

# The Culver Citizen

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## In Brief

### VFW scholarship fund-raiser Saturday

Culver's VFW #6919 Men's Auxiliary will hold a smoked chicken dinner, part of its Culver Community High School scholarship fund-raiser, at the Post at 108 East Washington Street. Baked beans and chips are included in the meal, but availability is limited, so get tickets now. The dinner takes place Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per dinner. Tickets are available behind the bar.

### Town-wide clean-up Saturday

The Town of Culver will hold its spring Town Wide Clean-Up day Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A dumpster, provided by the town, will be placed at the water tower on Lake Shore Dr. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Those needing items picked up may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up time.

### Farmers' Market opens Saturday

The Culver Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will open from May 14 through October 8, each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Located at the corner of Jefferson and Ohio Streets, across from CVS, the market features fresh produce, plants, flowers, herbs, local honey and sorghum, eggs, meat, processed jams, salsa and pickles, baked goods, and hand-made crafts.

### Hydrant flushing

The Town of Culver will continue flushing fire hydrants during the remainder of this week. During this process your water may have a "rusty" color; however it is still safe to drink. The hydrant flushing is done twice a year and is necessary to remove rust from the town's water distribution system.

### Free bike clinic Saturday

The Bike Barn in Culver, 103 Lake Shore Drive, will offer a free "Fix-A-Flat Tire" clinic this Saturday, May 14 at noon. Learn to patch and change flat tires, and bring your flats and get a free patch kit. The event is open to all ages. For more information, visit [www.bikebarnculver.com](http://www.bikebarnculver.com).

## Culver Confirmation is Bishop's first visit

ABOVE LEFT: Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend made his very first visit to Culver April 30 for the Confirmation of several students from the St. Mary of the Lake Catholic parish on College Avenue, and Culver Academies. At TOP is Rhoades, right, with student Jeremy Penrod and local Knight of Columbus Herb Newman. LOWER PHOTO: Front row, left to right: Maureen Reed (CGA), Rebecca Carballo (CGA), St. Mary's parishioners Amber Cowell, Allison Baker, Jeremy Penrod, Megan Yeager, Haley Klimaszewski, Frank Kline, Paul Foersch, and Kyle Bennett. Second row: CMA students Dan Ferrel, Michael Heidkamp, John Zimmerman, James Callen, Charlie Salk, John Connelly, Nicholas Payne, Santiago Aguirre, St. Mary's parishioners Mark Mayer, Max Holloway. Back row: 5th-degree Knights of Columbus honor guards Rick Tompos, Herb Newman, student Kevin Bachman.

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## Last days of MES

ABOVE RIGHT: Monterey Elementary school, seen here, will close its doors in a few short weeks at the close of this school year. SEE STORY BELOW.

# Monterey Elementary will close

School board votes 5-2 to cease operations after this semester

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Unquestionably there was anger and sadness, but when the Culver Community School board's vote arrived Monday night to close Monterey Elementary School, few were likely surprised.

Two weeks earlier, voices had been raised another school board meeting both for and against the move. To those in favor of the closing, the sheer enormity of the numbers left little choice. To those against it, closing Monterey seemed a hasty decision which in the long run could cost the school corporation dearly in students departing the district for the greener pastures of other schools, thanks to recent legislation allowing families vouchers to make use of private schools, and older legislation allowing them to choose better performing public schools even outside the local district.

At the April 25 meeting, Culver Superintendent Brad Schuldt explained last year's \$300,000 in state funding cuts are being followed by changes in two grant sources -- among other alterations -- which would affect Culver schools to the tune of more than \$800,000, a figure he said could be most efficiently matched by closing Monterey Elementary School and moving its teachers to Culver buildings.

MES' current Principal, Julie Berendt, was officially reassigned at the same meeting as Principal of Culver Community Middle School, starting this fall. Schuldt said no teachers' jobs would be lost if Monterey closed, whereas keeping it open would cut teachers at Culver Elementary -- which he said currently has ten empty classrooms -- and thus increase its class sizes to more than 30 students.

At this week's meeting, again held in the Culver Community High School cafeteria to accommodate more than 100 attendees, Schuldt opened the floor for public comment.

## Public comment varies

Culver teacher Luke Biernacki said he believed closing Monterey was the best solution to maintain smaller class sizes and keep as many extracurricular and academic programs as possible within the school system. His comments -- and some others in favor of the closing -- echoed Schuldt's statements the previous week that cuts at Culver from keeping Monterey would likely force the demise of programs ranging from arts to vocational, industrial technology to extra-curricular programs like clubs and athletics.

Jonathan Broeker, a Monterey Elementary and Culver Community High School graduate who said he has a business administration degree and extensive experience in

business crisis management, said he had attended the previous board meeting.

Quoting a former professor of his, Broeker -- who said he loves Monterey "with all my heart" -- said, "It takes a second to make a decision, and the rest of your life to regret it."

He noted the corporation's "long-term problem" is shrinking enrollment, "and maybe some bad spending." He suggested closing Monterey would cause students to be lost, particularly in Indiana's legislative environment of open enrollment.

Referring to statistics presented in defense of Culver Elementary's academic performance at the previous meeting by CES Principal Chuck Kitchell, Broeker said if Monterey is closed, "those statistics he presented will have to be against Plymouth, Knox, and Rochester (since parents could choose to send their children to those districts). If I was a parent tomorrow and (could) send my kids within a 10-minute drive longer to get them there, I'd look at (larger schools') athletics and test scores...I hope those numbers are ready, Mr. Kitchell. We'll need those when the state comes knocking at your door."

Use of the nearly \$1 million in Culver's Rainy Day funds, part of which could be spent to keep Monterey open, should be considered, Broeker added.

"This is the definition of a rainy day! Schools are going to close."

Broeker also echoed concerns raised by many as to the fate of the community of Monterey as a community, should the school close, referring to decline in population and economic activity in other area communities like

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## Re-live 18th century life with 'Drums Along the Maxinkuckee'

Academies hosts living history May 14 wknd; vintage car show included

Eighteenth-century the shore of Lake host its seventh annual "Drums Along the step back in time as actors setting up their (May 13) on the N-campus. The encampment in the 1700s and is 14) from 11 a.m. to 5 Saturday will be an expert on lace, Fraser's Highland group portraying the and Indian War; Pipes a demonstration of The re-enactments tional 18th century Lay Dining Center.

period music by folk Culver Girls Academy of Plymouth will be sophomore Abby Jeffers in val Building's Green 18th Century French and inclement weather. Indian War-time period

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ances Saturday by:

- Glenn McClain (Morgantown, Ind.), a formidable dirk (Scottish knife) maker, who will be bringing a portion of his collection of real 18th-century Highland swords and dirks.

- World expert on lace Kate Henry (Lowell, Ind.), who will



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history will come to life May 14 along Maxinkuckee as Culver Academies Living History Weekend.

"Drums Along the Maxinkuckee" will allow visitors to observe 25 to 30 historical re-enactments and displays on Friday night at the Building grounds east of the main campus. The re-enactments will depict open to the public on Saturday (May 14) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All events are free.

highlighted by a Scottish knife maker, Reginald, a top-notch re-enactment Highland Regiment from the French and Drums performing at 2 p.m.; and edged weaponry and combat at 3 p.m.

will be followed at 5 p.m. by a traditional Scottish meal (Hieland fare) in the Dining Center.

From 7-10 p.m. a historical dance with musicians Mark and Liza Woolever held near the Naval Building. The Naval Building will be the site in the event of

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## Chairs aren't just for sitting as Culver preps for gala event

By Judy Sawhook, Culver Tri Kappa  
With the Tri Kappa Chairs for Charity auction now just a month away, creative residents throughout the community are at work getting their chairs ready to donate. One of many that are already complete is this beautiful example by Gary Schaffer. The seat is a painting of the King's Colors from our first U.S. Flag. The Grand Union



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Gary Schaffer painted and donated this chair for the auction.

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Leiters Ford and Grass Creek when their schools closed. CCHS English teacher Tina Stacy, a Monterey resident, said she believed many parents would leave the corporation regardless of which decision the board made, adding that the existence of Monterey Elementary as a building isn't what makes children's education better.

Monterey staff member Cindy Master, who said her four children attended MES, stressed the state's recent emphasis on consolidating school districts of less than 2000 students, suggesting closing Monterey would only make Culver's enrollment smaller and smaller and eventually force shutdown of the entire district.

### Superintendent's position

Schuldt then made his official recommendation that the board cease operations of Monterey Elementary after the end of this school year.

Acknowledging the "tough time" the corporation is in, and thanking board members for their work in listening to calls and reading emails, and researching facts about the closing, Schuldt said recent legislative decisions dictate that "public school policy will never be the same in Indiana and particularly the Culver district."

Schuldt noted the local community once had the power to decide how to fund its schools, but funding has been reduced and its dispersal largely removed from local authorities' hands.

The corporation's governing body, he said, has two primary responsibilities: to make the corporation the best it can be, and to the taxpayers to balance its budget so money isn't spent faster than received.

"If we're using stimulus money and Rainy Day funds for our daily operational costs, we're not working within our needs," he added. "There are so many ways to reduce our costs by blending the two elementary schools into one, where we can allow our employees to be more efficient."

### Board discussion, decision

Board member Marilyn Swanson moved to support Schuldt's recommendation, and member Ryan Sieber seconded.

During ensuing board discussion, each member thanked the public for submitted suggestions, comments, phone calls, emails, and the like. Each also agreed wrestling with

the decision has been extremely difficult for them.

Board member Jim Wentzel criticized Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction for his disproportionate focus on private schools and the voucher system.

"Indianapolis has lost focus on what's important to us," he said, "And that's public schools."

Board member Ken VanDePutte said concerns over the decision had almost made him physically ill of late. He noted he visited all the schools and spoke with students, teachers, administrators, and staff members, and came to a decision he could live with.

"(What's best for all students) doesn't just come from English, math, and social studies -- it comes from extracurricular programs, arts, athletics, vocational programs (and others)," he said.

Board member Jack Jones emphasized not rushing into any decisions, and member Ryan Sieber said he also spoke with many people, adding he hoped if Monterey school closed, "we can make the vote to open it back up."

Fellow board member Marilyn Swanson agreed with that hope, stressing however the immediate importance that board members "preserve the district" first and foremost.

Board member Ed Behnke said his vote would be to keep Monterey open one more year, though he noted that didn't mean he'd vote the same way each year.

"I'm afraid we're liable to fragment all the North Bend people (in closing MES), the people in (Fulton County), and we'll have people pairing off to Plymouth. We're four counties -- we could fracture it," he said.

Board President Eugene Baker said he looked at comparable small districts elsewhere and had fears that eliminating extracurricular programs here could drive students away from the district. He noted Culver's district is currently doing well but is trying to support two elementary buildings at once. He emphasized the quality of teaching trumps the existence of any given building.

At the final vote, Behnke and Jones voted against the closure, with the others voting for it.

An exodus of around half the room followed the vote, with a few subdued departing shouts. Applause followed Schuldt's recommendation to the board, however, that no teachers be cut from the corporation due to the vote on closing Monterey, though he said there will be cuts in non-certified staff.

### Residents react

Following the meeting, Culver resident Ed Kelley acknowledged the board made a "difficult decision, but it was for the greatest good. We welcome all the families from around the district (to Culver Elementary)."

Connie Overmyer of Culver said she was in favor of the board's decision to close, adding all of her children attended Culver Elementary and High Schools. Stephanie Schaller, a resident of the Culver district who -- with husband Dan -- opted to send three of the couple's children to Monterey Elementary rather than Culver, said she expected many families to leave the corporation due to the closing.

Dan added the recently-passed voucher program will give many families educational options. He emphasized that a bus leaves Culver daily to take area students to St. Michael's Catholic school, one of several private, Christian elementary institutions in the surrounding area.

"Educators need to realize they are competing for kids," he said.

### Other business

In other discussion at the meeting, the board accepted a \$500 from Culver's VFW Men's Auxiliary towards the elementary READ program, and reviewed the new student handbook, which CCHS Principal Albert Hanselman said hadn't changed much.

Baker reported on the success of Culver's Business Professionals of America, who recently competed on a national level at the BPA competition in Washington, DC. Culver teacher Alicia Cotner chaperoned the trip, during which CCHS student Cameron Turney placed sixth out of 43 students from across the US. Fellow students Kaitlynn Comiskey and CJ Dehning were given Torch awards for their community and school service efforts.

A public open house to view CCHS' Building Trades program's latest house will take place May 22 from noon to 4 p.m., said Schuldt. The new home is on land owned by John Benedict on 18B Road.

CCHS' graduation will take place Friday evening, June 3, said Schuldt.

The board also voted to hire Louis Polsa as varsity wrestling coach.

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share her collection of laces and demonstrate how lace is made.

- Fraser's Highland Regiment, with members from throughout the state, is a re-enactment group portraying the Highland Regiment in the French & Indian War.

- Chris Harney (Reston, Va.) is historical fencing coach who will present a hands-on demonstration of combat with edged weapons with members of the Culver fencing team.

On Sunday, time will jump ahead two centuries with a display of vintage and classic cars from noon to 3 p.m. and a swing dance at the Naval Building. The Pioneer Auto Association Inc., based in South Bend, will have a variety of vehicles on display at the area along Indiana 10 behind Memorial Chapel. Cars ranging from 1930s-era roadsters to contemporary Mustangs and Corvettes will be parked for the public to admire and enjoy at no charge.

The weekend event is sponsored by the Living History Club, which was organized by Academies' employees Deb Foley of Culver and Brent & Linda Van Norman of Knox in 2005.

Also involved is Dan Gilbert of Vienna, Va., a 1969 graduate of Culver Military Academy, who one of the organizers of the American Civil War Weekend held on campus in 2001. In 1986 Gilbert joined a living history (re-enactors) group portraying a regiment of Scottish Highlanders in Bonnie Prince Charles army, 1745-46.

"What an eye-opener to history," Gilbert said. "The research that goes into an accurate portrayal is like a treasure hunt for obscure facts. And then getting your kit (clothes, weapons and accoutrement) is another treasure hunt. If you can't find what you're looking for, you just have to make it. Finally, you present your work to the public and learn the art of presentation."

Gilbert and Van Norman met during Gilbert's Culver reunion in 2004. A year later, Van Norman, a Scottish Highlander re-enactor, and the Culver Pipes and Drums sponsored the "Highland Gathering," the Academies' first Living History Weekend.

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northeast of today's building).

As a side note, Monterey's other longstanding school, a private Catholic elementary school called Holy Family, was built in 1895 by the congregation of St. Ann's Catholic Church (the school would later be redubbed St. Ann's, and closed a handful of years ago).

The third public school in Monterey, located where today's building stands, stood for 17 years before it, too, was claimed by fire. Between 1932 and 1934, as the current building was being constructed, a wood structure known as the "sheepshed" was built on the east side of Monterey consisting of five rooms, to act as a temporary school. The Monterey "Flier" symbol (which gave Monterey High School sports teams their moniker) was said to have been adopted during this period, in 1933.

The present building was opened (with a parade!) in 1934, though smaller than its present form. The cafeteria, industrial arts room, and music and science rooms were added nearly 20 years later, completed and opened in January, 1955. Ground was purchased to the south of the building to add new ball diamonds (the junior high team won the county softball tourney on the new field).

Many Monterey alums will recall the school's winning the basketball sectional at Winamac in 1961 under coach John Lebo. Beginning that year and into the next, the Pulaski County School System was established, with township trustees serving as the school board; Jim Zehner represented Monterey on the board.



Today's Monterey Elementary during its days as Monterey High School. This photo is from the 1950s.

During the 1966-67 school year, the Monterey Fliers won the 4-Way Tourney, TVAC championship and conference title in basketball.

A year later, in 1968, Monterey was consolidated into Culver Community Schools, a controversial and hotly debated decision. The building, of course, was reconfigured as strictly an elementary school, with Monterey High School officially ending its career.

Ten years later, the Aubbeenaubee Township Elementary School in Leiters Ford was closed and students distributed to other schools in the area. This was the result of an independent feasibility study which also recommended Culver's junior high be closed and the students sent to the high school building, which in fact did occur (the former junior high section was replaced with the present Culver Elementary cafeteria). Renovations were also recommended for Monterey Elementary which would keep it open safely for another 8 to 10 years, according to the independent firm hired to do the study.

Fast-forwarding two decades-plus, plans were finalized in the summer of 2000 for a massive, \$2 million-plus renovation of the Monterey building, with newspapers reporting that June that an early version of the corporation-wide renovation plans actually called for the closing of Monterey Elementary then. Culver schools Superintendent Brad Schuldt noted then that the issue was an "emotional" one. Among other changes to affect the Monterey community then was USDA's Rural Development's naming the town a development partner and granting it sewer construction funds as part of a broad revitalization effort there.

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## Obituary

### Deanna L. Pinder Hale March 23, 1966 — May 6, 2011



PLYMOUTH — Deanna L. Pinder Hale, 45 of Kewanna, formerly of Plymouth, went to be with her Lord at 12:27 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011 at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Born March 23, 1966 in Heidelberg, Germany, she was the daughter of Jerry and Beverly (Hood) Pinder. Sept. 15, 2006 she married Jason Hale; he survives.

She was a 1984 Plymouth High School graduate and received her nursing degree from Ivy Tech in 1993.

Most of her nursing career was spent working at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth. Deanna was a passionate nurse who enjoyed her work. She was a joy to her parents and the love of Jason's life. She had a contagious laugh and a lovely smile for everyone she met.

Survivors include her husband, Jason Hale of Kewanna; sons, Brett Kersey and Jared Fawley, both of Kewanna; her parents, Jerry and Beverly Pinder of Plymouth; brothers, Kerry Pinder and wife, Stephanie of Culver, and Darren Pinder and wife, Vanessa of Knox; grandmother, Fay Pinder of Culver; and nieces and nephews, Brendon Pinder, Abigail Pinder, Jacob Pinder and Olivia Tallarita. She was also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Harold Pinder and maternal grandmother, Doris Hood.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at Harrison-Metzger and Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Pastor Christopher Tiedeman officiated and burial was at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences and tributes may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

## Hollywood star Cooper, dead at 88, brought Culver to silver screen

When the news hit the wires May 3 that lifelong Hollywood star Jackie Cooper had died, many remembered him as one of the most popular child stars of the 1930s (though he's also remembered for his more recent role as newspaperman Perry White in the 1970s and '80s "Superman" movies).

While still a teenager, however, Cooper's star shone over Culver when he was cast in the lead role (as "Tom Allen") in the 1939 Universal Studios production, "The Spirit of Culver."

"Spirit" -- which followed in a similar tradition as that of "The Spirit of Notre Dame," which had been a hit a few years prior -- was actually a remake of a 1932 movie starring Tom Brown, Alan Ladd, and Tyrone Power, "Tom Brown of Culver."

Concerning an orphaned Indianapolis teen reluctantly entering Culver Military Academy, the 1932 version was shot almost entirely on location in Culver. Cooper's "Spirit," however, was shot entirely away from Culver. Outdoor shots included recreations of iconic buildings such as CMA's Legion Memorial and Mess Hall, so accurately rendered that many viewers swear they must be the real thing.

For his part, Cooper's boyish good looks and charm are put to use alongside another teen star of the day, Freddy

Bartholomew, and in spite of the more locally exciting filming locale of "Tom Brown," few would disagree that Cooper's "Spirit" is the better of the two films, though in many ways they're almost scene-by-scene recreations of one another.

Cooper, who died in Santa Monica at the age of 88, spent four years in the Navy following his years of child and teen stardom, before working as an adult in theater and television. He is survived by two sons.

"The Spirit of Culver" has never officially been released on video or DVD. It can be viewed -- in whole or in part -- at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop at 102 S. Main Street, where posters, stills, press books, and other memorabilia from it may also be seen. Both "Spirit" and "Tom Brown" are planned for screenings this summer as part of a "Culver history film festival" at the museum, according to Jeff Kenney of the museum.



Jackie Cooper, right, in a scene from the 1939 Universal picture, "The Spirit of Culver." Notice the Class of 1922 fountain (still visible on the Culver Academies campus), recreated on the campus of Pomona College in California for filming purposes.

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## Community calendar

- Thurs., May 12**  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library
- Fri., May 13**  
Computer class, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
- Sat., May 14**  
Town-wide clean-up, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., municipal lot at College Ave. and Lake Shore Drive  
Culver Farmer's Marker, 8 a.m. to noon, Jefferson and Ohio Streets  
Living History Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Culver Academies  
Quilting group, 9 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Culver VFW high school scholarship fund-raiser, 1 to 5 p.m., VFW Post, Washington Street
- Sun., May 15**  
Community meal, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
- Mon., May 16**  
Knitting group, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library
- Tues., May 17**  
Story time, 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
Plan Commission mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library board mtg., 7 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Al-Anon mtg., 7 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ Zion fellowship hall
- Weds., May 18**  
Genealogy mtg., 10 a.m., Culver Public Library  
TOPS mtg., 3:30 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ
- Thurs., May 19**  
Culver Academies Alumni Reunion wk. begins  
Kiwanis Club mtg., noon, Culver Public Library  
Alcoholics Anonymous mtg., 6:30 p.m., Culver Public Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals mtg., 6:30 p.m., town hall

## Death notice

### Mouton

**Vera Mouton**  
May 2, 2011

CULVER — Vera Mouton, 92, of Culver, died at 2:50 a.m. May 2, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by daughters, Nancy (Walter) Covert of Culver, and Helen (Gary) Shell of Yale, Mich.; a sister, Nancy Challman of California; five grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at New Life Church, Rochester.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Graveside services took place at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 5 at Yale Cemetery, Yale, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

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## Getting the jump on fitness

It scares me to think about it now, but when I was a young boy I aspired to be a dare-devil jumper. Scouting -out cliffs along various lakes and rivers while creating prolific dives with like-minded friends brought great delight to our little lives. We always got hurt, but we always went back for more.

### Heartbeats and Footprints

BY DANA NEER



One day we expanded our repertoire by adding bike jumps, and soon ventured into the

unknown world of jumping from slow moving rail road cars.

Our parents attempted to detour our adventurous spirits with strict punishment, but my grandmother saw beyond the adult perspective and cheered us on to even greater heights! Her goal was to balance out all other mature voices that pleaded for a more sane approach to life. Grandma even created a new sport called "back porch roof jumping." My little gang of buddies crawled through her hallway window onto the slanted porch roof. Below us she placed several targets of fluffy towels and blankets to jump down on to. These markers were placed close to the house initially, but eventually crept farther out into the yard as our skills and aim developed. Adding to the suspense, an elaborate point system was engaged to guarantee a daily winner, which ironically guaranteed daily injuries.

I tend to think I'm a little smarter at age 47 than I was at age 12, but jumping remains an important part of my life - in small doses and measured in inches rather than feet.

Adults need jumping exercises to remain limber, strong and fast. Children and teenagers need jumping to gain coordination, strength and speed. Plus jumping is great for overall fitness and muscle tone. Adding two thirty-minute jumping sessions per week to your existing fitness workouts, or two ten-minute sessions if you are just starting out will help develop power and athleticism. Jumping rope will produce a caloric burn of approximately 100 calories for every 10 minutes of exercise. Exercising on staircases can be one of the best cardiovascular routines you can try. Run or jump one step at a time, eventually skipping every other step to add difficulty. Run hard ascending, recover descending, breaking up your routine into sets of four or five repetitions with 90 seconds rest between.

Box jumping provides a near-total body workout no matter what level of fitness you enjoy. Make or purchase a sturdy box measuring one or two feet high, or use an existing piece of equipment like a park bench. After warming up with low level cardio vascular exercise, your muscles will be prepared to absorb the jump and descent. With hands to your side and feet shoulder width apart, jump up onto the box, hold your position for one second and jump back down. Sets of eight to twelve jumps are perfect. As the exercise becomes easier, add a little weight (dumbbells) for dynamic strengthening. You could be amazed at the increased level of speed, agility and quickness acquired.

If jumping seems too strenuous, step ups and step downs on the same equipment can be very beneficial because lengthening the tendons, ligaments and muscles will naturally occur.

Lastly, never underestimate a good pickup game of basketball, volleyball or badminton. Incorporating layup drills using a full court gym for sets of five to ten minutes not only qualifies as running, but also provides many jumping opportunities to increase the strength you desire.

Jumping starts at a young age and should remain with us as we mature. Distances and intensity may vary over the years, but the spring in our legs can always be evidence of an active and energetic lifestyle.

## This old(est) house...again

I wrote a column, a couple of years ago, about old houses in Culver, and how E. R. Corwin's 1934 accounts of the oldest house of all led to a dead end at the old Simpson house at 452 Lake Street—no longer a real address. I've done a bit more research since then, and can report more about three of the places Corwin mentioned: the Rea house, the Bird house, and the Simpson house itself, originally a low home under the pine trees near the Depot, built sometime before 1854.

The first of these was at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Main Street. The Bike Barn occupies that site today, in a building which had previously been home to Through the Grape Vine and before that to the D-X gas station. I assumed, when I wrote, that the Gandy house had been torn down at some time before the gas station was built—possibly to make room for the station itself. (And The Editor recently reached the same conclusion in his series about buildings on Main Street.) But I was wrong.

In the July 12, 1933, Citizen, I came across this notice: "One of the most sightly residence lots in town (The Tuck Swigart corner, formerly owned by Thad Gandy, and originally owned by Dr. Rea) has been sold to an oil company for a filling station." The house was to be moved to the "lot north of the D. W. Marks house," which the Swigarts had purchased from Mrs. Sarah Korr-Freeland, of LaPorte. The original article commented that "The house is one of the oldest in town and at one time was occupied by Dr. Rea and later by Nathaniel Gandy, father of Mrs. Swigart." Old fire maps indicate that the Rea/Gandy/Swigart home had two stories, roughly square, with a porch at the front and a narrower extension at the back: it sat diagonally, apparently facing toward the northwest. The July 19 Citizen confirmed the transfer of the town's Lot 55 from Sarah E. Freeland (and Charles) to Augusta Swigart.

Oliver A. Rea, M.D. (whom I described in more detail a while back in an column on fraternal orders) was a Civil War veteran who came to Marmont in 1880: he had a private practice and was also surgeon to the Academy, dying in Rochester in 1911. Thus, if the house was actually built for him, it would have been in its early fifties, at most, when the Citizen called it "one of the oldest in town." That may not seem ancient, but back in 1926, the Citizen had called a forty-year old house one of "Culver's oldest buildings."

At first, I thought that 409 N. Lake might be the old Rea house; so I spoke with the Gaiges, the owners there, who said that when they moved in, they were told that either their house or the one at 411 had been moved to its present site. That seemed like progress. But a recheck of the paperwork made it clear that 409 Lake is Lot 56,

not 55. So, I went on to speak to Mr. Smetana, of 411 N. Lake. He was kind enough to show me around the house, pointing out where interior walls had been removed, bathrooms relocated, and windows covered over. And best of all, he reported that when they bought the house, Mary Lou Brown, who lived across the street, told them that it had been moved there from the corner of Main and Lake Shore Drive. So I think we can be fairly sure that that building is about 130 years old, and belongs in the club as one of Culver's oldest.

But 130 isn't quite enough to take the cake. All the evidence indicates the house at 213 N. Main is the original one on that site, which Corwin called "the second house north of the old Methodist Parsonage": when I spoke to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Giudice, they confirmed that they had documentation of its having been built in 1865, and that it remains largely unchanged. They have even preserved its huge old birdhouse (the first owners were a family named Bird, Mr. Giudice points out), though they had to remove it from its tower behind the home some years ago.

But Corwin's oldest house of all continued to intrigue me. On a hunch, I contacted Grant Munroe, who owns 444 N. Lake Street, the address closest to the missing 452. When I suggested to him that I was in search of an old house that used to be in that neck of the woods, he immediately replied that part of his house was built on old timber beams. This form of construction is obviously much older than that of neighboring homes in the north half of Lake Street, and the house was certainly not built after Corwin wrote in 1934. So, unless there were two very old houses next door to each other and Corwin forgot to mention one, or unless someone tore down the oldest house after 1934 but replaced it with another old one, it seems likely to me that 444 N. Lake incorporates the little house under the pines that was already here only ten years after the town began. Though, of course, at that time the house would have been outside the town, anyway!

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A sixth-generation native of Culver (and resident of Houghton Street), the Rev. John Wm. Houghton, Ph.D., was educated in the Culver-Union Township Schools, Woodcraft Camp, the Naval School Band, and Culver Military Academy. He holds degrees from Harvard, IU, Yale and Notre Dame, and has taught in Culver Summer Camps and the Academies. An Episcopal priest, he is Chaplain and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA. He has published a number of academic articles on theology, medieval studies, and J. R. R. Tolkien, and is author of a novel, Rough Magicke, and of Falconry and Other Poems.

### Its still the lake water

By John Wm. Houghton



### Where in the world is the Culver Citizen



Once again a reader has submitted a photo of your local newspaper traveling the country (or globe!) to an exotic or famous locale. Can you identify where the Citizen is this time?

If so, contact the editor at 574-216-0075 or by email at citizen@culcom.net. We'll let you know the answer in next week's paper (and run your correct identifications).

### Name that Culver 'citizen'



Several readers correctly identified last week's Mystery Citizen as Jon Gaskill. Besides past involvement in the Culver Community Youth Center and other youth-related programs, he's most familiar in the community in his role with the Culver Public Library, where he's been for a few years now. Readers recognizing him included Kay Tusing, Connie Van Horn, Michelle Felda, Barb Stevens, Karyn Davis, Jamie Peacock, Betsy Jimenez, Anna Neher, Michelle Felda, Carin Clifton.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a local entrepreneur who's become a familiar face in a number of community endeavors, particularly one specific organization.

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, Jon Gaskill, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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# Sports



## Cavs fall to Pilgrims in dual meet

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

CULVER — With two players only newly returned from their senior trip, Culver couldn't quite find the fourth score it needed, while Plymouth turned in a new nine-hole low to edge out the Cavaliers 165-169 on their home course at Mystic Hills Wednesday.



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver Community's Kyle VanDePutte watches his tee shot off the 17th hole at Mystic Hills Golf Course in Culver during a dual meet with Plymouth last week.

"We unfortunately fell four strokes short, but all of our kids, for the most part, were below average by a stroke or so, we just didn't have anybody go a little bit lower than that," said Culver head coach Kyle Elliott. "In the past couple rounds we've had some kids get down into the 30s, and if we could've done that tonight then maybe that would've swung it a little bit. But Plymouth shot a solid round with all five of their kids as well. We had a couple of our seniors away on Senior Trip, and so this is their first match back since getting back yesterday late afternoon."

Plymouth was led by Mitch Holloway's 40, while Nate Kolter shot 41 and Patrick Felke and Kurt Corsbie both carded 42 for the consistent Pilgrims, who improved to 3-2 in dual meets with Wednesday's victory.

Culver was led by Zach Duplay's round of 40, and Luke Dunfee and Trent Elliott each turned in 41, while seniors Kyle VanDePutte and Joe Paolini shot 47 and 50, respectively.

While Plymouth won the meet, both teams had something to cheer about as both showed progress heading into the weekend and beyond.

"We're competing a lot better than we have in the past few years," Elliott said. "I'm very pleased with our performance in the county tournament; our team average is right around 170-174... and our last three dual matches we've been in the 160s. Overall, I'm pretty pleased with the progress."

"Our kids are improving. Things are going in the right direction. I'm pleased overall, but I've impressed upon the kids that we've got a lot more to improve on," said Waymouth. "We've got more matches ahead of us this week... We've got a lot of holes ahead of us this week and more chances to prove ourselves."

"Our biggest challenge right now as a varsity crew is we've got to get somebody sub-40 consistently, and that's something that's a struggle for us right now. We've got five to seven to eight guys that can shoot low 40s, but we can't find that consistent 38, 39 or even lower. We've got talent to do that, we've just got to put it together."

• PLYMOUTH 165, CULVER 169  
At Mystic Hills Golf Club in Culver (Par 35)  
PLYMOUTH (165): Mitch Holloway 40, Nate Kolter 41, Patrick Felke 42, Kurt Corsbie 42, Jordan Wendel 44  
CULVER (169): Luke Dunfee 41, Zach Duplay 40, Trent Elliott 41, Kyle VanDePutte 47, Joe Paolini 50.  
Records: Plymouth 3-2, Culver 3-5  
JV score: Plymouth 176, Culver 230.

### Boys golf CMA takes 3rd at Homestead invite

Culver Military Academy turned in a 315 for third place, while Plymouth carded a 340 team score at the Homestead Invitational at Orchard Ridge in Fort Wayne Saturday.

Homestead won its home invite with a score of 307 followed by Warsaw's 313, while CMA came up just two strokes shy of a runner-up finish at the 18-team meet.

Alan Kuesterman paced the Eagles with a 75, while Andrew Eiler turned in a 77 for Culver.

• HOMESTEAD INVITATIONAL  
At Orchard Ridge Country Club (Par 71)

### Culver falls in dual

Culver saw outstanding scores from Zach Duplay and Luke Dunfee but couldn't find the third and fourth scores it needed to beat Devi Dale and Southwood in a dual golf meet Monday at Mystic Hills.

Duplay carded a 37 and Dunfee shot a 38 for Culver, which falls to 2-3 on the year.

• SOUTHWOOD 160, CULVER 168  
At Mystic Hills (Par 35)  
SOUTHWOOD (160): Devi Dale 34, Jake Shaw 40, Levi Winget 41, Drew Roser 45, Taylor Arwood 49.  
CULVER (168): Luke Dunfee 38, Trent Elliott 46, Zach Duplay 37, Joe Kresak 47, Cody Peterson 57.  
Record: Culver 2-3.  
JV score: Southwood 203, Culver 257.

### CMA wins 3-way

Paced by a trio of 38s from Andrew Eiler, T.J. Selby and Allen Kuesterman, Culver Military breezed to a win over both Marian and NorthWood in a triangular golf meet at Eberhart The Eagles move to 8-0 on the year with the win.

NorthWood was led by dual 44s from Jesse Morganthaler and Payton Grubbs.

• CULVER ACADEMY 158, MARIAN 170, NORTHWOOD 179  
At Eberhart GC (par 36)  
CMA (158): Andrew Eiler 38, James Kinsey 44, T.J. Selby 38, Allen Kuesterman 38, John Connelly 50.  
MARIAN (170): Michael Makris 43, Ian Saboski 39, Michael

Rutledge 40, Alex Disberry 48, Alex Stopczynski 48.  
NORTHWOOD (179): Dylan Gessinger 45, Jesse Morganthaler 44, Jon Christofeno 46, Nate Trippel 50, Payton Grubbs 44.  
Records: CMA 8-0, Marian 5-2, NorthWood 4-2.

### Baseball Bremen tops Cavs

Bremen moved past visiting Culver 7-6 in a Northern State Conference thriller at Bremen Friday.

Collin Stevens had three hits for Culver, including a triple, in the loss, and Zoe Bauer took the loss on the mound to fall to 1-1 on the year. Culver drops to 1-4 in the conference.

• BREMEN 7, CULVER 6  
At Bremen  
Culver: 021 200 1 — 6 9 0  
Bremen: 400 001 2 — 7 14 2  
Andrew Gardner, Eric Knepper (6, W) and Tyler Johnson; Zoe Bauer (L, 1-1), Bryce Lindvall (7) and A.J. Neace.  
2B: Lindvall (C), Bauer (C), Bobby Cornett (B), Wes Burkholder (B)  
3B: Collin Stevens (C)  
HR: Sean Knepper (B)  
Records: Culver 4-7 (1-4 NSC), Bremen 7-8 (4-3 NSC).

### CMA shells North Miami, Winamac

Culver Military dined visiting North Miami 15-5 in five innings Thursday, and visiting Winamac 10-0 May 3.

### Softball CGA drops doubleheader

Culver Girls Academy fell to South Bend St. Joseph's in both games of a doubleheader Saturday at The Academies.

The Indians shelled the Eagles with 16 hits en route to a 23-2, five-inning decision in game one and rallied back from an 8-1 deficit in the first inning of game two to beat CGA 12-9. Alexis Christlieb recorded three doubles on the day for CGA.

• ST. JOSEPH'S 23-12, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 2-9  
At Culver  
First game (5 innings)  
St. Joe: (11)54 12 — 23 19 1  
CGA: 0 00 20 — 2 6 3  
Christina Gillis (W, 3-0) and Annmarie Lindzy; Natalie Bittles (L), Stella Serne (3) and Samantha Seibel.  
2B: Taylor Kurzhall (SJ) 2, Lindzy

(SJ), Sierra McDonald (SJ), Alexis Christlieb (CGA) 2.  
3B: Gillis (SJ).  
HR: Emily McCollester-Purlee (SJ).  
Second game  
St. Joe: 103 602 0 — 12 12 1  
CGA: 800 001 0 — 9 10 2  
Gillis (W,4-0) and Lindzy; Christlieb (L) and Seibel.  
2B: Kurzhall (SJ), Christlieb (CGA), Sarah Cho (CGA).  
HR: Lindzy (SJ), McCollester-Purlee (SJ).  
Records: St. Joe 10-5.

### Triton dimes CGA

Triton beat visiting Culver Girls Academy in six innings at home Thursday.

Gracen Hirschy doubled for CGA, which racked up 12 hits but plated just four runs in the loss.

• TRITON 14, CULVER ACADEMY 4 (6 innings)  
At Bourbon  
CGA: 201 100 — 4 12 1  
Triton: 211 433 — 14 13 2  
Mallorie Jennings (W, 9-7) and Katie Claxon; Alexis Christlieb (L) and Abby Jeffers.  
2B: Gracen Hirschy (C), Claxon (T), Jennings (T), Shelby Steinman (T).  
Record: Triton 10-9.

### Knox beats Culver

Shayna Conner homered as Knox collected eight hits to top Culver 11-1 in six innings at Culver Thursday.

• KNOX 11, CULVER 1 (6 innings)  
At Culver  
Knox: 020 26 — 11 8 3  
Culver: 010 00 — 1 3 0

### Eagles top Bluejays

North Judson scratched out five runs in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough as Culver Girls Academy handed the Lady Bluejays a 10-8 loss at The Academies Wednesday.

CGA scratched out three runs in the bottom of the first to jump ahead early, then broke a 3-3 tie with a seven-run fourth that eventually decided the game.

Meghan Grieves doubled and tripled for the Lady Eagles.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 10, NORTH JUDSON 8  
At Culver  
NJ: 102 000 5 — 8 2 5  
CGA: 300 700 X — 10 2 2  
Natalie Bittles (W) and Alexis Christlieb; Danielle Fields (L) and Jessica Jachim.  
2B: Meghan Grieves (CGA).  
3B: Grieves (CGA).

### CGA loses to LaPorte

Culver Girls Academy

suffered a 17-3 loss at the hands of visiting LaPorte in five innings at The Academies Tuesday.

Kyleigh Becker doubled for CGA, which had just four hits at the game but scored three runs in the final two frames, although the rally fell far short.

• LAPORTE 17, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3  
At Culver  
LaPorte: 527 30 — 17 15 2  
CGA: 000 12 — 3 4 3  
Hannah Fuller (W) and Jessica Craft, Bryanna Wolfenbarger (5); Natalie Bittles (L), Alexis Christlieb (4) and Samantha Seibel.  
2B: Fuller (LP), Kyleigh Becker (CGA).

### Lancers rout Cavs

LaVille routed the Cavaliers 25-1 in a five-inning Northern State Conference win at Culver.

Amanda Overmyer tripled for Culver, which put up just three hits and was unable to score her.

• LAVILLE 25, CULVER 1 (5 innings)  
At Culver  
LaVille: (16)32 13 - 25 8 2  
Culver: 000 10 - 1 3 3  
Hannah Herbster (W) and Bailey Frick; Allyson James (L) and Amanda Overmyer.  
2B: Valerie Ingle (L), Herbster 2.  
3B: Overmyer.

### Girls tennis

#### Different CGA lineup falls to Penn

A different-look Culver Girls Academy lineup lost on all courts to visiting Penn 5-0 at home Saturday.

Both doubles matches went three sets as Anly Garcia and Yo-Yo Aguilar lost 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 to Taylor Atkins and Meredith Lee at 1 doubles, while Jessica Simon and Sonia Shen won their first set 6-4 before succumbing 6-4, 6-3 in the final two sets at 2 doubles.

• PENN 5, CULVER ACADEMY 0  
At Culver  
SINGLES: 1. Alexandra Brinker beat Paulina Cano, 6-2, 6-2; 2. Maddie Lee beat Natalia Lopez-Yanez, 6-0, 6-0; 3. Kate Mader beat Andrea Simon, 6-4, 6-2.  
DOUBLES: 1. Taylor Atkins-Meredith Lee beat Anly Garcia-Yo-Yo Aguilar, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5; 2. Cameron Moore-Haley Meekhof beat Jessica Simon-Sonia Shen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.  
Records: Penn 11-1  
JV score: Penn 10, Culver 2.

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## St. Mary's first Communicants

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver held its first Holy Communion May 1, with first Communicants (front row, left to right) Morgan Keller, Lillian Proskey, and Trenton Reinholt.

In the second row are St. Mary's altar servers Luke Schaller, Elizabeth Pask, and Nicole Paré. Back row includes Jim Pask, first Communion instructor, and St. Mary's pastor Fr. Tad Balinda.



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## Cooking with CBGC

The Culver Boys & Girls Club recently had a cooking club day. Members were allowed to open, pour, and mix ingredients as they read them off of the recipe for puppy chow. Pictured from left to right are: Trenton Fritter (kindergarten), Donovan Smith (6th grade), Wyatt Ringer (2nd grade), Lilly Brown (1st grade), Evan Brown (kindergarten), Trista Fritter (3rd grade), and Dylan Griewank (5th grade). CBGC is located in the Culver Elementary School and runs daily from 3 to 6:50 p.m. The cost of the program is \$25 per year. There are scholarships available for those who qualify. Any questions may be directed to 574-250-0103 or bgcculver.org.

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PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Matt Hurford takes a go at the high jump during the Lancer Relays meet at LaVelle High School in Lakeville last week.

## Boys track

### Culver beats Knox

Culver dominated in the hurdles and the field events to beat visiting Knox 82-50 in a Northern State Conference dual boys track meet at Culver Friday.

Micah Budzinski and Matt Hurford went one-two in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles as Budzinski won the 110 hurdles and Hurford won the 300 hurdles.

The Cavaliers also went one-two in four of five field events as Jeremiah Harvey and Max Burgess finished one-two in both the shot put and the discus, while Larry Clingler and Bradley Beaver went one-two in the high jump, and Beaver and Levi Bennett finished one-two in the long jump. John Ahlenius placed second in the pole vault behind Knox's Dane Daumer.

• CULVER 82, KNOX 50  
At Culver  
3200 relay: 1. Knox (Conner Carlson, Travis Amor, Austin Edwards, Elliott Coad) 9:21.09, 2. Culver 10:32.0; 110 hurdles: 1. Micah Budzinski (CC) 16.62, 2. Matt Hurford (CC) 17.1; 100: 1. Neven Miller (K) 12.33, 2. Keith Back (CC) 12.47; 1600: 1. Travis Amor (K) 5:03.17, 2. Conner Carlson (K) 5:06; 400 relay: 1. Culver (Micah Budzinski, Bradley Beaver, Matt Hurford, Keith Back) 47.75, 2. Knox 48.07; 400: 1. Levi Bennett (CC) 56.41, 2. Elliott Coad (K) 57.94; 300 hurdles: 1. Matt Hurford (CC) 45.98, 2. Micah Budzinski (CC) 48.28; 800: 1. Travis Amor (K) 2:15.5, 2. Austin Edwards (K) 2:27.34; 200: 1. Dan Daumer (K) 25.02, 2. Keith Back (CC) 26.03; 3200: 1. Connor Carlson (K) 11:55, 2. Adam Sobieck (K) 11:56.46; 1600 relay: 1. Culver (Levi Bennett, John Ahlenius, Ian Randolph, Micah Budzinski) 3:48.84, 2. Knox 3:50.47; Pole vault: 1. Dane Daumer (K) 11', 2. John Ahlenius (CC) 9'; High jump: 1. Larry Clingler (CC) 5'10", 2. Bradley Beaver (CC) 5'8"; Long jump: 1. Bradley Beaver 17'4", 2. Levi Bennett (CC) 17'3"; Shot put: 1. Jeremiah Harvey (CC) 48'7", 2. Max Burgess (CC) 41'2"; Discus: 1. Jeremiah Harvey (CC) 139'6.5", 2. Max Burgess (CC) 130' 1.5".



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## Culver BEAM-ers help out

BEAM (Bettering Every Aspect of Marshall County), a county-wide student service organization including Culver area teens, spent the last few months collecting cereal for the various food pantries of Marshall County. Pictured are members (front row, left to right) Kailyn Weiss (Bremen), Wes Doody (LaVelle), Kyleigh Haro (Bremen), Kayla Shaffer (Culver), Brooklyn Kelley (John Glenn), T.J. Mechling (Grace Baptist), and Kalee Miller (Culver). Back row: Garrett O'Dell (John Glenn), and Daniella Wolfe (John Glenn).



## Giving Harvey a ring

PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Indiana's 2011 state wrestling champion Jeremiah Harvey, a senior at Culver Community High School and the first at the school to earn the distinction, was awarded his official state championship ring last week at the school. Harvey won the championship in February, part of a remarkably victorious season for community schools' athletic programs. Presenting the ring is CCHS Athletic Director Andy Thomas, as fellow coaches (from left to right) Chad Hollenbaugh (assistant wrestling coach), Louis Posa, and Mike Buschman (head wrestling coach) look on.



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Culver hosts unusual Eagle Scout honors

CULVER — Plymouth Mayor Mark Senter (left), who is an Eagle Scout, officiated Saturday at the Court of Honor at Culver Academies which involved the awarding of Eagle Scout status to two Argos, Ind., brothers.

Honored at the Court of Honor were Eagle Scouts Tim Jeffirs (far right), a Culver Military Academy first-classman (senior) and his brother, Ben Jeffirs (on the screen), who was connected to the ceremony via Skype from Ithaca, N.Y. Ben is a 2008 Culver Military Academy graduate and a junior at Ithaca College. He earned Eagle status while at CMA but delayed his Court of Honor until he was able to share the experience with his younger brother. They are the sons of Mark and Carol Jeffirs of Argos, The Jeffirs brothers were among four Culver cadets honored at the Court of Honor Saturday. Also achieving Eagle Scout status were first-classmen William "Pierce" Freeman (Baton Rouge, La.) and Ryan Kolden (Aliso Viejo, Calif.). The event was held during the Academies annual Spring Parents Weekend. The Academies sponsors Boy Scout Troop 209 and a Venturing Crew.



PHOTOS/CULVER ACADEMIES/DOUG HABERLAND  
LEFT: Plymouth Mayor Mark Senter speaks during a ceremony honoring four Eagle Scouts. RIGHT: Carol Jeffirs pins the Eagle Scout medal on her son, Tim, during a ceremony at the Culver Academies.

## Real estate in Culver for \$2?

Miniature-sized real estate, at least. This hand-built doll-house, completely furnished and detailed (and valued around \$500, with over 100 hours of Friends' work to complete it) is being raffled by the Friends of the Culver Public Library all summer. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

The raffle drawing for the house will be September 3. For tickets call Charlotte Hahn (574-842-3267), Rita Mason (842-2656), Jeanne Spaw (842-4206) or Connie Van Horn (842-2038). Pictured is Mason of the Friends with CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty.

### 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., May 12:** Grilled chicken, multigrain bun and mayo, red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, and milk.

**Fri., May 13:** BBQ pork bun, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert, and milk.

**Mon., May 16:** Chicken breast and gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, Jewish ryebread, Mandarin oranges, cookie, and milk.

**Tues., May 17:** Italian sausage and roast beef, hoagie bun, spudsters, carrot coin salad, cobbler, and milk.

**Weds., May 18:** Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, wheat bread and margarine, fruit, and milk.

**Thurs., May 19:** Quiche, coffee cake, cubed breakfast potatoes, orange or orange juice, and milk.

**Fri., May 20:** Chicken and gnocchi entrée, garlic bread, carrot slaw, hot cinnamon apple sauce, dessert, and milk.

## Back in time...

PHOTO/BARB BURKE  
Culver Elementary School 4th graders spent the afternoon at Culver's two museums recently, following a Power Point presentation on Culver's Native American history by Jeff Kenney of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver.

They then split their time between the AHS' Center for Culver History, a museum and research center on the ground floor of the Culver Public Library, where hosts Marizetta Kenney and Jim Sawhook led a tour, and the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop across the street.

There, Kenney -- also Curator of the Academies museum -- led a tour of that facility. Through the exhibits, students learned the histories of both the Academies and surrounding communities.



Pictured here, in vintage school desks at the Center for Culver History, are students (left to right) Mackenzie Buckman, Hailey Shipley, Alynna Richard, and Gabby Kegley.

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or call 574-842-3606.

### Celebration of Minix Saturday

The community is invited to please join the friends and family of Paul R. Minix in celebrating his life with a carry-in dinner Saturday, May 14 at the old Bass Lake Fire Dept (S.R. 10) at 4 p.m. eastern time. Bring a covered dish or dessert. Contact Sarah Minix at 574-225-2205 or Donna Minix at 574-216-7007 with questions.

### Community meal at Grace Sunday

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Monday, May 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.

### Conservancy Dist. sewer line

The Southwest Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District has a new website that will track the construction of the sewer system going in from Venetian Village up to the southern town limits. Go to [www.SWLakeMaxCD.com](http://www.SWLakeMaxCD.com) to view timely details. This part of the project should be complete by the end of this summer. If you have questions, you can contact your Area Representative by calling 574-952-2963 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email [SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com](mailto:SWLMCD.connect@yahoo.com) anytime.

### Heritage Park bricks

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver reminds everyone that Heritage Park Remembrance Bricks are still available. These individual pavers are a lasting way to create a wonderful remembrance of families, relatives or friends. They become a permanent part of beautiful Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

The AHS is also accepting orders for bricks that individuals may not want to have placed in the park... a "welcome" brick for your yard, "family est.," or perhaps a pet's name and placed in a favorite place for remembrance. All brick donations to the Society are tax deductible.

4 x 8 inch bricks with one or two lines for a \$50 donation and 8 x 8 inch bricks with up to four lines for a \$100 donation are available. Bricks may be ordered from Charlotte Hahn, 574-842-3267. A locator list of all the bricks in Heritage Park is available at the Center for Culver History located in the Culver-Union Township Public Library. The locator is in alphabetical sequence so visitors can easily find the name, location and inscription of their brick. Order forms are also available at the Museum.

### Scrapbooking at Market Basket

The Market Basket and Company, 13775 S.R. 17, Culver, will be hosting all day scrapbooking the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Attendees can bring their own supplies, lunch, and \$5. Drinks will be furnished. For more details call Kathy Meek at 574-842-2145.

### Truck keys found

A set of Toyota truck keys found on Academy Road in Culver may be picked up at First National Bank of Monterey's Culver branch at 1049 Lake Shore Drive. Call 574-842-5142 with questions.

### Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library's free computer classes are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. They include: Microsoft Office Overview Part II (Friday, May 13); Microsoft Word (May 16 and 20); and Microsoft Excel (May 23 and 27). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit its website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or email [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us).

### Swim for Kids Sake seeks volunteers

The second annual Swim For Kids' Sake open water swim will be held August 27. Those interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering are encouraged to contact Mallory Mead, Race Director, at 317-997-6753 or [mallory.mead@hotmail.com](mailto:mallory.mead@hotmail.com). The greatest area of need for volunteers is for safety and support craft and pilots. For more information, and to view results, visit the Swim For Kids' Sake website at [swimforkidsake.com](http://swimforkidsake.com).

### Comm. garden volunteers needed

Planting at Culver's community garden will begin Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. Continued planting times will be Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a.m., Friday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. All times are weather permitting. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to bring gardening tools and join the gardeners, or those without tools may use organizers' extras. Questions may be directed to Connie Richie at 574-542-4810, Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329, or Cory Barnes at [barnesc@culver.org](mailto:barnesc@culver.org).

## Spring Sale

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## Culver Lake Fest 2011 "Top Ten": the bass tournament

part 1 of a series

Once again this year, the Lake Fest committee will sponsor a bass fishing tournament as part of the festival (July 15 through 17). Lake Maxinkuckee sees a fishing tournament almost every week, but not like the Lake Fest tournament. All other tournaments start at dawn and run at least until 1 p.m. These tournaments also limit each boat to a maximum of two fishermen, points out Trent Bennett of the Lake Fest committee.

The Lake Fest tournament is designed to attract families, he emphasizes.

"We start fishing at 7 a.m.," says Bennett, "and the contest is over by 11 a.m. and we don't limit the number of fishermen on each boat. We do however limit the number of bass to a maximum of five, and the bass must be alive and of legal size. We also require the use of artificial baits, no live bait. We hope these liberal rules will bring families with small children to the lake to enjoy a morning of fishing and then an afternoon to enjoy other Lake Fest activities in the park."

For more information and an entry form, visit the website: [www.CulverLakeFest.com](http://www.CulverLakeFest.com)

The top ten reasons to participate in the Lake Fest bass fishing tournament:

10. There is nothing like the smell of a fresh water lake early in the morning.

9. There are no losers as long as you have fun.

8. Everyone needs a story about the big one that got away.

7. You have to turn off your cell phone because it scares the fish away.

6. Proving you ARE top of the food chain.

5. Even a bad day fishing beats a good day at work.

4. On days when the fish aren't biting, the leftover bait and the moss you got caught up in make a nutritious stir-fry.

3. Being able to but a "Gone Fish'n" sign on your door.

2. What better way to get out of Saturday morning chores.

And the Number One Reason to participate in the Lake Fest Bass Fishing Tournament is:

1. **Big** cash money prizes

## Train exhibit, new hours, working layout to debut May 20



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A sample of some of the historic train cars and other artifacts from a soon-to-be-reopened exhibit at the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop.

A popular exhibit on the historic model trains of Culver Academies, circa 1948 to 1986, will return to the Culver Academies Museum and Gift Shop, 102 South Main Street, for a brief revival over Culver's Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 20 through 22. Though the original layout, which occupied over 40 by 24 feet of space under the school's dining hall and was overseen by late band director Col. Edward Payson, was destroyed 25 years ago, the several hundred vintage cars -- many rare and historical -- remain, as do various artifacts and memo-

rabia from the setup. The exhibit was available for viewing last autumn, but is being revived for a few days to allow returning alumni to view it.

In addition, a four by six foot recreation of part of the original layout, with working trains and utilizing some of the original layout's buildings, has been painstakingly constructed by Culver cadet Lawrence Dann-Fenwick and will be available for viewing during the exhibit. The layout will remain operational as a permanent part of the museum.

Continuing this spring at the museum is also a large exhibit on the formal balls and dances of the school's history, including more than 100 rare dance cards and other artifacts dating to the early 20th century.

The weekend also marks the start of extended summer hours of operation for the museum. It will now be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Questions may be directed to [museum@culver.org](mailto:museum@culver.org), or 574-842-8842.

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The Chairs Auction will be held Sunday, June 12 at the Culver Academies' Lay Dining Center with the reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are, again this year, only \$20 and may be purchased from Rhonda Anderson, 574-842-2169, Judy Sawhook, 574-842-2861, or any other Tri Kappa member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Completed chairs may be dropped off at the Burke residence at the corner of Academy Road and Lake Shore Drive, across the street from the Lake Shore Clinic, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 27 (Call Judy Sawhook if it's impossible to make it on Friday). On Saturday, the chairs will be delivered to local businesses where they will be on display until the auction.

Those who attended the event two years ago were likely astounded at the wide array of amazingly decorated chairs. There is talk that at least one desirable from the previous auction is going to be re-donated this year as the owner is changing her décor and is anxious to replace it at the auction with a new one -- or two.

Event posters and handouts will soon be appearing throughout the community. To help with our chair number count, if you are going to be donating a chair please let Judy Sawhook know at [jsawhook@hotmail.com](mailto:jsawhook@hotmail.com) or 574-842-2861. Each individual who donates a chair will receive a gratis ticket to the event. The community is looking forward to your creations.

## Blood drive Tuesday offers drawing, more

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday, May 17, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Culver Middle School Gymnasium, located at 701 School St. in Culver. Come to donate and receive a Vans Warped Tour VIP pass. When used with a purchased ticket, the VIP pass allows special access to meet and greet with select bands and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Best Buy. In addition, be entered into a region-wide drawing for a "Warped Tour Experience" which includes two free tickets to the July 7 concert at Verizon Wireless Music Center in Noblesville and meet and greet with select bands. Twenty donors will win from May 2 to June 24. This blood drive is sponsored by Culver High School.

The opportunity to donate blood continues the same day from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., also at the CMS gymnasium. This blood drive is sponsored by Pint Size Heroes of Monterey Elementary School and of Culver Elementary School.

## Arrest report

**Nicole M. Moss**, 36, Rochester, was arrested May 5 by the Culver Police Department for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

**Christopher A. Webb Jr.**, 24, Culver, was arrested May 5 by the MCPD for failure to appear and probation violation.

**Donald M. Higgins**, 51, Culver, was arrested May 7 by the MCPD for two counts of failure to appear.

**Stacy M. Sherman**, 39, Culver, was arrested May 7 by the PPD for theft-under \$100,000 value.

**Joel Navarette Pineda**, 34, Fort Wayne, was arrested May 7 by the Culver Police Department for operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.