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In Brief

Nativity pageant rehearsals Saturday

Rehearsals for this year's Nativity pageant, held at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver, will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. at the church, located at 124 College Avenue. Children of the community are invited to rehearsals, where they will also choose parts and be fitted for costumes. The Nativity pageant will take place Friday evening, Dec. 16, starting at 5:30 p.m. A children's party with a "special guest" will take place immediately following, in the church basement. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

Library Christmas open house Saturday

The Culver-Union Twp. Public Library will host a Christmas open house celebration on Saturday, December 10, from noon to 4 p.m. Renowned local harpist Beth Pare' will be performing Christmas music from noon to 2 p.m. Jarrod Drake, local concert pianist, will be performing classical Christmas music on the piano from 2 to 4 p.m. Christmas cookies will be provided by The Friends of the Library, who also decorated the library's Christmas trees (located in the upper floor lobby and children's areas, respectively).

Children's Christmas party, Santa visit Saturday

The annual Culver community children's Christmas party will take place Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Culver Elementary School cafeteria. The event, co-sponsored by the Culver fire department, VFW Post, and Lions Club, will feature "Rootin' Tootin' Rudi" the clown, who will entertain children with magic tricks, stories, games, plastic balloons, and more. The fire department will also drive Santa Claus around town on a fire truck that morning, with his arrival at the school slated for 11:10 a.m., after which children may visit with him. The event is free, and treat bags will be provided for all children from all three organizations.

Maxinkuckee Singers' Christmas concert dates

The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of

Ring in a Culver Christmas in style

Friday night marked the town of Culver's official launch of the Christmas season, as students from Culver Community Schools and Culver Academies joined the Knights of Columbus and others in lighting the town Christmas tree, adjacent to the depot on Lake Shore Drive. The evening was also marked by a visit by Santa Claus, with the aid of Ralph Winters, who ABOVE RIGHT hands a candy cane to Nico Barton (age 7), while brother Dashiell (5) and mom Angela look on. Student-led caroling (ABOVE LEFT)* included a stop at the Coffee Company, where Culver Comm. Middle School students (from left) Mary McKinnis, Anne Nowalk, Margaret McKinnis, Jennah McCarthy, and Abby Surrisi sang out. Across the street the Coffee Company joined Brockey Insurance in offering a customer appreciation event (celebrating eight years of CCC and three and a half of Brockey's) including live music, free food and wine, and horse-drawn carriage rides (complete with jingling sleigh bells) by Lori and Mike Faylor. In the photo at TOP LEFT, about to trot down the street are Clint and Kari, and kids Amber and Sophia Maddox, with Mike Faylor at the reins.

Two Culver novelists – two brand-new books set here

Editor's note: It's nothing new that the uniqueness of the Culver area seems to lend itself to getting writers' literary juices flowing. Whether it's legendary works of the past, ranging from "Ben Hur" to Trakington's "The Gentleman from Indiana" -- which were partially written on Lake Maxinkuckee, though not necessarily directly inspired by its setting -- or "Hoosier Poet" James Whitcomb Riley's "The Blue Above and the Green Below" poem, or best-selling 1906 novel, "The House of a Thousand Candles," both of which were set Lake Maxinkuckee (or versions thereof)...the area inspired, even 100-plus years ago. The lake and community also frequently figured into the fiction of later 20th century literary legend, Kurt Vonnegut Jr. More recently, a host of fictional novels set in the area has emerged, from John Houghton's "Rough Magicke,"

Adams' newest 'Alexia' novel incorporates Potawatomi, other local historical elements

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver-based author Marcia Adams' newest novel has just hit the internet, and fans of her previous release, "Adventures of Alexia: A Lake Maxinkuckee Girl, 1885" may rejoice to learn Alexia is back, though the calendar has fast-forwarded a bit and the young protagonist isn't quite as young as in her first fictional outing.



CITIZEN FILE PHOTO
Marcia Adams.

The new novel, titled, "Glowing Fire: The Adventures of a Maxinkuckee Girl and Her Friend, a Potawatomi Indian Boy" (published by Hispubg.com and available at Amazon.com), sees its initial release as an E-book, an increasingly popular format in this era of Kindles and iPads in the hands of digital-minded readers, though Adams says print copies of the book are also forthcoming.

The author says "Fire," like its predecessor, will be a children's and young adult novel, but will move in a different direction than "Alexia," less towards incorporating locally-known names as primary characters. She says she sought information from credible historians in researching an accurate context for Alexia's friend Luke (a nickname the teenager gives him), a Potawatomi Indian boy whose mother was part of the Pokagon band.

"You keep seeing how they (Potawatomi) are so interwoven with this part of our existence in this area," she says, "in Culver, Marshall County, and Michigan -- it behooves us to know where they fit into the pattern."

"Mine is strictly a story of fiction about one little boy who be-

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to the fictional work of Marcia Adams and Dr. Richard Davies, discussed below.

And while Adams' and Davies' new novels fit into different genres, they clearly have in common the evidence that something special -- something singular and affecting about the area, whether it's the waters of Lake Maxinkuckee, the almost old-world timelessness of the Culver Academies campus, the unusual community of the town of Culver, or all of the above -- led them to set their respective books here as opposed to elsewhere (and interestingly, both deal fictionally with the local Potawatomi Indians).

It's also a happy coincidence that two works of fiction set here are being released almost simultaneously (and in both cases, as "ebooks" preceding print copies. Read on, to learn more.

Davies' "Sufis at Culver" completes local-based fantasy trilogy

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Retired Culver Academies instructor Dr. Richard Gwyn Davies is wrapping up his Culver-based fantasy trilogy with the new novel, "Sufis at Culver."

The book follows up 2007's "Swords at Culver," which brought in elements of Arthurian and Native American mythology, and 2009's "The Buddha at Culver," which retained elements of the earlier novel but -- as the title suggests -- also integrated Buddhist philosophy and lore. Many of the same central characters return in "Sufis," as of course does the locale: the campus of Culver Academies and surrounding areas related to its summer schools and camps, such as the Bird Sanctuary.

Also as in the case of his previous books, Davies hasn't drawn what some might view as rather exotic religious and philosophical underpinnings (at least for a small Midwestern community) out of thin air. While "The Buddha at Culver" grew from Davies' interactions with Tibetan monks and a Buddhist nun on the Culver campus, "Sufis" takes part of its inspiration from Chiekh Sene, a Senegalese instructor who spent a year "exchange" teaching at the Academies in the early 1990s.

Sufism, for the uninitiated, is a highly mystical branch of the Islamic faith, one of whose proponents was the late 19th and early 20th century figure Amadou Bamba, whose followers make up the Mouride sect. Into Davies' novel comes Sene's real-life affiliation with the Mourides, as well as his

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Court docs detail Culver area murder suspects' actions

The Fulton County court has given some insight into the events of last Tuesday, Nov. 22, when police say murder suspects Roy Bell,

William Scroggs, and Jason Miller robbed and killed 81-year-old Wilma Upsall in her home near Leipers Ford. The event led to a tense manhunt Wednesday night through Friday afternoon in the Culver and Monterey area, during which all three were eventually captured and transported to the Fulton County jail



PHOTOS/INDIANA STATE POLICE
From top: Bell, Miller, and Scroggs.

in Rochester.

The three are alleged, in court documents, to have entered the home through a glass door they broke, in order to remove guns, only to unexpectedly find Upsall there. They tied her to a chair, according to Miller, after which he and Scroggs exited the home. The two heard gunshots, Miller said, after which Bell emerged, explaining Upsall had seen his face.

All three are facing robbery, burglary, and murder charges.

Portions of this story courtesy WSBT.

plains. "Troubleshooting, hardware, software, spyware and virus removal, error code deciphering -- I can build new computers from scratch, and I do networking of most any kind."

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New business gives Culverites computer repair, service options

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Those readers who have asked -- or been asked -- where in Culver they may take their computers for repair or service, finally have an answer in the form of the "Puter Pit Stop" at 514 W. Jefferson Street.

If the address has a familiar, and computer-related ring to it, that's because it was home to Culver's longest-running computer-related business, Culver Communications, which still provides internet ac-

cess, email, and web space to customers. However, "Culcom" hasn't serviced computers on a consistent basis for some time.

Enter Coleen Watwood, a Leipers Ford native (the daughter



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY
Coleen Watwood.

of Fred and Millie Dimire) who graduated from Culver Comm. High School and now resides just down the road from her new business. She's worked in the IT field for more than 20

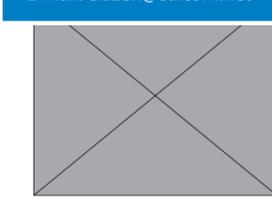
years, she says, though her most recent job was at Swan Lake resort near Plymouth.

Sytsma, she says, came to her and asked if she wanted a storefront from which to do business, at the Culcom building. She's been providing computer services to clients from her home for years, but considered his late October offer for a few days before deciding, she says, "I've got nothing to lose!"

"I do full computer servicing," Watwood ex-

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installation, running cables, making cable.” She says the store also stocks items for sale. “Anything you need for networking, hard drives, CD-ROMs, DVD drives, memory -- pretty much all the basics. It could save you a trip to Plymouth if you need something.”

Puter Pit Stop will also handle Ebay sales for customers in the Culver area.

“They can bring (an item they wish to sell) in to me, and for a fee I will package it, ship it, and monitor the sales. We are also a UPS drop-off point; as far as I know, we’re the only one in town.

After years of IT work as an in-home “side” business, Watwood says she’s ready to expand.

“I want people to know I’m here for them,” she notes. “They just haven’t known about me up to now. It’s always been if a person comes to me, I work on (their computer) and give them my business card.

“I do make service calls,” she adds, “and I have businesses I serve at their place of business. Some people have home businesses and can’t bring the computers in to me. And distance is not an issue. I have clients in Warsaw, Plymouth, and Rochester, so I’m not limited to just the Culver area.”

In fact, the new store will be closed the remainder of this week as Watwood has been flown to Arizona by a client for some work there. She’ll be back bright and early Monday morning.

Anticipating questions, Watwood notes she does not offer web design or computer programming services, and her work is primarily on PCs (that is, Windows-based platforms) rather than Apple products.

She also notes Culcom owner Rich Sytsma continues to offer internet service, both dial-up and high-speed DSL, besides his scanner and radio business. Watwood can field calls for all of the above and relay information to Sytsma as needed, she notes.

Puter Pit Stop is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watwood may be reached there by calling 574-842-3675 or emailing cwatwood@culcom.n

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real-life friendship with Davies, also a character in the novel.

Part of the story involves killings following an attack on a youth at the root beer stand in Culver, putting “terrible pressure,” says Davies, on another real-life individual turned recurring fictional character in the novel, longtime former Academies instructor Bob Meek, to surrender to the rogue Indians perpetrating the crimes.

In addition, previous lead character Tim Marks is invited to a special mission by Pau-Koo-Shuck, the real-life Potawatomi chief central to Culver-area ghost lore. Marks travels back in time to change the fate of another actual historical figure: the son of Potawatomi chief Pokagon, whose life ended prematurely due to alcoholism, and whose mother and sister suffered untimely deaths as well.

Other previous characters return in “Sufis,” including former Culver students and faculty.

The action builds to a crescendo in the Bird Sanctuary involving a battle with an evil “Earth Mother goddess” seeking to be the sole goddess in the universe, a development Davies says employs a far more traditional understanding of such a being than more modern, “New Age”

movements which cast a figure bearing that name in a positive light.

“She (the ‘Earth Mother goddess’) wasn’t worshipped by people singing ‘Kum-ba-yah,’” he notes. “(That would be) completely alien to the Native American tradition.”

He notes a similar figure is depicted quite negatively in ancient Greek legend as well.

Davies admits he’s curious of the response from “the average man on the street” to the book, in light of common American perceptions of Islam, and the prevalence of one form of that faith in the novel.

“Islam has such a bad reputation in this country,” he says, “and I understand why. In every religion, you have the extremists wagging their fingers at people, and on the other extreme you have the mystics, who say, ‘Just be quiet.’”

“Sufis at Culver” concludes Davies’ Culver-based fantasy-fiction trilogy, and he says he’s already contemplating returning to another novel he began writing “some years ago,” set in another school in England, partly inspired from rereading of the historical novels of Patrick O’Brian.

As in the case of another Culver-based work of fiction

debuting this fall – Marcia Adams’ second Culver-based novel centering on her “Alexia” character -- Davies’ new work will premiere only in “e-book” format, though he says a print edition is slated for January. That decision, of course, related in part to the popularity of such digital book reading devices as Kindle, Nook, and iPad, and the likelihood that even more people will receive them as Christmas gifts this year.

Besides availability on website Amazon.com, a blog and website, www.fantasticfictionatculver.com, will hit the internet shortly (at present, a quick Google search for “Fantastic Fiction at Culver” leads to the site).

Davies, the son of a Welshman and a Tennessean, grew up on a farm in Northern Indiana. After earning his undergraduate degree from DePauw University, he entered the Peace Corps, returning to the US to teach at Culver Military Academy in 1966. Davies earned his MA at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He taught in south Wales and spent two years at Oxford before returning to Culver in 1974. He earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University and an M. A. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

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comes a young man, but I think we get some insight into what goes on inside. We’ve had cowboys and Indians, and the horror and misconception and ignorance of the white man coming, thinking this is ‘our’ land. That image is kind of, I hope, softly canceled by some of the feeling of the young people that don’t get it in their history books today.”

The first story of Alexia, she adds, was “childhood ex-

periences and happy times, like taffy pulls. Those small incidents are put into perspective with the next phase of her life. She starts at 14 and becomes 17 by the end of the book.”

Adams says the new novel also follows the evolution of the Culver-Lake Maxinkuckee area and its social life, incorporating various aspects of 1890s existence as the area

Culver resident) Nancy Baxter decided to be my editor when she saw the manuscript.”

This time around, Adams says her nephew will publish the book, and Dr. John Houghton, as well as Adams’ own son John, are co-editors, though there will be other “thank yous” in the book itself.

Researching her newest book, says Adams, took her deep into study of the Potawatomi which she says “did make it more authentic,” though much of the fascinating information she absorbed won’t wind up in the book.

Adams was among those who met -- and shared part of her book with -- local Potawatomi chief Nees-wau-gee’s great, great niece during her September visit here to take part in the Trail of Courage festival near Rochester and help dedicate a monument to her ancestor in Culver’s town park. Potawatomi descendent Dr. George Godfrey also ready part of the book.

Marcia Adams is inching closer to self-determined criteria for calling herself an author -- that is, having six books under her belt. Prior to “Alexia,” she penned three novels, “Shadow Patterns,” “Scent of Lavendar,” and “Timshel.”

“The goal has not been to make a lot of money,” she notes of her writing, “and it hasn’t been ‘vanity’ press -- please, God, I don’t want that!”

“I publish for the people that read my books for their enjoyment and a touch of hope is that -- in every circumstance -- you still have hope, if you choose.”

She’s already at work on her third book, says Adams, and has in mind another, entirely different novel set in France.

“I’ve got a lot of research to do,” she smiles. And no doubt she’ll do it with gusto.

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Culver's Dewitt returns to Pearl Harbor this week



Longtime Culver resident (and former business owner) and World War II veteran Jim DeWitt will make one more journey to a place which helped define not only his own life, but that of the entire nation 70 years ago this month.

The Greatest Generations Foundation (tggf.us) is flying a number of Pearl Harbor veterans back to Hawaii starting Dec. 3 through Dec. 11, with an array of activities scheduled, including the USS Arizona Memorial, USS Bowfin Memorial, USS Oklahoma Memorial, USS Missouri Memorial, Hickam Air Force Base, Pacific Aviation Museum, and of course a day's worth of ceremonies and

events Dec. 7 commemorating the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

TGGF, according to DeWitt's daughter, Kathy Patrick, is taking care of all his expenses: flight, hotel, and meals. Events will be detailed on the organization's daily blog dedicated to the ceremonies, www.ourfinalreturn.blog.com.

The Culver Citizen will catch up with DeWitt for his recollections of the trip following his return, to be printed here in the near future.

A very Culver Christmas 2011

Another busy holiday season is off to a start, and we'll list holiday-related events in the Culver area, as we're aware of them, in this space through December. Please contact the editor at citizen@culcom.net or 574-216-0075 to add your event.

Sat., Dec. 10: Annual children's Christmas party with Santa and Rudi the clown, 10 a.m., Culver Elementary cafeteria (Fire dept., VFW, Lions Club-sponsored)

Nativity pageant rehearsal (second of two), 9 a.m., St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, College Ave.

Christmas open house, Culver Public Library, noon to 4 p.m. (refreshments, harp and piano music, etc.)

Sun., Dec. 11: Christmas Vespers service, 5 p.m., Culver Academies Memorial Chapel.

Christmas sing-a-long with "Mrs. Claus" and company, 6 to 7 p.m., Delong Gospel Light-house Church

Tues., Dec. 13: Holiday concert, Culver Academies choir, band, orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium.

Wed., Dec. 14: Maxinkuckee Singers holiday show, 6 p.m., Grace United Church of Christ, Culver

Fri., Dec. 16: Nativity pageant, 5:30 p.m. (followed by party and Santa visit), St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church.

Tues., Dec. 20: REAL Meals Christmas party, noon, Culver beach lodge.



Academies Christmas concert goes prime time

Annual holiday performance Dec. 13 features guest vocalist alumna Haley Swindal

Culver Academies' annual Christmas Concert, usually held in the afternoon during the school day, will be going prime time this year, as well as featuring guest vocalist Haley Swindal, a 2004 alumna.

"Christmas in Culver: A Musical Holiday Celebration" will be performed Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. Admission is \$10 -- or the equivalent in canned and non-perishable foods. All proceeds will shall County

The holiday showcase the instrumental the Academies' Department in arrangements -- Band, Culver Band, Wood-tet, Flute Choir, percussionists, ists, and quartet forming of re-lis-ecular favorites.

A few from the Haley Swindal. partment pated. ("Tis after all).

Swindal has performed at Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops and jazz singer Steve Tyrell. On national tours, she has appeared in the musical "White Christmas" as Tessie, in "Cabaret" as Sally Bowles, and in performances of "Jekyll and Hyde," "The Sound of Music," and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

The Academies instrumentalists are under the direction of Maj. Bill Browne, Chad Gard, Mary Lynch-Weirich, and David Weirich. The Culver Choir is directed by Stacey Warren. The performance is being produced by Richard and Marsha Coven, in conjunction with the Huffington Concert Series.



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Birth - Milbury

Sheridan Harper Milbury was born November, 18, 2011 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, to Mike and Stephanie Milbury of Culver.

She was 18.5 inches and six pounds, 12 ounces at birth. Paternal grandfather is Gary Milbury, Sr.

Culver's Sieber is AAA member

SAINT JOSEPH, Mo. — John Sieber, Culver, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events. The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with nearly 30,000 active adult and junior members.



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Piping and drumming in the holiday

Culver Pipes and Drums (represented here by Josh Behnke, left, Mike Maddox, center, and Brendt Van Norman, right) were on hand for Culver's REAL Services for older adults special Thanksgiving meal, the Tuesday before the holiday at the Culver beach lodge. A number of guests joined regular attendees for the event, during which the musicians detailed the history of bagpiping and the various pieces they played, which concluded with "Amazing Grace."

Letter to the editor

Let residents decide fate of Center for Culver History museum

Recently a friend asked me if there were any chance the library board would change its mind about letting the Center for Culver History stay in its present space on the ground floor of the old Library building. I said I didn't know, but that if they did not, it would very likely be the end of the Museum. It was the first time I had put it into words, even in my own mind, and my thoughts went back to the start of my relationship with the Culver library.

We started to spend summers here in town sometime around 1968, sharing a house with the Peterson family, and moving to a lake house in 1972. We used the library extensively, both adults and children. Sometime back then, Edna Tabor asked Dorothy Peterson and me to set up a booth on the sidewalk outside the library to sell books the library no longer wanted. Jim and Bud set up a large table, shaded by a big sun umbrella, and a sign which read "Friends of the Library." We sat there all day, sold a few books, and set up the table for several more years, until the library discontinued the sale of used books.

My next interaction with the library came years later when the library board began talking about abandoning the old library and moving to a new building on the outskirts of town. As permanent residents of this community and, as members of the Antiquarian Society of Culver, we opposed the move. We worked hard and spent a lot of money to keep the library where it stands today.

Then came the agreement with the library for the Museum to use the empty space on the ground floor. The Antiquarian Society spent over \$100,000 to renovate and repair this space to create the Center for Culver History. We did not raise as much money as we had expected and much remains to be done, but we are proud of what the Museum is today and, if you have not visited, you should. You can judge for yourself whether it is a valuable addition to Culver.

Now we have about two years left to find another place. Since we depend entirely on donations from members and friends, we have limited choices, if any. The library staff does need more space but I think that all alternatives should be considered before closing down the only place in town that is trying to gather and make available to everyone the history of this unique area.

For example, there are display areas which could be converted to usable workspace. The work done by the staff does not have to be done behind closed doors.

In addition, the library should consider the tax shortfall that is causing many government entities to consider closing libraries in order to consolidate and make ends meet. The presence of the Museum as part of the library could weigh heavily in favor of keeping the facility open.

All taxpayers contribute to the expense of the library. I live in a small house and \$380 of my taxes go to the library. I consider this money well spent, but I also think it makes me, and all taxpayers, investors in the library. It should be the residents who use the library and the information center at the heart of the Museum, who should decide whether the Center for Culver History should stay where it is. I ask the library Board to determine what the investors want, and I ask the people who are the investors to make their wishes known.

Agnes Bramfeld
Culver

Thanks to police, Culver Citizen

Dear Editor,

In regard to the unfortunate tragedy, outcomes and circumstances surrounding the murder of an innocent victim and the ensuing manhunt of those responsible (*as referenced in story on page 1 -- editor*), I express my gratitude to the hardworking men and women of the local, county and state police agencies that serve and protect, and risk their own lives so that we all are safe. To this end, and living in exact (Mystic Hills) proximity of the intensive activities Thanksgiving eve, I certainly appreciate the professionalism of the state police that made direct contact via our front door multiple times letting us know what was ensuing, providing safety instructions, and in general checking on our safety and welfare.

The IN State Police even stopped by the following Friday checking to make sure there were no issues with our property as result of the suspect's in the area. I also thank Jeff Kenney and the *Culver Citizen* for an outstanding and professional job in providing information during and after the situation.

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Guest organist Rodney Barbour, left, and Wesley United Methodist Church organist Ron McMahon.

Virtuoso organists shine at special Wesley church event

Wesley United Methodist Church and Shirk's Piano and Organ of Mishawaka were pleased to host both a teaching workshop for organists, as well as a special concert featuring two organs on the evening of November 28.

Rodney Barbour, a guest organist, joined with Wesley's staff organist Ron McMahon in playing a variety of organ music, showcasing both the traditional and orchestral capabilities of the instruments with the technologies available today. With pieces ranging from the baroque period through contemporary Christian praise music, Barbour and McMahon treated the audience of about 60 area residents to 90 minutes of music, including several arrangements for the Christmas season.

Mike Roth, owner of Shirk's Piano and Organ, set up a temporary Rodgers organ model 568 in the Wesley church sanctuary such that the keyboard portion of the console was visible to the audience, allowing Barbour to point out several aspects of how the instrument worked in between pieces, as well direct the audience on things to listen for while he would play.

Wesley Church's own organ, installed in 1996 and recently restored to full working order, is also a Rodgers instrument, and the two organists joined together for two pieces, the "Concerto for Two Organs" by Josef Blanco and an arrangement of the Christmas carol, "Silent Night."

Barbour was wrapping up a tour that included stops in St. Louis and Indianapolis, while temporarily away from his position as the Director of Worship and Arts at Crestview Presbyterian Church of West Chester, Ohio. While Barbour and McMahon displayed their considerable talents, they were not the only ones to play, as Mick Henley joined McMahon in playing a piece by P.D.Q. Bach, who is known as the "twenty-first of J.S. Bach's twenty children."

Both Wesley United Methodist Church and Shirk's Piano and Organ hope for further collaboration and opportunities to feature the organ in future programs.



Culver seaplane 'mystery' solved

The "mystery" of the identity and circumstances of a seaplane parked at the Culver town beach recently, and featured on the cover of the Culver Citizen's Nov. 24 edition, has been solved, thanks in part to reader Mike Madison.

The aircraft's owner, Steve Whitney of Glen View, Ill., says the craft is a 1981 Lake Buccaneer (200 HP, seats four), and is an amphibious "flying boat," meaning that -- with the wheels up -- the fuselage acts as a boat hull for water operations. Whitney is a private pilot with single engine land and seaplane ratings and about 1,500 hours' experience.



PHOTO PROVIDED/STEVE WHITNEY

Joining Whitney was a 12-year old pilot in training from Highland, Ind., who handled the controls most of the flight down and back, with Whitney taking care of takeoffs and landings.

"He's going to be an excellent pilot someday," adds Whitney. "I can tell already."

The two were searching for a fun place to stop for a bite

to eat on Lake Maxinkuckee ("One of the premiere public seaplane bases in Indiana, by the way," he notes) on Veteran's Day, and friend Mike Madison -- whom Whitney has visited, along with Mike's wife Mary McBride, on the west shore of the lake by seaplane in the past -- "strongly recommended" the Edgewater Grille, where Whitney and friend dined after landing at the beach here.

"(We) beached at the park beach, knowing there wouldn't be much boat traffic or many swimmers so late in the year," he explains. "Once we had tied up, it was only a short walk to the restaurant. We were surprised that there were people who were waiting for our arrival. We had checked with the park department and police in advance to make sure it would be OK to use the beach; I presume that was how the news spread. One gentleman said that we were later than expected; I think we may have been operating on central time while Culver is on eastern this time of year. Our apologies!"

Whitney and friend pass along their compliments to the chef and staff at the Edgewater, and they thank all in Culver who made the trip possible.

Steve Whitney's Lake Buccaneer seaplane docked at Culver's public beach last month for a quick lunch in town.

Academies Vespers this Sunday

Culver Academies' annual Christmas Vespers service, featuring musical offerings from its brass, choir, winds, strings, organ, and carillon, as well as scripture readings and prayers, will take place at 5:30 p.m. (music begins at 5) this Sunday, Dec. 11, at the school's Memorial Chapel. All are welcome and the event is free.

Culver Community yearbooks exhibit at museum

The Center for Culver History, the historical museum of the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, has a new display showcasing historical aspects of the Culver High School's yearbooks.

The exhibit is the work of AHS member Sherrill Fujimura and is located in the display case outside the museum doors, in the lower level of the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library.

The museum is open from Tuesday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Culver Comm. students observe Lions Liberty Day with Sheriff Chamberlin

LEFT: Culver's Lions Club organized its annual Liberty Day educational event at the Culver Community Middle and High Schools last week, according to Lions president Barbara Winters. Speaking was Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin, who discussed the U.S. Constitution and how the sheriff's office must protect U.S. citizens against unlawfulness. He also provided insight as to how far-reaching the sheriff's authority is, and pointed out the sheriff is the only law enforcement officer elected by the people. Every State but two have counties and a county sheriff (the exceptions being Alaska and Connecticut, where the state handles law enforcement in absence of counties). Chamberlin discussed the Marshall County jail and how state law determines inmate care, noting even the amount of bail is influenced by the U.S. Constitution.

"Sheriff Chamberlin's informative talk was well received by both the students and the Lions Club members who were present," says Winters. "The Sheriff encouraged the students as well as others to re-read the U. S. Constitution, advice we should all heed."

"The students were wonderful," she adds. "Courteous and respectful. I was impressed."

Pat Lancet provided signage for the middle school students, who heard the talk in their gymnasium, followed by a similar talk to the juniors in the high school auditorium.

The purpose of Liberty Day Indiana is to make Hoosiers familiar with the U.S. Constitution, the oldest instrument of nation government in the world. A copy of the U.S. Constitution is given to each eighth grade student and to each Junior in high school. The copies of the U. S. Constitution are funded by patriotic businesses paying for printing and distribution to the Indiana Lions Clubs. It is non-partisan. An elected official talks to the students to tell how his office upholds the U.S. Constitution. Lions present besides Winters included Pat Birk, Bill Birk, Jim Harper, Fred Lintner, Charlotte Hahn, Lynn Davis, Jim Sawhook, and Pastor Larry Saunders.



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Culver Club open house

Dick Swennumson of the Culver Club of Culver discusses the work of the club at an well-attended, evening open house held for the club last month at the Culver Academies Museum & Gift Shop.

Swennumson discussed the club's annual party following Culver Academies' Vespers, which will take place Sunday, Dec. 11, as well as other club endeavors, such as summer school scholarships for Marshall County students.

Museum curator Jeff Kenney and volunteer Bill Githens also updated attendees on the latest news and upcoming events at the museum, located at 102 S. Main Street in downtown Culver.

Name that Culver 'citizen'

Many readers were apparently stumped as to the identity of last week's Mystery Citizen, longtime Culver Academies instructor and for nearly 20 years now, Dean of Faculty and Principal there. Those who may bask in the glow of free parking earned by their correct guesses include Julie Bess and Verl and Sylvia Shaffer.



Rewinding to our previous Mystery Citizen, Edna Mae Craft, correct guesses arriving too late for printing last week included Mildred Isom, Dottie Kissel, and Betty Voreis.

This week's Mystery Citizen is a very familiar face in Culver today in connection with a local business and several local community endeavors. She and her husband have a lengthy history of community involvement over past decades.

BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Kathy Lintner, then (left) and now. ABOVE LEFT: This week's Mystery Citizen.



Guesses may be emailed to culvercitizen@gmail.com or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



Lady Cavs lose to Rochester

By James Costello
Sports Editor

CULVER — After Mickella Hardy exploded for 23 points Saturday, Rochester's defense made her a point of emphasis headed into Culver.

The Lady Zebras held the 5-11 freshman forward to 2 of 5 from the field and just five points, and Rochester's veteran squad held off the young Cavaliers late for a 47-41 victory at John R. Nelson Gymnasium Wednesday night in a make up of a snow-out Tuesday.

With Rochester's 2-3 zone denying the blocks, Culver (4-3) scuffled to a 15-for-40 clip from the floor, but the Zebras (4-1) offense fared even worse from the field with a 14-for-47 conversion rate in a start-and-stop game that featured a combined 49 turnovers and 32 fouls by both teams.

Rochester boasted the better numbers at the line, however, with an eight free-throw advantage as the Zebras finished 15 for 23 from the stripe compared to a 7-for-15 effort from the Cavs. Rochester went 11 for 16 from the line in the first half alone, including a 5-for-7 spurt during an 11-2, 3:42 stretch at the end of the second quarter that began with a technical on the Culver bench and a pair of freebies from Rochester senior guard Abbie Malchow.

The result was a 26-17 halftime lead for the visitors, who never trailed in the second half en route to the win.

"I was obviously not very pleased with the officiating in the first half," said Scheub. "I wasn't saying that we weren't fouling them, I thought we were getting fouled on the other end, too, and that's what I wanted. I know that we foul, but we've got to do a better job at keeping our players in front. That's more important than what the of-



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Community's Ali Overmyer shoots over a Rochester defender during a girls basketball game at Culver last week.

ficials do, and we didn't do a good job of that. We fouled jump shooters three or four times in the first half. We've been doing that a lot this year so far, and that drives me nuts."

Culver still had chances late in the game, though. Sophomore captain Kayla Shaffer grabbed a steal at the halfcourt for a transition layup to cut the Zebras' lead to three at 41-38 at the 3:07 mark of the fourth, but after the two teams trade turnovers, a Breanna Paulik layup stretched Rochester's lead back to 43-38. Shaffer pilfered another steal when Culver point guard Tatum Schultz jabbed a ball loose on the next possession, and Shaffer split a pair of free throws on the resulting foul on the breakaway to cut the lead back to four at 43-39 with 2:04 to go.

A missed layup and a turnover by Culver led to a put-back by Malchow to push the lead back to 45-39. Schultz iced a pair of freebies in the double bonus with 28 seconds left to bring the Cavs within four once more at 45-41, but Rochester guard Riley Holland responded with a one and one with 18 seconds to go to bring the score to its final margin and seal the Culver loss.

"I think we played eight good minutes that game. I think the first three quarters were awful, but that last eight minutes was a totally different team," said Scheub. "We kind of stepped it up a notch. We were executing on offense a little bit better. I see the potential, I see where they can be. I don't think they do yet, though. I told them, the three games we lost we're in them, and those are good teams. And we had a chance to win tonight."

Culver was paced by Shaffer, who led all scorers with 20 points — including back-to-back 3s to cut Rochester's lead to five late in the third quarter — in addition to a balanced five steals on defense. Her aggressive play landed her in foul trouble several times at the game and put her out of position on the defensive end, however, and Scheub said there's still work to be done with the sophomore guard/forward.

"She's a work in progress for us. She plays so hard for us sometimes she plays out of control, and that's what we're working on with her," he said. "Sometimes when she gets too hyped up, she does silly things. She takes a quick shot when her adrenaline's flowing or she makes a silly foul. Today I had to yell at her a few times because she's the captain of our team, she's the most experienced kid, and when she's doing those things the other kids are going to do it."

Culver slides to 4-3 after going win-loss-win-loss-win-loss in its last six contests.

• ROCHESTER 47, CULVER 41
At Culver

CMA, CGA win Pilgrim Relays

By James Costello
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — Culver Military Academy won nine of 10 events to continue its streak of championships, while Culver Girls Academy's short-handed squad took the title in its first-ever venture at the 29th Annual Pilgrim Relays Saturday at Plymouth High School.

"Our expectations were to have fun. The idea was a pizza party," said Culver Academies Head Swim Coach Major Tom Duckett.

"The thing about this meet is it builds kids' morale. They have fun, and that's the whole idea. That's why we wanted



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Girls Academy's Maeve Daly-Kline finishes up the final leg of the 200 freestyle relay Saturday. The swimmer participated in three wins for the Lady Eagles in their first time at the Pilgrim Relays.

to get the girls here. I would like to see these relays continue even if we have to help Plymouth host them next year. That's in the future. Obviously a lot of coordination between schools, but I don't want to see these things go away. Not because we won today, Plymouth used to win it, I just want to see it continue. It's a good thing for the children."

Culver Military was led by three first place finishes from a quartet of swimmers in Jorge DeLaVega, Bryan DeVries, Zach Grant and Leopoldo Burguete, who recently finished off a strong cross country season for CMA with individual sectional and regional championships en route to a semi-state finish to the season.

"I would say watch out for our cross country runner Polo. He's going to do some pretty amazing things this year," said Duckett.

Culver Girls Academy was led at the meet by three firsts from India Irving, Maeve Daly-Kline, Jaelyn Schutjer, Rory Byrne and Lauryn Robinson as the Lady Eagles found themselves more short-handed than usual due to several swimmers taking ACT exams the day of the meet.

Merityell Fernandez also stepped up big in the absence of a pair of swimmers in the breast stroke and backstroke relays.

"Merityell Fernandez, who is basically a JV swimmer, due to someone being put into the health center, all of a sudden I had to yank her out and say 'You're going to swim in the breast stroke relay,'" said Duckett. "We had to teach her how to do a breast stroke start and turn last night, then one of our girls got sick so she had to hop straight back into the backstroke relay. So that says a lot for that young lady."

Plymouth's girls squad, which had to stretch seven swimmer across 10 different relays, managed a pair of wins in the diving relay and the backstroke relay.

Lauren Page, Alayna Holmquest, Layne Holloway and Megan Senter won the backstroke race in 2:18.71, nosing out CGA by just .06 of a second, while senior captain Homquest and sophomore Melissa Pedavoli won the dive competition with a combined score of 153.5, well ahead of Tippecanoe Valley's 132.65.

• PILGRIM RELAYS
At Plymouth

Sports briefs

Girls basketball

Bremen rallies past Culver in NSC opener

Bremen rallied past Culver with a 20-14 fourth quarter to hand the visiting Lady Cavaliers a 54-50 loss in the two teams' Northern State Conference opener Saturday at Bremen.

Bremen was led by a game-high 25 points from Jenna Pfeiffer, while Kailee Feldman put up 12 points in the win.

Freshman Tatum Schultz finished with a team-leading 14 points for Culver ahead of sophomore Kayla Shaffer's 12.

Bremen improved to 2-5 with a 1-0 NSC start, while Culver dropped to an even 4-4 with an 0-1 conference start.

The Lady Lions host Triton Friday at 7:30 p.m., while Culver travels to crosstown rival Culver Girls Academy Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

• BREMEN 54, CULVER 50
At Bremen

CGA still perfect

Andrijana Cvitkovic put up 20 points with eight re-

bounds, and Culver Girls Academy remained perfect as the Lady Eagles beat Western Reserve Academy 57-37 on the road in Hudson, Ohio Friday.

Lindsay Haller and Monique Novoa each recorded 10 points for the Eagles, who moved to 6-0 with the win.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 57,
WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY 37
At Hudson, Ohio

Boys basketball

Culver moves to 4-0

Culver moved to 4-0 with a decisive 71-30 win over Morgan Township at home Saturday, the Cavs' second win in two days after a victory at LaCrosse Friday night.

Allen Biggers finished with 19 points to lead three Cavaliers in double figures at the Morgan Township contest, as Trent Elliott finished with 15, and Micah Budzinski recorded 12 in the win.

Morgan Township was led by Brandon Murphy's eight points in the loss, which drops the team to 1-3.

• CULVER 71, MORGAN TWP. 30
At Culver

CMA loses to Brebeuf

See Sports page 6

Lily scholarship applications taken

WINAMAC — The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program will be made available for 2012 graduates. Students can apply online starting Dec. 9 through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's website at www.pulaskionline.org. Deadline for applications is Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at 3 p.m.

The Community Scholarship Program is fully funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. and is administered locally by the Pulaski County Community Foundation. Recipients will receive full tuition and required fees as well as up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment.

One scholarship will be awarded in 2012, covering four years of undergraduate study at an accredited Indiana public or private college or university.

To meet eligibility requirements, applicants must be a resident of Pulaski County; be a high school senior graduating by the end of June 2012 with a diploma from a regionally accredited Indiana high school; be accepted to pursue full-time baccalaureate study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

Siblings of current and previous Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply.

All scholarships through the Community Foundation will be available online this 2011/2012 school year.

For more information about PCCF scholarships or other funds, contact 574-946-0906 or pccf@embarqmail.com.

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Culver Military slid to 0-2 with a 50-20 loss to visiting Indianapolis Brebeuf Jesuit Saturday at The Academies.

The Eagles were led by four points each from Aramonti Phillips, Sebastian Litchfield and Will Strong.

Brebeuf was led by P.J. Thompson's game-high 18 points as the team moved to 2-1.

• INDIANAPOLIS BREBEUF 50, CULVER MILITARY 20
At Culver

CMA loses opener

Culver Military Academy opened its season with a 74-44 loss at the hands of South Bend Adams at home Friday.

CMA was outscored 21-4 in the first quarter as Adams started fast and never looked back.



PHOTO/PAUL PARE
LEFT: CMA basketball player Nick Zaldueño (31), center, is in the middle of a messy situation at Friday night's game against South Bend Adams. From left to right are CMA player David Dilts (10), John Adams players Mike Bush, Jalen White (about to hit the floor), and Juwan Johnson (22, above Zaldueño); CMA's Hayes Barnes (5).
Zaldueño was fouled on the play and earned two foul shots for his trouble.

exile Sebastian Litchfield finished with a team-high seven rebounds for the home team.

• SOUTH BEND ADAMS 74, CULVER MILITARY 44
At Culver

Boys hockey

CMA U16 draws with Selects

Culver Military Academy's U16 team played to a 2-2 draw with Select Hockey Academy of Connecticut at The Academies Saturday.

Scott Gansor and Jack Billings each scored goals for CMA, while Billings had an assist, and Ryan Coulter finished with two assists in the tie. Dean Shatter recorded 22 saves in goal for the Eagles.

Culver Military's AA team beat Carmel Blue 4-1 meanwhile.

Matt Moody scored twice with an assist, while Evan Nicholes scored once with two assists, and Connor Badalich had a goal and an assist.

Wyatt Clark recorded 15 saves in goal to preserve the win.

• CULVER MILITARY (U16) 2, SELECTS HOCKEY ACADEMY (Conn.) 2
At Culver

Food pantry event at Uptown a success

Thanks to community generosity, Culver's food pantry has 405 pounds more food and \$74 in funding, and many families enjoyed "Dolphin Tale," a wonderful movie based on a true story.

The Uptown Cinema, the Union Township 4-H clubs, and Ober Arbor Gleaners joined together to make the event possible Nov. 18 and 19. Uptown owner Dan Bickel selected the movie. Sandra and Eldon Amor, who are Union Township 4-H leaders and Gleaner members, came up with the idea a year ago.

At last year's similar event, the theatre was overflowing, so this year the film was presented on two nights. Entrance to the movie was a food item or money for the Culver Food Pantry, and Leroy Bean of the pantry was outside the theatre to collect the food.

Pictured outside the theatre collecting food and donations are (from left to right) Leroy Bean, Eldon and Sandra Amor representing the 4-H clubs and Gleaner Ober Arbor, and Bickel.

Ober Arbor Gleaners helped by providing the movie and popcorn. Gleaner Life Insurance Society is a nationally recognized tax exempt fraternal beneficiary society.



Point guard Hayes Barnes led Culver with nine points,

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Beth Webster, will hold six performances of their annual Christmas concert. All shows (except in North Judson) will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST (6:30 CST in Knox) and there is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Dates are as follows: **Dec. 8** at First United Church of Christ in Plymouth; **Dec. 12** at Bremen United Methodist Church in Bremen; **Dec. 14** at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver; **Dec. 15** at Knox United Methodist Church in Knox; **Dec. 18** at North Judson/San Pierre High School in North Judson.

The North Judson show is a fundraiser for the high school theater and music department and will begin at 4 p.m. EST/3 p.m. CST. Admission will be charged for that performance and tickets available at the door.

Pinder celebrates 100th with open house

Fay Pinder will celebrate her 100th birthday with an open house at Ed and Lora Pinder's home in Culver, 914 Lakeshore Dr., from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 11. Please, no gifts, just your presence, cards and shared memories.

Community meal at Grace Dec. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Thursday, Dec. 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.

REAL Meals Christmas Dec. 20

Culver's REAL Services will hold its annual Christmas meal and party on Tues., Dec. 20, starting at noon. Rather than the usual male/female gift exchange, attendees are encouraged to bring an item to donate to Culver's food pantry. Santa will be there, and as always, the meal takes place at the beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive. This year,

Rev. John Houghton of Culver will discuss his recent travels abroad as part of the program. Those wishing to attend are asked to call 574-842-8878 to make a reservation by Dec. 14. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome but not required.

Cafe Max collecting for Humane Society

Culver's Café Max is once again sponsoring its annual "Thanksgiving for the Homeless" drive, in which contributions of supplies and money benefit the Marshall County Humane Society.

The shelter wish list includes monetary contributions, used towels and blankets, stamps, stamped post cards, bleach, laundry detergent, clay cat litter (non-scoopable), paper towels, heavy duty 33-gal. garbage bags, cat toys, brand-name kitten and puppy food, AAA batteries for paggers.

Café Max will accept donations during open hours. The Café is located at 113 S. Main St. in Culver and may be reached at 574-842-2511 The supply drive will end December 22.

Donations sought for Jan. 14 benefit for Culver family

A benefit will take place for the family of Culver native Rob Reinhold, 42, who has been diagnosed with ALS, Saturday, January 14, from 2 to 6 p.m., at Mystic Hills Golf Course. There will be a hog roast, and \$20 per person includes dinner, music, one drink, and entry into a raffle. A silent auction will be held during the hours of the event, at Mystic Hills. Tickets will be sold at Culver Coffee Company, Michelle's Headquarters, and Brockey Insurance. Checks should be made payable to "Wesley United Methodist/Reinhold Benefit."

Those wishing to help or give a donation should contact Dawn and Larry Brockey at 219-670-5584 or 574-933-1100, or dawnbrockey@gmail.com.

www.culver.lib.in.us, or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Culver seeking pier quotes

The Culver Park and Recreation Department is seeking quotes for the installation and removal of piers located in the Culver Town Park. Interested individuals may obtain a quote packet from the town hall. It must be returned to Kelly Young, park superintendent, before 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Questions may be directed to Young at 574-842-3510.

Purses sought for cancer-related fundraiser

The first fund raising event for Hello Gorgeous! which treats cancer-fighting women to a spa event with new attire and more, will take place Dec. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Michelle's Headquarters, 114 N. Main Street, in Culver. The Great Purse Extravaganza encourages the community to donate lovingly used purses to be re-sold the night of the event. The items may be dropped off at Michelle's, the Culver Coffee Company, and Elizabeth's Garden between now and Dec. 2. The Dec. 9 event will include wine, cheese, and sweet treats "with some pampering surprises planned." Questions may directed to 574-842-2662.

Adult basketball at MES gym

The Culver adult winter basketball program will start once again Sunday, November 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym.

It will continue at the same time every Sunday, excluding December 8 and 25, until March 18, the last session.

The cost is the same as always: \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season, which includes 15 sessions.

As always, please, please bring your good sportsmanship, and do not bring your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

Fitness classes at Bottom Line

The Bottom Line Training Company, located at 232 S. Main Street, Suite D, Culver, encourages area residents to manage holiday pounds with "Maintain, Don't Gain," through Jan. 1, 2012. Each team or individual will weigh in weekly and be entered into a drawing if weight is maintained. Cost is \$10 per person. Participants may register at Bottom Line, or at 574-842-2400, or shaina@bottomline-trainingco.biz.

Leaf pick-up

The Town of Culver has begun leaf pick-up. All leaves must be placed in the trash can not in the street. Please separate your leaves from the sticks and brush. Pumpkins, rocks, etc. are not acceptable debris for pick-up. Leaf pick-up will continue through December. The leaf crew will move from the north end of town to the south end of town and then repeat. All questions should be directed to the Town Hall at 574-842-3140 between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Culver-Union Township Public Library offers free computer classes Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. (each class lasts two hours). November-December classes include Computers for Beginners Part I (Nov. 28, Dec. 2), Computers for Beginners Part II (Dec. 5 and 9), Internet and Email for Beginners (Dec. 12 and 16). For more information, call 574-842-2941, visit



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C C M S Honor Band students

Culver Community Middle Schoolers Mandy Morrison, left (7th grade flute) and Hannah Boland (8th grade clarinet) were chosen to attend Honor Band on November 19 and 20, in South Bend as part of the Indiana Music Educators Association's 31st annual IBA All-Region Honor Band. The band is made up of 7th, 8th, and 9th graders from several Northern

Indiana counties, who have shown excellence in their chosen instrument.

Three CES students chosen for All-State Choir

In other school music news, Culver Elementary School music instructor Kim Morrison notes the school has had the honor of three students being chosen as part of the Indiana All-State Choir. While CES annually has students participating in the Circle the State with Song, this year Daniel Aguilar, Lily Gregorash, and Tihana Stefanic will head to Fort Wayne in January for the Indiana Music Educators Convention, to perform with approximately 140 students chosen from all over Indiana.

"This is a huge honor," she adds, "and I'm very proud of these kids!"

CES' choir and band concert will take place Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

CCHS singers attend Vocal Jazz Fest



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Pictured, from left to right, are sophomore Melissa Schalliol, senior Aspen Kitchell, sophomore Jaclyn Rocco, senior Jessica Clark, sophomore Tatiana Randolph, and junior Dana Wireman.

By Courtney Littleton
Culver Comm. High School

Assisted by Culver Comm. High School choir teacher Diane Derrow, six CCHS choir students attended the Indiana Vocal Jazz Festival for two days, starting Nov. 11.

Among those attending were Aspen Kitchell, Jessica Clark, Dana Wireman, Jaclyn Rocco, Melissa Schalliol, and Tatiana Randolph, who made their way to Butler University in Indianapolis after their instructor, Derrow, had been chosen out of 11 music directors from the Midwest to attend the festival.

Choosing the students took time, so in order to choose which could participate, Derrow randomly picked advanced sheets of music and tested each of her choir students. Attending were those students most proficient in sheet music reading.

At the festival, there were a total of three different small choirs, each containing three or four schools within. Each group learned three different songs with their individual choirs and then came together as a whole and learned two more.

Sophomore Jaclyn Rocco said, "Butler is definitely worth it. It was a firsthand experience that I will remember for a lifetime."

Overall, the girls who attended cherished the memories they made at Butler and the underclassmen who attended hope there will be an opportunity to go again.



Culver Kiwanis Corner

A monthly feature, underwritten by Culver's Kiwanis Club, highlighting the talents and perspectives of Culver Community High School students and their school experiences and news. The Kiwanis Club is a global service organization dedicated to helping youth. Culver's club meets at noon weekly at the Culver Public Library. To join or learn more, contact president Russ Mason at 574-842-2656.

Culver BPA heads to Indy for Leadership Conference

By Mitch Maes
Culver Comm. High School

The Culver Community High School BPA (Business Professionals of America) members traveled to Indianapolis on November 4 to attend the FLC (Fall Leadership Conference). The conference was to help new members understand what BPA is and what it does through group activities and talks. The conference also refreshes the previous members.

This year's district President, Cameron Turney, was there to lead both old and new members into a new year of competition.

She said, "BPA is an organization where members from around the state compete in certain events. They learn about how to make a business plan, how to make a spreadsheet, and other business related material."

On January 21, 2012, BPA members will travel to Warsaw to compete at the DLC (District Leadership Conference). If any members place in their competition, they will move on to the SLC (State Leadership Conference), which is held in Indianapolis. At this conference, BPA districts from all around the state come and compete for two days, and the members with the highest test scores or the best rating in their competition will move on to the NLC (National Leadership Conference), which is held in Chicago, Ill. this year.

This year's Culver BPA chapter was not only coming together with new members, but also with a new leader,



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Pictured are CCHS BPA members (first row, from left to right) Alex Baker, Chelsey Jones, Molly Sage, Gabby Juarado, Dusty Pier, Kalee Miller, Michelle Elam, Caroline Baker, Kelly Bonine. Second row: Gene Baker, Cameron Turney, Joe Krsek, Chloe Broeker, Mitch Maes, Sam Mellot, and Justin Croy.

Mr. Eugene Baker.

When asked what his goal was for the year, he stated he would like "to have a strong showing at our District Leadership Conference in Warsaw. I think we have the opportunity to have a large percentage of our members place in the top two to three in their events. We should be able to advance 20 (out of 27 total) members to the State Leadership Conference. The ultimate goal is to have members qualify for the National Leadership Conference, which is being held in Chicago this year. Culver BPA has sent members to the NLC for the past eight straight years. I think we can continue that tradition this year."



CITIZEN PHOTO/JEFF KENNEY

CBGC members learn to servant lead

Culver Academies hosted a group of some 30 members of the Culver Boys & Girls Club recently, for an afternoon of fun, food, and leadership training.

"The goal," says Academies student Caitlynn Fortner, who led the day's activities along with other students, "is that Culver students get a chance to give back to the community through teaching. We understand that as Culver students we learn leadership as a crucial part of our curriculum, and we want to educate others that may not have the opportunities to lead like we do here." The leadership "camp," which took place in the Steinbrenner Recreation Building, included four stations and one group activity. Topics covered included diversity, servant leadership, teamwork, goal-setting, and leadership strengths.

"Though our overall mission is to educate the kids," explains Fortner, "we hope that they have a fun day and experience something new."

Pictured above, standing, are Will Duvall (Culver Academies youth pastor and adult sponsor), and Academies students (in front, left to right) Jordan Berger, McKenzie Montgomery, and Caitlynn Fortner. Standing in back, Helen Weinberg, Mitchell Kokko and Kayleigh Hynes.

Seated Boys & Girls Club members whose faces are visible include, in the background from left to right, Samantha Smith (age 10), Dakota Bennett (11), Christian Zakh (11), Austin Otteman (11), Blake Fritch (8), Nathan Wood (9). In the foreground, Wyatt Ringer (9), William Baldwin (9), Oliver Lampton-Adkins (9), Taylor Noah (10), Hunter Ringer (10), Katherine Heim (10), John Young (12), Haley Howard (10). Thanks to CBGC unit supervisor Cory Monnier for assistance with this photo.

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