. Leonard, referring to the Starke County-born Governor, "who said whenever he came over into Marshall County he had to conform and wear shoes."

Speaking of which, in spite of the bout of warm weather last week, you may nonetheless want to wear your shoes as we stroll -- in our next installment in this series -- just south of Gladie's, not to today's grassy lot, but several once-staples of Culver's downtown business buildings. But don't hurry -- you've got about seven days to get there from today.



ABOVE: Verl the Barber's in 1983, in a photo taken by Steve McDaniel of Lakeside Auto.
BELOW: 108 N. Main circa 1918, as Easterday funeral home.



Name that Culver 'citizen'



Many readers knew the familiar face of last week's Mystery Citizen, Shelly (Good) Drang, who has been the patient assistant at Lake Shore Clinic for decades' worth of Culverites, whether in for a checkup or suffering from illness. Among those correctly identifying her were Phyllis Lindvall, Ed and Lora Pinder, Barb Jones, Stan and Betty Reinholt, Julie Stone, Carin Clifton, JoAnn Ulery, Jack Caudill, Betty Voreis, Jen Van Horn, and Barb Neidlinger.

Returning to our previous week's Citizen, Sandra Kelso also identified J.B. Overmyer. We named Cassie Schuldt as a winner last week, but felt compelled to add her comments about J.B., her neighbor: "He has helped me carry countless heavy items and pushed my car out of my snowy driveway just last week!"

This week, the Mystery Citizen is another longtime Culver resident whose roots go quite deep here, and whose ancestors have had a significant impact on Culver and beyond.

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ABOVE: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Shelly Drang, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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

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Sports



Culver's Harvey tops Plymouth's Howe for state heavyweight title

By Jake Thompson
Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS — Two Marshall County wrestlers found themselves staring each other down for the third time this season, but this time the stakes were a bit higher as a state championship awaited the winner.

Plymouth's Damon Howe and Culver Community's Jeremiah Harvey already wrestled twice this year, once at regional and again at semistate, with Harvey walking away with both victories.

Saturday night at Conseco Fieldhouse in front of a record crowd of 10,285, the pair battled again and it was Harvey that came out on top for the third consecutive match with a 3-1 victory in overtime.

"I had no doubts," Harvey said after posing for the state championship team picture. "Every match I wrestled today, I wrestled with confidence. I put confidence in the mind and don't go negative even if the situation is bad."

With the win, Harvey became Culver Community's first wrestling state champion and the school's first state place finisher after qualifying four before him.

Harvey's deceptive quickness, along with his aggressive style of wrestling matched up well against Howe, who shows those same traits in his technique, and gave the Plymouth wrestler trouble in each of their meetings.

Harvey is a rare breed in a sport where success usually depends upon year-round training and practice. He bucked that trend, wrestling in seventh grade until a broken leg caused the loss of half of the season, and after Harvey's eighth grade year he stopped all together.

Not until his junior year did the two-time all-state football player decide to get back on the mat, and Culver Community coach Mike Buschman said the idea of using wrestling to get better at football is what drove him back to the mat.

"Jeremiah is such an athlete and he is so strong, so fast and has such good body awareness that he is able to overcome some of that lack of experience," Buschman said. "Couple that with the fact that he is the most coachable kid and say here is the game plan for a match, he executes every time."

Both Howe and Harvey pinned their first opponents in less than 30 seconds to advance to Saturday's matches before their competition became stiffer.

Howe, ranked second in the state, pulled out a 1-0 victory over No.4-ranked Willie Henson in the quarterfinals and then won 4-0 in the semi-finals against unranked Eric Forrest of Jimtown.

Harvey, ranked seventh in Indiana, went to overtime before pinning Tyler Melby of Westfield in the quarterfinals and followed that performance by defeating No. 1-ranked and undefeated Daniel Meyer of Belmont in the fourth and final overtime period.

While Harvey and Howe advanced to the finals, three other Marshall County wrestlers did not make it past the first night but take home the knowledge that they were among the top 16 wrestlers in the state.

Culver Academies' Anthony McHugh (119) fell behind early and could not make up ground quick enough in his first-round match, eventually losing 8-3 and ending the sophomore's chances at a top-eight finish.



PHOTO/JEFF BROWN

Culver's Jeremiah Harvey celebrates following his state championship win in Indianapolis Saturday.

Lady Cavs win 1st regional

By Dee Grenert
Staff Writer

Four-year Culver Community standout Gwen Zehner strode to the stripe for the biggest pair of free throws of her career Saturday.

Class 2A girls basketball regional final. Team down 32-31 with 38 seconds to go. Home crowd bellowing at ear-ringing decibels. And a quick chat with a referee that left the striped-shirt official laughing.

After the brief exchange, the jovial 6-foot-1 forward sank both charity tosses to put the Cavs ahead for the first time in the second half, and Culver hung on for a 37-33 win over Fairfield at John R. Nelson Gymnasium, the school's first regional championship in any team sport.

"When I went to the line one of the refs asked me, 'Feeling a little nervous?'" Zehner said. "I told him my hands are so sweaty that when I missed a free throw earlier sweat flicked off of my hands. I was trying to do whatever I could do to dry my hands because I wasn't going to let that happen again."

She didn't, and the sixth-ranked Cavs claimed their 18th straight victory and advanced to a semistate date with Class 2A No. 1 Fort Wayne Luers at Elkhart's North Side Gym Saturday.

"We used to dream about winning Bi-County and sectional," Zehner said. "I've never even dreamed about winning regional until today. It never seemed fathomable. It's amazing what we can do as a team, and it's such a team effort. If one person isn't doing what they're supposed to be doing, we can't do it; it takes all of us."

Patrice McBee, the Cavs' 6-3 senior center, drilled a pair of free throws of her own with 32 seconds to go, and Zehner split two sets of two-shot fouls in the final 20 ticks as Culver fought back from a couple of six-point fourth-quarter deficits in a sloppy, low-scoring contest.

"Their will to win is unbelievable; I can't say enough about their will to win, and they make me believe they're going to win," first-year Culver head coach Tony Scheub said. "Not one time did they think that we were not going to win. To be down six with 4 minutes left and come back is amazing."

"I'm just really proud of the girls," he added. "Seeing their faces after they won the Bi-County, the sectional and now the regional makes me want to coach all the harder."

The Falcons, meanwhile, misfired on three front ends of bonus situations in the fourth quarter, missing out on opportunities to score from the line, even after Culver reclaimed the upper hand.

Culver senior forward Alison Zehner accelerated the final flourish with a triple from the left wing off of a kickout from classmate Whitney Sanders to make it a 30-28 game with 3:38 to go and sent the partisan crowd into a frenzy.

"That shot felt really good," Alison Zehner said. "I could hear coach (Scheub) from the bench say, 'A.Z., that's in.' I just ran away to the other end, and everybody went crazy. (The crowd) was a big factor; their support is amazing. I love our crowd."

Culver's size with Gwen Zehner and McBee finally paid off; Zehner, who sat part of the second and third quarters with three fouls, scored 12 points and reeled in eight rebounds, and McBee finished with 11 points and seven boards. The duo also combined to go 15 of 24 from the free-throw line.

"(Fairfield) pressured our guards — we haven't seen that sort of pressure — and caused us a lot of problems so we couldn't make the post entry," Scheub said. "In the second half we looped our 2 guard through. We tried different stuff. We knew if we got it inside they were in single coverage, and we could score."

But while Culver somewhat solved the turnover bug, Fairfield hit 6 of 10 from the field to take a 25-20 lead heading into the final quarter. Bechtel scored 10 of her game-high 18 points during the third frame, highlighted by a loose-ball 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Falcons a 23-16 lead at the 2:27 mark.

Also for Culver, Sanders finished with three steals. Becca Kropf dished out three assists for Fairfield, and Jaime Stack added three steals.

CLASS 2A REGIONAL FINAL
CULVER COMMUNITY 37, FAIRFIELD 33

At Culver
Score by quarters
Fairfield: 8 12 25 33
Culver: 7 12 20 37

FAIRFIELD (33): Becca Kropf 0 1-4 1, Ellen Line 3 0-2 6, Haley Brown 0 0-0 0, Haley Bechtel 7 3-4 18; Jaime Stack 2 0-0 4, Megan Beasley 1 1-2 3, Emily Beasley 0 0-0 0, Kari Beasley 0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 13 6-14 33.

CULVER (37): Nicole Carnegie 0 0-0 0, Patrice McBee 2 7-11 11, Whitney Sanders 2 1-2 5, Alison Zehner 3 0-0 7, Kayla Shaffer 1 0-0 2, Gwen Zehner 2 8-13 12. TOTALS: 10 16-26 37.

3-point goals: Fairfield 1 (Bechtel), Culver 1 (A. Zehner); Turnovers: Fairfield 19, Culver 25; Rebounds: Fairfield 25 (Bechtel 8), Culver 24 (G. Zehner 9); Assists: Fairfield 6 (Kropf 3), Culver 5; Steals: Fairfield 4 (Stack 3), Culver 7 (Sanders 3); Fouls (fouled out): Fairfield 19 (none), Culver 18 (Carnegie); Records: Fairfield 18-4 (final), Culver 25-1.

CULVER COMMUNITY 44, WHEELER 42

Culver leading scorer Gwen Zehner never even attempted a shot in the first half against Wheeler's jam-packed 2-3 zone.

But thanks to 11 second-half Culver offensive rebounds and a pair of 3-pointers apiece from Whitney Sanders and Alison Zehner, though, the Cavs survived a stiff regional semifinal challenge to oust the Bearcats 44-42 at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Saturday morning.

"In the second half we came out with a little bit more fire from our post players," Culver head coach Tony Scheub said. "Whitney and A.Z. knocking down a couple of 3-pointers propelled us. It wasn't pretty, but at tournament time you do whatever it takes to get the W."

Sanders scored 10 points to lead the Cavs, followed by eight points apiece from Gwen Zehner and Patrice McBee. Gwen Zehner also pulled down 11 rebounds and scored six of her points on second-chance tries.

"We stressed at halftime that we needed more from our post players," Scheub said. "Sometimes our best offense is a miss and getting an offensive rebound. In the second half our post players made themselves available to get a rebound rather than getting pushed under the basket."

Tied 20-20 with 1:02 left in the third quarter, point guard Nicole Carnegie hit a jumper in the paint to open a 15-4 game-deciding run for the Cavs.

SEMIFINAL: CULVER COMMUNITY 44, WHEELER 42

Score by quarters
Culver: 6 12 25 44
Wheeler: 7 12 20 42

CULVER (44): Nicole Carnegie 2 3-4 7, Patrice McBee 2 4-11 8, Whitney Sanders 3 2-4 10, Alison Zehner 2 1-2 7, Kayla Shaffer 2 0-0 4, Gwen Zehner 2 4-5 8. TOTALS: 13 14-26 44.

WHEELER (42): Tijana Raketic 3 1-3 8, Christina Gandy 0 1-3 1, Brooke Hutchins 1 2-2 4, Sarah Becker 0 1-4 1, Olivia Ingram 0 1-2 1, Nickole Finch 6 3-4 18, Mari Medina 0 0-0 0, Paige Finch 4 1-1 9, Lauren Johnson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 10-19 42.

3-point goals: Culver 4 (A. Zehner 2, Sanders 2), Wheeler 4 (N. Finch 3, Raketic); Turnovers: Culver 15, Wheeler 17; Rebounds: Culver 40 (G. Zehner 11), Wheeler 29 (N. Finch 11); Assists: Culver 8 (Carnegie, A. Zehner 3), Wheeler 7 (Hutchins 4); Steals: Culver 3, Wheeler 5; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 18 (none), Wheeler 19 (Hutchins); Records: Culver 24-1, Wheeler 13-10 (final).



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Culver's Gwen Zehner, surrounded, prepares to shoot during the fourth quarter of Saturday's Regional game. Covering her, at left, is Fairfield's Kari Beasley.

PHOTO/PAUL PARE

BELOW: Patrice McBee is fouled on her way up during the fourth quarter of the game.



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CGA falls in nip-tuck Rensselaer Regional semifinal

By James Costello
Sports Editor

RENSELAER — It took a pair of nip-tuck wins to get Culver Girls Academy into its first basketball regional in 14 years, and it took another down-to-the-wire game to get them out.

CGA opened the 36th annual IHSAA state series with a last-second victory over defending Rochester Sectional champ Plymouth before going on to win the tourney in overtime against the host Zebras, but on Saturday the Lady Eagles' run came to an end. Griffith sophomore Sammi Adams nailed an NBA-range 3-pointer off the top of the key with 2.5 seconds left in the game, and the defending champion Panthers claimed a 49-46 Rensselaer Central Regional semifinal

victory over CGA Saturday.

Griffith ultimately fell to Benton Central 56-42 in the regional final Saturday.

"We couldn't have asked for a better shot," said CGA head coach Gary Christlieb. "She's from about 24, 25 feet out, we rotated, she just happened to hit the shot. It was two evenly-matched teams, we thought that would be the case early. Coming in all week long we felt that we'd be right there at the end, and the kids were.

"It's just one of those things where today it wasn't meant to be. They hit the shot and credit them, they're well-coached, they play hard and they're deserving. What more can you say? The kids did everything we asked them to;

today they were just three points better than us, and that's really the whole story of the game."

The game featured six lead changes and three ties. CGA led 46-44 with 1:48 remaining in the game as senior point guard Kylee Shipley drained a pair of free throws following a Kelsey Bonewits foul in the lane, but Bonewits made up for the play just 30 seconds later with a putback to knot the game at 46-all, setting the stage for Adams' late-game heroics.

The Eagles jumped off to the initial lead Saturday with an 11-5 game-opening run, but they couldn't hold on as Griffith closed out the first quarter 5-2, then outscored CGA 14-9 in the second quarter to take a slim 24-22 advantage at

halftime.

Bonewits led the Panthers with 13 points and four steals, while CGA was led by 13 points apiece from Shipley and sophomore forward Andrijana Cvitkovic.

The Eagles finish out their season at 17-7 and say goodbye to four starters in Shipley, Brenna Newell, Alexis Christlieb and Kenzie Ungar, as well as fellow senior Casey Hall.

"You graduate two four-year letterwinners in Kylee Shipley and Alexis Christlieb; both of them are outstanding kids and have contributed immensely to our program," said CGA's skipper. "Kylee is leaving our program with over 1,000 points, and Alexis does a lot of the things that people

won't necessarily see in the box score, but I think that those two have really kind of been the hub of the whole process here.

"Kenzie Ungar came in as a junior and really did a nice job with our program... she just had a knack for getting to the ball," he added. "She's very steady in her play. Brenna Newell came in late in the year as a freshman and then hurt her back and didn't play as a sophomore and came back and played significant time as a junior and had a tremendous season this year and was a great cog in what we did — was our third-leading scorer, averaged double figures. I think Casey Hall was just someone who's been a nice surprise and has worked extremely hard

and molded herself into the player she is and has dedicated herself."

• GRIFFITH 49, CGA 46
At Class 3A
Rensselaer Central Regional
Score by quarters
Griffith: 10 24 42 49
CGA: 13 22 38 46
GRIFFITH (49): Samantha Marker 5, Brooke Brinkley 9, Presley Corich 4, Ashley Parish 4, Kelsey Bonewits 13, Sammi Adams 8, Emma Blackard 3, Taylor Austin 3; Totals: 19 7-13 49.
CULVER ACADEMIES (46): Kylee Shipley 13, Brenna Newell 7, Andrijana Cvitkovic 13, Alexis Christlieb 6, Kenzie Ungar 7, Casey Hall 0 0-0 0; Totals: 15 15-22 46.
3-pointers: Griffith 6 (Blackard 3, Adams, Blackard, Austin); CGA 1 (Shipley); Turnovers: Griffith 12, CGA 12; Rebounds: Griffith 26 (Parish 9), CGA 21 (Cvitkovic 8); Total fouls (fouled out): Griffith 17 (none), CGA 8 (none); Records: Griffith 16-6, CGA17-7 (final).

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CUTPL offers spring storytimes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will offer a "Welcome Spring!" storytime program. Toddler Time will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. Pre-school storytime will be held Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. 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 in the children's department or by calling 574-842-2941.

Community fish fry March 26

Culver's VFW Post 6919 is sponsoring, with the assistance of Culver Fire, EMS and Police Depts., an all-you-can-eat fish fry to benefit the Culver Food Pantry, Saturday, March 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 for children 12 and under and \$8 for adults. Fish will

be prepared by the Tyner IOOF Lodge. Doors are open to the public at 108 E. Washington Street. Carry out orders are available at 574-842-3886.

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 af-

ternoon 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 class on Microsoft Word will take place Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. and March 4 at 10 a.m.. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us. The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

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