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In Brief

CCHS Sports Spectacular this Friday

Culver Community Schools has announced the 26th annual Sports Spectacular, to be held Friday, April 1, starting at 6 p.m.

"Sports Spectacular" is an evening of class competition that generates fun, enthusiasm, spirit, and money. The cost of the event is \$3 per person, with pre-schoolers getting in free. The event will be kicked off with a faculty versus students volleyball game starting at 6 p.m., and ending with an all-school dance in the gym until 11 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Culver Community High/Middle School student.

CCHS class of '71 encouraged to contact

Members and teachers of the Culver Community High School class of 1971 are encouraged to contact Lynne Langlois concerning the upcoming 40-year class reunion. The main event will take place Saturday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Cove Conference Center in Culver (fee is \$25 per person). An informal Friday night mixer is scheduled for Friday, July 29 at 6 p.m., at the Culver Cove Resort, 319 East Jefferson Street in Culver (phone 574-842-2683).

Langlois would appreciate all classmates contacting her with both positive responses and regrets, along with all current contact information from classmates to assist with any future plans. She may be reached on her cell at 414-324-8287, or by email at berglouis@hotmail.com.

B.I.R.D. seeks projects, volunteers, donations

The committee behind Culver's B.I.R.D. (Building, Inspiring, Recreating, and Discovering) is planning a service day Saturday, April 23, combining students from Culver Academies and Culver Community High School, as well as adults, to assist anyone in the community with work projects with which they need assistance. Applications for assistance from B.I.R.D. are available around town, or residents may call Andrea Canacci at 216-280-5065.

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A hard-fought battle at the capitol

ABOVE: The Culver Military Academy Eagles topped off an unprecedented and historic season of Culver area sports which included a state wrestling champion (Jeremiah Harvey of Culver Community High School), a regional victory (CCHS' Lady Cavaliers), the breaking of a national record (in running, Academies runner Waverly Neer), a national victory (in fencing, Desirae Major of Culver Girls Academy), and a state championship (CMA hockey) in Indianapolis playing for the state championship against the Washington Hatchets.

UPPER LEFT: Former Chairman of the Culver Educational Foundation board Jim Henderson embraces CMA player Willie Strong) following the 61-46 loss. *LOWER LEFT: Team members met with friends, family and faculty at the school's pep rally Wednesday, showing the team support for its state championship game Saturday. Pictured, (from left) Hayes Barnes, Hyeony-Woo Kan, Alex Dodane, Charlie Kennedy, Willie Strong, Eljay Murray, Nick Zalduendo, Aramonti Phillips, Jermaine Myers, Juwan Brescacin, and Chier Ajou, team members. RIGHT: Team members, coaches, and supporters pose after the game.

Surrisi returns to Culver cuisine at two new ventures

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Rumors have circulated around Culver in recent weeks that popular local chef Larry Surrisi will once again be pleasing palettes in his role as one of the community's several in-demand food gurus. This following the closing last year of the City Diner, Surrisi's most recent prior food venue. Now John Zehner, owner of two eateries here, has confirmed Surrisi will join another of Culver's chefs of renown, Greg Ogle, at two newly reformatted restaurants.

The first, The Yacht Club, replaces the Maxinkuckee Bistro as the presiding restaurant at the Culver Cove on East Jefferson Street. The Yacht Club will open April 5, and -- as evidenced at its website, www.culveryachtclub.com -- will provide seasonal dishes, "us-

ing the highest graded meats (and) produce, with a first-class wine selection." Hours of operation, according to the site, will initially be 4 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. "The Yacht Club will have a few higher end items," explains Zehner, "but enough moderately priced items to satisfy any budget."

Zehner describes the restaurant as "family friendly" and non-smoking, and with "a great view of the lake. The Cove did a remodel this winter and created a bunch of comfortable seating in the restaurant waiting area that also looks at the lake. You can park your boat at the Cove docks and enjoy drinks, appetizers and dinner at the Yacht Club." Surrisi and Ogle will also be part of the Club's catering offerings, both at the Cove's banquet facilities or at customers' homes.

Rumors have also persisted as to the future of 115 East Jefferson, the site of the former Culver Cabana. Zehner says the building is still a "work in progress" but is nearly remodeled inside, and will reopen April 26 as The 115 Grill, also boasting Ogle's and Surrisi's talents.

The new restaurant (www.115grill.com) will be non-smoking, says Zehner, "with the patio and a new seating arrangement that is family friendly."

And yes, the popular, vintage school bus will still be there, but other seating, and much of the interior, will be altered from the look it sported during the Cabana days.

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'39 Steps' brings comedy, intrigue to Culver stage

Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series for the 2010-2011 season concludes with Alfred Hitchcock's award-winning play, "The 39 Steps," Wednesday, April 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. onstage at Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus.

The play is Broadway's longest-running comedy thriller. Performed by a cast of four, says the Academies' website at www.culver.org, the play "follows a man with a boring life as he meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon after, a mysterious organization called 'The 39 Steps' is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt. Winner of two Tony and Drama Desk Awards and London's Oliver Award for Best New Comedy, the performance is packed with laughs and over 150 unique characters!"

With one actor playing the hero, an actress plays three women with whom he's romantically involved, and two other ac-

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A Culver St. Patty's Day

Kevin Foley (right), of Culver Pipes and Drums, made a St. Patrick's Day visit to the Wesley Preschool on School Street, where he played the bagpipes and discussed the historic instrument and its cultural heritage with youngsters there. Pictured, listening, are (front row, left

to right) Grant Doss, Brennan Campbell, Lauren Gerber, Karsen Hoffman, Jack Rodgers, Ryan Gormaly, and Gwendylan Gilley.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Relay '11 on track, will bring fireworks, Colts player, more

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Relay for Life will return for a fourth year, and organizers -- adult and student alike -- are hoping to continue the momentum from the first three events, which surpassed many expectations to raise more than \$100,000 each year and place Culver on the map as one of the few school-hosted locations for the cancer-fighting event in the entire country. The success of past Relays has also drawn attention for the fact that much of the organizing, planning, and execution of the event is student-led. Past events have been remarkable, too, for their ability to unify the diverse communities of the area towards a common goal.

This year's Relay will kick off at 7 p.m., with the opening ceremony, Friday, April 15, at the Culver Academies football field at the intersection of State Roads 10 and 17. As in years past, the all-night event centers around fundraising teams walking laps throughout the night -- symbolic of cancer never resting -- coupled with ongoing activities and events to raise awareness about the disease, honor victims and survivors of cancer, and keep teams motivated to continue their journey.

Funds raised, as always, go to the American Cancer Society to aid in its ongoing fight against the disease and support of victims and their families.

Relay 2011 Co-Chair and Culver Academies senior Kyle Blankenship says this year's Relay is "panning out to be better than ever before!"

"So far, we are doing very well number wise. At this point, we have 58 teams and over \$30,000 raised online, along with an additional \$40,000 in sponsorship. This is very good, compared to where we were at this point last year. We're hoping to keep up the momentum so that we can reach our goal of \$130,000."

Blankenship says organizers encourage online participant registration and fundraising, which can be done at www.culver.org/relay.

Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, Indiana is once again the event sponsor, he notes, and

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Culver Academies among 2011 Rotary Indiana Quizbowl state champions



From left are Culver Quizbowl Coach Phil Blessman, Franklyn Ndubui-Obi, Stephen Paolini, Andrew Van Duyn, John Van Duyn, Nancy Shi, and Adam Stathakis.

DOONALDSON — Culver Academies defeated Harrison High School of West Lafayette two games to one in the final of the Rotary Large School (Class AAA) Championship to claim the \$500 first place prize and a 2011 set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. In the medium school (AA) division, South Bend-Clay defeated Riley 2-0 and in the small school division (A) North Miami High School defeated North White by two games to one to claim identical prizes. The runners-up received checks for \$300, with third-place teams Hamilton Southeastern, Logansport, and Argos taking home \$100 checks.

Twenty-two schools made the trip to Ancilla College to compete, making this the largest number of Indiana schools ever represented at one quizbowl tournament. This is also the first time small and medium school State Champions were crowned, hopefully heralding an era of

national series. In thrilling matches in all three divisions, the eventual runners-up took the Champions to the limit-Culver Academies and North Miami both clinched their championships on the last question, and Clay actually had to go to overtime to defeat Riley.

After the final games, and the awarding of the prize money and encyclopedia sets to the top teams, top individual performers in the preliminary rounds were recognized. The top five scorers in each size category and members of the tournament all-star teams were:

Class AAA All-stars: Andrew Van

Duyn (Culver Academies), Alex Pijanowski (Harrison), Sawyer Morgan (Hamilton Southeastern), Surabhi Balachander (Harrison), and Adithva Bhattachar (Carmel).

Class AA All-stars: Luke S. (Clay), Alec Radecki (Riley), Josh Overway (Logansport), Eli Morris (Logansport), and Nick Rehlander (New Prairie).

Class A All-stars: Tony H. (Argos), Jacob M. (N. Miami), Kaley B. (Pioneer), Justin Rodin (N. White), and Morgan Welker (Winamac).

The 15 all-stars each received a hardcover copy of the "2011 World Almanac and Book of Facts." Three cruise vacations were won by Division A North White Coach Kent Kiester, Division AA Logansport Coach Lorese Sharp, and Division AAA Coach Culver Academies Coach Phil Blessman. Culver Academies donated a buzzer system, which was won by LaVille High School. All students were also provided with a pizza lunch and drinks.

The Culver Academies Team won the Rotary Class AAA State Championship over Harrison High School of West Lafayette.

Githens is Union Twp. Republican chairman



The Marshall County Republican Party has announced the appointment of Bill Githens of 210 Winfield Street, Culver, as Republican Precinct Chairman of Union Township, Percent 1. Union Township Precinct 1 consists of all of the town of Culver. Githens was elected to the Union Township Advisory Board in November.

Githens, in accepting his appointment, said, "This year especially looms large for the Republicans in Culver as there are three seats on the town council, plus the town clerk's office on the November ballot. It is also important to note that more than likely, one of the three council members elected this year could conceivably be council president in one of the next four years.

"In the next four years, the town council and its president will be responsible for appointing many persons to the various commissions it oversee such as the Plan Commission, Re-Development Commission and many other boards. The clerk's position is extremely important as the town clerk oversees all monies and records."

Githens would like to start early in fielding candidates for the various town offices for the November ballot.

"I am certain the other party will be working hard also seeing what is at stake," he adds.

Should the Republican Party field more candidates than offices available, there will have to be a Town Convention in August.

Githens said he will be approaching various individuals seeking their interest, but asks that anyone interested in becoming a candidate also, contact him at 281-788-5688 or write him at 210 Winfield Street, Culver.

"Every month or week we wait, will never be regained before November" said Githens.

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two-time cancer survivor Paqui Kelly, wife of Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly, will visit the Academies on April 13 to speak with students about her experience with cancer and to rev everyone up for Relay. Her story is truly inspirational, and we are ecstatic to have her. She also has headed up the Kelly Cares Foundation, another foundation dedicated to raising money for cancer."

And as has been the case for the past two years, a player from multiple Super Bowl winning NFL football team the Indianapolis Colts will be in town for the Relay on April 15, though as yet his name hasn't been announced.

Another new feature is the presence of Mad Bomber Firework Productions, which will add a fireworks show to the evening's entertainment.

Also as in years past, Culver Coffee Company on Lake Shore Drive is joining other local businesses in helping raise money by donating proceeds from its Drink of the Month for April to the Relay. Further, for the first two weeks of April, \$1 from every pizza purchased at the Coffee Company will also go to Relay.

This year's Relay will include the core features of years past, as well as some "to be announced" new additions. Back will be the somber but powerful luminaria lap of the event, during which lights are extinguished and luminaria bags dedicated to a cancer victim provide the only lighting through this silent lap. Area cancer survivors will once again be featured speakers during the evening, which will also include a number of themed laps. Live music will abound, as will games, food, and of course the ever-popular "Mr. Relay" portion of the evening, in which male participants are encouraged to don dresses (or feminine attire of their choosing) and outdo each other in raising funds towards the Relay goal.

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"We (will) have TVs and great food," Zehner says. "Pricing will be moderate so that all families can enjoy. We are trying to configure a family game room so the kids will have a distraction to allow the parents more enjoyment."

Both venues, he adds, will have "a relaxed, resort-town feel with two chefs 'dueling it out.' Greg Ogle and Larry Surrisi both have extensive experience with high quality food. (They're) a great team."

Says Surrisi, "We hope to build excitement around fresh new spaces, fresh faces and thoughtful, different menu selections. All of our staffers are pumped about the opportunity to serve the area's most discerning diners and add in a big way to Culver's reputation as northern Indiana's dining destination."

In addition to the already-mentioned websites, notes Zehner, readers may follow both restaurants on Twitter and Facebook.

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tors play all other characters in the show. According to Internet sources, the play is full of comedy and references, puns, and other fun involving other legendary Hitchcock films.

Tickets are available at two locations: Culver Academies Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.; and the Eppley Auditorium Lobby Box Office, open one hour prior to the performance. All seats are reserved. Cash, personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, and America Express are accepted. For additional information, contact the Box Office at 574-842-7058.

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Letter to the editor

Thankful for VFW-student programs

Dear Editor:
VFW Post 6919 and Auxiliaries should be commended for their Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen program successes. I was so pleased to see the large participation of students in both programs this year. This has been an ongoing VFW National program for students for many years and winners enjoy scholarship money from the local VFW level through the District competition and finally, the National. Over the years, the participation of Culver students has increased many times over. Much of this enthusiasm is due to teachers, Cheryl Geik and Barbara Winters presenting this opportunity as a class project.

Culver citizens should be thankful for scholarship opportunities being offered not only by individual donors, but from many of our local service organizations.

**Bobbie Ruhnow
Culver**

Death notice

Sellers

**Clarence D. Sellers
March 23, 2011**

CULVER — Clarence D. Sellers, 77, of Culver, formerly of Knox, died Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Sun City, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons: David Sellers of Culver, Daniel (Sherr) Sellers of Kouts, and Dean (Brenda) Sellers of Bristol; brother, Robert "Bud" Sellers of Plymouth; sister, Darlene (Richard) Decker of Valparaiso; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Valley, Peoria, Ariz.

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

Culver Elementary PTO hosts book fair

Culver Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair, "Book Fair Carnival, your ticket to read!" from April 4 through 8. The book sale and literacy event offers a carnival midway geared to excite children about reading and learning.

The Scholastic Book Fair offers the most popular books and educational products, including the newest titles, award-winners, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Readers of all ages will walk away from the Book Fair with the grandest prize of all: a lifelong love of reading.

The Scholastic Book Fair is available to students and the community from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily. On Wednesday, April 6, special after school family hours are 3 to 5 p.m. and on Friday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Culver Elementary PTO uses the funds raised from the book fair to purchase books and other resources for the school's library. The PTO needs the community's support, and encourages everyone to get their ticket to read at the book fair Carnival!

For more information, contact Laura Garbacik at 574-842-3287 or laura1275@comcast.net

Culver Police release annual crackdown results

The Culver Police Department has announced the results during the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. March crackdown.

In all, agency officers dedicated 14 hours of extra patrol towards Indiana's annual mobilization against impaired and dangerous driving. Officers stopped more than 40 motorists issuing more than 50 citations and warnings and making two arrests for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day in 2009. Of those crashes, 37 percent involved an impaired driver and/or motorcyclist with a (BAC) of .08 and higher.

Operation Pull Over Blitz 66 was supported by federal funding allocated to the Culver Police Department from the Traffic Safety division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). More than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies participated in this annual, statewide enforcement effort, which generally occurs around the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

To learn more about Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest enforcement efforts, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

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., March 31: Chicken chop suey, low sodium soy sauce, rice, snow peas, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Fri., April 1: Tomato basil soup, egg salad, bun, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pound cake, warm cinnamon peaches, and milk.

Mon., April 4: Chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, bread and margarine, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

Tues., April 5: Pot roast with gravy, brown rice, Brussels sprouts, corn, biscuits, pear, and milk.

Weds., April 6: Vegetarian lasagna, salad and dressing, peas, bread sticks, peach cobbler, and milk.

Thurs., April 7: Quiche, coffee cake, orange or orange juice, breakfast potatoes, and milk.

Fri., April 8: Salmon patties, tartar sauce, roasted sweet potatoes, capri vegetable blend, dinner roll, cake, and milk.

Culver's Cleavenger has eye-opening county coroner report



Bill Cleavenger

By Rusty Nixon
Correspondent

PLYMOUTH — One thing is certain — uncertain economic times seem to have made Marshall County Coroner Bill Cleavenger a busy man. Cleavenger, a longtime Culver resident, gave his report to the Marshall County commissioners Monday and it provided evidence that his office was a busy one in the past year. Quoting statistics provided by the Indiana Coroner's Association, a county the size of Marshall County — around 50,000 population — has approximately 500 deaths on average each year. Of those 12 percent are of a nature that they require the services of the coroner.

While Marshall County had only 372 deaths this past year, 102 of them required involvement of the coroner's office. Of those 102, Cleavenger's office was able to determine that 82 occurred from natural causes.

Cleavenger showed the board another alarming statistic. The county had 10 deaths with drug overdose as the determined cause — doubled from five the year before — and the county has already had four deaths due to overdose this year.

"It has more to do with people and their impulse control than with any other cause," said Cleavenger. "Almost all of those deaths are from prescription drugs or mixing drugs with alcohol, that sort of thing."

Cleavenger said the average age of the persons who died by overdose was 34.

He also said there were seven suicides in Marshall County last year, up slightly from the year before.

One bit of good news is that Marshall County had just two fatalities from traffic accidents last year.

Culver's Lewellen part of NYLS conference



Angela Lewellen, daughter of Pastor Ron (of Emmanuel United Methodist Church) and Cara Lewellen of Culver, and a student at Culver Community Middle School, journeyed to Ypsilanti, Michigan March 17 through 20, as part of the National Young Leaders State Conference.

She was one of the outstanding students from across the nation chosen to take part in the unique leadership development program being held in 35 cities across the country. Themed Courageous Leadership, the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) helps young scholars take an introspective and highly-personalized assessment of their leadership skills and abilities. Throughout the four-day program, Lewellen and others built a working "toolkit" of strategies to help them successfully dream, create and implement plans that will change how they view their role as leaders in their communities.

The NYLSC curriculum focuses on an assessment of each student's leadership skills and abilities. The scholars will be challenged to step forward to grasp the concepts of leadership that will be taught and to act upon their dreams of making a difference in the world while maintaining the courage of their convictions. The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, CYLC is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. To date, members of the U.S. Congress have joined this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the CYLC's Honorary Board of Embassies. For additional information, visit us at www.cylc.org.

Community calendar

Thurs., March 31

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

Fri., April 1

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

Sat., April 2

Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library
Intellectual freedom workshops, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Culver Public Library

Mon., April 4

Knitting group, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Culver Public Library
Computer class, 6 p.m., Culver Public Library

Tues., April 5

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.

Culver schools kindergarten registration, 6 p.m., Monterey Elementary

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

Culver Chamber-Kiwanis Culver Comm. High School Top Ten Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Pretty Lake United Methodist Church

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

Weds., April 6

Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ

Culver schools kindergarten registration, 6 p.m., Culver Elementary

Culver Parks and Recreation board mtg., 7:30 p.m., town hall

Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps," Huffington Concert Series at Culver Academies Eppley Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 7

Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library
Spring storytime, 11:30 a.m., Culver Public Library

If these walls could talk: 110, 112, and 114 S. Main

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 down-town Culver, making our way south.

This week, we're stopping in at a couple of buildings today connected as one, at 110 (which includes 112) and 114 South Main Streets, where today we find The Collectors antique store (110 and 112 S. Main) and The Bear End (114 S. Main), both retail destinations operated by Ruth Mackey.

This week's column has been one of the most challenging to research. Records from earlier years, and occasional tidbits from the *Culver Citizen* fill in the blanks for several decades, but ironically it's been some of the more recent decades, those between about 1960 and the early to mid-1980s, which have proven most difficult in pinning down which business was where. This is complicated in part by a couple of factors: first, the building to the north, 110 (and at times 112) S. Main, often was occupied simultaneously by two separate businesses. Some readers may recall one business there, but not another. Further, that stretch of commercial Culver seems to blend into a bit of a muddle for many residents, including your editor. The Wickizer building to the north -- reported on in our last column -- seems so similar to 110/112 S. Main, and the smaller building at 114 S. Main so similar to its neighbor to the north, that sorting out who was where, and when, has me a bit dizzy! Hopefully, a few readers with all the answers will contact me once this column hits the streets, to fill in the holes a bit, such as they are.

Of the two buildings in question, the northernmost (110/112 S. Main) is by far the oldest, while 114 -- the Bear End -- was erected around 1947. For many years prior, the space was a vacant lot which the late Bill Snyder, longtime proprietor of Culver's hardware store, one building south, once told me he remembered as frequently put to use for teen fistfights!

The 1906 Sanborn fire map shows 110 S. Main as a vacant lot, though by 1914's map, a tin, harness, and shoe shop was operated there by William Foss and sons. Richard Nitzchke ran a barber shop in part of what was then known as the Amond building (for owner Frank Amond, of Maxinkuckee tour boat fame) in 1947.

The *Culver Citizen* on October 8, 1947, reported Don Priest had purchased The Grill (which presumably means it had already operated there for a time) and was renovating it to open the next month. Mr. and Mrs. Priest, incidentally, would open another restaurant in 1956, the Don-Marie on State Road 17 (in the building which would later become the home of Culver's Eagles lodge, and is today the Market Basket & Co.), before retiring in 1959 due to Don's health.

Verl Shaffer is one of several in Culver who recall the Grill being run by sisters Marcella White and Mildred Ditmire, when he first came to Culver in 1956. The sisters would soon thereafter open the M & M restaurant across the street 113 S. Main (site of today's Cafe Max), starting in 1959 and until 1972.

Verl says, also, that Ted Ewing and his father ran a barber shop in the basement in the late 1940s or early '50s. "Bill Davis started his barber shop in the same basement," adds Verl, "before moving in where Gail has her shop now (at 106 S. Main) in 1961."

In March, 1958, the *Citizen* reported Helene Boots' opening a wallpaper and paint shop at 110 S. Main. In 1962, Awnings by Amond opened for business there as

part of Gold Coast Industries, a venture involving legendary Maxinkuckee tour boat Captain Frank Amond and his son Eddie (along with a Florida-based partner), which among other things manufactured the actual awnings. These were sold and installed by way of the store front.



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110 N. Main Street in the 1940s (note the "Eat" sign by the street light, suggesting the presence of The Grill, which operated into the 1950s there). The Culver hardware sign is in the foreground.

Verl also recalls a beauty shop operated by someone from Argos, at 110 S. Main, starting in 1962.

The *Citizen* reported in the January 23, 1963 edition, that the "Culver Community School Unit" would soon open up an office at 110 S. Main.

Bobbie Ruhnnow remembers Helen Timmons (with husband Frank) running a beauty shop in one of the sections of 110 S. Main into the early 1950s. For several years, at least part of the building functioned as Al Sytsma's appliance store annex.

In June, 1983, Ron and Ruth Mackey opened The Collector's antiques and The Bear End (bear/collectible stuffed animal store) at the site, the Collectors continuing as Culver's antique store of record, under Ruth's care following Ron's passing away.

Various businesses operated at the store under the official address of 112 S. Main, including Phyllis Zehner's beauty shop, Mary Tanguy's Mary's Shoppe (from April, 1984 to 2000), and the expansion of the Mackeys' store into its present configuration there. Three apartments occupy the upstairs of the building, having been remodeled in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, at the aforementioned former vacant lot at 114 S. Main, Duke's Jewelry and Gifts moved into the newly-built structure in November, 1947, occupying the place until 1952.

According to his entry in the Marshall County Sesquicentennial book, Earl Dean Overmyer opened his plumbing and heating business (the first air conditioned shop in Culver, it's noted) around 1953. While the book doesn't mention it, all evidence points to 114 S. Main as the site.

The late Earl (who died in 1995) and his wife Helen ran the business there for several years. Eldest son Lance -- who of course still is involved in Overmyer Soft Water, now on Jefferson and Plymouth Streets -- came into the business in 1962. However, the business didn't stay at that site through the years. In the 1960s, Jack Spencer opened Spencer's plumbing there, a business which included natural gas delivered from his large tank on State Road 17, recalls John Sage (who would later occupy the shop). Spencer operated from 114 S. Main for years, prior to Emil "Bud" Ruhnnow buying out his business in the 1970s.

Bud actually moved the operation a block south to the horseshoe-shaped building (now a parking lot) at 226 S. Main, which had been Emil Senior's. According to Bud and his wife, *Citizen* correspondent Bobbie Washburn Ruhnnow, Bud Ruhnnow never operated his business out of 114 S. Main, but briefly used the store as storage for his equipment. He remembers a Plymouth-based law firm opening for business after he vacated 114, and staying there a few years before leaving the building completely vacant for a time.

In 1984, John Sage says he began renting 114 S. Main from Paul Snyder, who had owned it for years (Ruhnnow also rented it from him). Sage's Insurance occupied part of the building at the time, while Jerry Thomas operated his real estate business in the other part.

"We were in the south end of it," John Sage recalls. "All we had was a desk inside the door -- I had a dinky, little room behind it!"

When Thomas Realty departed in 1986, John and June Sage took over their part of the building, which they occupied until 1990, though by 1988 he says he'd purchased the former Poppe's Appliance building on Lake Shore Drive (today occupied by Dawn Minas' Culver Coffee Company) in 1988, and was renovating it prior to moving Sage's Insurance there in 1990. Sage replaced a surf shop at the Lake Shore Drive site and would sell the building to Dawn circa 2006 for the coffee shop.

Jean Snyder ran Thru the Grape Vine at 114 S. Main in 1993, and Nancy Baxter briefly opened Maxinkuckee Korner the same year. The Painter & Poet Gallery, operated then as now by Esther and Ward Miller, opened in the building in the 1990s (they would later relocate to their present home and shop at 307 N. Main).



PHOTO/AHS OF CULVER, KIM AMOND COLLECTION. Awnings by Amond at 110 S. Main Street, in November, 1962.



PHOTO/ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CULVER. A 1924 photo of the area -- the hardware store is the building at far right.

Academies junior, Marshall County resident to study in Germany

Plymouth resident Taylor Tadlock, a junior at Culver Academies, has been awarded a \$4,500 scholarship from the Department of Germanic Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, to study this summer in Krefeld, Germany. She is the daughter of Christy and William H. Hargraves III of Plymouth.

The award will cover all IUHPFL program fees, allowing Tadlock to study German in Krefeld, Germany, for seven weeks this summer in a total immersion program.

She explained that she will be taking Advanced



Placement German as a senior and that having spent the summer in Germany "would help a lot." Looking ahead, the 17-year-old is interested in linguistics as a career.

Her German instructor, Cathy Tulungen said, "Taylor's enthusiasm for the language is most notable. She truly enjoys learning new words and new expressions. She has worked to develop her listening skills through paying careful attention in class and through seeking opportunities to listen to German online or being spoken by others. Taylor is also one of very few students who will do extra reading in German just for fun."

Culver Garden Court

groundbreaking April 8

CULVER — A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at 701 S. Main St., Culver. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,445,600 to develop a 13-unit residence for the elderly under the Section 202 Supportive Housing Program. The new development will be known as Culver Garden Court and will be the twelfth Garden Court Community.

Speakers scheduled for the groundbreaking event include Rev. Ronald Leichty, president of Garnde Court Inc., and possibly Congressman Joe Donnelly. Current Garden Court Inc. board members will also be present.

Arrest report

Drew M. Deery, 23, Culver, was arrested March 26 by the Culver Police Department for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .15 percent or more and failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage.

Police investigating theft at Culver Academies

CULVER — Marshall County Police are seeking information regarding a theft that took place at Culver Academies over the weekend. It was reported Monday that some time Saturday, while a student was away from his room, someone entered it, broke into a locked desk and took about \$3,000 American money and \$1,000 of Chinese Yen (which is nearly \$166 U.S.), a camera worth more than \$3,000 and headphones for an MP3 player. The investigation is ongoing.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Among those guessing the identity of last week's Mystery Citizen were Chuckie Strang, Shannon Shepherd, Dave Crabb, Jim Jones, Jack Houghton, Dean Norwich, Carin Clifton, and Bill Mills. He's Rich Kelso, among other things Scoutmaster when your editor was a Boy Scout, and the long involvement with a local organization refers to Culver's VFW Post 6919 (which will be featured in a 65th anniversary article in an edition of the paper in the near future).

This week's Mystery Citizen has also been involved in the community for decades, and is certainly most associated with a particular local business.

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, Rich Kelso, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.



Sports



Zeller leads Washington over CMA at state championships

By James Costello
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — Not satisfied with ending a 36-year sectional championship drought, the Eagles kept on rolling to eventual regional and semi-state titles.

On Saturday, their historic run came to an end as defending state champion Washington handed Culver Military Academy a 61-46 loss in the Class 3A State Basketball Final at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Led by Indiana Mr. Basketball front-running candidate Cody Zeller's 20 points and 18 rebounds, the Hatchets overcame a slow start to rally past CMA in the second period, ultimately outshooting, outrebounding and generally outplaying the Eagles for a repeat 3A title and their third such championship in four years. The storied program now owns seven state titles overall, tying it with Marion for second on the IHSAA's all-time list.

"I'm proud of our team, proud of our leadership, but I'm also respectful of how good Washington is and how good Cody Zeller is," said CMA head basketball coach Mark Galloway.

"He was a big influence on this game, and that's the kind of player he is. He was able to do so many things. The thing that goes unnoticed sometimes is the way he handles the ball and can extend you out and make you guard him; he's a 6-11 guy that can put it on the floor and extend the defense."

Washington went 22 for 43 from the floor compared to a 20-for-53 effort by CMA and enjoyed a 38-21 rebounding advantage in the contest.

Zeller, who went on to win the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award for Class 3A, led all scorers and rebounders with 20 points and 18 boards while dishing out a pair of assists with two blocks and generally creating match-up problems all over the floor. Teammates Dylan Ervin and Anthony Curtis took advantage of any double- or triple-teams thrown at the solid 6-foot-11 IU recruit with 18 and 10 points, respectively.

After trailing 7-2 in the opening two minutes, CMA went on a 16-10 run stretching from the 5:46 mark of the first period until the end of the frame to take a slight 18-17 lead at the quarter break. With 7-foot-1 Eagles center Chier Ajou and 6-5 forward Juwan Brescacin both in foul trouble, the Hatchets retook the lead just 1:18 into the second quarter on an Ervin steal at the timeline for an



PHOTO/PAUL PARE

Culver Military Academy players (from left) Jermaine Myers, Chier Ajou (no. 34), Willie Strong (40), and Hayes Barnes (5) rally against Washington Hatchets star player Cody Zeller during Saturday night's state championship game in Indianapolis.

uncontested layup, and Washington rolled on with a 14-6 run to grab a double-digit 35-24 halftime advantage and never trailed again.

The Hatchets held CMA to 3-for-10 shooting during the run after the Eagles' 7-for-12 start in the first frame.

"I think Dylan had a couple big keys in that stretch and that got us going," said Washington head coach Gene Miller. "Dylan's, for the last two years, been one of our best defensive basketball players and he's always making the big plays at the defensive end of the floor."

"I thought overall defensively we picked it up. After the first quarter they only scored 28 points, so I thought defensively we all stepped up."

"I would say it was a combination of our shot selection and their defense," said Galloway of the second frame Saturday. "We talk about getting good shots and we had good shots, but we needed to get better shots. That second quarter we didn't get the best shot possible. We settled for some extended jumpers when we probably should've kept attacking and then we got down and we were trying to play some zone there to weather the storm with some foul trouble. Once we took some bad shots, that allowed them to take some easy ones, and they were able to score some easy baskets in that second quarter."

Culver cut Washington's lead back to single digits with a 6-4 mini-run to start the third capped off by a post bucket

from University of Mexico recruit Ajou, but the Eagles never got closer than that 39-30 margin.

Ajou finished with 10 points for CMA, while fellow senior Brescacin tallied 12 and junior point guard Jermaine Myers scored a team-high 17 in the loss.

CMA bids goodbye to a cast of four seniors in starters Brescacin and Ajou as well as Peter Bin and Hyeong-Woo Kan.

"Chier and I, we try to lead by example on the court, but it's the guys that you don't really see — Hyeong-Woo Kan and Peter Bin — that don't really play but give us that intensity in practice and give us those looks," said Brescacin. "Those guys, they'd do anything just to step on the court, and a lot of our success has come from those guys."

Although the Eagles came up shy of their ultimate goal of a state title, they close the season with plenty of positives to reflect back on after winning CMA its first sectional, regional and semistate boys basketball championships in Galloway's first year at the helm.

"We definitely had a great season," said Myer, who passed the 1,000-point career mark for Culver back in February. "Culver's never been here before, and it

was nice to get here. We wish we would've won the game, but we fell short. This is a great group of guys. This is the best group of guys I've ever been around."

"I can't say enough about how far we've come," said Galloway. "If you had gotten to see us in our first practice, talking about being in the state championship, I wouldn't have believed it just because how hard we had to work and how far we had to come."

CLASS 3A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE FINAL

WASHINGTON 61,
CULVER MILITARY 46
At Indianapolis
Score by quarters
CMA: 18 24 34 46
Washington: 17 35 48 61
WASHINGTON (61): Jermaine Myers 7 1-3 17, Hayes Barnes 2 0-0 5, Juwan Brescacin 6 0-0 12, Chier Ajou 4 2-2 10, Willie Strong 1 0-0 2, Alex Dodane 0 0-0 0, Eljay Murray 0 0-0 0, Aramonti Phillips 0 0-0 0, Peter Bin 0 0-0 0, David Dilts 0 0-0 0, Nick Zalduendo 0 0-0 0, Hyeong-Woo Kan 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20 3-5 46.
3-point goals: CMA 3 (Myers 2, Barnes), Washington 2 (Anthony 2); Turnovers: CMA 10, Washington 14; Rebounds: CMA 21 (Brescacin 5, Strong 5), Washington 38 (Zeller 18); Total fouls (fouled out): CMA 19 (Ajou), Washington 8 (none). Records: CMA 19-7, Washington 24-4.

CCHS winter sports awards

Culver Community High and Middle Schools held their annual winter athlete awards last Tuesday evening. The following students were recognized in their respective categories.

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ATHLETES

Front row, left to right: Grace Lorenz, Kayla Shaffer, Abby James, Michael Skiles, Allen Betts; second row, Kyle VanDePutte, Clare Hartman, Whitney Sanders, Collin Stevens, Zoe Bauer, John Ahlenius. Third row, Lary Clingler, Micah Budzinski, Tucker Schultz, Trent Elliott.



ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES

Front row, left to right: Jeremiah Harvey, Collin Stevens, Zoe Bauer, Matt Hurford. Back row, Nicole Carnegie, Gwen Zehner, Whitney Sanders, Patrice McBee.



7TH GRADE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Front row, left to right: Megan Brady, Rebecca Rainey, Brianna Overmyer, Anna Tompos, Daniel Bettinelli. Second row, Marisa Howard, Kelsey Shaffer, Caitlyn Cowell, Madeline Justis, Margaret McKinnis. Third row, Tevin Jones, Danny Flenner, Cody Valiquet, Addyson Allyn.



8TH GRADE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Front row, left to right: Dustie Pier, Madelyn Strycker, Angela Lewellen, Haley Klimaszewski, Mickelia Hardy. Back row, Tatum Schultz, Tia Romig, Katie Blocker, Brendon Pinder, Paul Foersch

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Classes at CCHS

SAT and ACT preparation classes at Culver Community High School will include verbal portion training every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. The math portion will be studied every Wednesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. The SAT test will be offered May 7 at Culver Academies. The ACT test will be offered June 11 at Kokomo, South Bend, and Elkhart.

Intellectual freedom workshop

The Culver-Union Township Public Library will host a workshop exploring the basic principles of intellectual freedom in a public library setting, Saturday, April 2. Two sessions will be held: from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m. Presenting will be Dr. Jean Preer, Professor at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science. All interested members of the community are invited to

attend.

Friends offer silent auction

The Friends of the Culver-Union Township Public Library organization is displaying a collection of counted cross stitch pieces donated by a library patron, in the large display case at the library. The pieces are part of a silent auction to raise funds for the library. Bids can be placed at the circulation desk, and the winning bid at the end of the month will be the winner of the stitched piece. Funds raised will go to the Friends' ongoing support of the library.

Culver Schools kindergarten registration

Culver Community Schools Kindergarten Roundup for Monterey Elementary will be held Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. in the MES cafeteria. Roundup for Culver Elementary students is Wednesday, April

6 at 6 p.m. in the CES cafeteria. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2011. If a parent cannot come April 5 or April 6 they should contact Culver Elementary at 574-842-3389, or Monterey Elementary at 574-542-2601 to make other arrangements.

Baked potato supper April 8

A baked potato supper will be held at the Vandalia R.R. Station in Culver from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (ET) Friday, April 8. The meal includes large baked potatoes and all the "fixings" (chili, sour cream, chives, cheese, bacon bits, broccoli, etc.) and includes pie, cake, coffee, and lemonade. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. The event is a fundraiser sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger.

Preschool open house April 9

Wesley Preschool's Open House registration will be held Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Junior class students must be 3 years old and senior class students must be 4 years old by August 1, 2011. Seniors meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$92 per month. Juniors meet Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 11 a.m., and tuition is \$64 per month. Registration form and \$40 supply fee are due upon registration. Please contact Jennifer Luttrell at 574-250-3852 with questions and interest.

Wesley's Got Talent April 10

Wesley United Methodist 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.

Community meal at Grace April 14

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m., in the basement of the church. *Please note the altered date from the usual meal date of the 15th of each month.* All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere.

Kiwanis-Collins-Marina bass tournament May 7

The Culver Kiwanis-Collins & Co.-Marina team charity bass tournament on Lake Maxinkuckee will take place Saturday, May 7. Entry fee is \$70 per team if the entry is received by April 15 (\$80 per team if paid the day of the tournament). Tournament hours are from legal sunrise (6:30 a.m.) to 2:30 p.m. Weigh-in and release of fish will begin at 2:30 at the Culver Marina. Cash prizes will be awarded after the weigh-in. Those with questions may email volkerts@msn.com or call 574-842-4566 and leave a message.

Winters scholarship applications avail-

able

Applications for the Ralph E. Winters Scholarship are now available for qualified Culver Community High School graduates who will successfully complete their freshman year of college and will be enrolling in their sophomore year this fall. Non-traditional students are also eligible to apply. Applications are available online through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's website at www.pulaskionline.org. Deadline for applications is April 18. For more information contact the foundation at 574-946-0906.

Support "Team Schrimsher" in ALF walk

Culver's Schrimsher family and friends will take part in the "Liver Life Walk" in Indianapolis May 14 to help raise money for the American Liver Foundation (ALF). Six years ago, David Schrimsher was diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis C, which causes serious and life-threatening cirrhosis of the liver. Those wishing to make a donation may visit www.liverfoundation.org/walk, or a check may be sent, payable to the American Liver Foundation, to: Caitlin Schrimsher, 1003 South Street, Culver, IN 46511.

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