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In Brief

Christmas church services

Culver area churches' Christmas Eve and Day services include: DeLong Lighthouse Church: Christmas Day breakfast: 9:30 a.m. (the men are cooking!). Christmas Day service: 10:30 a.m.

Culver Bible Church: Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church: Christmas Eve services: 7 p.m., closing with a candle light service. Christmas Day: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., church service, 10 a.m.

Grace United Church of Christ: Christmas Eve: 8:30 p.m. Christmas Day, 9 a.m.

St Mary of the Lake Catholic Church: Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. (Midnight Mass). Christmas Day: 7:30 and 11 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church: Advent lessons and carols: Thursday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service: Saturday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m. Christmas Day Divine service: Sunday, Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church: Christmas Eve: 6 p.m. (traditional family), 10 p.m. (organist Ron McMahon will play 30 min. before each) Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

Early Culver religion display at Museum

The Center for Culver History, located in the lower level of the Culver Public Library, downtown Culver, has a new display outlining some unique facets of Culver's early religious movements. Topics addressed include the effects of Jesuit and Protestant missionaries on the religious heritage of the local Pottawatomie, and

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Reasons for the season

They say Christmas is a children's holiday, and inasmuch as it's so, Culver area youngsters have certainly helped usher in the season in conjunction with its "real" meaning. At LEFT* St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church held its annual Nativity pageant and Advent party Friday night, during which the Biblical Christmas story was once again recounted by children of the church. Pictured, from left to right, are Lillian Pask, Peter Kenney, Eliza Loehr, Felicity Kenney, Esme' Kenney, Logan Coiner, Jacob Manns, Hunter Hanley, Wyatt Coiner, Noah Palmateer (in red and black), Max Pask, Connor Schmiedlin, Harley Hanley (angel in back). UPPER RIGHT: Culver's Wesley Preschool students held their annual Christmas-themed "pajama party" earlier this month, to which youngsters brought donated items for Armed Services men and women serving overseas. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: Tommy Kelley, Lexie Myers, Maggie Kelley, Kaylie Gibson, Katie Schouten, Braden Keller, Braiden Molebash, Connor Moon, Elisabeth Perkins. Standing in back: Adam Walton, Chloe Salyer, Cory Winkler, Isabelle Hunnicutt, Kassidy Banks, Brynn Berndt, Jake Conroy, Dash Barton, and David Hite. LOWER RIGHT: Wesley students also presented gifts and sang carols for residents at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Culver. Pictured, from left to right, are Emily and Katie Schouten, Lisa Allen, Brynn and Ashlynn Berndt, Dash Barton, Kassidy Banks, Cory Winkler, Isabelle Hunnicutt, Braiden Molebash, Adam Walton, Chloe Salyer, David Hite, Connor Moon, and Tommy Kelley.

Culver's DeWitt returns to Pearl Harbor

Longtime resident, businessman is one of select group honored at week-long commemoration of 70th anniversary of bombing

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Culver's Jim DeWitt hadn't seen Pearl Harbor in 70 years, but over the week of Dec. 7, he and a number of others present on that fateful day, were given a hero's welcome at the area many -- like DeWitt -- last saw when the wounds of the victims of Japanese bombers were still fresh, families of the dead still in shock.

DeWitt, who celebrated his 90th birthday this past summer, was one of a handful of Pearl Harbor survivors flown to the site by the Greatest Generation Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving war veterans, for six days of memorials, tours, and other tributes centered around the 70th anniversary of the 1941 bombing which shocked the nation and brought the United States into World War II.

DeWitt says he left Saturday the 3rd and flew to Honolulu, Hawaii. He was one of just five Pearl Harbor vets from Indiana, and 24 from around the U.S.

extensive; it was quite a deal for us, but most came out okay."

Navy personnel were assigned to assist and answer questions for each veteran daily, DeWitt says.

"I just couldn't believe it," he adds. "They treated us like royalty, taking pictures with you, wanting to thank you."

The first day, he recalls, included a boat ride through the USS Arizona memorial and USS Missouri, the Marine Corps base and Iwo Jima memorial, and a host of other sites.

DeWitt and the others rose at 4:30 a.m. to Dec. 7 and enjoyed a busy breakfast to the tune of 1940s music. A ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the bombing began at 7:55 and ran almost until

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Election ongoing hot topic at council mtg

New fire dept. boat, Culver triathlon also on tap

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Two town council members last week added their comments to existing voices concerning the controversy over accusations made leading up to last month's hotly-contested Culver town clerk race.

During the Dec. 13 regular meeting, Council member Lynn Overmyer defended outgoing clerk Casey Howard, who was defeated by Karen Heim, describing the "mess of paperwork" and "disarray" Howard was faced with when she first took over the clerk's position, noting Howard straightened out the situation "professionally and promptly."

Overmyer said Howard "had time to defend herself" following the first of a handful of mailings criticizing her performance as clerk, though "the second mailing was sent before she had a chance to reply.

"The folks who sent this," said Overmyer, referring to a pamphlet criticizing Howard's alleged use of the social networking site Facebook while on the job, "didn't realize she doesn't even have to be in the office (by state statute). As long as the clerk does her duties, she does not have to be in the office or use the computer."

Overmyer also wished retiring deputy clerk Kay Davis a happy retirement, and said Howard had been offered four jobs since the election and has already accepted one.

"I think that says something about her character," added Overmyer.

Councilman Ed Pinder also discussed the election, specifically challenging the contents of one item distributed which discussed Howard's longevity pay.

Pinder said clerks in other towns receive longevity pay, a bonus given those employed by the town for a given number of years (in Culver's case, three years, said Pinder). He refuted any implication making it appear Howard had been unethical in accepting longevity pay for her position.

"This upset me about the election," he said. "We had things coming out that were skewed to make them sound like something bad, when they

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Culver 1st graders list Christmas wishes for others

Culver Elementary School 1st graders were asked what gift they would give to anyone in the world this Christmas. Following are their answers.

Mrs. Andrea Berndt's class

Aubreigh Stoner: If I could give a Christmas gift to anyone in the world, I would give my grandma LOVE!

Haylie Rizer: I would give Gerald (my best friend) a car.

Abigail Schlagel: I would give Dad a new phone.

Devin Burkett: I would give my Grandma a necklace.

Abby Sullivan: I would give Aunt Christy a real pet

(cat).
Gerald Johnson: I would give my mom a candy dish.

Olivia Compton: I would give my mom a tree to plant.

Coleton Polson: I would give my friend Ashton an 88 car.

Craig Beadin-Boyd: I would give my Aunt Susie a back massager.

Alejandra Chantea: I would give my brother and sister books to read.

Brent Keen: I would give my Uncle Trevor an iPad.

Ashton Macedonio: I would give kids in the hospital shoes.

Owen Falk: I would give Blake Thompson an iPod.

Alison Grothaus: I would give Craig a Nerf gun.

Jimmy Johnson: I would give Caleb a paint ball game.

Chloee Danti: I would give Christin (cousin) a new DS game.

Lilly Bradley: I would give Zoe (sister) a Moxi girl.

Lily Kozubik: I would give my brother a monster truck.

Caleb Wienkauff: I would give my dog a dog toy.

Merissa Lowry: I would give my mom a frog puzzle.

Benjamin Lee: I would give my grandma a mug.

Mrs. April Jefferies' class

Jelena Stefanic: I would give everybody new clothes.

Kevin Bailey: I would give Mrs. Lemler a purse.

Elizabeth Bell-Howard: I would give Mom flowers.

Evan Brown: I would give Daulton a BB gun.

Rylee Clinger: I would give my grandma a cup.

Connor Craig: I would give my Mom new shoes.

Addi Crippen: I would give Kali a dress.

Trenton Fritter: I would give Keaton a toy truck.

Daulton Gross: I would give Mrs. Jefferies a Christmas tree.

Pure Hale: I would give Mrs. Jefferies a stocking.

Kassidy Heise: I would give my sisters a ball.

Mason Herbert: I would give my step-dad a history movie.

Trisha Jefferies: I would give my mom a dog magnet.

Jiovanni Jurado: I would give my mom a new purse.

Abby Kisela: I would give Mrs. Jefferies a decoration for her desk.

Kimberly Luva: I would give Giselle a Barbie doll.

Addi Pohl: I would give my Mommy flowers.

Linda Thamm: I would give Addi C. makeup.

Giselle Villegas: I would give my cousin a monster truck.

Leeah Webb: I would

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Culver dining hall plays host to epic iron chef battle

It was an evening reminiscent of Ali vs Frazier, Fischer vs Spassky, Celtics vs Lakers, when two titans of the sodabread world came together Thursday night at the Culver Academies Lay Dining Center. Iron Chef Rex 'Rex-o-San' Harness, veteran of 34 years at Culver in many capacities including Baker, squared off against Chad 'Bad Chad', 'Leader of the Band', Chairman of the



PHOTO PROVIDED

Contestants Rex Harness (left) and Chad Gard (right) kept at bay by Larry Surrisi, who bears an odd resemblance to correspondent Fred Flashfire.

Board' Gard, Culver's Band Leader these past seven years. Tension was high as students, staff and faculty entered the Dining Hall and sampled the spicy, gooey variants served up in "Battle Pumpkin Bread," the second in a series of Iron Chef Battles at the storied institution. The challenger, Gard, opened with a pumpkin concoction rich in walnut oil, sherry, and nutmeg. The crafty Harness countered

with the obscure and little understood Pecan Streusel Gambit. His secret ingredient, Harness Family Root Beer Reduction Extract, was the dagger. Experienced Pumpkinners were stunned. The veteran Iron Chef had obviously brought his 'a-game'.

The voting was supervised by the dubious duo of Donna Canacci and Amanda Fentress (not affiliated with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, or frankly anybody except the Dining Hall) and, in a split decision, the lanky veteran prevailed. In a hail of applause and adulation the combatants shook hands and vowed to return, much to the delight of the capacity crowd. Harness, in his victory speech challenged students and faculty alike to raise the bar and challenge the Dining Hall staff to the next history-making event.

Reporting for the Dining Hall News,
Fred Flashfire

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moon, populated by a number of dignitaries. Veterans were kept busy the rest of that day and only returned to their hotels at 9 p.m. -- a "long day," says DeWitt, though a satisfying one.

The evening of the 8th, he says, included an impromptu parade through downtown Honolulu.

"I have never seen such a parade," he says. "Everybody said that, too. People were eight and 10 deep on both sides in some places. The 24 of us were made marshals to the parade and they sent us in Corvettes. The driver of one I was in said he'd done parades for years but had never seen anything like this. He kept saying that, over and over. People with cameras were snapping pictures and coming over to the car and thanking us. It was unbelievable."

The parade was followed by the governor's cookout in the park for the men.

The final day included a memorial service at Punchbowl National Cemetery, not only to Pearl Harbor vets who lost their lives 70 years earlier, but all who died in the war. Some national headlines were made by the fact that the television show, "Hawaii 5-0" was filming at the site, where the crew appeared to fail to follow protocol at the cemetery, besides striking some veterans as disrespectful in what some perceived as their disregard for the proceedings.

However, DeWitt says, the trip was a joy to those veterans who attended.

"It was really something.

It seemed like too much for what we done -- we were just there."

DeWitt himself served on the USS Antares during that part of 1941, though he was only on temporary duty on the ship. The Commander of the squadron wanted to write a book, and DeWitt was assigned to take shorthand during the planned 40-day trip at sea. DeWitt and those on the ship initially doubted the attack was real, as the radio continued to play music, until the seriousness of the situation struck them.

"This is the first time back (to Honolulu) for me," he says. "Some had been back a number of times. Believe me, there's nothing I could remember except where the USS Utah was. It was sitting out in a place that was not really very active, and it's still that way...it's the only thing that still looks familiar."

DeWitt remembers the largest building in the city in 1941 was three stories, replaced today by multiple high-rises, interstates and "terrific" traffic. The beautiful weather was a treat to the men, he says, who saw double and single rainbows.

DeWitt says he found out about the 70th anniversary flight in October at a Plymouth-based meeting of Indiana Pearl Harbor survivors, 10 of whom he says were lost from the Hoosier state's populace last year alone. He estimates perhaps 20 to 25 Indiana Pearl Harbor survivors remain. Twenty years ago when Congress gave DeWitt and other Pearl Harbor vets commemorative medals for the 50th anniversary of the bombing, Indiana boasted 220.

The trip in some ways resembles another flight DeWitt took close to a year prior to this one: an "Honor Flight," also sponsored by a non-profit aimed at serving veterans, to Washington D.C. There, DeWitt and other World War II veterans were deeply moved at the outpouring of thanks and appreciation for their service, both from present-day servicemen and the public.

"The Honor Flight and this were comparable in many ways," he explains. "We got all the attention and (in Hawaii) they had fireworks for us the last night. (On both trips), everywhere you went people would stop and want to have their pictures taken with you. It was a little different, but comparable. Both were far more than I ever expected. It just made you feel really special. And the people from the Greatest Generation Foundation were really good."

DeWitt was also honored a little closer to home this year as parade marshal for Culver's Lake Fest parade. In celebration of his 90th birthday later in the summer, well-wishers from near and far crowded a reception for DeWitt, recalling among other things the years his family operated Culver's bowling alley (up to 1978) on Lake Shore Drive -- and the famously beloved tenderloins they served there.



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CBGC Member of the Month

Culver Elementary School 2nd grader Matthew Davis was named the Culver Boys & Girls Club member of the month for November. The Boys & Girls Club gives this award out monthly to the member who best exemplifies the values of respect, responsibility, and honesty, according to CBGC Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier

Culver at Pearl Harbor

In the Dec 10 Culver Citizen, it was noted that in announcing the United States' declaration of war on Japan after Pearl Harbor, several local men were at Pearl Harbor during the attack. LaMarr White was on the USS Litchfield; George C. Sales was in the Marines there; Robert P. Schweidler was with the USS Dobbin; Glen Quivey, Doran Finney, William Ingram, John William Bays were also in the Pearl Harbor area. The last three Pearl Harbor survivors in Culver were actually "transplants" who moved here after their years of military service: the late Eugene Riester, the late Jim Rinesmith, and our own Jim DeWitt.

Following up on the attack, a Defense Committee for Culver was announced by Oliver C. Schilling, chairman, according to the Dec. 24 Citizen. Members included Col. W. E. Gregory, superintendent of Culver Military Academy; Culver town board president Ernest W. Carter; town marshal Verl McFeely; water works superintendent George Stabenow; fire chief Carey Cummins; American Legion post commander M.R. Robinson; Spanish-American War vet J.W. Riggins; Col. Robert Rossow, CMA; Mrs. L.R. Kellam and Deane E. Walker, members of the county defense committee; and Robert Rust, director of Culver Military Academy's news service.

Word of the first casualty amongst Culver boys reached town the same week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finney received word that their son, Patrick L. Finney, was killed Dec. 7 in the Japanese raid on Hickman Field, Hawaii. He was a 1933 graduate of Culver High School and enlisted in 1940. He was a member of the 26th Bombardment Squadron, and his name part of the name of Culver's VFW Post 6919 Finney-Shilling.

In the wake of the attack, as was the case in communities across America, a wave of young men began to join the Armed Services, and people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds launched endeavors here to contribute to the war effort, a cause so galvanized by the Pearl Harbor attacks. It was also announced in late January, 1942, that all German, Italian, and Japanese nationals would be required to register at the county seat in Plymouth between Feb. 9 and 28.

The first air raid drills began in Culver in January, 1942, as did the first wave of draft registrations (initially in the bank building), and soon after, food and vital war materials rationings, "victory" dances and scrap materials drives, and more.

One year after the monumental bombing, at the request of then Indiana Governor Henry F. Schricker, church bells throughout Indiana -- including in Culver -- tolled and every Hoosier urged to "Remember Pearl Harbor" by facing west for one minute at 11:55 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1942, the first anniversary of the Japanese bombing of ... Pearl Harbor."

"During the one-minute tribute to the Pearl Harbor dead," reported the Citizen, "Gov. Schricker has suggested that each Hoosier ask of himself: 'Have I done all I can during the first year of the war? Am I doing my full share to assure victory?'"

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Letter to the editor

Broken-hearted over music program

I wanted to express how upset I am this year since Monterey and Culver Elementary schools merged together. Every year many parents and families came to Monterey school to watch every grade class -- all students -- sing and dance for Christmas and spring programs. I was heart-broken to find out Culver Elementary does not do that for all the kids to enjoy. The smiles on those kids made those programs worth everything. Christmas is a time about giving. All students should have that opportunity to sing and dance their hearts out for their families, to give the memories that will forever last.

I remember how excited I was every year when I went to Monterey Elementary to get to go out in front of my parents and sing the songs I practiced so hard to learn. Those are memories I never forgot. As my youngest started kindergarten this year, I was excited to be able to watch her and get those pictures of my two girls singing to add to their scrapbooks. But instead, I sit at home broken-hearted, not to be able to.

Michelle Sieck-Felda
Monterey

Library news

Family Story-time at CUTPL

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., families with children are invited to attend story-time in the children's room at the Culver Library. Sessions begin with a read-aloud, followed by related art projects, as well as classic cartoons, songs, and games. Families are welcome to stay after and use the library's large selection of games and puzzles, including some recent purchases for young children (such as 'Don't Break the Ice,' and 'Hungry, Hungry, Hippos'). The next family story-time, following a break on Christmas Eve, will have a Three Little Pigs theme, and will include a showing of the 1943 cartoon set to Hungarian Dances, and a wolf-proof house-building contest. As always, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 is 'toddler time' featuring stories and crafts for young children.

New book club at CUTPL

Join a new book discussion group beginning this January at the Culver-Union Township Public Library. Margaret Carter, horse rescuer and Civil War re-enactor, offers the Culver area and its surrounding communities an opportunity to read and talk about her favorite subject: horses. On Tuesday, January 3, at noon, bring a bag lunch and join friends to discuss the story of the "knobby-kneed thoroughbred who came from behind." "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand is January's selection. You may call the library at 574-2941 to reserve your copy of "Seabiscuit."

'Cabin Fever' is winter reading program

Sign-up for Culver-Union Township Public Library's winter reading program, "Cabin Fever," begins Wednesday, Dec. 21 and ends Jan. 18, 2012. The program will run January 18 through March 18. Winners will be announced on March 21.

"Cabin Fever" is focused on winter themes and activities. We will also focus on the isolation and desolation of winter and the ways to "beat" the feelings of aloneness and depression winter can bring. Prizes and other programs are being developed. So come on down to the Culver Public Library to break out of your winter doldrums! For more information contact Cindy Good in Adult Services at 574-842-2941 or cgood@culver.lib.in.us.

"Cats" on tap at book-movie group

Culver-Union Twp. Public Library's book and movie discussion group, A Novel Approach, will meet Wednesday, January 4 at noon in the library's large meeting room.

This month's selections include "Cats," the Lloyd Weber musical, the longest-running musical in Broadway history; and (the book) "Old Possum' Book of Practical Cats" by T. S. Eliot, a brief collection of poems usually found in the Children's section. Copies are available at the circulation desk and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lunch to eat while they enjoy the movie and the discussion afterwards.

Senator stops in Culver, touts school legislation changes



LEFT: As CES principal Chuck Kitchell looks on in the background, Indiana Senator Randy Head (right) observes as kindergarten teacher Stephanie Smith (left) assists students (from left) Alonzo Chantea (face not visible), Meadow Wicker, and Daisy Jurado. RIGHT: Sen. Head investigates the work of Culver Elementary kindergarten Willow Harrington, in Amy Bonine's classroom. Harrington was using a school-provided iPod Touch working on reading applications.

By Lydia Beers,
Correspondent

ARGOS — State Senator Randy Head (R), visited area schools earlier this month to discuss new legislation that would exclude the bottom five percent of ISTEP scores when they are used to evaluate students and teachers.

Head made stops at Culver Elementary, among other schools, chatting with Culver Comm. Schools superintendent Brad Schuldt and CES principal Chuck Kitchell, assistant principal Craig Hopple, teachers, and students.

Speaking at Argos High School earlier in the day, Head said that since the system currently includes the scores of special needs and English as a Second Language (ESL) students, the average score of all students is lowered. By taking away the lowest five percent of scores, Head believes a more accurate portrayal of schools could be obtained.

He took a few minutes to address the high school students, encouraging them to make the most of the opportunities ahead of them.

"How many of you think that there is nothing to do in Argos?" asked Head.

Most of the students in the auditorium raised their hand. Head told them that he realizes they probably plan on mov-

ing to a bigger city after graduation, but that they should reconsider. He pointed out that jobs are available locally for those with the right skills.

"You've got to make yourselves marketable and get a set of skills that no one else has," said Head.

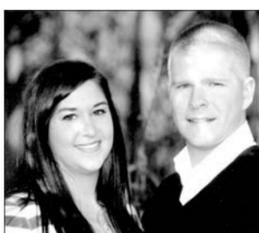
He told the students about Justin Zimmer, who founded Zimmer, an orthopedics company based in Warsaw, in 1926 after being told by his employer that he was just "small potatoes."

"We need several more Justin Zimmers in our community," said Head. "The only thing that really limits us is our perspective that we can't do more. All of you can overcome whatever obstacles are in your way."

Head shared honest stories about his past career as a prosecuting attorney and how he decided to get into politics. He allowed time for questions at the end of his speech, and answered the students with respect and seriousness. Students asked Head to explain his position on current bills being discussed in the Senate and his plans to create jobs in the area.

Head afterwards said one of his goals in visiting area schools is to discover the needs of those in the education system. Head also visited schools in Tippecanoe, and Mentone Dec. 6.

Engagement: Master-Oneal



Travis Oneal of Plymouth and Linley Master of Culver announce their engagement to be married June 9, 2012 at Ancilla Chapel, Donaldson.

The future bride is the daughter of Matt and Cindy Master of Culver. She is a 2008 graduate of Culver Community High School and earned her associates in criminal justice from Ancilla in 2011. She is a produce manager with Park 'N Shop, Culver.

The future groom is the son of Larry and the late Teresa Oneal of Plymouth. He is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth High School and graduated from Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 2007. He is a patrolman with the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, Plymouth.

Birth - Girton



Casey and Whitney Girton of Argos announce the birth of a son, Hunter Michael Girton, born at 11:39 a.m. Nov. 25, 2011 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Hunter weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Brian and Janet Johnson of Argos, and

paternal grandparents are Tom and Julie Girton of Monterey.

Hunter is welcomed home by two sisters, Sydney and Kaylee.

Culver students on Ancilla Dean's, Honor lists

Ancilla College has announced its fall 2011 Dean's List and Honor's List recipients.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or above and carry at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Those eligible for the Academic Honors List must have a 3.5 GPA for the semester and have completed between six to 11 credits towards graduation during the semester.

Culver residents receiving Dean's List honors include Linley Master and Kimberly Penrod.

Culver residents named to the Honor's List include: Katelyn Castle, R. Jill Gavlick, Raymond Proskoy, Britany Rust, Sheryl Tompos, and Joan Trostel.

Ancilla College is a Catholic, two-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Donaldson, Indiana sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

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'Twas the week before Christmas (break)

...and Christmas cheer reigned at Culver Elementary School, where (pictured ABOVE, LEFT) students in 6th grade teacher Todd Shafer's reading class performed Clement Moore's famous "The Night Before Christmas" poem for kindergartners in Amy Bonine's class, discussing poems, imagery, and fluency with student. Pictured, from left to right are Caleb Sheridan, Jarrod Shepherd, Rachael England, and Ginny Wood.



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A Culver Christmas 115 years ago: Dec. 25, 1896

The lead story in the Christmas day edition of The Culver City Herald in 1896 provides not only a warm and charming (local) holiday feel, but is also fairly instructive in the makeup of Culver's downtown businesses 115 years past. What follows is that story, "Culver City merchants right up to date: The holiday display in various store windows attractive and beautiful," with the editor's comments inserted occasionally for clarity's sake. In the article, the Herald "reporter" is quite likely then-editor George Neapass, who ran the paper until 1904. It should be noted it appears that the writer began on the north end of the east side of Main Street, in the block occupied today by Michelle's Headquarters and the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council.

"Large cities boast of their elegant display of holiday goods, and especially make an effort to have an elaborate display in their show window. A reporter for the HERALD took a stroll through our city the other day and the first place he struck was E. M. George's novelty store. Here he found very artistically arranged show windows which were decorated with toys of every description, so arranged that the combination was very beautiful and pleasing to the lover of fine, tasty decoration upon the interior of the store be also found everything arranged in "apple-pie" order, the shelves being loaded down with everything that heart could wish in holiday goods.

"Leaving this store he strolled down the streets as far as Easterday's furniture store where he found an elegant display of sleds, wagons, drums, and other toys suitable to please the hearts of the small boys (editor's note: Easterday also served as the mortuary, and in those days it was located a few doors north of its later home at 108 N. Main Street, later the home of Gladie's Deli). Inside of this establishment can be found a magnificent line of furniture, and an especially beautiful line of rockers, which would make an immense present for your wife, daughter or sweetheart. At this store you can also find a fine line of pictures and beautiful frames of every description.

"Coming on down the street he paused in front of Porter & Co.'s store and was particularly pleased to see the truly artistic display in the show window (ed. note: Porter & Co. was located in what is today the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. It was the southernmost of three small buildings there, at 102 N. Main, last occupied by Kline's Appliances). Here is where the artist got in his work, and in every nook and corner of these large show windows are a lavish display of finery so artistically arranged as to almost dazzle the eyes. On the interior of this store can also be found anything the heart may desire in the way of goods. Dry goods, groceries and ready-made clothing; also a very fine line of boots and shoes.

"At Roberts' hardware he also found fine displayed show windows, and a walk through the interior reveals a line of the very latest stoves, cutlery, hardware, etc. If you are in need of anything in his line, he will furnish said article at reasonable rates (ed. note: it's likely this establishment was the same hardware still operating in Culver today, though obviously several owners ago, at the corner of South Main and Madison Streets)

"At Meredith's grocery, he found that the artist had taken especial pains to please the eye of the most critical lover of fine art. The windows were most artistically decorated with pyramids and archways of choice candies, fruits, and elegant chinaware and other novelties, with splendid pink curtains in the background. This was the work of that renowned lady artist, Mrs. H. J. Meredith. This is an exclusive grocery and provision house, and we arise to remark that there is no better conducted establishment in the county. There is nothing in the grocery line you cannot get at this house, as the proprietor aims to keep in advance with the times (Ed. note: this grocery was likely one of the few stores south of the main two blocks of downtown, in the same block as today's Maxinkuckee Auto Supply and Culver Lodging Realty).

Crossing the street on the west side, he stands in front of the Osborn block. Here is where Vanschoiack, "The Hustler," can be found, and Thomas Slattery, the jolly proprietor of the Culver City drug store. Pen cannot express what can be found in Vanschoiack's "Emporium of Fashion." The first thing to attract the eye is his exquisite show windows, which are elaborately decorated in a manner that would please the eye of a Hermann, or enrapture the gaze of the most fastidious artist of the old world.

Once inside this store you stand fascinated at the panorama before you. On the left is a most handsome display of dry goods, of which are patterns that the most cultured and refined lady in the land can select front. Then running upon a line reaching the entire length of the store is a display of fine silk handkerchiefs, ladies' headwear, etc., while in the rear of the store can be found the underwear and men's ready-made clothing department, where you can buy clothing for your boys in all grades, and at prices to suit. In the rear of the store on the right hand side is the grocery department, which is complete with everything first class in the grocers' line. In this store you can also be accommodated with the latest and most durable styles in the boot and shoe line. The proprietor aims to keep pace with the times and we are positive no better conducted establishment can be found in the county. In fact this store is full from first floor to basement with a general line of elegant goods.

At the Culver City drug store the reporter found Thomas with a smile upon his face a yard wide, as he was especially pleased over the fact that he is prepared to cater to the public in his line in the most approved style (Ed. note: Culver City Drugs occupied the space at 107 S. Main for much of the 20th century before Ron Tusing took it over and renamed it Mr. T's. Today it's the north annex of Diva boutique). His windows are also decorated in an elaborate manner, and you find in his book department volumes written by the most popular authors of the world, which makes a very appropriate present to any lover of literature. He also keeps a magnificent line of perfumes and in his stationery department you can find anything you may desire. His holiday department is replete with all the latest novelties. There is no better equipped drug store in the county, and should be liberally patronized.

Christmastime in Culver, 1944

Editor's note: I first ran across this charming bit of writing while researching the World War II years in Culver several years ago, and it seemed to me then -- as it does today -- worthy of reprinting and enjoying around Christmastime here in Culver. In fact, I ran it the first Christmas I was editor; in 2007, so forgive the repetitive nature of this



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Sledders lined up circa 1920s on "Liberty Hill," the town's official sledding hill on Liberty Street.

and was intended for the many readers stationed overseas at the time, missing family and loved ones, missing home -- missing Culver. Not only does it paint a representative picture of the Culver of the 1940s (and indeed, many many small American communities), but may ring a nostalgic bell for many readers who remember later eras, but nonetheless recognize "their" Culver herein.

Christmas Time in Culver

It's December, 1944, the fourth wartime Christmas in which many of our local servicemen and women have had to be away from the old hometown and so for the sake of the record, and for their benefit, we would like to describe Christmas at Culver, a la 1944.

It appears that the Lake Maxinkuckee area will have a white Christmas, and with the packed snow and ice on Liberty Hill and other favorite spots, the sledding should be excellent. Maintenance men Mont Foss and Foster Butler have removed 50 truckloads of snow from the streets to make a slight dent in the piled snow downtown. Ice skating and the wintertime sport of fishing through the ice should be in vogue this Christmas since the lake presented its overall coating of ice on Monday of this week.

While OPA regulations will not permit outdoor lighting, there is the flicker of a few electrically decorated Christmas trees in those homes that are fortunate enough to have some 1941 Christmas tree bulbs. While Culver is not a Scotch community, you will appreciate that citizens are a thrifty lot and therefore there are a liberal number of lighted trees to be seen by those who pass by at night. Of course, the holly and fir decorated streets, the festooning, etc., of years gone by are not to be seen.

The State Exchange Bank, the Post Office, and the local merchants all report the annual Christmas rush of business. State Exchange Bank officials point out that the flow of money is equal of that in former years. The Post Office force is being given its usual rush as they make every effort to dispatch precious packages to their respective destinations. Local Post Office officials pointed out that this year's early mailing of packages to servicemen had spread the vital Christmas mailing over a longer period of time.

Even though shopping has been a bit more difficult due to sacrifices and other inconveniences, it appears that enthusiasm in purchasing gifts is about at the same level that it was in previous years. All local stores report a thriving business even though they are not able meet the demands of the discriminating shoppers...as one merchant stated, "We could sell more if we had the merchandise."

Judging from the way Union Twp. went over the top in the Sixth War Loan Drive, a favorite gift this year will be a bond...

This Christmastime description of Culver would not be complete if we did not tell you about the local enthusiasm in basketball. Interest in the local quintet promises to reach a new high this Christmas season, and if the local basketballers are successful on the court this Friday night, the "Hot Stove League" will have some hot sessions while the team takes off a few days.

Sunday schools and churches are enthusiastically contributing fine programs to this year's festive seasons.

While it won't be a true Culver Christmas until after the war, the hometown fires will remain burning until everyone can participate in this season dedicated to Him who said, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Culver History Corner
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Name that Culver 'citizen'

BELOW: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Marcia Adams, then (left) and now. ABOVE ABOVE: This week's Mystery Citizen.



Last week's Mystery Citizen, Marcia Adams, was recognized by a handful of readers, at least, including Cindy Tusing King, Kay Tusing, Cynthia Bonine Goss, Phyllis Lindvall, Esther Crowden, and Sally Barrett. Marcia, besides penning several novels (including one we previewed in this newspaper recently), has been very

involved in the Culver community for decades, in activities ranging from the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver, to Tri Kappa, and more.

This week's Mystery Citizen grew up in Culver and continues to manage the long-time, nearby family business, besides involvement in a number of various endeavors over the years.

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



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Boys basketball

Cavs get back on track

Culver Community bounced back from its first loss of the season earlier this week with a 56-42 win in Northern State Conference boys basketball action at Jimtown Friday.

Allen Biggers tossed in a game-high 17 points to lead the Cavs. Trent Elliott added 10 points for Culver.

• CULVER COMMUNITY 56, JIMTOWN 42
At Elkhart
Score by quarters
Culver: 12 27 40 56
Jimtown: 4 9 26 42
CULVER (56): Kyle Vlach 0 1-3 1, Collin Stevens 2 4-6 8, Allen Biggers 6 4-5 17, Trent Elliott 4 0-0 10, Johnny Anderson 1 1-4 3, Jacoda Anderson 4 1-2 9, Micah Budzinski 3 2-4 8. TOTALS: 20 13-24 56.
JIMTOWN (42): A. Brown 0 0-0 0, J. Brown 2 4-6 9, M. Brown 0 0-0 0, Desimone 2 1-2 6, Farwig 0 0-0 0, Henkler 2 4-8 8, Hobbs 0 3-4 3, Oblinger 6 1-3 16. TOTALS: 12 13-23 42.
3-point goals: Culver 3 (Elliott 2, Biggers), Jimtown 5 (Oblinger 3, J. Brown, Desimone); Fouls (fouled out): Culver 17 (none), Jimtown 20 (none); Records: Culver 6-1 (2-0 NSC).
JV score: Jimtown 37, Culver 34.

Girls basketball

Culver snaps skid

Culver Community snapped a four-game skid with a convincing 44-30 Northern State Conference win over visiting Jimtown Saturday.

The Lady Cavaliers held Jimtown scoreless in the first quarter to jump off to a 13-0 first quarter lead en route to the win.

Kayla Shaffer led all scorers with 15 points for Culver, while Mickella Hardy finished with 11 in the win, which pushes the Cavs to 5-6 overall with an even 1-1 conference mark.

Jimtown was led by eight points from Ally Vicsik, and the Jimmies fall to 4-7 and 1-2 in the NSC.

• CULVER 44, JIMTOWN 30
At Culver
Score by quarters
Jimtown: 0 12 22 30
Culver: 13 24 31 44
JIMTOWN (30): Logan Trosper 3 0-0 6, Joy Moore 2 0-0 4, Angie Dotson 1 0-0 2, Maddi Beadles 0 0-0 0, Ally Vicsik 2 4-4 8, Kelsi Brubaker 0 0-0 0, Tori Henkler 2 2-4 6, Alli Brothers 2 0-2 4, Sarah Miller 0 0-2 0; Totals: 12 6-12 30.
CULVER (44): Chelsey Jones 0 0-0 0, Ali Overmeyer 1 0-0 2, Angela Lewellen 2 0-0 5, Tatum Schultz 3 2-5 9, Abby James 0 0-0 0, Donna Zehner 0 2-2 2, Kayla Shaffer 5 4-4 15, Mickella Hardy 4 3-4 11; Totals: 15 11-15 44.
3-point goals: Jimtown 0, Culver 3 (LeWallen, Schultz, Shaffer); Turnovers: Jimtown 14, Culver 15; Rebounds: Jimtown 25, Culver 31; Assists: Jimtown 4, Culver 10; Steals: Jimtown 6, Culver 8; Fouls (fouled out): Jimtown 15 (Vicsik), Culver 13 (none).
Records: Culver 5-6 (1-1 NSC), Jimtown 4-7 (1-2 NSC)

CGA drops 2nd straight

Culver Girls Academy lost its second straight game in two days as South Bend Washington beat the Lady Eagles 68-34 at home in South Bend Saturday.

Andrijana Cvitkovic scored 13 and Victoria Christlieb put up 11 for the Eagles, who trailed just 8-6 at the first

quarter break but fell behind by 10 at halftime at 27-17.

Tiara Murphy led all scorers with 24 for Washington, while Ayana Thomas finished with 18 in the win.

CGA slips to 7-3 with the loss, while Washington improves to 6-3.

The Eagles have a near month-long layover before traveling to Lakeland Christian Jan. 14.

• WASHINGTON 68, CULVER ACADEMY 34
At South Bend
Score by quarters
CGA: 6 17 23 34
Washington: 8 27 49 68
CULVER (34): Victoria Christlieb 11, Andrijana Cvitkovic 13, Andrea Lin 0, Lindsay Haller 6, Saralena Barry 0, Lizzy Goreki 0, Alle Baker 0, Monique Novoa 0, Rita Zambon 4; Totals: 12 10-13 34.
WASHINGTON (68): Jayda Watkins 6, Breonda Green 7, Tiara Murphy 24, Camille Coleman 0, Jae'twana Williams 4, Teshylia Peters 4, Qualyshia Alexander 2, Ayana Thomas 18, Brytney Bennett 1, Letitia Welch 2; Totals: 28 5-9 68.
3-point goals: Washington 7 (Watkins 2, Green 1, Murphy 4), Culver 0; Fouls (fouled out): Culver 9 (none), Washington 14 (none).
Records: Washington 6-3, Culver 7-3.
JV score: Washington 50, Culver 19.

OD downs CGA

Jesse Averone led three players in double figures with a game-high 17 points to lead Oregon-Davis to a 62-41 girls basketball win over Culver Girls Academy Friday at The Den.

Ashley Campbell chipped in 15 points, and Alisha McIntosh added 13 points for the Lady Cats.

Andrijana Cvitkovic led the Eagles with 10 points.

• OREGON-DAVIS 62, CULVER 41
At Hamlet
Score by quarters
CGA: 5 13 23 41
OD: 8 28 44 62
CGA (41): Christlieb 4 0-0 8, Cvitkovic 4 2-3 10, Lin 1 1-2 4, Haller 2 0-0 4, Barry 2 0-0 5, Baker 0 0-0 0, Novoa 1 0-0 2, Zambon 4 0-0 8. TOTALS: 18 3-5 42.
OD (62): Katie Schwenk 4 0-0 2 8, Ashley Campbell 6 0-0 15, Alisha McIntosh 5 1-2 13, Jesse Averone 6 3-6 17, Haley Collings 3 0-0 6, Ali Stout 0 0-0 0, Kendra Sauer 1 0-0 3, Haley White 0 0-0 0, Ashley Clark 0 0-0 0, Lincy Jones 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25 5-11 62.
3-point goals: CGA 2 (Lin, Barry), OD 7 (Campbell 3, Averone 2, McIntosh 2); Fouls (fouled out): CGA 14 (none), OD 11 (none); Records: CGA 9-2, OD 7-1.

CGA beats Argos

Culver Girls Academy survived a three-point third quarter to beat Argos 39-31 at home Tuesday and extend its win streak to three games while handing the Dragons just their second loss of the year.

The Lady Eagles were led by Andrijana Cvitkovic's game-high tallies of 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Victoria Christlieb chipped in nine points with five assists.

Jami Patterson led Argos with 12 points, including three 3s in the loss as the Dragons were outshot from the field 25 percent (7 of 28) to 45 percent (18 of 40).

CGA improves to 9-1 on the season and will now play at Oregon-Davis Friday at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Argos slides to 6-2 and has a short layover before traveling to North Judson Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. EDT tip-off.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 39, ARGOS 31
At Culver
Argos: 7 14 21 31
CGA: 10 20 23 39
ARGOS (31): Jami Patterson 4 1-2 12, Karlee VanDerWee 0 2-2 2, Allison Flowers 0 0-0 0, Shelby Sanders 1 0-0 3, Carly McCay 1 0-0 2, Amanda Middleton 0 0-0 0, Libby Moyer 3 2-2 8, Kayla Prochno 2 0-3 4. TOTALS: 11 5-11 31.
CGA (39): Victoria Christlieb 4 1-3 9, Andrijana Cvitkovic 7 2-3 16, Andrea Lin 0 0-0 0, Pita Navarro 1 0-0 2, Alle Baker 0 0-0 0, Lindsay Haller 3 0-1 6, Saralena Barry 0 0-0 0, Monique Novoa 1 0-0 2, Rita Zambon 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 18-0 3-7 39.
3-point goals: Argos 4 (Patterson 3, Sanders), CGA 0; Turnovers: Argos 18, CGA 14; Rebounds: Argos 35 (Prochno 9); CGA 31 (Cvitkovic 10); Assists: Argos 5 (Sanders 2); CGA 12 (Christlieb 5); Fouls (fouled out): Argos 12 (none), CGA 15 (Haller)
Records: Argos 6-2, CGA 9-1
JV score: CGA 40 (Emma Bourgraf 12), Argos 34 (TeAria Atkins 10).

Wrestling

CMA trumps Culver Community

Culver Military Academy won four matches by forfeit, and the Eagles cruised to a 51-27 defeat of the cross-town rival Cavaliers at The Academies Tuesday.

David Zajac, Pascal Brun, Edmond Hogan, Danny Williams and Pete Hamm all won by pinfall for CMA, while Chayton Durham earned a major decision win at 120.

Culver Community's Allen Betts and Ian Randolph won by pinfall, while John Ahlenius won the Cavs' only decision of the night in overtime at 152.

• CULVER MILITARY 51, CULVER COMMUNITY 27
At Culver Academies
106: Jerrod Betts (CC) win by forfeit; 113: Allen Betts (CC) pin Ian McMahon 0:33; 120: Chayton Durham (CMA) maj. dec. Josh Walters, 11-2; 126: David Zajac (CMA) pin Mark Lehman, 1:27; 132: Ian Randolph (CC) pin Charles Salinas, 5:08; 138: Anthony McHugh (CMA) win by forfeit; 145: Pascal Brun (CMA) pin Keith Back, 5:47; 152: John Ahlenius (CC) dec. Michael Anthony, 6-5, OT; 160: Edmond Hogan (CMA) pin Mark Hurford, 5:14; 170: Danny Williams (CMA) pin Matt Shetts, 3:39; 182: Collin Parker (CMA) win by forfeit; 195: Pete Hamm (CMA) pin Matt Hurford 1:07; 220: Francis Cislak (CMA) win by forfeit; 285: Collin Pepper (CMA) win by forfeit.

Boys hockey

CMA shuts out Shattuck St. Mary's

Culver Military Academy pitched a shutout, and the Eagles handed Shattuck St. Mary's a 2-0 defeat at home over the weekend.

Brock Frazer broke a stalemate with a goal on a Kyle Bartelman, Dane Dahline dual assist with 13 seconds to go in the second period, and Ryan Gandy added another goal with just three seconds remaining in the game on a dual assist from Bartelman and Charley Salk.

Nic Peterson served in goal for CMA in the shutout.
• CULVER MILITARY (HS Varsity) 2, SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S 0
At Culver
Second Period
CMA — Brock Frazer (Kyle Bartelman, Dane Dahline) 0:13.
Third Period
CMA — Ryan Gandy (Charley Salk, Bartelman) 0:03.
Goalies: SSM - Jeremy Brodeur; CMA - Nic Peterson.

Wesley Thrift Shop wraps up another successful year of giving

Culver's Wesley United Methodist Women's Thrift Shop has wrapped up another successful year, including providing a host of holiday-related items (at half-price the latter part of December) leading up to Christmas.



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Volunteers and members of the Wesley United Methodist Women's Thrift Shop committee are: Marlene Shoddy, Ann Nelson and Jean Kindred. Not pictured is Chuckie Strang. The ladies are displaying some of the gifts for sale in their decorated kitchen showroom at the Thrift Shop, 216 S. Ohio St., Culver. The shop is open every Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Of course, the store always offers just about anything you can imagine: there are books, games, dishes, hats, gloves and fancy sweaters. The profits from the shop go to support missions of the United Methodist Women projects there in Culver, in the area, the United States and throughout the world.

"Missions are our business," Marlene Shoddy said, while she, Jean Kindred and Ann Nelson with some of the 12 to 14 Tuesday/Friday volunteers worked at getting the showcase ready for shoppers. Culver Community High School students do senior and community service projects at the Thrift Shop and on the 'Open Sale' days.

The Thrift Shop, started in the late 1940s, is a place to purchase good, used clothing and household items at reasonable prices, providing the income for their many worthwhile projects.

For example, this year the group gives monetary assistance to a Guatemalan family, provides African University scholarships and supports two children in the "Make-A-Wish" foundation. The funds support two families

who have a member with cancer and a local family whose husband/ father has ALS. It donates funding for the Boy Scouts historical trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C., and gives to dozens of other worthwhile entities.

The clothing for sale often bears original sales tickets and are for men, women and children alike. If not sold, the items are donated to those who have lost possessions due to fire, families in crises, area schools and gift of warmth programs for those in need of coats, hats and gloves. The Argos Swap Shop benefits from the gifts, the Habitat for Humanity program in Plymouth and the Homeless Veterans Home in South Bend. The Marshall County Humane Society receives towels, rugs and blankets. Anything that doesn't sell finds a home elsewhere.

To donate items to the shop, leave things on the front porch on any day of the week except Saturday. All items must be in good condition and working order. For those who need clothing, food or monetary help, call one of the members or the Wesley United Methodist Church at 574-842-2900.

The Methodist women wish to thank the many people who donate and who buy their items. "We are grateful for all the items donated. They are a blessing to us and we can then give our blessing of funds to several mission projects. Thank you and god's blessings on you all."

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LEFT PHOTO: Andrea Berndt's class: left to right starting in the front: Craig Beadin-Boyd, Haylie Rizzor, Aubreigh Stoner, Olivia Compton, Chloe Danti, Owen Falk, Lilly Bradley, Abby Sullivan, Lily Kozubik, Gerald Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Coleton Polson, Merissa Lowry, Alejandra Chantea, Mrs. Berndt, Brent Keen, Alison Grothaus, Devin Burkett, Benjamin Lee, Abigail Schlagel, Ashton Macedonio, Caleb Wienkauff.

RIGHT PHOTO: Kelly Dickerhoff's class: front row from left: Alix Dunn, Harmonee Ewald, Kaylee Hamilton, Kaitlyn Ault, Alisa Hinds, Sara Beitler. Middle row: Tessa Conroy, Willow Kreisler, Baleigh Binkley, Luci Overmyer, Maegan Pearl, Elizabeth Binion, Gabby Hopkins. Back row: Mrs. Dickerhoff, Joey Rehka, Collin Hunnicutt, Shane Shuman, Steven Pugh, Cabot Ellert.

PHOTO AT RIGHT: April Jefferies' class: front row, from left: Lilly Thamm, Addi Pohl, Abby Kisela, Giselle Villegas, Mason Herbert, Evan Brown. Middle row: Pure Hale, Leeah Webb, Kimberly Luva, Trisha Jefferies, Jelena Stefanic, Giovanni Jurado and Daulton Gross. Back row: Kevin Bailey, Trenton Fritter, Kaleigh Fritch, Connor Craig, Rylee Clingler, Elizabeth Bell-Howard, and Addi Crippen.

PHOTO AT FAR RIGHT: Becky Risner's class: front row, from left: Kali Kidd, Kaitlyn Kanchat, Ava Czerniak, Hailey Thamm, Abby Nufer, Kollin Parkerson, Christina Manes. Middle row: Benton Sayavongsing, Kaity Stacy, Shawn Donley, Ethan Keller, Pete Hill, Sidd Smith, Ashton McCarthy. Back row: Kendrick Ditmire, Payton Chumley, Jason Cadle, Marissa Milam, Kylee Cole, Ches Schrimsher, Tabitha Tapia, Mrs. Risner.

give my brother Bently a stuffed Mickey Mouse.

Kaleigh Fritch: I would give my mom new boots.

Kelly Dickerhoff's class

Joey Rehka: I would give Shane a pillow pet.

Steven Pugh: I would give my mom and dad watches

Luci Overmyer: I would give Santa a picture of me and Santa.

Willow Kreisher: I would give my dad a tool box.

Collin Hunnicutt: I would give Zack rumbler.

Gabby Hopkins: I would give my mom earrings.

Alisa Hinds: I would give my grandma earrings.

Kaylee Hamilton: I would give Gabby a little snowman.

Harmonee Ewald: I would give my mommy something really special.

Cabot Ellert: I would give Shane gold.

Alix Dunn: I would give Stephanie my aunt calendar.

Dominic Cook: I would give my grandma a ring.

Tessa Conroy: I would give my parents a gun for hunting.

Baleigh Binkley: I would give my grandma a grandma picture frame.

Elizabeth Binion: I would give Alix a puppy.

Sara Beitler: I would give my grandma clothes.

Brianna Bailey: I would give all the poor people money and toys.

Kaitlyn Ault: I would give Alisa a baby doll.

Shane Shuman: I would give my brother clothes.

Rebecca Risner's class

Kaity Stacy: I would give Kylee a bracelet with flowers on it.

Ches Schrimsher: I would give Sam a dollar coin. It's a dollar but it's like a nickel. It's golden.

Jason Cadle: I would give Michael, my best friend, an X-BOX.

Payton Chumley: I would give my dad a cool airplane that flies by itself and you can control it with your hands.

Ava Czerniak: I would give Hailey a Princess Peach book.

Kylee Cole: I would give Ava a stuffed bear animal.

Kendrick Ditmire: I would give Ethan a DS game that I would buy.

Shawn Donley: I would give Ethan a Hot Wheel toy car.

Kaitlyn Kanchat: I would give my mom a grey rabbit.

Ethan Keller: I would give Kylee a Dr. Seuss book.

Kali Kidd: I would give Addison Barbie dolls.

Christina Manes: I would give Kylee a guitar.

Ashton McCarthy: I would give Benton a board game.

Marissa Milam: I would give Ava a bird La La Lucy.

Abby Nufer: I would give my mom a ring.

Benton Sayavongsing: I would give Ethan a DS 3.

Sidd Smith: I would give Ches a huge jet.

Tabatha Tapia: I would give my mom and dad a necklace for my mom and a new pair of jeans and shirt for my dad.

Hailey Thamm: I would give Ava a big princess castle.

Pete Hill: I would give Benton that Lightning toy.

Kollin Parkerson: I would give Ethan a guitar.

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the popular education and revivalism of the Chautauqua Assemblies of the turn of the century. The display also features photographs, documents, and artifacts from Culver's churches, past and present.

The exhibit joins a recently-added one on Culver High School's yearbooks. The museum is open from Tuesday to Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 Com-

pany, 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.

Marshall County Museum schedule

PLYMOUTH — The Marshall County Museum will be running its 8 by 40 model train set Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. for those wishing to visit during the school break and entertain the kids. Saturday, Dec. 17 was the last Saturday the trains will run until Jan. 7. The museum will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 31. Admission is free and donations are welcome. The museum is located at 123 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. For more information call 574-936-2306.

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 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.

Leaf pick-up

All leaves should not be placed in the street; please separate leaves from the sticks and brush. 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.

