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## In Brief

### Chairs for Charity this Sunday

Tri Kappa's Chairs for Charity auction will take place Sunday, June 12, at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center, starting with a wine reception at 6:30 p.m. The live chair auction begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door or any Tri Kappa member.

### Community meal at Grace June 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Wednesday, June 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.

### Miss Max signup

Dates have been announced for area young ladies to sign up for the Culver Lake Fest's 2011 "Miss Maxinkuckee" pageant. Sign-up dates include Tuesday, June 14 and Tuesday, June 21, at the Culver Town Park beach lodge. Sign-up for Princess (ages 4 to 6) and Little Miss (ages 7 to 10) is 7 p.m., and sign-up for Junior Miss (ages 11 to 14) and Miss Max (ages 15 to 18) is 8 p.m. The Miss Max Pageant will be held at the West Pavilion in the Town Park Friday, July 15, at 6 p.m.

For more information call Susie Norwich (574-298-5970), Jean E. Overmyer (317-513-5216), or Chelsea Bramfeld (740-994-8611).

### EMS seeks volunteers

Culver-Union Township EMS Volunteers, INC., are looking for men and women willing to help out the community. Volunteers are needed to drive the ambulance, and become Basic and Advanced EMT's. Culver-Union Township EMS is an Advanced Organization certified by the Department of Homeland Security-EMS Commission. Training is provided in-house as well as EMT classes are held in the area at different times of the year. If you are interested in volunteering contact the office by phone or email. 200 E Washington St. 574-842-2773, cutems@culcom.net.

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## Farewells and new beginnings: Culver schools graduate and the end of Monterey Elementary

LEFT: Faculty and friends wave good-bye for the last time at the end of school Thursday, which marked the last student day at Monterey Elementary School, which has now closed permanently. The MES staff concluded its tradition of the entire staff waving off departing students on the last day. Pictured are, from left to right: Gretchen Gearhart, student Joe Rivera, Vickie Conley, Paulette Gellar, Peggy Keller, Cindy Master (not visible, but present: Stephanie Smith, Chris Renneker, Suzanne Hollis, Becky Risner, Todd Shafer). TOP RIGHT: Culver Community High School students march into the gymnasium for Friday night's graduation exercises. Pictured are (from left to right) Nicolette Banfield, Zoe Bauer, C.J. Dehning, and Mark Maes. LOWER RIGHT: Rob McKinnis, son of Scot and Nancy McKinnis, touches Culver Academies' fabled iron gate (which was in use for its 100th year last weekend) during Sunday's commencement exercises at the school (Nancy works in the Leadership Department at Culver Academies).

Story and more photos below and inside.

Also inside: Culver baseball's first sectional win in over 25 years!

## Lance Overmyer, beloved former Culver Fire Chief dies

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Former longtime Culver Fire Chief and beloved local legend Lance Overmyer passed away early Monday morning following several weeks' illness.

Overmyer joined Culver's volunteer fire department in 1965 under then-Fire Chief David Burns. After serving under Burns, Overmyer also served under Chief Donovan Overmyer before becoming Chief himself.

At a surprise gathering held to honor him on September 19, 2008, event emcee Mike Shesky, of Culver, noted, "For generations of Culver kids, Lance was 'fireman Lance,' 'coach Lance,' 'Uncle Lance,' and 'Chief Lance,' but he was always someone they could call on for help."

Overmyer served as the fire department's Captain from 1980 to 1984, Secretary-treasurer from 1984 to 1987, and Chief from 1993 to 2006. A 1961 graduate of Culver High School as well as Manchester College, father of four See Overmyer page 5



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

Two local legends now reunited: the noted, "For generations of Culver kids, Lance was 'fireman Lance,' 'coach Lance,' 'Uncle Lance,' and 'Chief Lance,' but he was always someone they could call on for help."

## Friday benefit will aid stricken Culver middle schooler



Tia Romig

A hog roast benefit will be held Friday, June 17, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Culver train station-depot, for Culver Community Middle School student Tia Romig.

Romig, who just finished her 8th grade year at the school, is the daughter of Roger and Julie Romig, and is battling a Desmoid tumor on her lower back.

Family members say the tumor is a very aggressive type and keeps coming back. Romig has had surgery twice so far to remove it, and will be undergoing six to seven weeks of radiation, five times per week, this summer. Proton Radiation is required for treatment, and is only offered at one site in the state: Bloomington. Taking Tia to the treatments will require family members' time off work, lots of driving, and time away from home. The benefit is intended to help with medical, lodging, and travel expenses.

The community is invited to the event. Among other offerings will be a 50-50 drawing and raffle.

## Monterey Elementary teachers, students bid their school one last goodbye

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Last Thursday was an understandably emotional day for teachers at Monterey Elementary School, and while many students were visibly upset knowing their school would close its doors forever at the end of that day, many were thoroughly enchanted with the various celebrations planned by faculty and community members.

The school's closing came after hotly debated Culver Community School board meetings in which Superintendent Brad Schuldt outlined nearly \$1 million in budget cuts for the corporation, handed down by the state legislature. The board vote to close the school accompanied news that no teacher layoffs would be necessary, and all of Monterey's faculty would relocate to Culver schools (where one teacher per grade will be added to accommodate the incoming Monterey students).

More than a week before the close of MES, Culver Elementary's marquee was welcoming Monterey students and staff, and earlier last week, an open house was held for present Monterey students and parents. Monterey held its own open house Thursday evening, to allow the community to celebrate the school's contributions, and visit it one last time



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The entire student body (with staff) at MES launched balloons just prior to the close of school.

before the summer began.

MES held its final awards ceremony Thursday morning, with special graduation services for kindergartners and awards for various student accomplishments, in the gymnasium, concluding with comments from Principal Julie Berndt, See Monterey page 5

## Harness, 35 years CCHS' art teacher, retires

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Mary Beth Harness' retirement may have taken place in much the same manner as her more than 35 years of teaching art at Culver Community High School: quietly, but with significant and lasting impact.

Harness said farewell to the school on the final day of classes last Thursday, ending a career here she began in 1974, just six years after the school opened in its present location.

Hailing from the southern end of LaPorte County, Harness heard about the position opening through her uncle, a custodian at the school at the time. Former CCHS art teacher Angie McCullough was moving on to Plymouth, and Harness became her replacement.

Entering the art room, still where it's always been at the western end of the building, many are struck by how little has changed there. And of course, students have been doing many of the same things in that room through the decades: learning about, and making art.

"I've tried to convey to kids an appreciation of art, an awareness of what art can be," says Harness. "At this location, they're not ex- See Retires page 2



Mary Beth Harness

CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

## Art instruction's changing faces in Culver

Students at Culver Elementary School will see a new face in their art room, and many students at Culver's middle and high schools will reconnect with one they knew and loved through their elementary careers.

Joyce Lyman, art teacher at Culver Elementary since the early 1980s, will relocate to Culver Community Middle and High School, replacing now-retired Mary Beth Harness there as art instructor. Replacing Lyman at CES will be former Monterey Elementary art teacher Julie Perkins, who's been doubling her time at MES between gym and art instruction as a faculty member since 1998.

Lyman says she's excited about the new challenges moving north a few blocks will bring.

And she's not letting the impending move stop her from diligent work on a project with which students and other faculty have lent a hand: a mosaic piece depicting a Culver Cavalier, to accompany the longstanding mosaic in the CES gymnasium left over from the pre-Cavalier (that is, pre-1968) days when Culver students were the Indians. Generations will recall the mosaic Indian adorning the gym wall for decades, and it was consciously retained as part of the school's heritage, during the renovation of that area which was completed last year.

The new Cavalier mosaic will also hang in the gymnasium, Lyman says.



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ABOVE: Julie Perkins will take over as Culver Elementary School art instructor this fall.

RIGHT: Joyce Lyman, Culver Elementary art teacher for over 25 years and bound for Culver's middle and high schools this fall, works with CES student Tihana Stefanic on a Culver Cavalier mosaic planned for the school's gymnasium, to accompany the historic Culver Indians mosaic which long adorned the gym walls (and still does today).



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posed to much. I'm trying to get them to see that being an artist is not just painting. There are a variety of careers in art."

And, she adds, the art room has been for many students "a kind of a safe haven."

"There's not the academic pressure here. They can relax, unwind, and chat with their friends if they keep it under control. Most kids enjoy it."

Students who stayed in basic classes through the years would learn drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and pottery.

"I run the gamut of what you could do," she adds.

And in this era of drastic cuts education and bottom lines that may leave arts and music programs on the chopping block, Harness argues there's much more value in what students learn in her class -- and others like it -- than many might assume.

"A very basic thing I've found is that art makes them better problem solvers," she explains. "It helps teach students how to think through processes they're unfamiliar with; to get to step 'C' you have to go through 'A' and 'B' first."

"And, a lot of kids don't seem to do hands-on things anymore. They're not out fixing things with dad or cooking with mom. (That's) kind of a void in their lives. That tactile experience of touching things: junior high kids, when you get modeling clay out and mess with it,

they're excited about it."

Further, she stresses the value of appreciation and awareness of art from a cultural point of view as well, referring to annual trips to the art museum in Indianapolis, among other efforts.

"It's surprising how many have never been there," she says. "They ask if the (art there) is real, or a reproduction. I have to tell them it's the real thing!"

Another important component of CCHS' art program has been the annual selection of a student artist to be honored in memory of one of Harness' past students, the late Todd Tusing, whose parents used memorial funds following his untimely passing to build the display case adorning the school's main hallway, which showcases standout student art. In addition, a plaque there bears the name of an outstanding senior art student from the school (this year's was Clare Baker).

Besides making that selection each year, Harness has kept busy at the school in a variety of capacities, from National Honor Society to several faculty committees, to coordinating student art contributions to beautify the school and its students' efforts on and off-campus.

Harness' efforts have clearly paid off in the lives of students. For one thing, there's the list she keeps of her former students who have gone on to careers utilizing their artistic abilities. To name a few, there's Shane Lowry (a Ball State Art Education major teaching high school art himself, brothers John, Paul, and Dan Bickel (who have gone onto careers in visual arts, two in the film industry), Bill Vantwoud (Herron School of Art and Design, specializing in furniture design), Beth Rakich (IU, Art Therapy), Sarah Drang (fashion design), Cory Reiss (commercial art), Heidi Tanner (interior design), Nikki Floyd (fashion design), Sean Surrisi (a DePaw graduate and artist), Ryan Davis (Ball State, landscape design), Dan Ledsome (art major at University of St. Francis), Adam Harrington (graphic arts), Jon Huhn (Grace College, art major), Jessi-

ca Scutchfield-Bules (Valparaiso University, teaching art), Adam Vantwoud (Ball State, sculpture), Susan Boswell (interior design), Ginger Peterson (art education), Shelly (Master) Schrimsher (graphic design), Alyssa Allyn (Purdue Northcentral, art major), among others.

"You can't say that (this class is) just the recess of the day," Harness points out. "It's given people jobs; it's furthering their education."

She points out here retirement has nothing to do with political changes affecting education at the state level, though she's seen things change in her three-plus decades of teaching.

"Class sizes have increased," she notes. "When they brought the junior high in (to the high school building, in the 1980s), that really changed things. I went from six classes down to four and it made larger high school classes."

She also notes the state has stipulated a "core 40" education requires one arts credit (which could be fulfilled by either music or art). She says the result was "kind of nice" as she previously missed those students aiming for core 40 completely.

Her retirement, says Harness, comes about more just because it's time.

"I've seen too many colleagues not make it to retirement, or pass away right after. My mom said to retire while you're healthy enough to enjoy retirement. I don't want to work until I can't enjoy working anymore."

She's been pursuing her own art in the summertime, such as stained glass, watercolor, and weaving, and she plans to immerse herself more in those pursuits after retirement. She also plans to enjoy her two young grandsons more, and perhaps do some traveling.

"It's been fun," she recalls of her CCHS career. "I've enjoyed it. To work with the faculty and administration in this building is wonderful; they're my second family, and I will miss them."

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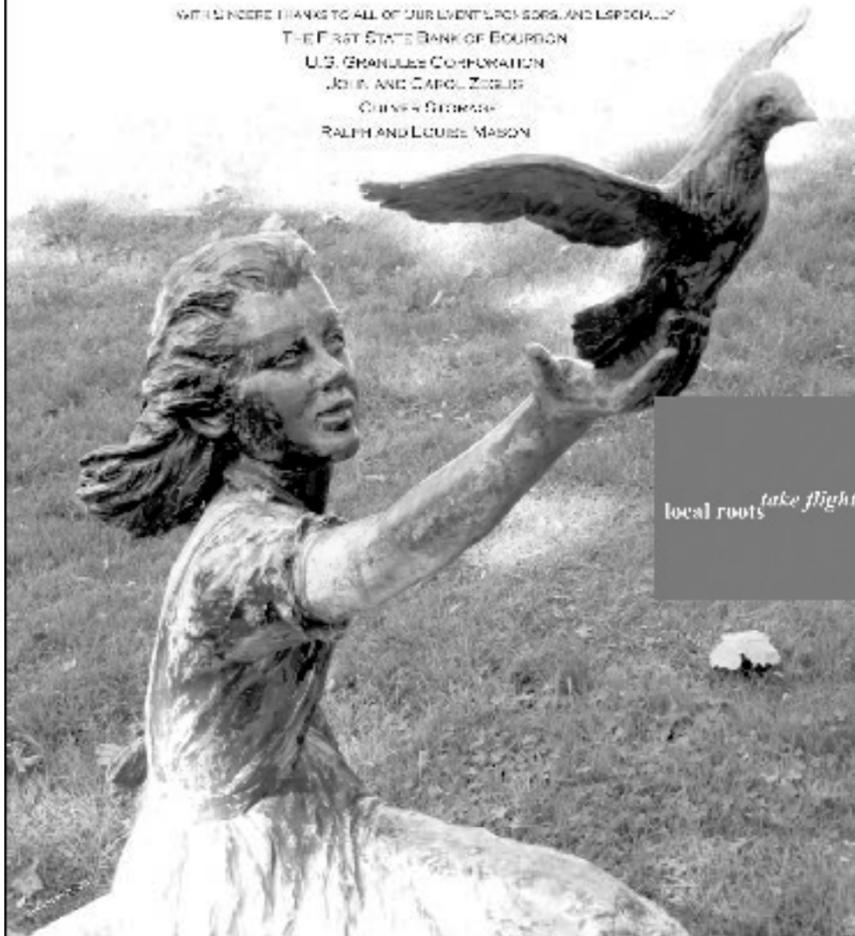
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## Death notices

### Overmyer Lance Overmyer June 6, 2011

CULVER-- Lance Overmyer of Culver died June 6, 2011 at 1 a.m. in Hospice House, Elkhart. His body has been donated to science. A memorial service is pending.

### Moss James Manley Moss May 28, 2011

CULVER -- James Manley Moss, 87, of Culver died May 28, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

He is survived by daughters, Deborah (Curtin) Kelley of Columbus, Ohio, Rebecca (Tom) Brovont of Rochester, Elizabeth (Dennis) Gilley of Florida, and Barbara Porter of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, June 10, 2011 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral service is Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel.

Interment will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the James Manley Moss Memorial Fund at Culver Educational Foundation.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

### Crull David Crull June 1, 2011

ROCHESTER — David Bruce Crull, 57, died at 3:46 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at St. Vincent's Heart Center of Indianapolis.

David is survived by his mother, Lois Crull of Leiters Ford; two sisters, Lesa (John) Gagnon of Akron, and Linda (Tom) Morton of Argos; a brother, Scott (Jackie) Crull of West DeMoines, Iowa; and stepchildren, Nancy (Jon) Smith of Henderson, Nev., Theresa (Joe) Bowers of Rochester, Penny Fisher of Marion, Mark (Billie) Shaffer of Peru, Michelle (Greg) Britt of Burrows, Michael (Jennifer) Shaffer of Rupert, Idaho, and Jayson (Tabitha) Shaffer of Leiters Ford.

Services will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcoul.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcoul.com).



## Culver commencements 2011

The class of 2011 bid adieu last weekend from Culver Community High School (Friday night) and Culver Academies (Sunday morning). UPPER LEFT: CCHS Principal Albert Hanselman shares a laugh with a student as graduates line up for the ceremony. CENTER LEFT: A parent shoots a memory with A.J. Neace, Kyle VanDeputte, and Levi Bennett. LOWER LEFT: Preparing to waltz out of high school are Gwen Kehner and Matt Hart, just before lining up to graduate.

\*CENTER RIGHT: Rebecca Nash, daughter of David and Lori Nash, is poised to walk through the Culver Girls Academy graduation arch. Father David is a math instructor at the school. LOWER RIGHT: Waverly Neer had more broken running records to celebrate this week (see page 6 of this issue) besides her graduation from CGA, from which she prepares here to graduate. \*BOTTOM: Culver resident Christian Tulungen, center (with Daniel Tuerff at left and Tumoine Villalobos at right) prepares for his trip through the Culver Military Academy's iron gate. His parents are Johnnes and Cathy Tulungen. Both are faculty; Johnnes in the Leadership Department and Cathy in Modern and Classical Languages.

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## 50th Anniversary - Schoolman

Richard and Lois Schoolman of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house June 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at New Song Community Church, 410 N. Kingston, Plymouth. The couple was married June 25, 1961 at People's Church in South Bend.

Their children are Randy (Stephanie) Schoolman of Plymouth and Sher (Keith) Snedeker of Plymouth. They also have three grandchildren.



## Community picnic, auction, worship this Sunday

Wesley United Methodist Church will hold a community worship service, brunch, and annual auction this Sunday, June 12, starting at 9 a.m. at the depot-train station in Culver.

The brunch will follow the 9 a.m. worship service, and a freewill offering for the brunch will go to the Culver food pantry (paper or personal items for the pantry will also be accepted).

The silent auction will close at 10:45 a.m.

The auction, which includes homemade pies ranging from strawberry, blueberry, baked apple to cherry, pecan, peanut butter, and more, includes a host of items. Among them, four Chicago Cubs box seat tickets, Air Force 2 playing cards from the plane of Vice President George Bush Sr. during Ronald Reagan's Presidency (donated by Bud Hillis), a Fuji Princess new 20 inch girls' bicycle (donated by the Bike Barn), autographed items such as a Culver Girl's Regional champs basketball, Culver Academies state finalist basketball, framed Culver Inn Print by Barbara Meeker, Culver state wrestling champ Jeremiah Harvey items, Mad Ants and Colts items. Other items include Elizabeth's Garden flower arrangements for one year, a quilt made by the Susanna Circle Quilters, photo package by Grant and Ginny Munroe (CGM Photography), and more.

The community is invited to the event.

## Culver Comm. grads: awards and scholarships

Thirty-seven Culver Community High School seniors received special recognition at the commencement exercise on June 3, 2011.

President's Award for Academic Excellence was awarded to Cassandra Dehning.

Academic Honors Diplomas were received by Clarissa Baker, Jaclyn Bauer, Blake Bennett, Cassandra Dehning, Mark Maes, Colton Measels and Paige Norwich. A Technical Honors Diploma was awarded to Zachary Loehmer.

Culver Community High School's Certificate of Academic Excellence (Top 10) were presented to Cassandra Dehning, Jaclyn Bauer, Clarissa Baker, Zoe' Bauer, Kaceigh Ahlenius, Nicolette Banfield, Colton Measels, Mark Maes, Kyle VanDePutte and Blake Bennett.

**Kaceigh Ahlenius**, daughter of Peggy and Frank Ahlenius received the following awards and scholarships: Starke County Palmer, Paul A. Humbert, Dorothy Mitchell Nursing, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Starke County McCormack Fire Dept., Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten. She will attend the University of Indianapolis.

**Clarissa F. Baker**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker: Indiana University Prestige, Mystic Hills Golf Course, Culver Community Staff, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Tri-Kappa Grant, Culver Kiwanis, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic "Bar." She will attend Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Nicolette Banfield**, daughter of Brett Banfield and the late Christina Diaz: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten. She will attend Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

**Jaclyn Taylor Bauer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bauer: Purdue University O'Neill, Indiana 4-H Foundation, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Northern Indiana Power from the Past, Paul A. Humbert, Glenn and Lucille Overmyer, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Kiw. Barbara Winters Award for Excellence, Culver Young Farmers, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic "Bar." She will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Zoe Tyler Bauer**, son of Toni Manikowski and Tim Bauer: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Memorial, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic "Bar." He is considering Indiana University, Kokomo, and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind.

**Blake Bennett**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bennett: Paul A. Humbert, Odom Funeral Home, First National Bank Technical, Leonard C. and Ethel Hoffman, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Purdue University School of Technology, South Bend.

**Levi Daniel Bennett**, son of Kathy McCarthy and Scott Bennett: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Culver Building Trades. He will attend Vincennes University, Vincennes.

**William McPherson Burgess**, son of Mr. Bruce Bur-

gess: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio.

**Jacob Cavazos**, son Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cavazos: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Valparaiso.

**Larry David Clingler**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clingler: Fulton County Farm Bureau, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Indiana Tech Achievement, Indiana Tech Athletic. He will attend Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne.

**Ashley Marie Cox**, daughter of Lori Cox: Paul A. Humbert, Odom Funeral Home, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Teresa Marie Daugharty**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Daugharty: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University South Bend.

**Cassandra Joy Dehning**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. K. C. Dehning: Indiana University Excellence, Culver Lions Club, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Everett R. and Frieda G. Houghton Memorial, Culver Community Staff, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Fulton Co. Harold and Neva Funk Mikesell, Culver Kiwanis, President's Award for Academic Excellence, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma, Academic "Bar." She will attend Indiana University, Bloomington.

**Lakesia Chevette Green**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Green: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Valparaiso.

**Jeremiah Harvey**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Garcia: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, William and Barbara Snyder, Gladah Ruth Shanks Humanitarian, Outstanding Male Athlete. He is considering Ball State University.

**Jessica Lynn Hominger**, daughter of Mr. Robert Hominger: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Valparaiso.

**Candice Clorinda Lehman-Dilts**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dilts: VFW Ladies Auxillary. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend.

**Bryce N. Lindvall**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Lindvall: VFW Mens Auxillary. He will attend Vincennes University, Vincennes.

**Zachary Steven Loehmer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Loehmer: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Scill Center - Hoosier Old Wheels, Scill Center, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Technical Honors Diploma, Academic "C." He will attend Wyotech, Blairsville, Penn.

**Mark Robert Maes**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maes: Beatrice Goss, Paul A. Humbert, Maxinkuckee Players-Singers, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, American Red Cross, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Ball State University, Muncie.

**Matthew Tyler Manns**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brett Manns: Starke County Palmer, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Indiana Tech, Ft. Wayne

**Patrice McBee**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McBee: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana University, South Bend. Patrick George McBee, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McBee: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Indiana University, South Bend

**Colton Bradly Measels**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hamman and the late Brad Measels: Paul A. Humbert, Gladah Ruth Shanks Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic Honors Diploma. He will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette.

**Alan James Neace**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Neace: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Indiana Tech, Ft. Wayne.

**Brian Andrew Nelson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mahler: Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend Manchester College, North Manchester.

**Paige Skylar Norwich**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Norwich: J.M.C. Engineering, Donald Zeglis Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Paul A. Humbert, Academic Honors Diploma. She will attend Ball State University, Muncie.

**Jessica Edith Noel Pettit**, daughter of Hazel Manns: Starke County Palmer. She will attend Purdue University North Central, Westville.

**Rene' Elizabeth Porter**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Porter: Fulton County REMC, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Academic "C." She will attend Arizona School of Massage Therapy.

**Allycia M. Rabenau**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott

Rabenau: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend. Jeremiah Daniels Charles Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey: Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. He will attend University of Southern Indiana, Evans- See CCHS page

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### Name that Culver 'citizen'



Among those correctly identifying last week's Mystery Citizen were Ed Pinder, Norm Wagoner, Bill Githens.

He was Al Bunner, who began his mathematics teaching career at Culver Military Academy in 1956, retiring in 1992. Along the way, he served for several years on Culver's Town Council, among other community activities.

Lately, he's been working with local (retired) community school teachers as a tutor for Culver area students.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also served the Culver community, having worked hard in several roles in the area. Most recently, she's been tirelessly helping a certain local branch of an important service agency.

Guesses may be emailed to [citizen@culcom.net](mailto: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, Al Bunner, then and now. LEFT: this week's mystery citizen.

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children (and grandfather of four more), Overmyer also served locally as softball, baseball, and soccer coach, also volunteering with Culver's Meals on Wheels, Jaycees, and Chamber of Commerce. In fact, his service to the community has been so vast through the years, it would be difficult to compose even a partial list.

At the same 2008 event, current Fire Chief and longtime department member Mike Grover fondly remembered his own father's service as a fireman and Overmyer's "picking on me (as a child) like he does my kids now."

"He's been involved in (fellow firemen's) personal lives, been to our weddings, and been around our kids when they were little," continued Grover, who shared several humorous tales from Overmyer's past. "One night he came to the station with his shirt on backwards and another night with his wife's pajama top on! He learned you don't look down the end of a fire hose too long."

At the event, Grover presented Overmyer his own helmet, which he said the department retired, all the members having signed it. Fireman Dave Cooper presented Overmyer a large plaque he'd made.

At the same event, Overmyer was toasted by Culver Academies Head of Schools John Buxton, presented a plaque from Culver's Chamber of Commerce honoring him, and a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Union Township, presented by Bobbie Ruhnow. She recalled working with him during her 12 year tenure as Culver Town Clerk.

Late former Chief Burns' widow, Judi Burns, on her website quotes Overmyer's recollections of joining the department when fireman (and town marshal) Don Mikesell pulled him over one day.

"You're on the fire department!" Overmyer recalled Mikesell saying. Overmyer recalled his reply: "Maybe I don't want to be on the fire department."

"You're going to be on the fire department whether you like it or not," Mikesell retorted, to which Overmyer simply replied, "Okay."

In a 2004 interview with Ida Chipman, Overmyer said he'd driven firefighter Jay Snyder to the station (after Snyder lost his keys) so many times, he decided to join the department himself.

Regardless of which version rings truer, Overmyer's memories of the incident are typical of his brand of humor, storytelling, and wit and wisdom, all of which he was well known for.

Overmyer had fought back from a life-threatening situation in the mid-1990s when a car accident in Lakeville nearly claimed his life. Several major surgeries -- with the support of his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Lynn, and his family and friends -- later, Overmyer was back to form, albeit with a raspier, quieter voice due to damage to his vocal chords. His trademark humor and charm remained intact, however.

Asked to talk during one operation in order to help surgeons properly position a repaired vocal chord, Overmyer told doctors he'd sing instead, and serenaded them with his rendition of "Volare," a song Lynn said he didn't even know, according to Chipman's article.

Lance Overmyer took over the Overmyer Soft Water business, today at the corner of Jefferson and Plymouth Streets in Culver -- as well as on Jefferson Street in Plymouth -- from his late father Earl after coming into the business in 1962 (Overmyer's mother, Helen, survives). His family has continued operation of the company to this day. "Even today," Mike Grover told the audience at the City Tavern in 2008, "we still use the changes he made at the fire

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who will take over as Culver Community Middle School Principal this fall, in the ceremony's closing comments, noted the exiting 6th graders this year were students at the school during her very first year at Monterey. And, she pointed out, she's not "losing" those students, who will enter Culver Community Middle School this fall.

"They're taking me with them," she added.

Berndt, addressing the audience, said though she doesn't have children of her own, she was thankful to "each and every parent and grandparent for blessing me with your kids."

Berndt also showed the audience a colorful blanket with photos of the school's classes and other scenes sewn on.

She then announced to students a surprise she helped plan: fire trucks were waiting outside to lead several buses with the entire student body through the town of Monterey for a parade -- news which elicited wild applause and stomping of feet from students.

A number of parents gathered outside the building the wave and greet students and teachers as they rode by in the small "parade," after which students returned to the building for lunch.

Near the end of the school day, following an awards ceremony for BUGs (Bringing Up Grades) students, Berndt

announced another special surprise: students were walked through the cafeteria to take a helium-filled balloon in hand and gather on the school's soccer field. There, shouting the school's praises, they released the balloons simultaneously in an explosion of sky-bound color, followed by a "surprise" for Berndt herself: students affectionately dumped several buckets of water over the head of their Principal, who was named Indiana Association of School Principals' "Principal of the Year" in 2009.

Hugs and well wishes continued for the final minutes of the school day, as students packed up and exited the halls for the last time into school buses and parents' cars. Berndt joined the faculty and staff in what had become a last-day-of-school tradition at the little school: gathering outside together to collectively wave the buses off, as students returned the favor from their seats.

The significance was lost on no one, however, that this wave would be the last one for Monterey Elementary School.

*Note: a special publication celebrating the school and its history will be published by the Citizen later this month.*



## CCHS grads omitted

Culver Community High School 2011 graduates (from left) Levi Bennett, Allycia Rabenau, and Sharon Myers were omitted from the Culver Citizen's recent publication of graduate photos, and so appear here. The Citizen regrets the omission.

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ville.

**Whitney Vera Denise Sanders**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Sanders: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Starke County Palmer, Starke Co. McCormick Fire Dept, Academic "C." She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, South Bend.

John Alexander Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaffer: Paul A. Humbert, Indiana 4-H Foundation, VFW Mens Auxillary, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Kiwanis. He will attend Manchester College, North Manchester.

Kyle Glen VanDePutte son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken VanDePutte: Culver Community Staff, Paul A. Humbert, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman, Culver Community Certificate of Academic Excellence: Top Ten, Academic "C." He will attend Indiana University, South Bend.

Lindsey Century Levi Van Horn, daughter of Wendy Van Horn and Eric Van Horn: Paul A. Humbert, Eunice Schrimsher, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Indiana Univ. Purdue Univ., Ft. Wayne.

Alison Nicole Zehner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Zehner: Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Leonard C. and Ethel H. Hoffman. She will attend Ivy Tech Community College, Logansport.

Gwen L. Zehner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zehner: University of Illinois Athletic, Charles B. and Lenore M. Keitzer Memorial, Outstanding Female Athlete. She will attend University of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

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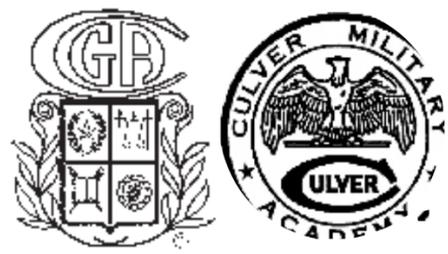
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# Sports



## The boys are back

Culver Community breaks 25-year sectional championship drought with 6-2 win over Hebron.



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Culver Comm. High School sectional championship baseball team members (front row, kneeling from left) Bryce Lindvall, Zach Brewer, AJ Neace, Brian Nelson, Zoe Bauer, Michael Salary, Sam Hendrickson. Standing from left: Grace Lorenz, Caroline Baker, Assistant Coach Dennis Burkett, Bobby Back, Matt Shotts, Chris Zehner, Nick Zehner, Sam Hissong, Collin Stevens, Kyle Vlach, Nick Pritz, Allen Betts, Shawn Russell, Coach Mike Elliott, Assistant Coach Tom Krueger.

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

**BOONE GROVE** — After disappointing finishes in the football and basketball state tournaments, Culver Community's multiple-sport seniors knew the Boone Grove Baseball Sectional was their last shot at a championship. Mission accomplished.

The Cavaliers followed up a 6-1 win over the host Wolves on Monday with a 6-2 comeback win over Hebron in the Class 2A Sectional 34 championship Tuesday, bringing a 25-year baseball championship drought to an end. Culver moves on to face Eastside in the morning game of the Jimtown Regional Saturday.

"We talked with the kids about what it takes to be a champion," said Culver Community head baseball coach Mike Elliott. "All the kids were down after the football championship we were expected to win, and in basketball season we had a good season but we just weren't able to get it. Then a couple weeks ago, a couple of the kids said 'Wouldn't it be something if we were able to win a sectional championship in baseball?'"

"We've told them all year long we've got a good baseball team. We let a couple games get away from us, and the seniors didn't necessarily believe in their abilities all year long... but once we got through the season we got in the best week of practice we ever had. To the seniors' credit they were able to get refocused and get back into baseball and get ready to go."

"We didn't get one in football, we didn't get one in bas-

ketball, but we got one in baseball," said senior three-sport athlete Zoe Bauer.

"We're not done yet, though."

"I think it hit us in probably our last four games," said fellow senior and two-sport athlete Michael Salary. "The seniors really stepped up. The coaches talked to us and told us we need to be leaders, and it really hit us... that we needed to step up, and we kept it going and we're getting it rolling again."

After winning pitcher Collin Stevens and the Culver defense wiggled out of trouble with a tag-out at home plate in the bottom of the first, the Cavs got on the board with a run in the top of the second to go up 1-0, but Hebron responded with back-to-back RBI singles from Cody Hayes and pitcher Kyle Joyce to go up 2-1 in the bottom of the third.

A less mature Culver squad might have folded after the third, but the Cavs answered back with five more runs in the fourth and fifth frames and held off the Hawks for the historic 6-2 win.

"It was a test," said Bauer. "Earlier in the season we would get down and our heads would go down, but in the past couple games we've come back. We've grown as a baseball team."

"The kids don't want to lose," Elliott said. "It's a great mindset. You wish you had it all the time, but we're getting it at the right time."

Junior first baseman Sam Hissong drew a one-out walk — one of nine

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## CGA's Neer breaks 2 records at state



PHOTO PROVIDED/ PAM THOMPSON

Waverly Neer midway through her state record run in the 1600 at the IHSAA girls state track finals in Bloomington.

**BLOOMINGTON** — There aren't many records left for Waverly Neer to break.

Even on a historic day that featured a total of six record-breaking performances, the Culver Academies senior managed to stand out, knocking off not one but two state standards on her way to championships in both the 1600 meters and the 3200 meters at the 38th Annual IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals at Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex in Bloomington.

First, Neer took out the previous state record in the 1600-meter run, registering a 4:43.46 stop in the sweltering 90-plus degree heat to shatter the old record of 4:49.38 set by Carmel's Katie Harrington in 2003. An hour and a half later, the Columbia recruit wiped out the 3200-meter record by a little less than four seconds, clocking a 10:20.66 to beat the 1996 record of 10:24.29 set by former U.S. Olympian Amy Yoder of East Noble for her second gold medal of the evening.

Those dual record-breaking runs represented the fifth and sixth records Neer set in this year's state series after setting new meet records in both events at the Rochester Sectional and the Bremen Regional, which came on the heels of a national 5K record-setting performance at the 2011 New Balance Indoor Nationals at the New York City Armory on March 10.

Neer was joined in the 3200 and 1600 by two other area distance standouts as Bremen's Hope Jordan turned in a 5:01.32 to finish eighth in the 1600, and LaVille's Elaine Schmeltz crossed the 3200-meter run line in 11:29.69 for 14th place.

Culver Community's Gwen Zehner closed out a strong career in the shot put with a 37'10.75" for 16th, while Culver Academies freshman Leah Heckaman rounded out an impressive first year with a 101'6" toss in the discus for 26th place there. Triton junior Megan Howdeshell bettered her 2010 finish in the discus by four places as she took 12th with a 124'8" distance in the event.

Fort Wayne Northrop and Lawrence North shared the team championship for just the fifth time in the 38-year history of the girls state tourney, tallying 42 points each to share the crown.

### Men's golf

#### Mystic's Pugh shoots 74 at Indiana PGA Southern Open

Mystic Hills pro Dave Pugh shot a 2-over-par 74 in a rescheduled Indiana PGA Southern Open Championship at Covered Bridge in Sellersburg Tuesday. Purdue University golfer Tyler Duncan won the championship with a 4-under-par 68.

Pugh birdied 12 and 14 to come in at 74 and finish tied for 32nd in the 150-player field. He currently owns 235 points on the Pepsi PGA Tour with six cuts made in six events and \$2,537.50 in earnings this year.



# Top 10 Reasons to Ride the L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour

As Lake Fest approaches, we encourage you to sign up for the Fourth Annual L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour, held Sunday morning, July 17! Enjoy a fun 10-mile cruise around Lake Maxinkuckee, a 30 mile ride visiting the Chief Menominee Monument, a full 63-mile metric century or an epic 100-mile journey. Whatever distance you choose, bring your bike and helmet for a fun bike ride, fresh air and warm sunshine as you pedal the scenic roads of Marshall County and beyond.

We realize that it may take a bit of encouragement to

persuade you to sign up. Perhaps you haven't been on a bike in a while? Maybe your bike is collecting dust and cobwebs in the garage? Maybe the serious cyclists in their lycra shorts and space-age helmets leave you feeling a bit intimidated?

To help with your decision, the Lake Fest Committee presents the Top Ten Reasons to sign up for the L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour:

10. Enjoy an early morning ride around stunning Lake Maxinkuckee. It's not THAT far around.

9. Ride the area's only 100-mile bike route, visiting three counties along the way. And live to tell about it.

8. Have your tires inflated to the proper pressure before the ride by a profes-

sional bike mechanic, without lifting a finger.

7. Should you get a flat tire along the route, hitch a ride back from one of our friendly SAG Wagon drivers. They won't judge you. We promise.

6. Work off those sugary funnel cakes you ate at Lake Fest on Saturday.

5. Get the kids off the couch and show 'em what people did for fun before texting.

4. Dodge yappy dogs and grazing deer as you navigate a real-life animal obstacle course.

3. Leave your out-of-town guests in the dust and show off your developed calf muscles.

2. Finally, an excuse to use ALL the gears on your bike.

And the Number One Reason to sign up for the L'MAX Lake Fest Bike Tour:

1. Treat yourself to yet another sugary funnel cake at the finish line.

## Library news

### Vacation photo class at CUTPL

Culver Union Township Public Library, located at 107 North Main Street, Culver, IN, in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations" hosts a class on vacation photography.

With the popularity of digital photography, taking good photos or "keepers" is easier than ever with proper instruction in composition and lighting. This class explores the when, where, why and how to take a good vacation photo and what to do with it after it is taken. This class is free and open to the public, and class takes place Tuesday, June 7th at 6 p.m.

For more information on this event, please contact CUTPL Director Colleen McCarty or Jonathan Gaskill via e-mail at [jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:jgaskill@culver.lib.in.us) or by dialing 574-842-2941.

### Keating speaks on acupuncture, Asian medicine

Culver Union Township Public Library, in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations" hosts Dr. James B. Keating as he speaks about acupuncture and Asian medicine, Monday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

James B. Keating, D.C., M.S.Ac. is a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan and lived for several years in Michigan City, Indiana before moving to the Chicago area. He attended National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Illinois where he earned his doctorate in chiropractic medicine and his master of science in acupuncture.

Dr. Keating practices chiropractic medicine and acupuncture, offering a multi-disciplinary approach to physical medicine in Northwest Indiana. Dr. Keating's emphasis is to help his patients optimize physical functionality and reduce pain. The presentation is free and open to the public.

## Culver's run ends with loss to Eastside

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

ELKHART — Culver Community earned its first sectional title in 26 years by battling from behind. On Saturday, the Cavaliers simply dug themselves too big a hole to climb out of.

Eastside plated six runs batting through the order during a big third inning, and although Culver scored three runs in the fifth and sixth, it was too little, too late as the Cavs suffered a season-ending 7-3 loss at the Class 2A Jimtown Baseball Regional in Elkhart.

Eastside went on to fall in 10-2 in the championship to Hanover Central at the tourney, while Culver closed out a banner year at 13-14.

“They had a lot of two-strike hits,” said Culver head baseball coach Mike Elliott of the big third inning. “You tell your kids to put the ball in play and Eastside did a good job of that. They had a couple of two-strike hits, a couple of bleeders in there. But you put the ball in play and make the other team make plays.”

The Blazers shelled Culver starter Bryce Lindvall with seven hits during the big third in his first outing on the mound since throwing a one-hitter in a 6-1 win over the host Wolves at the Boone Grove Sectional semifinal last Monday.

Eastside pounded out four straight singles in their second time seeing Lindvall. A costly error on a grounder to third scored the Blazers their first run after Luke Kaiser was picked off leading off from first following the team's first hit of the inning. Josh Yoder hit a two-run single through the infield gap into left, and designated hitter Matt Byrd knocked another seeing eye single through the gap to give Eastside a 4-0 lead before Lindvall struck Nate Mack for the second out of the inning.

But Eastside scratched out a pair of unearned runs on a Travis Shuman double — the game's only extra base hit — before Collin Stevens took over on the mound for the final out of the inning.

Culver had a chance to get on top early with runners on

second and third and one out in the top of the third, but Brian Nelson was caught in no-man's land and picked off heading back to third on a foul out down the third baseline for the final out of the inning. It was the first of two key baserunning errors by Nelson as he hesitated at first on a dropped infield fly from Stevens with two outs in the sixth.

“That's what we tell them,” said Elliott. “At this level of the tournament, the team that makes the least amount of errors is the team that's going to win.”

Culver scored its first run in the fourth on an RBI single to right from Zoe Bauer that scored Nick Pritz after the latter drew a two-out walk. The visitors on the scoreboard struck again with two more runs in the sixth off Nelson's two-run knock to right center.

Eastside scored its final run on an RBI single by Yoder in the bottom of the sixth.

Although they may have fallen short of a regional, the Cavs can hold their heads high after a banner season in which they ended a 26-year sectional championship drought with a 6-2 comeback win over Hebron in the Class 2A Sectional 34 championship Tuesday.

The team says good bye to seniors Lindvall, Bauer, Nelson, AJ Neace, Michael Salary and Sam Hendrickson.

“We're just really proud of the seniors, especially the last couple of weeks,” Elliott said. “They had that attitude, they worked to win, and they battled. They battled today... You take one inning away and we played a pretty good ball game, but you've got to play seven.”

• EASTSIDE 7, CULVER 3  
At Class 2A Jimtown Baseball Regional  
Culver: 000 012 0 — 3 7 2  
Eastside: 006 001 X — 7 11 1  
Bryce Yoder (W) and Evon Reas; Bryce Lindvall (L), Collin Stevens (3) and A.J. Neace.  
2B: Travis Shuman (E)  
Records: Eastside 15-15, Culver 13-14 (final).



PHOTO BY JAMES COSTELLO  
Culver's Sam Hendrickson gets a hit during the Cavaliers' Class 2A Jimtown Baseball Regional Saturday.

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bases on balls taken by Culver in the win — to get the Cavaliers started in the top of the fourth, and sophomore Kyle Vlach drove him home with a single into center to tie the game up at 2-all. Catcher A.J. Neace moved Vlach into scoring position with a ground-out to first, and fellow senior Brian Nelson dropped a two-out base hit into center to score Vlach and put the Cavs up for good.

But Culver wasn't finished yet as the visitors on the scoreboard tacked on another three runs in the fifth to keep the pressure on Hebron. Bauer and Sam Hendrickson drew consecutive one-out walks, and Salary drove both home with a single into center. The speedy center fielder and All-Northern State Conference running back — who returned to the squad this year after taking his junior season off in 2010 — went on to steal second and third, then scored on a heads-up play as the ball was bobbled trying to catch him stealing third in a rundown situation.

“Michael is the fastest kid we've ever coached, and he can get from start to full speed in a hurry,” Elliott said. “At times you're thinking you've got a regular baserunner there. I remember one time trying to stop him at second, and he was to third before they even knew went on.”

“Tonight he got caught in a rundown and made it to third and realized the catcher wasn't at home plate and realized there's nobody going to catch him.”

Although they committed three errors, the Cavs also benefitted from some standout defense as they made the plays when it counted Tuesday.

Hebron threatened in the sixth when an infield error and a base hit put runners on first and second with two outs before Hissong made a highlight reel play with a diving catch and perfect no-look flip back to Stevens covering first to end the inning without any damage.

“Every time that Hebron threatened we made a great play. One of the best high school plays I've seen, Sam Hissong knocked one down at first and was kind of laying down and tossed one backwards not even knowing where he was throwing,” said Elliott.

Culver reached Tuesday's title game with a 6-1 victory over sectional host Boone Grove in the semifinal Monday.

Cavs ace Bryce Lindvall threw a one-hitter in the contest as Culver ousted the rival Wolves, who had gotten the best of Culver at Sectional 34 both of the last two seasons.

“Depending on who you ask in that one, some of them had it as a no-hitter,” Elliott said. “Because of the wind, we misjudged a couple fly balls and we gave them one hit, but it just depends on who you ask. It was a great effort with nine strikeouts.”

It's been a big year for Culver athletics. While the Cavs may have fallen short of a repeat football sectional title with a championship-game loss to South Central and a first-round basketball sectional loss to North Judson, fans of the orange and black have had plenty to cheer about.

The Lady Cavaliers earned the school its first-ever girls regional basketball championship with a thrilling victory over Fairfield at home back in February, and senior heavyweight Jeremiah Harvey claimed the state wrestling championship in his weight class for Culver's first state title in any sport. Monday's win represented the first baseball sectional championship for the Cavs since 1986.

“Culver baseball has been down for several years, and this is our fifth year here,” said Elliott of the year and his staff of assistant coaches Tom Krueger and Dennis Burkett. “We came in and won four games the first year and kept trying to instill in the kids to work hard and keep improving, and each year we've added some wins to it. We've had four, four, five and eight, and this year we're 13-13 so there's been a steady improvement from the kids. They're buying into what we want and believing what the coaching staff is trying to get them to do and understand.”

• CULVER 6, HEBRON 2  
At Boone Grove  
Sectional championship  
Culver: 010 230 0 — 6 4 3  
Hebron: 002 000 0 — 2 8 3  
Collin Stevens (W, 5-3) and A.J. Neace; Kyle Joyce (L)  
Record: Culver 13-13

## CMA takes 3rd at Sectional

By James Costello  
Sports Editor

WINONA LAKE — Culver Military Academy grabbed the final ticket out to this week's Homestead Regional with a 320 for third place at the Warsaw Boys Golf Sectional Friday at Stonehenge Golf Club.

Triton upset the host Warsaw Tigers on the fifth-score criterion knocking off the four-peat champion home team from the top of the sectional pile and handing it just its third loss at the tourney in the past nine years while claiming the little Class A program its first-ever sectional team championship.

Plymouth couldn't catch the Eagles with a 350 for fourth place, Culver Community was eighth with 365 points, two ahead of Northern State Conference foe Bremen's 367 in ninth in the team standings, although senior Taylor Fanning earned his second straight individual regional berth.

The Trojans finished in third behind CMA at last year's sectional due to their lack of a fifth-man score with a DQ at the 2010 meet. Triton went on to grab the last state berth at the Homestead Regional on another fifth-score criterion against Prairie Heights.

CMA trailed Triton by only six strokes at the turn but couldn't make it up on the back side to catch either the Trojans or the Tigers. The Eagles survive to fight another day, however, with a second consecutive berth out to the Homestead meet at Orchard Ridge next Thursday.

“Obviously, that was our goal, just to advance to the next level,” said CMA head coach Fred Haase. “We hoped we'd be a little more competitive with Warsaw and Triton because we've beaten both teams before in the regular season, we just couldn't get it done today.”

Plymouth had handed the Eagles one of just two dual meet losses last week, but despite strong consistency — the team recorded three 89s and a pair of 86s at Stonehenge — couldn't replicate the feat Friday as the Pilgrims finished out their season with a respectable fourth-place finish at Warsaw.

• WARSAW GOLF SECTIONAL  
At Stonehenge Golf Club (Par 71)  
Team results: 1. Triton 304, 2. Warsaw 304, 3. Culver Military Academy 320, 4. Plymouth 350, 5. Wawasee 358, 6. Northfield 361, 7. Tippecanoe Valley 363, 8. Culver Community 365, 9. Bremen 367, 10. Southwood 369, 11. Wabash 370, 12. Manchester 430.  
Meet low medalist: Quentyn Carpenter (T) 70.  
Top 3 individuals advancing without a team: Josh Ungar (NF) 80, Taylor Fanning (B) 81, Jake Shaw (S) 81.  
TRITON (304): Quentyn Carpenter 70, Taran Kennedy 80, Ryan Rapp 77, Chandler Slone 79, Griffyn Carpenter 78.  
CMA (320): Andrew Eiler 80, James Kinsey 84, Jay Selby 74, Alan Kuesterman 89, John Connelly 82.  
PLYMOUTH (350): Mitch Holloway 86, Nate Kolter 86, Patrick Felke 89, Kurt Corsbie 89, John Ruff 89.  
CULVER (365): Zach Duplay 87, Luke Dunfee 90, Trent Elliott 90, Kyle Vandeputte 103, Joe Krsek 98.  
BREMEN (367): Taylor Fanning 81, Thmas Manges 97, Micah Knoblock 115, Kevin Woodyard 100, JJ Schafer 89.

## Boys golf

### Culver tops three-way

Consistency won the day as Culver breezed to a pair of wins over Caston and Pioneer at its home course at Mystic Hills Monday.

Zach Duplay and Luke Dunfee both shot meet-low 43s for the Cavaliers, while Joe Krsek and Kyle VanDePutte turned in dual 47s as Culver beat Caston 180-210 and Pioneer 210-224.

Caston's Bostin Blackman finished tied for low medalist honors at the three-way with Duplay and Dunfee.

The Cavs move to 8-6 in dual meets on the year and will play at the Warsaw Sectional Friday at 8 a.m.

• CULVER 180, CASTON 210, PIONEER 224  
At Mystic Hills (Par 35)  
CULVER (180): Trent Elliott 50, Zach Duplay 43, Luke Dunfee 43, Joe Krsek 47, Kyle VanDePutte 47.

## CMA' Brescacin finishes 12th at state

BLOOMINGTON — Culver Military Academy's Julian Brescacin only advanced out of the Kokomo Regional with a fourth-place finish when Pioneer's Nathan Grigsby scratched in the long jump, but the athletic newcomer added another 9.25 inches to his regional mark at Friday's 75th Annual IHSAA Boys State Track and Field Championships on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, with a 21'04" for 12th place in state, just 2.25 inches shy of the podium. It was a 14-place improvement from where the first-year senior was forecasted to finish at the meet.

“He went 21'04" but he needed a little bit more to make it into the finals; he needed several inches,” said Culver Academies head track and field coach Michael Chastian. “He's new at it, this is probably only his eighth meet overall jumping ever, so we're very pleased of what he's accomplished. We just wish he had a few more inches to get into the finals.”

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### Respond by June 15 for '61 reunion

The Culver High School class of 1961 will hold its 50th alumni reunion June 24 and 25. For more information and to make a reservation, contact Linda (Gibbons) Lowry at 17441 Muckshaw Rd., Argos, IN 46501 (phone 574-892-5317). Attendees are asked to please respond by June 15.

### State parks author will speak

Author Glory-June Greiff will speak about her most recent book, “People, Parks, and Perceptions: A History and Appreciation of Indiana State Parks” on Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the Culver-Union Township Public Library, 107 N. Main Street in Culver. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Culver Public Library, is free and open to the public.

### CBGC auction to feature Straight No Chaser, more

The Culver Boys & Girls Club will hold its annual summer fund raising event Friday, June 17, at the Culver Academies' Legion Memorial Building from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a complimentary cocktail hour and silent auction, and a plated dinner will follow in the Heritage Room from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Guests will also be entertained by “Straight No Chaser,” the renowned Indiana University men's a capella singing group.

Admission is \$100 per person. To reserve your seats, mail your check to the Culver Boys & Girls Club, PO Box 44, Culver, IN, 46511. For further information please call cell phone number 973-610-4806.

### Culver history bike ride June 18

The Bike Barn, at 103 Lake Shore Drive in Culver, will once again team up with the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver for a bicycle tour of the town of Culver on Saturday, June 18, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Bike Barn. Bicyclists are invited to bring their own bikes and helmets for the free event, which will be led by Jeff Kenney of the Society and is expected to cover no more than four to five miles of riding. Questions may be directed to 574-842-3606, or online via [www.bikebarnculver.com](http://www.bikebarnculver.com).

### Taste of Culver June 18

The Culver Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Culver festival returns Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jefferson Street between Main and Ohio Streets.

This year's Caribbean-themed event will feature many of Culver's well-loved restaurants offerings samples of their fare at sample prices. Steel drum player Kent Arnsharger ([www.kentarnsharger.com](http://www.kentarnsharger.com)) will play during the event, whose proceeds benefit Chamber activities. The Chamber's website is [www.culverchamber.com](http://www.culverchamber.com).

### Summer food program

Culver Community Schools' summer food service program is offered free to children (ages 1 through 18), and people with disabilities (regardless of age) who participate

in special education programs. All other adults may purchase a lunch for \$3 and/or a breakfast for \$1.50.

Program dates and locations include: Culver Community High School, Culver Elementary School, Monterey Elementary School, Culver-Union Twp. Public Library, Aubeenaubee Twp. Community Building, Northbend Twp. Community Building, and Ora Gospel Chapel Church. For dates, times, and more information, contact Carin Clifto at 574-842-3391 ext. 3113.

### Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library will continue its free computer classes, including Microsoft PowerPoint (June 10, 10 a.m.), and Microsoft Publisher (June 13, 6 p.m. and June 17, 10 a.m.). These are hands-on classes and the library will provide computers. If you have your own laptop computer, feel free to bring it to the classes.

### Craft class at CUTPL

A craft class, open to the public, will take place at the Culver Union Township Public Library Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. The class will be taught by Marge Keltner, and the cost will be \$5. Two greeting cards with fabric will be made by each participant. Sign up sheets are available at the Culver Library and any questions can be answered by Rita Mason, 574-842-2656.

### Comm. garden volunteers needed

Those interested in volunteering to help out in Culver's Community Garden may contact Barbara Quivey at 574-842-2329 or Connie Richie at 574-542-4810 for work times. Your help will be appreciated.

### Friends raffling doll house

A 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 drawing 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).

### 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).



## Goings-on at Culver schools

In the weeks leading up to the end of the 2010-2011 school year, Culver area students have been busy with a number of endeavors, activities, awards, and more.

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### A musical spring

LEFT: Members of the Culver Community Middle School band recently presented their spring concert, under the direction of Band Director Jason Crittendon. Pictured, from left to right, are Rebecca Rainey, Joe Cavoza, Paxton Schmidt, Zachary Cobern, John Hopple, Whitney Hopkins, Brandon Sellers, and Kelsey Shaffer.

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### A day at the dairy

BELOW: Wesley Preschool junior students (from left) Adam Walton, Chloe Salyer, Elisabeth Perkins, and Maria Saunders greet a cow at the Heckaman Dairy in Argos (represented at right by Kelly Heckaman) during one of the springtime trips taken by students at the school, based at Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. Jennifer Luttrell and Jill Baker are the lead instructors, with assistance from Shelly Schrimsher.

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### A fall preview

BELOW LEFT: Wesley preschool senior class members made their annual visit to Culver Elementary School recently to prepare for their arrival at kindergarten this fall. Deb Stevens of CES discusses what's on the horizon, at left, while listening are (from left) Gwendylan Gilley, Karsen Hoffman, Aiden Rivera, Eliza Loehr, Sophie Blessman, Jack Rodgers, Makenna Strycker, Brennan Campbell, Lauren Gerber, Nora Johnston, Preston Jessen, Jack Christiansen, Ben Blessman, Madison Collins, Tristan Nix, Ryan Gormaly, Avery Garland.



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### 1st grade spellers

LEFT: Culver Elementary first grader Spring Ye, right, took first place in the grade-wide spelling bee held at the school recently. Kennedy Creviston, left, was runner up.



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### Safety from the experts

Culver Elementary third graders were the recipients of sized and fitted bicycle helmets provided by a collaboration between area bike shops Rideon and the Bike Barn, and Marshall County Pediatrics. ABOVE LEFT: Student Alexis Bajer, left, looks on as Rideon's Chris Chambers fits Jordan Mulvihill; student Gabriel Sherman is fitted by Alicia Krueger of MC Pediatrics; and Hannah Haimbaugh is fitted by Don Baker of the Bike Barn. ABOVE RIGHT: In conjunction with the effort, professional racer Scotty Van Hawk, left, led students on a tour of his racing bus and gave each student trading cards and other items. Pictured from left to right are students Owen Keller, Coltin Wynn, Austin Jones, Grant Dexter, Alexis Grove. Thanks to Valerie Cultice for assistance with this photo.



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### Parading good character

LEFT: Culver Elementary second graders collectively make up the Cool Character Club, which stresses the "six pillars of character" (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship) throughout the year through its approach to classroom management, discipline, and various activities and recognitions.

Each year, students in the club parade through Culver demonstrating their knowledge of the pillars through chants and songs.

Pictured here, holding the banner, are, from left, Ethan Moore, Makenzie Hymel, and Abbie Johnson. Second grade teacher Jean Ahlenius is at far right.



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### 'Comfort'-ing US Servicemen

Culver Elementary 4th through 6th graders have been hard at work in recent weeks creating quilt blocks for Operation Quiet Comfort, a project which creates and sends hand-made quilts -- with hand-written messages of encouragement -- to US Servicemen in hospitals and other recovery areas. 6th grade students pictured, writing messages on quilt blocks, are (clockwise from lower left) Scott Jones, Cora Dodge, Josie Ross, Mya Lewis, Haley Rigas, and Staci Jefferies. Learn more about the project at [operationquietcomfort.com](http://operationquietcomfort.com).



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### A vist from the Silver Hawks

When Culver Elementary 6th and 2nd grade "reading buddies" (students partnered up to help the 2nd graders with reading) had to miss their field trip to a South Bend Silver Hawks game, 6th grade teacher Missy Trent contacted the team and asked if players could visit the school. Two players, Zachary Walters (right) and Chris Jarrett (left) came by the school last week to talk baseball and sign autographs. Students pictured are Matthew Bailey (center) A.J. Cooper (left), both of Tina Bailey's 2nd grade class.