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In Brief

Culver kids can get 'fancy' Saturday

On Saturday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m., the Youth Services Department at the Culver-Union Township Public Library will host its third annual Fancy Nancy tea party. Attendees are encouraged to wear their "fanciest" attire (which is a fancy word for clothes) for tea, snacks, a "fancy" craft, and Fancy Nancy stories. Children are required to be accompanied by a "fancy" adult for this event! For questions or additional information please contact the library at 574-842-2941 or www.culver.lib.in.us.

VFW Friday dinner tomorrow

Culver's VFW Post #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold its Friday dinner tomorrow, March 11, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post, 108 E. Washington St. in Culver. Quarter-pound hamburgers, chili dogs, or pulled pork sandwiches will be just \$2 each. Doors are open to the public. Come on down and join us for a great meal.

Community meal at Grace March 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

Annual VFW 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.

Culver blood drive March 22

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place Tuesday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Culver Academies' Fleet Gymnasium, located at 1300 Academy Road in Culver. Come

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Culver women in focus

ABOVE. LEFT: Members of Culver's new LIFT Group make it official via a recent signing at the Corndance Cafe. Seated in the front row, left to right: Jennifer Maddox (Marshall County Comm. Foundation), Carolyn Kline, Barbara Winters. Back row, Kathleen Kline, Pamela Buxton, Anne Duff, Joan Bess, Ginny Munroe, Julie Bess, Rosalie Bonine, Kathy Lintner, Susan Thews, Nancy McKinnis, and Emily Ryman. SEE STORY BELOW.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Eagles' historic sectional win

LOWER RIGHT: Culver Military Academy players celebrate winning their first basketball sectional Saturday night. Front row (seated or kneeling), left to right: Alex Dodame, Chier Ajuu, Jermaine Myers, Armonti Phillips, David Diltz, Nick Zalduendo, Trey Galloway, Aaron Marshall. Second row: Kenneth Tse, Eljay Murray (left of net), Hayes Barnes, Willie Strong, Matthew Gabir. Back row: Drew Schroeder, Juwan Brescasin, David Mizrahi, Peter Bin, David Payne, Trey Galloway, Charlie Kennedy. SEE STORY PAGE 6

PHOTO/PAUL PARE

LIFTing up Culver's women

New focus group hopes to offer local women a range of support

The Board of Directors of the Marshall County Community Foundation has announced the establishment of a new permanent endowment fund and the first affinity group associated with the MCCF. An affinity group is a collection of individuals who work together to support a common cause.

Started by 16 Culver-area women, the LIFT Endowment Fund Agreement was signed during a ceremony on February 25. Known as the LIFT Group, the women hope to use their skills, talent, and friendship to lift other women to success, as LIFT is an acronym for Lending Inspirational Friendship Together.

The LIFT Group is a voluntary association of women who desire to collectively support the advancement of women in the Culver area through mentoring, volunteering, and financial resources. This donor-advised fund will allow the group to support women in the Culver area to succeed in both their personal and professional lives. The group's ultimate goal is to help women who can then later join the LIFT Group.

Says member Ginny Munroe, "We thought that if you could gather a group of women who could leverage each of their skill sets and experience, you could help other women in a way that could make a difference. In doing so, that woman you help would be of help to her children -- if she has children -- and eventually, she would be of help to others. We liked the idea of someone we help joining the group to eventually pay forward the help she received."

Munroe says members saw a need to "teach women who are on the edge of succeeding themselves or falling through the cracks by providing them specific ways of succeeding and by providing a support system. We talked about how it is easy to write a check when helping others, but it might be so much more powerful an experience if you could couple that financial help with one-on-one interaction with the woman and if you could leverage the group's experience and skills when doing that. And, we thought it would be the type of experience that could be done through friendship."

The LIFT Fund is the first affinity endowment fund at MCCF, and President and CEO of MCCF Jennifer S. Maddox is excited to be a member of this new affinity fund, which was inspired by board member Carolyn J. Kline. This fund is the culmination of hard work starting in the fall of 2010. Founding donors and members of the LIFT Group include Joan M. Bess, Julie A. Bess, Rosalie Beigh Bonine, Pamela C. Buxton, Anne O. Duff, Carolyn J. Kline, Kathleen Daly Kline, the late Rita Lawson, Kathleen J. Lintner, Jennifer S. Maddox, Nancy Nowalk McKinnis, Jennifer K. Morgan, Ginny Bess Munroe, Emily Payson Ryman, Susan Campbell Thews, and Barbara Winters.

Culver 'Soup for the Soul' returns March 29

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Students and faculty hope the proverbial third time's a charm for the student-led "Soup for the Soul" community event slated for Tuesday, March 29, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School. For two years running, the event, originally the brainchild of CES 6th grade teacher Missy Trent and art teacher Joyce Lyman, saw 6th graders creating a wide array of hand-made pottery in the form of bowls, ladels, cups, and other items, in which community-donated soup is served to diners from the community, who then take home and keep the student-made items.

This year, says Trent, the student-created keepsakes have been expanded to dessert plates, with student-designed t-shirts (which the kids will wear on the 29th) are also part of the package. "They're doing an amazing job with the designs," she says. "It's looking awesome."

And students not only create the pottery (and other items which will be sold at the event), but also prepare the CES cafeteria, serve the food, and clean up the room afterwards. "Soup" makes for a busy several weeks and an even busi-

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PHOTO SUBMITTED
Culver Elementary 6th graders (from left) Katie Collins, Garit Barnett, Cheyanne Powers, and Mya Lewis display their 'Soup for the Soul' wares.

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

In the photo above (TOP RIGHT), Culver Lions President Barbara Winters presents a check to Culver Comm. High School students Ben Newman (left) and Jessica Hominger, who will accompany Culver Academies students (including Waverly Neer, right) this spring break on a mission trip to Mexico.

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Over the past five years or so, students from Culver Community High School and Culver Academies have continued a collaboration which was unprecedented at the time of its debut: that of a shared mission trip to Mexico to serve people there through Habitat for Humanity.

The tradition is slated to continue this year, and two CCHS students joined representatives of the Academies at the Culver Lions Club's February 23 meeting to discuss the project.

Retired Academies faculty member -- and active Lion -- Fred Lintner said the school has used its spring break for various mission trips for the past 15 years, adding that last year four CCHS students joined the trip.

"We think this is a wonderful program," Lintner said. "This is not a fun trip; it's a working trip. They work hard."

Last year's group included Academies wellness instructor (and monthly Citizen columnist) Dana Neer, who was unable to speak to the audience due to a car accident several weeks prior, whose recovery included his jaw being wired shut. Instead, Neer's daughter Waverly, a senior well-known statewide for her success in track and cross country (she won the state meet in the latter sport this year, coming in one second from the state record, noted Lintner) planning to attend Columbia University this fall.

Waverly Neer explained the Mexico trip, which the school has undertaken the past six years or so, is a sub-unit of the Academies' many mission trips. She said the past destination of central Mexico will be changed this spring due to drug war violence, to a small surfing town in southern Mexico, where students will

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Culver quilters teach black history

The Susanna Circle Quilters of Wesley United Methodist Church were invited by Carol Jackson, Librarian at the Culver Elementary School, to share in the celebration of Black History Month at the CES library. Fifth graders from Culver and Monterey Elementary Schools were presented a program of stories, "Hidden in Plain View," in quilt blocks. These hidden messages helped guide slaves along the "Underground Railroad" on their way north to freedom. Pictured from left to right are Judy Patton, Elaine Averill, Connie Overmyer, Rosalie Bonine, Sharon Hartz, Kay Tusing and Cathy Emmons.

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work with Habitat to build three homes for poverty-stricken families who have never owned a set of keys.

"We'll be working every day for four or five house in blazing heat," Neer noted, adding last year's collaboration with Culver Community "was a great partnership. We (usually) don't get much interaction."

CCHS student Jessica Hominger, who the Lions will help sponsor on the trip, told Club members she's "very excited to go." Active in sports, Hominger has undertaken community service work through the Cavs Service Club at CCHS, as well as CYCO (Culver Youth Community Organization, a joint service club between the two schools) and was a leader in BIRD (a community service collaboration between the schools and adults last summer). Hominger has

been Vice President of the Industrial Tech Club at her school, and was secretary during the building of that club's successful hovercraft. Noting she moved to the area in third grade and helped build the family's home, Hominger said she "had a lack of religion in my life, but I've gotten involved with a youth group recently, which has helped me so much. I hope going down (to Mexico) will help me be more faithful and more in touch with God. My youth group has helped me become a different person. I look at (the mission trip) not as work, but fun. I've always loved helping people...it will be a learning experience and a religious opportunity.

"I'm going to represent you and the Culver Lions Club and be an ambassador," she added, telling members, "I appreciate the

things you do."

Hominger also said she hopes to become a traveling nurse and help people internationally and in the U.S.

Fellow CCHS senior Ben Newman, attending the meeting with his father, Herb, explained he's enrolled in a computer vocational class at Plymouth.

"I'm excited to go on this trip," said the younger Newman. "I want to be able to help people."

Noting he's been part of Marshall County 4H and has been a junior leader for five of the past six years, Newman also described past service efforts such as purchasing, wrapping, and distributing Christmas presents to those in need.

"This trip is something I really wanted to go on," he added. "I really want to help people down in Mexico."

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Ice a factor in Zehner accident

Around 9:55 a.m. February 23, Ashley Zehner, 19, was traveling west on 9C Road near Tulip when she lost control on ice-covered road surface. Zehner spun off the road and traveled into the south embankment where she then struck a telephone junction box. Her vehicle came to rest facing east. Zehner said she was driving west when a mail delivery vehicle was on the side of road, and when she applied brakes to slow, her vehicle started to slide. Zehner was transported to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for complaint of pain to the back and neck area. She was using a safety belt at the time of the crash. The road surface was ice covered and extremely slippery at the time of investigation. Investigating officer: Sgt. Larry L. Snyder.

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Munroe explains LIFT may be able to offer financial support to women seeking to continue their education while possibly raising children on their own, or while working a full-time job, but "we might also help the woman who needs a support system that extends beyond her own family and friends.

"We realized that among us," she adds, "we have various skills. For example, Jennifer has a finance background and can help a woman manage a budget or determine what she needs to do to establish a budget. My background as a business owner might help a woman start her own business or teach her about how to obtain a job and grow with a company or through her education. Our earliest conversations about this lead us to the concept that we could use our skills to help someone who might not have those skills or access to them."

The MCCF is a public charity with local roots that help great ideas take flight through endowment philanthropy. Its mission is to serve all of Marshall County, its people, and its future through the growth and administration of endowment funding and philanthropy.

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er evening for the students, but the event has not only garnered high praise from the many who came to partake -- it's also raised money for area charities. The first event, in the fall of 2008, led to a \$1,500 donation to Plymouth's Heminger House women's shelter. The event was moved to spring the following year, and last April the ante was upped and around \$3,000 was brought in. Portions of this were given to the Culver food pantry, Marshall County and Starke County Humane Societies, and the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, and the "wish" of Marshall County Make-A-Wish youngster Carter Rudd (Trent says remaining funds were set aside for this year's Make-A-Wish effort as well).

Recipients of this year's proceeds are still being discussed, but Trent says there's definite hope of donating to food pantries in the areas from which students hail, this time around.

Food served on the 29th will include not only soup, but bread, desserts, drinks, and more, all donated by various restaurants, organizations, and individuals in the community. Further, each year has seen an increasing array of quality items donated for a silent auction accompanying "Soup." Trent says she's consistently been amazed at the generosity of businesses and others in such donations for the event, and she's not been disappointed thus far this year.

One new aspect of this year's event will be six "theme" baskets (such as Italian, movie night, bath and body, and the like) made by 6th graders at North Judson, thanks to the efforts of a teacher friend of Trent's there.

"I thought it was a great way for the students to learn about other schools helping each other," explains Trent, "and that you don't have to live in the community or go to the same school to work together on a project."

Culver student Jack Rich says making the bowls was "a lot of fun.

"I think it's a great idea to help those less fortunate because it gives them hope," he adds. "I have done other service projects with my mom when she worked at Miller's Merry Manor. I'm planning on doing another one for Mrs. Trent's class."

Fellow student Gabby McCarty especially enjoyed making the dessert plates (she made eight or 10 of them!)

"I like the idea of doing this for others, because it is like lending a helping hand," she notes. "My family has helped other families in the past, and it makes me feel good."

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Letter to the editor

Grateful for kindness

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Grant Monroe for delivering food to our senior citizens complex (Forest Place Senior Apts.) during the blizzard. They went above and beyond, making homemade soup and taking it to the homebound. Mrs. Monroe is president of the Culver Town Council and she epitomizes what the town of Culver is all about. How blessed we are to live in this community.

Mick Henley
Culver



Sytsma birthday celebration March 20

There will be an 80th birthday party for Culver's Al Sytsma on Sunday, March 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Culver train station-depot on Lake Shore Drive. The public is invited to come down and greet this longtime Culver businessman and local church and community member. His family is requesting "presence" instead of presents for the event.

Beach recognized by *Who's Who*

Dr. Darrell H. Beach, Ed.D., retired Master Instructor Emeritus at Culver Academies, has been included in the 2011 edition of the Presidential Who's Who Among Business and Professional Achievers, which recognizes individuals who have reached a level of notable success in their respective field.

Beach retired in 2000 from teaching chemistry and AP chemistry at Culver for 35 years, where he was holder of the Eppley Chair of Chemistry. He wrote three textbooks over 60 publications, has been active with Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts, and served on the Culver park board. In the years since his retirement, among other activities he's taught at Indiana University South Bend and acted as a substitute at Ancilla College.

Arrest report

Ferdinand Gonzalez, 32, Culver, was arrested March 3 by the Marshall County Police Department for auto theft.

Community calendar

Thurs., March 10 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library	Commission, 4 p.m., town hall Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Community School board mtg., 7 p.m., administration building	Library Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall Culver Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Fri., March 11 Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library	Tues., March 15 Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library Spring storytime, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Tuesday tea and crafts, 1 to 3 p.m., Market Basket & Co., SR 17.	Weds., March 16 Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
Sat., March 12 Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library "Fancy Nancy" party, 10:30 a.m., Culver Public Library	Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ OA, AA meeting (open), 6:30 p.m., Culver Public	Thurs., March 17 Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall
Mon., March 14 Knitting group, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library Culver Redevelopment		

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.	Manhattan, mashed potatoes, beets, bread and margarine, dessert, and milk.	of broccoli soup, tuna pasta salad, peas and carrots, crackers, peaches, and milk.
Thurs., March 10: Meatballs and noodles with gravy, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, dinner roll and margarine, pears, and milk.	Tues., March 15: Spaghetti, tossed salad and dressing, green beans, garlic bread, pineapple, and milk.	Name: MARCH ADS; Width:
Fri., March 11: Macaroni and cheese, peas, cauliflower, bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.	Weds., March 16: Cheeseburger on a bun, pickles and onions, corn, green beans, apricots, and milk.	
Mon., March 14: Turkey	Thurs., March 17: Corned beef and cabbage, boiled red potatoes, rye bread, green fluff, and milk.	
	Fri., March 18: Cream	

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Culver Police Department begins impaired driving crackdown

Beginning last week, Culver Police officers joined more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies across the Hoosier state in the Drunk Driving: Over the Limit - Under Arrest March crackdown on impaired and dangerous driving.

Through March 20, Culver officers will work additional hours to conduct high-visibility enforcement activities designed specifically to identify impaired drivers. Motorists will also see an increased number of patrols looking for aggressive drivers and unrestrained motorists during the 17-day mobilization.

As always people are encouraged to utilize designated drivers or call for a ride from friends or family. Please help do your part in keeping our roadways safe. Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is a crime. If you drive impaired in Culver, you will be arrested.

In March 2009, there were 41 fatalities on Indiana roadways. Of these, 24 percent involved a driver who was legally intoxicated. According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), alcoholic beverages continue to be assigned as the primary factor in more than one-third of alcohol related collisions in the state of Indiana.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 66 is a statewide enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to The Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Indiana's crackdown on impaired driving will be reinforced by a paid statewide media campaign as well as public outreach efforts geared towards the prevention of impaired driving.

To learn more, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

Maxinkuckee among Bass Masters Tournament locales

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth-based MARCO Bass Masters Tournament Series will expand to six lakes in to 2011.

In addition to the Maxinkuckee, Manitou, Winona and Koontz lakes it will also hold events at Wawasee and on the St Joe River in Mishawaka. Four of the events will be sponsored.

The entry fee will remain \$60 with a 100 percent payback. One place will be paid for every five entries. In addition to the \$5 per boat big bass award, gift certificates at several area businesses will be awarded. The top ten teams that accumulate the most points for the year will split a point fund at the end of the season. The point fund in 2010 was more than \$1,200.

The 2011 schedule will start with the Indiana Heat Transfer Manitou Rumble April 9 at Lake Manitou and continue to Burt's Body Shop Bass Bonanza at Lake Maxinkuckee April 30; the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Classic June 19 at Koontz Lake; July 9 on the St Joseph River at Maggie's Landing; the Lake Winona Bass Round Up July 30; Lake Wawasee Aug. 27; and the final event will the Collins Realtors Clash at Culver Oct. 8 at Lake Maxinkuckee.

All events will be seven hours and start at safe light. There is a \$10 membership fee. For more information contact Mike Goins at 574-298-0208 or send an e-mail to bassfish@embarqmail.com.

Campus news

Schumerth named to dean's list

ANDERSON — Amanda Hope Schumerth of Culver was named to the Anderson University dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0. Local student named to the dean's list is.

Anderson University is a private, four-year Christian liberal arts institution of approximately 2,600 undergraduate and graduate students.

Li on dean's list

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Dejie Li, Culver, has been named to the dean's list for the 2010 fall semester in Villanova University's College of Engineering. Li is a freshman. Every year, Villanova University students with established outstanding academic records are honored by the dean of each college. To qualify for the dean's list in the College of Engineering, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.25.

Villanova University, a co-educational Roman Catholic institution, was founded by the Order of Saint Augustine in 1842.

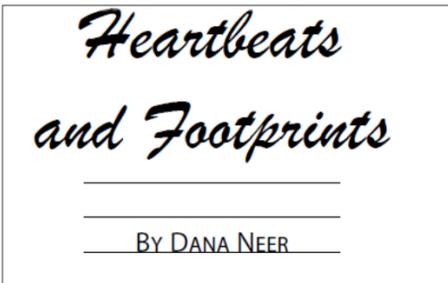
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The challenges of men's fitness

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Several months ago after writing an article about children's fitness, a good friend of mine e-mailed and stated, "I liked your article about kids, but when can you pen some encouraging thoughts about helping middle-aged, slightly pudgy men who have wives pushing them to get out an exercise more?" Well, Dick, these words are for you and all of us who



have reached the point in our lives when we want to get closer to the fitness level that we once enjoyed.

Men's fitness after the age of thirty represents a stiff challenge. Lean muscle tissue is lost if exercise is not performed on a regular basis, and to make matters worse, a man's metabolism changes dramatically causing unwanted weight around the hips, waist and legs at alarming rates. This extra fat often triggers an onset of diabetes and heart disease. However, there is plenty of hope! Focusing on the right amount of exercise, flexibility and food can provide a noticeable change within four to six months.

Exercise... Once you reach thirty, your metabolism begins to slow down at a rate of 4% every ten years. Even though weight lifting can be a tremendous form of movement, it is not classified as an aerobic exercise. Yes, you are breathing while lifting, and even though the heart rate does elevate, it does not rise to the levels needed for your body to stay lean and fit. Performing exercises that recruit several muscle groups at the same time forces the body to release more human growth hormone. Speed walking, jogging, biking and running, plus using your own body weight with push-ups and pull-ups causes the body to adapt to a longer, leaner and stronger endurance look. Determining to do a certain number of push-ups and pull-ups each day can create the effects needed to attain your goal. If you weight lift, include higher repetitions at lower weight. Raising and maintaining your heart rate for at least 30 minutes a day, six times a week will provide the results you need to get closer to the formidable shape you once enjoyed.

Flexibility... The elasticity of tendons, ligaments and joint capsules is key to athletic and fitness success. Forgetting to stretch weakens muscles causing them to tire much faster. If you lack flexibility, muscles will not work through to their complete range of motion and will deny you the benefits you are seeking. Tendons and ligaments are not lubricated by downing sports drinks, water or juices, but instead through cellular secretions that occur whenever you stretch. For best results stretch after you have warmed up and muscles are primed for activity. By stretching each day, stiffness and atrophy are reduced, leading to a healthier more active lifestyle.

Food... Eating six or seven smaller meals a day instead of three or four larger meals can prevent your body from releasing large amounts of insulin. Excessive insulin not only forces your body to store fat, it also blocks the flow of growth hormones that are released through your blood stream. Eat lots of foods such as raw fruits and vegetables, lean meats, whole grains and low sugar products. These foods score low on the glycemic index and will prevent the storing of fat within the cells. Soon after working out eat foods high in protein and carbohydrates. Your cells will be replenished with the nutrients they crave. Smoothies are superb. By adding many types of fruits in the blender, you can receive 200 to 300 calories of cell-loving food per glass that will provide energy for a sustained day of work and exercise.

Enjoying support from other men with similar goals is important. There are several fine fitness clubs and gyms in our area that may provide encouragement and sustainability. I encourage you to contact one of them and see what kind of good results the next four to six months will bring.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers during the recovery process from my automobile accident. It is a great comfort knowing that I have such wonderful friends who provide such kind support during difficulty. God bless you.

Dana Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counselor at The Culver Academies. He can be contacted at Neerd@Culver.org.

If these walls could talk: 106 - 102 N. Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
editor

We continue our series of semi-regular journeys through



PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER

A photo from the 'teens' or before of 106 - 102 N. Main. Note Rector's Pharmacy in the center, and the still-unpaved streets.

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 down-town Cul-ver, making our way

south.

This time, we're nearing the northeast corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, where today's vacant lot fails to convey the memories of generations of Culverites and others who enjoyed the many entities once occupying the space, which included some extremely popular spots.

Readers unfamiliar with the historic layout of the area before the structures there were razed may not realize there were actually three businesses in the area, each with a distinctive storefront appearance and sharing walls, though some reader with a more intimate knowledge of the history of the place than I could discern will have to weigh in as to whether there were technically three buildings there, or just one.

Starting at the north (abutting today's Gladie's Deli at 108 N. Main) was 106 N. Main St., where records show a house as of 1906, which by 1914 had been divided into two. Meats were sold there in 1914, and on July 1, 1920, Milton Ewald opened Ewald's Meat Market in that locale (his granddaughter, Bobbie Washburn Ruhnnow, is a regular correspondent for the Citizen and well-known community servant). During the famous State Exchange Bank robbery of December, 1920, one See Walls page 12

Name that Culver 'citizen'



A great many readers identified last week's Mystery Citizen, due no doubt partly to his recognizability, and partly to the wonders of the *Citizen's* new Facebook page, which gave a great many more readers a convenient, timely, and visible way to spot the Mystery Citizen. Among our "winners": Maggie Nixon, Michele Trusty, Shannon Shepherd, Sandra Kelso, Hope Thomas, Mary Beth Harness, Anna Neher, Cindy Riester, Donna Green, Bryce Lindvall, Nancy Jiminez, Brenda J. Burkett, Betty Voreis, Susie Mahler, Terry and Carin Clifton, Scott Croy, Craig Hopple, Sandra Kelso, and Justin Croy.

Who was the citizen? He's Shane Lowry, who helped coach the celebrated Lady Cavaliers basketball team to a semistate

showdown these past months.

This week's Mystery Citizen is well-known for her role in a prominent local business, and she's the inheritor of the legacy of another longtime Culver business as well. 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, Shane Lowry, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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Sports



CMA claims first-ever sectional title

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Two weeks ago Culver Community made program history with its first-ever regional girls basketball championship.



PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

CMA's Chier Ajuu shoots over the efforts of St. Joseph's Conor Levey during Saturday night's sectional game.

Eagles head basketball coach Mark Galloway. "I think we keep getting better every week so it's nice to keep practicing one more week so we can keep getting better."

"It's amazing to have everyone here to share this," he added. "I think we had the biggest crowd in the gym."

St. Joe was still in the game up until late in the third quarter, as CMA closed out the frame 7-2 for a 47-41 advantage going into the fourth, then held off the Indians in the remaining eight minutes for the win.

"It's kind of a great microcosm of our season; we lost eight in a row and in January they came back and won eight in a row. Our guys didn't quit. They kept battling tonight, and that's what they did throughout the season," said South Bend St. Joe head coach Marty Harshman.

CMA trailed early, falling behind 13-8 at the first quarter break before a 4-0 first half-closing mini-run off back-to-back steals by Hayes Barnes and Juwan Brescacin for a pair of easy transition layups knotted the game at 22-all going into halftime.

The third quarter featured a total of five ties and four lead changes before CMA point guard Jermaine Myers put the Eagles up for good with a 3-pointer off the top of the key around the 2:30 mark of the frame.

Myers finished with a game-high 23 points, nine assists with just one turnover with six rebounds and four steals to lead his team to its first sectional title. Myers scored 17 of his points in the decisive second half to lift his team past the Indians.

"In the first half their zone really slowed me down," said Myers. "Second half, coach told me to attack the zone, make plays, make things happen. I went out there and I tried to get my teammates involved, tried to assert myself a bit more."

"The thing about Jermaine is he's the first one in the gym and the last one to leave," Galloway said. "He is such a floor leader, and he keeps us poised, keeps us under control."

CMA earned a living at the free throw line in the win, drawing numerous shooting fouls inside the Indians' 2-3 zone and capitalizing with 16 of 27 charity tosses, while St. Joe went to the line just six times with 7-for-9 free throw shooting in the loss.

"Their length makes it tough," said Harshman. "We told our guys tonight, when you get inside we want you to go right into their chests to try and neutralize their length. That's a lot easier said than done, though, when you're going up against 7-1 and 6-5 and 6-5. They're able to get the deflections and just kind of discourage any inside action because they're so dang long and big in there."

St. Joe was led by senior Dylan McMahon's 19 points, while fellow upperclassmen Matt Mackowiak and Sean Hart scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

CMA had four total players in double digits as Myers scored 23, Juwan Brescacin put up 15, 7-foot-1 center Chier Ajuu used a strong second-half effort to finish with 14, and Willie Strong tallied 11 in the win.

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 19 FINAL

At Plymouth
• CULVER MILITARY 66,
ST. JOSEPH'S 57

Score by quarters

CMA: 8 22 41 66

St. Joe: 13 22 41 59

CULVER MILITARY (66):

Jermaine Myers 23, Hayes Barnes 0, Eljay Murray 3, Chier Ajuu 14, Juwan Brescacin 15, Alex Dodane 0, Willie Strong 11.

TOTALS: 23 16-27 66.

ST. JOSEPH'S (57): Sean Hart 10, Kyle Wieschhaus 8, Colton Pulaski 0, Brandon Thorpe 0, Dylan McMahon 19, Trey Olive 0, Connor Edmonds 3, Conor Levey 5, Matt Mackowiak 12. TOTALS: 20 7-9 57.

3-point goals: CMA 4 (Myers 3, Murray), St. Joseph's 10 (Hart, Wieschhaus 2, McMahon 4, Edmonds, Mackowiak 2); Turnovers: CMA 13, St. Joseph's 10; Rebounds: CMA 32 (Brescacin 10), St. Joseph's 27 (McMahon 8); Assists: CMA 14 (Myers 9), St. Joseph's 11 (McMahon 5); Steals: CMA 7 (Myers 4), St. Joseph's 4 (Hart 4); Total fouls (fouled out): CMA 15, St. Joseph's 22 (McMahon, Mackowiak) Records: CMA 16-6; St. Joseph's 12-11 (final).

Academies' Kelley ranks high at international event

Culver Academies' rower J. Conor Kelley, a junior from Loveland, Ohio, finished 28th out of 180 competitors in his age group at the World Indoor Rowing Championships in Boston recently. Kelley competed as an individual in the Junior Division (ages 14-18) and rowed 2,000 meters on a rowing machine in 6:33.8.

Boston University's Agganis Arena was the host site of the 30th annual CRASH-B Sprints, recognized as the premier indoor rowing regatta in the world. Competitors from around the globe, including World and Olympic medalists, raced 2,000 meters against the clock on Concept2 Model D Ergometers (rowing machines) in several categories. More than 2,100 rowers vie for the famed "Hammer" trophy in front of approximately 10,000 spectators. Athletes from more than 40 countries competed at the CRASH-B Sprints, making it the most culturally-diverse event of its kind. As well, rowers as young as 14 and even a few over the age of 90 compete.

North Judson earns reprisal win vs. Culver Community

WINAMAC — Culver Community took a slim 13-11 lead into halftime against North Judson-San Pierre, but the Class 2A, No. 6 Bluejays outscored the Cavaliers 31-22 in the second half on the way to a 42-35 Class 2A Sectional 34 semifinal victory at Winamac Friday.

The win was a reprisal for last year's sectional semifinal decision, when Culver upset the Jays 52-49. Judson now plays host Winamac — which beat North Newton 58-34 in Friday's other semifinal — in the Sectional 34 championship game tonight at 8 p.m. EST.

The Cavs held John Eckert to just two points for the night, but Andrew Frasure put up 14 points, and Winston Yergler put up 13 points to lead the Jays to the win.

Four-year Culver letterwinner Zoe Bauer capped off an

outstanding career with a game-high 16 points in the loss.

The Cavs close at a respectable 14-8, while Judson improves to 21-1.

• NORTH JUDSON-SAN PIERRE 42,
CULVER COMMUNITY 35

At Winamac

Score by quarters

Judson: 6 11 24 42

Culver: 7 13 18 35

NORTH JUDSON (42): Dalton Bailey 0 0-0 0, Clifton Dolezal 0 0-0 0, John Eckert 1 0-0 2, Mitch Fingerhut 3 0-0 7, Andrew Frasure 5 2-3 14, Kendall Hochstedler 2 0-0 6, Evan Howard 0 0-0 0, Dustin Knapp 0 0-0 0, Winston Yergler 3 7-8 13; Totals: 14 9-11 42.

CULVER (35): Jacoda Anderson 0 0-0 0, Zoe Bauer 5 4-6 16, Scotty Brown 0 0-0 0, Micah Budzinski 2 0-0 4, Larry Clingler 1 0-0 2, Trent Elliott 1 0-0 3, Patrick McBee 0 0-0 0, A.J. Neace 1 1-2 4, Collin Stevens 2 1-3 6, Kyle Vlach 0 0-0 0, Nick Zehner 0 0-0 0; Totals: 12 6-11 35.

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Lady Cav seniors make memorable final run

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — Culver Community head coach Tony Scheub told his Lady Cavs to hold their heads high as they left the locker room after the Class 2A Girls Basketball Semistate Saturday.

Because, although they may have fallen a little short of the championship, the list of what the team was able to accomplish far outweighs that close 47-43 loss to No. 1-rated Fort Wayne Luers.

"This team hasn't been afraid all season long," said head coach Tony Scheub. "From day one we don't care who you are or where we play you, you're going to take our best game. In very few games have these kids not given 100 percent."

The Cavs finished a perfect 7-0 in Northern State Conference play to clinch the 2010-11 league title, claimed supremacy at their home holiday tournament back on December 22, and wrestled the Bi-County Tournament crown from the four-time defending champion Bobcats of Oregon-Davis with a 50-46 victory January 22.

The team also has the distinction not only of winning Culver Community its first girls basketball regional title with a 37-33 win over Fairfield on February 19, but of winning the school its first team regional championship in any sport in 42 years of existence.

Culver's record-breaking 25-2 season was borne mainly of the determination of its five senior starters in Gwen and Alison Zehner, Patrice McBee, Whitney Sanders and Nicole Carnegie. The classmates had come through some tough times together headed into their final season, going a combined 13-29 as freshmen and sophomores and finishing at a sub .500 10-11 last year after a strong 5-0 start.

"We've come through so much," said Gwen Zehner. "We always were really good friends off the court and we just kept working and we finally made it here. This is more than we could ever have asked for."

For anyone expecting a rebuilding year in Scheub's first year at the helm, they were in for a surprise as the new skipper instilled a defensive discipline to match the Cavs' already formidable offensive weaponry.

Both players and coach say his transition to the head coaching position was mostly an easy one.

"For them to take me in like they did, them being a senior class that has played together, I really appreciated it," said Scheub. "I told them thank you very much for letting me be a part of this run because it was awesome. I had a lot of fun."

"This year we came in with a new coach and at first everyone thought that we would be scared of him or hesitant with him, but it wasn't even like that," Carnegie said. "We welcomed him from the beginning, and he told us that if we went into the gym and worked hard for those two hours that we would go somewhere and we would be a good team this year, and that's exactly what we did."

Despite its 20-1 NSC and Bi-County title-winning regular season, Culver was probably still a little underrated headed into the IHSAA state series, and that left a little chip on the players' shoulders.

The Cavs nipped Fairfield, rated better than them in the AP polls, for their regional title, and some projections had Culver losing to Luers by more than 30 points.

"It was on John Harrell; some people expected us to lose by 32-plus," said Gwen Zehner. "That hurt me so much. What do we need to do to prove we're a good team?"

It was an outstanding season, one that surpassed many outsiders' expectations and one that the Cavs can savor for a long time. And while they'll never forget the year, no one is liable to forget them any time soon, either.

"I think it's something that's going to live on for a long while in Culver," Zehner said. "Our picture is up on the wall now and there are going to be a lot of plaques underneath it. We're not going to be forgotten."

Eagles advance to Plymouth tourney final

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military Academy rallied past Mishawaka Marian for a 55-51 reprisal victory, while South Bend St. Joseph's used suffocating defense to knock out defending champion Plymouth in Class 3A Sectional 19 semifinal action at The Rock Friday.

The last time the Eagles played Marian, they jumped up by 20 before the Knights rallied back for a 67-66 win.

CMA flipped the script on them Friday, using a 17-2 run stretching from the last 3:16 of the third quarter to the 3:44 mark of the fourth to surge past Marian for a 48-40 lead, then responding to a 10-1 Knights run that tied the game up 49-all with 1:09 to play with its own 6-2 game-ending run that put the Eagles on top after nine lead changes and five ties.

"I thought overall we made a lot of great plays," said CMA head basketball coach Mark Galloway. "I'm proud of our kids for the way they battled. We outrebounded them 29-25, so I thought on the glass we got some big offensive rebounds that kept plays alive... and free throws. One thing that we talk about with free throws, it's a sign of toughness to get to the line, and See Eagles page 7

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Davis recognized, new school board members sworn in

PHOTO AT LEFT: Culver Community Schools' Board of Directors recognized the contributions of resigning board member Ned Davis, who ended a 14-year tenure with the board January 31, at its last regular meeting. Pictured is board Vice President Jim Wentzel, left, presenting a plaque to Davis. In the PHOTO AT RIGHT, newly sworn-in board members Ryan Sieber (left) and Ken VanDePutte. Sieber ran in the past election and VanDePutte was appointed February 28 to replace Davis.

Culver Academies' Gold, Silver A recipients

Culver Academies announces the following Gold A and Silver A academic achievement recipients. The Gold A is attained with a two-term cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.7 (on a 4.0 scale), no grade lower than a B+, and are Citizenship eligible. The award is the highest academic honor for one semester at Culver Academies.

Those that earned Gold A were: Laura Freymiller, Riley Scott, Stephen Paolini, Hayes Barnes, Kacie Hermanson, Sarah Boland, Dustin Cowell, Morgan Osborn, Elise Pare, Adam Freymiller, and Paul Tulungen, Culver.

The Silver A is attained with a two-term cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale), no grade lower than a B, and are Citizenship eligible. The award is the second-highest academic honor for one semester at Culver Academies.

Those that earned Silver A were: Peter Faulkner, Rebecca Nash, Andrea Canacci, Maeve Kline, Jarrod Drake, Alexis Christlieb, and Robert Norton, Culver.



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CCHS students recognized by Lugar Center

Culver Community High School students Kaylee Miller, left, and Joe Krsek were among students around the state recently given the Distinguished Student Leadership Award by the Richard G. Lugar Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, recognizing outstanding high school student leaders at the University of Indianapolis. Recipients must have attended the 2010 Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders, have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA, have demonstrated leadership skills and abilities, and have a proven commitment to serve others. Recipients are also given a \$500 monetary award.

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we were 12 of 16 and they were 4 of 10 so we made more than they even shot. I thought that was huge for us."

Marian sophomore standout Demetrius Jackson led all scorers with 27 points while dishing out three assists to complement

team-highs of four steals and seven rebounds. The Knights close at 15-7.

The Eagles were powered by junior guard Jermaine Myers' 19 points, four assists and five steals, while senior forward Juwan Brescacin tallied 13 points with nine rebounds,

and junior forward Willie Strong scored 15 points with eight caroms.

Friday's sectional win got a persistent monkey off Culver Military's back as the team moved past the first round of the tourney for the first time in 11 years.

"I think it's a big first step," said Galloway. "You've just got to take it one game at a time, and we've definitely been talking about that... The first step is always the hardest." CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 19 At Plymouth CMA 55, MISH, MARIAN 51 Score by quarters Marian: 15 30 38 51

CMA: 18 23 38 55 MARIAN (51): Brian Florin 0 0-0 0, Michael Whitfield 0 1-2 1, Coley Schultheis 40-0 11, Robert Mischler 3 0-0 6, Demetrius Jackson 11 3-5 27, Michael Henry 1 0-0 2, Andrew Hasler 2 0-3 4; Totals: 21 4-10 51. CMA (55): Jermaine Myers 6 4-4 19, Hayes Barnes 1 0-0 3, Elijah Murray 0 0-0 0, Juwan Brescacin 5 3-5 13, Alex Dodane 1 0-0 3, Chier Ajou 1 0-0 2, Willie Strong 5 5-7 15; Totals: 19 12-16 55. 3-point goals: Marian 5 (Shultheis

3, Jackson 2), CMA 5 (Myers 3, Barnes, Dodane); Turnovers: Marian 15, CMA 14; Rebounds: Marian 25 (Jackson 7), CMA 29 (Brescacin 9, Strong 8); Assists: Marian 11 (Mischler 3, Jackson 3, Hasler 3), CMA 11 (Myers 4); Steals: Marian 8 (Jackson 4), CMA 9 (Myers 5); Total fouls (fouled out): Marian 15 (none), CMA 12 (none); Blocked shots: Marian 0, CMA 4 (Myers 2, Ajou 2); Records: Marian 15-7 (final), CMA 15-6.

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CES "Culver's Best"

Culver Elementary School has announced its "Culver's Best" for January, 2011

Kindergarten: Jermaine White, Collin Hunnicutt, Jelena Stefanic, Ethan Keller, Shawn Donley, Addison Crippen, Haylie Rizor

1st grade: Gavin Salyer, Emily Jefferies, Triniti Smith, Mariah Bell-Howard, Emily Heim, Spring Ye, Shianne Moss

2nd grade: Kaleigh Kephart, Trey Hardesty, Mia Conroy, Matthew Bailey, Jane Wright, Trayden Schrimsher, Morgan Keller, Aubrey Highberger

3rd grade: Adrian Borys, Nick Cornwall, Erin Renneker, Hanna Haimbaugh, Brittany Young

4th grade: Jacklin Lindsle, Abigail Gregory, Alex Wagner

5th grade: Macee Strycker, Collin Knowlton, Thomas Young, Sydney Parsons, Ginny Wood, Danny Cook, Andres Hernandez, Daniel Skiles, Cody Russell, Marcellus Anderson, Ben Myers, Collin Knowlton

6th Grade: Jack Rich, Josie Ross, Mandy Morrison

CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for January, 2011

Kindergarten: Maegan Pearl (Amy Bonine), Benton Sayavongsing (Heather Overmyer), Kali Kidd (Jean Urbin), Ches Schrimsher (JannaVanDePutte)

First grade: Bryce Campbell (Andrea Berndt), Sophia Heath (Kelly Dickerhoff), Phoenix Dickson (April Jefferies)

Second grade: Hannah Branson (Jean Ahlenius), Samantha Evans (Tina Bailey), Makenzie Handley (Carrie Sharp), Jessica Perdomo (Rhonda Kinney)

Third grade: Owen Keller (Valerie Cultice), Gabe Hissong (Jill DeSalle), Carter Stevens (Rachel Rife), Tyler Whitworth (Kelly Young), Drake Gross (Teri Zechiel), Gabe Hissong (Mike Elliott), Noah Parsons (Kim Morrison)

Fourth grade: Nathan Jolly (Stephanie Alva), Abigail Gregory (Leslie Shepard), Kaleb Jones (Alicia Cotner)

Fifth grade: Tracey Lindvall (Gayle Kinzie), Emily Bradley (Raeanne Stevens), Benjamin Myers (Steve Young), James Fagan (Joyce Lyman), Dylan Griewank (Jason Crittendon), Charles McCarty (Julie Cowen)

Sixth grade: Mya Lewis (Bryan Albright), Garrett Reinhold (Adam Huber), Daniel Blocker (Missy Trent), Shania Homan (Kris Arvelo).

Local man's, family's battle leads to ALF walk this May

Culver's Schrimsher family and friends will be taking part in the "Liver Life Walk" in Indianapolis May 14. This event is held in numerous cities around the country to help raise money for the American Liver Foundation (ALF), whose mission is "to facilitate, advocate and promote education, support and research for the prevention, treatment and cure of liver disease." With over 100 different types of liver diseases, it affects over 30 million Americans, including David Schrimsher.



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David Schrimsher (second from left) and grandchildren (from left) Charlie Schrimsher, Rose Good, and Ches Schrimsher.

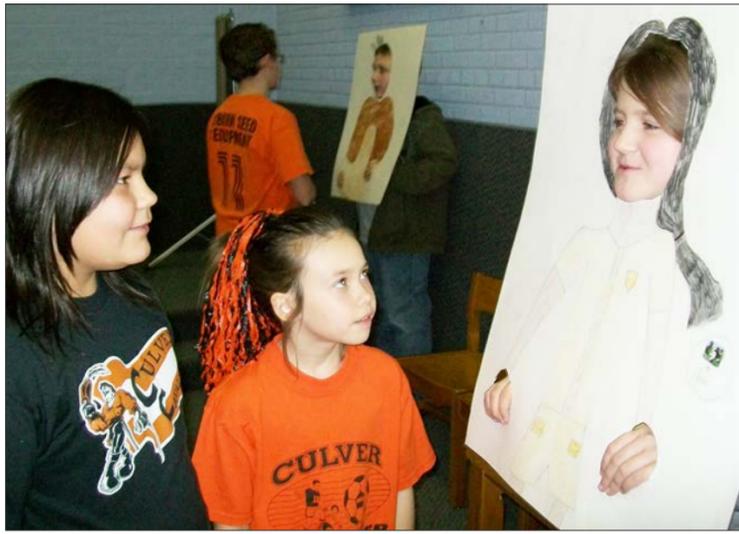
stay is 7-10 days, he amazed many doctors, nurses and even his family with his amazing spirit. Never rude and always willing to do what he was asked, even while in excruciating pain, his example is truly inspirational to the entire community."

That's not the end of the story, though. David's daily struggle to control the Hepatitis C and keep it from attacking his new liver is exhausting, and at any given point, he could be taking up to 50 pills a day. Luckily, he is covered by an excellent insurance plan that pays much of the cost of medicines, testing and hospital stays, but for many others suffering from liver disease, this is not the case. Money donated to ALF also helps fund medicines and hospital costs for these people, family members explain.

Doctors at IU Hospital say David's case has proved to be one of the hardest cases they've ever dealt with, and he's become known as the "mystery patient" by many of his doctors. Most recently, he's been battling RSV, a viral infection of the lungs, which has kept him hospitalized since February 20. The medicine given to treat the illness put so much strain on his kidneys, David was also put on dialysis. Doctors are cautiously optimistic his kidneys will be able to return function once his RSV treatment is finished. Even during the few days the doctors thought the odds were too far against him, David still continued his fight for survival.

As David takes one baby-step at a time on his long road to recovery, Team Schrimsher will take one step at a time at the Liver Life Walk, to raise money and help find a cure for Hepatitis C and the hundreds of other terrible liver diseases. But it can't be done without the help of the community. Fliers are up for grabs all around Culver, so area residents are encouraged to take one home. Also, there will soon be donation jars at numerous places in Culver for any change people can spare -- every little bit helps, family members add.

Those wishing to make a larger donation may visit www.liverfoundation.org/walk and select "Find A Walk," search for Liver Life Walk Indianapolis May 14, 2011, select "Donate To A Walker" and search for Team Schrimsher. From there, you may choose a team member to sponsor, or a check may be sent, payable to the American Liver Foundation, to: Caitlin Schrimsher, 1003 South Street, Culver, IN 46511.



A living museum

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Students in Culver Elementary School fifth grade teacher Raeanne Stevens' reading class recently held their annual wax museum event. Students research an historical figure or celebrity of their choice and memorize a speech -- spoken in the first person -- explaining the significance of their chosen's contributions. Students in other grades browse the museum, pushing hand-drawn "buttons" to hear each student "statue" speak. Students in Stevens' class also decorate their "costumes" to appear as their chosen person of significance. Pictured here is Mackenzie Barnhart (as Diane Fossey), with Rylee Lutt and Jordan Schrimsher watching. Visible in the background are Cody Rieckhoff (as Johnny Depp), with Dylan Griewank observing.

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to donate and receive a t-shirt. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

Wesley's Got Talent April 10

How well do you really know your friends, neighbors, and coworkers and their talents? What talents *should* they keep a secret? If they're involved at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, they won't be a secret for long! The church will shine a spotlight on its members' various talents Sunday April 10, starting at 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All are invited join the fun of this silly show for families with magic tricks, a unicyclist, a martial-arts demonstration and much more.

Free computer classes at Culver library

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its session of free, two-hour computer classes in March. Sessions include Microsoft Excel (Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.); Microsoft PowerPoint (March 14, 6 p.m., and March 18, 10 a.m.); Microsoft Publisher (March 21, 6 p.m., and March 25, 10 a.m.). These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Citizen on Facebook, web

The Culver Citizen newspaper will now be updating the community on local news via the popular social networking site, Facebook. Facebook users who will see updates, photos, and more from the Citizen as part of their daily Facebook routine. This joins the existing Culver Citizen webpage at www.thepilot-news.com/culver, where a

greatly increased amount of news and information is now appearing, and in an even more timely fashion.

The weekly print edition of the paper will continue to be the central news vehicle

for Culver.

Friends of the Library accept donations

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.

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

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.

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Young diners invade Cafe Max

Students in the Wesley United Methodist Preschool paid a visit recently to Cafe Max in Culver, where owner Susie Mahler gave them a behind-the-scenes tour of areas such as the restaurant's walk-in cooler, cooking area, and more. Students, parents, and teachers also enjoyed fresh-made donuts and hot chocolate "on the house."

LEFT: Seated (left to right): Adam Walton, Jake Conroy, Maria Saunders, Felicity Kenney (face hidden by tray), and Maggie Kelley. Standing, in back, teachers Shelly Schrimsher and Jill Gavlick, servers Kim Minix and Wendy Van Horn, teacher Jennifer Luttrell, and parent Kim Perkins.

RIGHT: Jake Conroy makes the most of his donut and hot chocolate.



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of the bandits crossed Main Street from the bank and entered Ewald's, locking several customers in the ice box, having just let out a spray of bullets which killed businessman Jacob Saine (who was firing from 102 S. Main, the site of today's Culver Academies Museum) during a gunfight between locals and the robbers.

Paul Snyder bought the business from Ewald in April, 1940, operating it until 1949. Betchel's Royal Blue store began its run at the site that year, followed in 1955 by another long-lasting business fondly remembered by many residents today, Gretter's market, operated by Urban A. and Rita Gretter until 1977.

Gretter's, of course, was one of several downtown (and uptown) businesses to represent the transition from another age in Culver, which up through the 1950s and '60s boasted a good half-dozen grocery stores of one sort or another. It's hard to imagine heading downtown, today, to take care of one's grocery needs, but even I recall the last days of being able to do so, during the late '70s.

The Back Door Boutique occupied the store for a time during the late '70s, and in 1977 Chuck Robeson bought and remodeled it. Briefly, as was the case with so many downtown buildings, it housed the Culver Citizen circa 1987-87.

Culverites would have known 104 N. Main, just to the south, as the "Neighbor" Cromley homestead until about 1898 (Cromley was Culver and Union Township's longest-lived veteran of the Civil War). In 1909, Nathan Rector first opened the pharmacy bearing his name a few doors north, in the Menser Building. By 1914, he had moved to 104 N. Main, operating one of two drug stores in Culver which would serve the community's needs for much of the 20th century. Rector's, among other things, was noted as the first "to hang out a big electric lamp over the front door" in the wake of electricity finally reaching Culver, as reported in the September 14, 1914 Culver Citizen.

Rector's son, World War I veteran Stephen, took over full operation of the drug store in 1938. Stephen Rector was a prominent face in Culver's civic life as a member of the VFW, American Legion, Culver Lions, and was, said his Citizen April, 1955 obituary, "well-known for his generous response to all requests from youth and adult groups for scores of civic and club projects through the years." In 1962, former Culver City Drugs (across the street to

the south) pharmacist Rob McKinnis took over the store, which became known as McKinnis Pharmacy. Ten years later, he would relocate the business to the shop complex at the easternmost intersection of State Roads 10 and 17,



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Likely a Memorial Day parade, taken between 1949 and '55, during the time when 106 Main was Betchel's Royal Blue, as seen here, along with the Culver Cafe at right. Note the spectators positioned in chairs on the roof of Betchel's.

before merging with Mr. T's drugs (which had taken over Culver City) in its final location on Academy Road, in 1977.

The former Rector's storefront would become home to Kline's Appliances' northern expansion, which we'll discuss momentarily.

102 N. Main Street was home to a barber shop circa 1906, a "restaurant and confectionary" as of 1914, and in 1919 began its run as the Culver Cafe, initially operated by Arthur Simpson. In July, 1937, he sold the cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Garl Cultice, who in turn would sell to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Butler in August, 1943. By August, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams took over ownership, with Catherine Williams operating the restaurant and Kenneth continuing his work as a field representative for the State Exchange Bank across the street.

The arrangement wasn't terribly long-lived. In 1959, Raymond Kline moved his appliance business to the site. He'd opened up in June, 1952, across the street and to the south at 113 S. Main, site of today's Cafe Max (where he

purchased the former Oberlin's appliance store), before moving to the east side location, where he stayed until 1989, when he retired (Ray Kline passed away December 26, 2009). Kline's had expanded north into the former Rector's building in the 1970s.

Another minor landmark of the site was the telephone booth on the corner of Main and Jefferson, just south of what was last Kline's appliances. Surely the editor wasn't the only young Culver boy to transform into Superman in that booth, some years ago? Either way, it's been gone for some years now as well.

In the early 1990s, the entire complex was razed, making way, of course, for the vacant lot it remains today. For several years, Culver's Farmers Market set up shop at the site before moving to its present home at the corner of Main and Ohio Streets. Otherwise, other than the occasional rumor of something on the horizon there, all that remains are the good memories of generations of Culverites.

Next installment we'll saunter south across the street and continue our journey through the past. A few final words this week, pertinent to some past editions of this column: Kay Tusing wrote to point out that our February 24 column, which focused on 108 Main Street and its various occupants, was incorrect in naming longtime barber there Verl Shaffer as Culver's last official barber. It turns out Kay's daughter, Michelle Tusing Allyn, is in fact a licensed barber (and there's the image of an old-fashioned barber pole in her shop window a few doors north at 114 N. Main to prove it!). Sorry for the error, Michelle and Kay!

Donna Green also wrote – after a very busy and enjoyable Facebook exchange from a number of readers in response to the same column – to remind us that her father, Don Shock, is still barbering in Plymouth. Don and his father Howard Shock were both barbers for years at Culver Military Academy. Howard started there in 1959, seven years after opening up his barber shop in nearby Leiters Ford (he passed away in 2000).

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