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In Brief

Website design at Thursday Tech Time
Website design will take center stage at Thursday Tech Time at the Culver Public Library September 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Capital Steps live Thursday

Culver Academies' Huffington Concert Series will host musical comedy troupe The Capital Steps (www.capsteps.com) Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus. Tickets to the performance may be purchased at the Steinbrenner Performing Arts Center box office from 1 to 4 p.m., or at the Eppley Auditorium box office one hour prior to the performance. Questions may be directed to Marsha Coven at covenm@culver.org, or 574-842-7058.

Deadline for soccer clinic sign-up Friday

The Culver Boys & Girls Club, partnering with the Ancilla College men's soccer team, is offering CBGC members a free three-day soccer clinic Fridays October 5, 12, and 26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Culver Elementary School. The clinic is open to all Club members in grades third through sixth. To become a member, visit www.bgc-culver.org. The deadline to register for the clinic is Friday, September 28. For more information on how to register contact Unit Supervisor Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103.

Town wide yard sale

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a fall town wide yard sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To have your yard sale location included on a map distributed to the public, please contact Town Hall via e-mail at clerk@townofculver.org or at 842-3140 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. no later than Tuesday, September 25. Please provide your address and the date(s) of your sale. There is no cost for the event. Maps will be available beginning Thursday, September 27 at Town Hall, Culver Express and Osborn's Mini-Mart.

Friends book sale this wknd

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Squeezing out the last drops of summer fun

These youngsters weren't quite ready to bid summer farewell, even with autumn knocking at the door, and enjoyed an afternoon at the public beach in Culver recently, undisturbed by this summer's heat-busting crowds (the beach officially ended its season, as always, after Labor Day weekend). Pictured, from left, are Bradley Irzyk, age 3, Jaden Caudillo (also 3), and Austin Peters (age 2), who hit the sand accompanied by moms Michele Irzyk and Liana Caudillo. Overnight temperatures this past week in the 30s and daytime temps in the 50s and 60s may have brought an end to such activities for most swimmers.

Culver Boys & Girls Club hopes to transform young lives with community help in new initiative

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Cory Monnier, unit director at the Culver Boys & Girls Club, is excited about a new initiative he feels is critical for many of its young members, but he's going to need you to make it happen.

Culver has shone in its support of the club, which is located at the Culver Elementary School, financially in a variety of other ways, but in order for children there to be successful and develop to their full potential, the club is launching an after-school tutoring program which will rely on the caring and commitment of community members in order to function and flourish.

"There are three prongs to success in a child's life," Monnier explains. "School, family, and community. I think community is that mortar. Sometimes family, and sometimes school, can't fully meet kids' needs, whether that's time restraints from parents or

learning issues, or whatever it is. The community needs to step in and fill in those gaps, which is why I think the (CBGC) is a great avenue."

Education, notes Monnier, is the gap in many youngsters' experiences, and he emphasizes that "this is a community need, and not just a Boys & Girls Club need."

Monnier, who has an elementary education background, says he sees some of the "limitations and handcuffs" placed on the public education system today.

"The biggest problem is you can't mandate family reform. There are a lot of parents out there who need some extra help, whether it's because they don't know how to do the best job, or because they're working three jobs to put food on the table. They have bigger concerns than education, (such as) how to feed, clothe, and shelter their kids.

"Teachers are stuck with



a difficult task. You need to make sure these kids all succeed, but the idea that all of them are coming in from the same playing field and background (is wrong). There's not really a big support system for teachers all the time. I would hope the Boys & Girls Club could come in and support families and teachers."

Currently, the CBGC has 30 to 40 kids per day doing their homework after school (between 90 and 100 kids attend the club daily), but the staffing and budget isn't sufficient to provide the help truly needed, Monnier says.

"We can help them with problems or check for completion, but we don't have the support system to give

them the individual remediation skills they need to bring them where they need to be. That's where we need volunteers to lend a hand to help these kids out."

Monnier emphasizes the club has the space, good lines of communication with parents and teachers, and even the financial resources to purchase materials such as flash cards.

He's hoping to get at least three volunteers per day to commit two and a half hours each, which would facilitate three 45-minute tutoring sessions. Families could sign their children up for at least one session per week.

"That's 45 kids we could give individualized tutoring sessions a week."

Culver's Boys & Girls Club has been an unparalleled success in the community. Over 270 children --more than half of the pop-

ulation of Culver Elementary School -- are registered members, and daily attendance, as mentioned, is steady at nearly 100. Attendance in the club's summer program this year increased by 50 percent, and the club's annual auction and banquet is a gala, well-attended affair which consistently raises some \$50,000 of the club's budget.

The support from organizations, groups, and individuals for the club in the Culver area has been tremendous as well, Monnier says, so he's optimistic that 15 volunteers per week is a possibility.

"With Tri Kappa, the Lions Club, Kiwanis, the Academy, and Culver High School, if we could get a commitment regularly, it could make a huge impact on the education of these kids. We have a lot of different constituents here: retired teachers, current teachers, different service groups...we need to spread the word."

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Future of Culver's town hall: renovate or move?

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

To stay or not to stay was the question of the hour at a Culver town council work session centering on the condition and fate of the town hall, among other topics.

"This building is falling apart," said town manager Dave Schoeff at the early September meeting. "I think we all know that. I wanted to hear from the council about how they feel and what direction we should go."

Funding, admitted Schoeff, is "a huge factor" in the matter. As long as emergency services -- two of which, fire and police, are presently housed at the town hall -- are part of a future town hall building, there may be grant money available. Not so if the future Culver town hall houses only the clerk's office and other municipal-related needs.

Options include a remodel of the existing building on Plymouth Street, which the town began occupying in 1976, or consideration of another property, said Schoeff. Space on the north end of Culver, adjacent to the First National Bank of Monterey has been discussed in the past, he said, and a feasibility study of emergency services' moving was conducted several years ago.

Research by Easterday Construction into remodeling of the current structure led to a figure of more than \$250,000, Schoeff added.

Council members discussed various considerations, such as what to do with the existing building, which was constructed over 50 years ago for the Culver Citizen Press, Inc., and built on multiple feet

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Culver farm life -- 1850s style

A fun time was had by all when the Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver visited Child's Farm just north of Culver on Peach Road for a day of 1850s farm life. Laughter and friendly competition ensued between the men and women as butter was churned by both parties to see who could make the most attractive, though all agreed the meal -- which was cooked over an open fire and served outdoors -- was delicious.

To complete the experience, a weaving demonstration was given by Sue Childs, along with wool carding and spinning of the wool. A hayride made the beautiful fall day complete.

Pictured at TOP LEFT, AHS members Judy Karst (left) and Dorothy Peterson assist Childs (right) in preparing the meal of homemade egg noodles and beef. LOWER LEFT: Becky Kreuzberger stirs the stew pot as Childs (left) stirs the stew pot.



THE Dr. Beach legacy

Academies chemistry instructor inspired, touched students lives

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

Generations of former Culver Academies students will forever recall the significance of the green lab coat, of their "atomic number," and the look of those vibrant bow ties and bulletin boards when the name of Dr. Darrell Beach, who passed away Sept. 18 after a lengthy battle with cancer, comes up. And it has come up a great deal lately, as word spread of Beach's illness and scores of former students sent cards and letters, or posted on social networking sites, not only with memories of his classes -- like those above -- but especially of the impact of the man on their lives.

Repeated were recollections of welcoming gatherings at the Culver home (for the past 47 years) of Beach and his wife Darlene, of his encouragement to struggling chemistry students, and of the passion for the subject he taught.

It's telling that, in the final weeks of his life, new science instructors at the school were bused to his room at Miller's Merry Manor, where Beach continued to hold court and exercise another of his passions, "to teach others to teach," as he told the Citizen recently.

It's also telling that Beach is one of the few Academies faculty members to have a full cover devoted to him, in the spring, 1982 edition of the Culver Alumni magazine, in which 1968 CMA grad Paul Hamer wrote:

"Dr. Beach stands before his class like a magician, pouring transparent liquids from beaker to beaker, and they change color, from yellow to orange and back again. Applause and delighted 'oh's greet his performance, and he can't help but grin himself as he announces, 'Le Chatilier was no old fossil!' And the class buys it, for they have seen it in action and living color.

"...There are no noses buried in books, no eyes gazing



PHOTO/CULVER ACADEMIES ARCHIVES
Dr. Darrell Beach in 1982.

longingly out the window (the blinds are drawn!). The wandering eye settles only on rows of grotesquely or gracefully flared glass tubes, fragile soldiers."

In the same article, Beach discussed with Hamer how low enrollment in the school's chemistry program was ratcheted up, due in no small part to a program, course, and textbook Beach wrote with colleague Greg Miller, "THE Chemistry."

The moniker was the result of a moment of revelation while in Honolulu riding a bus labeled, "THE Bus,"

though inspiration for the program came from a renaissance in chemistry taking place at the time in Canada.

A great deal of effort went into making the science personal, fun, lab-oriented, and at appropriate reading levels for students, said Beach, and the program was read and endorsed by Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling, among others.

That same year, Beach was one of 50 Woodrow Wilson Fellows to take part in the first Summer Institute on High School Chemistry at Princeton University, one example of a great deal of recognition he earned through the years, including being named "Outstanding Chemistry Teacher" for the state of Indiana by the Purdue University section of the American Chemical Society; receiving the prestigious Catalyst Award from the Midwest region of the Manufacturing Chemists Association, one of only eight educators in the nation to be so honored; and being named a National Science Foundation Fellow seven times.

Beach authored two other textbooks in addition to "THE Chemistry," and poured out more than 100 pub-

lished articles on chemistry, published in multiple national and worldwide publications.

Raised in Michigan and a devoted member of the Salvation Army, Beach joined Culver's science faculty in the fall of 1965, almost by accident. He and Darlene had no knowledge of an open position at the school, but opted to send a letter of interest to the superintendent at the time. He was asked to visit Culver for an interview shortly thereafter, and spent the next 35 years there, teaching chemistry and Advanced Placement chemistry, and rising to master instructor of science and holder of the Eppley Chair of Chemistry.

Beach had received his undergrad degree from Central Michigan University in biology and geography, a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and his doctorate from Laureate University (now the University of Sarasota). Both graduate degrees were in education, and he did further graduate work at nine other universities during his career.

He'd been involved with the Boy Scouts since 1948, and even served on the Culver park board in years past.

Beach retired from Culver Academies at the end of the 1999-2000 school year, the same year as his last Commencement as faculty grand marshal and that of the graduation of his oldest granddaughter, Amanda Napierkowski of Knox, from Culver Girls Academy. He and Darlene raised four daughters and watched 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren grow.

Darrell Beach wasn't out of the classroom yet, however. Soon after his retirement from Culver, he became an adjunct chemistry professor at Indiana University South Bend, a position he held until 2009, gaining popularity among students there similar to what he experienced at Culver.

A host of glowing student reviews from Beach's IUSB stint show up on ratemyprofessor.com, but perhaps the shortest quote will resonate with his many, many students through the decades: "Simply the best."

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Student project to keep Lake Max cleaner

Culver Academies students, under the leadership of Betsy Whitfield and in partnership with the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council, updated identification informing the public that storm drains run to the waters to the waters of the lake. Unlike the small plates affixed a few years ago, which have been lost to snowplows and other problems, Whitfield chose to stencil the "Drains to Lake" warning -- along with a "fish" icon, to the pavement, as part of her Academies senior service project. Pictured at LEFT are student workers Laurn Robinson, Josephine Schott, Macgregor Collins, Whitfield, Bailey Henry, and Hallie Rauch. At RIGHT, Robinson (left) looks on as Rauch spray paints a stencil, and Whitfield (center) supervises.

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of poured concrete aimed at supporting the weight and activity of heavy presses.

Kevin Berger, of Easterday, acknowledged a remodel of the Plymouth Street building is more economical in the short term.

"The problem we discussed in our group session was, even with the addition we talked about putting on (to the building), you're still limited to a very small piece of property. This may be a 25-year solution, but you may want to think about a 50-year solution."

The "dream plan," said council member Ginny Munroe, for all entities involved to have what they want, carries around a \$1 million price tag.

Schoeff said the town would be better served by a new building, if it could be afforded, where the desired layout would be available.

Discussion of possible new locations included a downtown storefront, while questions concerning the north end of town space included whether some residents would find it as convenient or centrally located as the present town hall's locale. Council president Sally Ricciardi said the incline near the north end site could make for difficult or dangerous driving for emergency services vehicles during the winter.

It was agreed the clerk's office in particular would only need a store front, though Munroe emphasized she preferred to see retail development in such spaces.

It was agreed to allow Schoeff to continue research of various options, both in renovation of the existing building and moving or constructing at a new site.

Also discussed at the meeting was the need for a spending plan for some \$600,000 -- and future monies accrued -- in the coffers of Culver's Redevelopment Committee.

Schoeff shared a potential projects list he took to the CRC to discuss, including: \$50,000 towards a new comprehensive plan for Culver; \$220,000 for rehabilitation of the current Culver water tower; \$75,000 for repaving of Main Street between Washington and Madison Streets; \$40,000 for a water plant study; abandonment of the old water main at South and Wabash Streets, \$25,000; \$40,000 for improvements to the municipal parking lot at

Ohio and Madison Streets, including paving, curbs, and vinyl fencing; \$114,886 for paving of Mill Street to State Road 17; \$85,000 for a new, six-inch water main in the Lewis and Plymouth Street areas; \$180,000 for a six-inch main in the Fleet Parkway/Academy Road area; paving of Academy Road to Lake Shore Drive, \$36,946; a new, eight-inch water main on Slate Street, at \$190,000; a six-inch main at Liberty Street, \$60,000; paving of Jefferson Street to its dead end at the west, widening it within the town limits, \$185,000 and \$165,000, respectively; a new Medallion Cabinetry meter vault, \$8,000.

The west end of Jefferson Street was discussed in particular. Council member Ed Pinder noted when he was on the CRC four or five years ago, plans were developed for the area to include addition of street lights, sidewalks, and other improvements, though he said the cost of moving electric poles, at \$20,000 each per NIPSCO, was prohibitive. Discussion also touched on whether the Boetsma property at the west end of Jefferson could be annexed into Culver, though Berger said he opposed the idea unless property on the south side of the street, owned by the Dicke family, could be annexed as well.

A follow-up meeting was scheduled for Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

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It would be ideal, Monnier notes, for a given tutor to be able to commit four or eight straight Wednesdays, for example, to tutoring, and the club has quality training programs for tutors or volunteers. He emphasizes no one should be discouraged if they lack any formal educational

background -- tutors are welcome from all walks of life.

The Porter County Boys & Girls Club, of which Culver's club is a part, has a "Link N' Learn" program, says Monnier, whose success he hopes CBGC can emulate.

"(It's a) fantastic model for collaboration between com-

munity volunteers, families, and the school...a lot of times the program was running so well, teachers would refer certain kids to the Boys & Girls Club program."

Such a relationship can even aid the school corporation as a whole, he adds, since it's a "perk" the teachers and administration could promote to prospective families.

"This is another unique way I can give back," Monnier adds. "It's a deeper level of philanthropic giving, a different avenue so we can do some great things with kids."



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Obituaries

Dr. Darrell H. Beach
September 18, 2012



CULVER — Dr. Darrell H. Beach was ‘Promoted to Glory’ on Tuesday September 18, 2012 at 7:05AM. Dr. Beach lived and prioritized his life in accordance with the doctrines and motto of the Salvation Army – “Heart to God, Hand to Man”. Since he was saved at the age of 14 through a Boy Scout program, God was first and foremost in his life. He met his wife Darlene at a Salvation Army in Midland, Michigan – they married on December 26, 1959. He was a devoted and faithful family patriarch and created a solid foundation on which his family stands through his devotion and dedication to Christ. His resting place will be where he called home for 47 years – in Culver, Indiana.

He was an accomplished professor and mentor – receiving awards for his many accomplishments. He is well-known and forever loved by his students at the Culver Academy, who fondly remember their “Atomic Number”

from Chemistry Class, vibrant bulletin boards and his brilliant bowties.

His wife Darlene Beach of Culver, Indiana survives him; his four daughters: Erika (Gabriel) Napierkowskik Doreen Albert (fiance Joe Tyler), Renee (Steve) Dunn, and Bonnie (Skyler) Polk, and his thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive him. His is also survived by his four “boys” – his cate: Felix Onyx, Sunshine, and Alice.

Viewing will be at the Odom Funeral Home in Culver, IN from 4 – 7 PM on Friday September 21, 2012. The Funeral Services will be held at the Culver Academy Chapel on Saturday, September 22, 2012 with a viewing from 11:00 AM – 12:00PM with funeral services beginning at noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Salvation Army, The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, or the academic scholarship of Dr. Darrell Beach at the Culver Academies.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Lynne Stettbacher
September 17, 2012

CULVER — Lynne Stettbacher passed away in her Edwardsburg, Michigan home on September 17, 2012 at the age of 75. She was the only daughter of Fred and Mildred Stettbacher both of whom have passed. Lynne cherished her rural Hoosier roots, even while living away from her Marshall County home for most of her life.

Lynne graduated from Culver High School in 1954 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois in 1958. She then enrolled at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine where she graduated in 1962. She later completed her Internal Medicine residency at Moffit Hospital, University of California. She furthered her medical training in hematology at Rush/ St Luke’s Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Stettbacher practiced Preventive Medicine and Addiction Medicine in Fort Wayne, Indiana until her

retirement. In her retirement, Lynne was a passionate supporter of several arts organizations including the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association. She cared deeply for the local police and fire officials who protect our community. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Bend.The family will hold a visitation and committal service at Odom Funeral Home in Culver from 4pm-6pm on Saturday September 22, 2012. Memorial contributions in Lynne’s memory may be made either to the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association, www.fischhoff.org/support/donate-now/ or to Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors, www.indianacops.org/.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Rose Lindvall

Jan. 10, 1926 – Sept. 22, 2012



CULVER — Phyllis Rose Lindvall, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 at home surrounded by family.

Phyllis was born in Culver Jan. 10, 1926 to Charles and Minnie McLane. She graduated from Culver High in 1944. Aug. 17, 1947 at the Methodist Church in Culver, she married Robert Lindvall. They were married 48 years when Robert passed away in 1995.

Phyllis was a lifetime resident of Culver. She had been a member of Maxinkuckee Junior Women, a charter member of the Parkview Hospital Auxiliary, a volunteer of the American Red Cross, the Culver City Club. She was a Cub Scout Den Leader and a lifetime member of Wesley United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Phyllis is survived by six children – Bruce of Evanston, Ill., Brian of Culver, Brenda (Kirk) Forbes of Noblesville, Brent (Ellen) of Marion, Bryce (Alicia) of Culver and

Brad (Stephanie) of Indianapolis. She was grandmother to Heath (Christy) Lindvall of Virginia, Troy (Dawn) Lindvall of Colorado, Sarah Lindvall of Plymouth, Megan (Joe) Russo of Florida, Eric (Jamie) Forbes of North Carolina, Aaron (Venna) Lindvall of Sweetser, Ross of Winamac, Scott (Ashley) of Ohio, Jessica (fiancé Chad) Lindvall of Knox, Bryce, Maria, Tracy of Culver, Joshua, Grace, Abigail, and Lydia of Indianapolis. She was great-grandmother to Cal, Kayla, Davin, Kaden, Trevin, Joey, Vander, Dane, Elliana, Connor, Malia, and Moses. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, a half-sister, daughter Bridget Ann, granddaughter Kristen Forbes, and grandson Caleb Lindvall.

Visitation was at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 from 4 to 8 p.m. Rev. Matt Landry officiated funeral services at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 at 11 a.m. with a viewing one hour prior to the service. Burial followed at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice or Wesley United Methodist Church.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.



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Emergency services charity at bat

Kim Irsa of the Culver EMS swings at the ball earlier this month at the annual Culver Emergency Services charity softball game, which collected food and other donations for Culver’s food pantry.

This time around, according to Ken VanDePutte of the Culver fire department, members of the fire, police, and EMS departments split onto both teams (rather than fire vs. EMS and police, as in years past), and “all had fun” in a close-scored game. A cookout at the fire station followed, and donations for the pantry were many, he adds.

VanDePutte noted special thanks were due to John Grolich of Plymouth’s fire and EMS for filling in for regular umpire Bob Rich, who was unable to attend this year.

Military vehicles at CUTPL Oct. 6

Vintage military trucks from Military Vehicle Preservation Club and Starke County Military Vehicle Collectors Club will roll up to Culver-Union Twp. Public Library Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The historic vehicles are being displayed as part of CUTPL’s Military Veterans Honor Program.

Over 10 large tables of military artifacts and memorabilia from the Civil War through current conflicts will be on display for one day only.

The Military Veterans Honor Tree will again be on display for October, 2012. Hand-crafted photo display cards are provided for service member photos and remembrances to be hung on the “Honor Tree.” Please bring a two by three inch photo for the cards. Photos are not necessary, however, and the honor cards for the tree will be available throughout the month of October while supplies last. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Cindy Good at cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Fiber arts show at the library

September is Fiber Arts Show Month at the Culver-Union Twp. Public Library. Multiple fiber art crafters are on display around the library. A crewel shadow box hangs over the fireplace, by B.J. Lawrance. Audrey Downey is displaying her hand-loomed rugs. Felicia Payne owns her own livestock from which she harvests the wool she hand spins and dyes into yarns.

Cathy Pearson has wall quilts on display; Charlotte Hahn is showing her counted-cross-stitch work along with Sue Beggs, who knits gloves and socks. Sandra Wakefield is showing a dresser scarf made by her mother with embroidery and hand crocheted lace roses. Rhonda Lewis has custom-made “mohawk” hats on display. Other crafters’ work is also on display.

For more information on the fiber arts show, contact Cindy Good at cgood@culver.lib.in.us or 574-842-2941.

Being community for Culver’s youth

Sometimes I'm not able to write a column making note of the passing of a particular area resident -- so if anyone's left out, don't take it personally. But I did want to acknowledge the significant contribution to Culver, and by extension, the world, made by Dr. Darrell Beach, who finally ended a lengthy battle with cancer Sept. 18. I spent some time listening to him tell of his life, a few weeks before he passed away, and the article in this week's Culver Citizen -- as well as his obituary -- don't do justice to a legacy too meaningful to summarize in an article or two. I know he will be missed by many.



View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney
Editor

So, too, will Phyllis Lindvall, whose son Bryce is a familiar face on Culver's fire department and as VFW Post Commander. Phyllis frequently called in to identify our "Mystery Citizen" each week, and as soon as I recognized her voice, I started typing her name as having guessed correctly; I don't think she was ever wrong.

I don't believe I've had much chance to write a column since Bud Ruhnnow passed away, either. Many in his family are well known in Culver, in business and just around town, and of course his wife, Bobetta, has written for the Culver Citizen for many years, besides doing so many other things here. As his obit read, he was also involved in Culver business for years and years, and beloved by many.

This week's *Citizen* cover story focuses on an important new opportunity for area residents of all ages and backgrounds to touch lives in an impactful, lasting way: that of volunteering even a few hours a week at the Culver Boys & Girls Club, tutoring young people.

I think most of us recognize the remarkably giving nature of the Culver community -- it's certainly something I feel blessed to have witnessed as newspaper editor. From the annual "Gift of Warmth" festival (which of course puts winter wraps on youngsters in our school districts, and keeps the heat on in their homes each winter), to Culver Academies' senior service projects; from collaborative charitable efforts between the Academies and Culver Comm. High School -- both local and abroad through mission trips, to the amazing financial and "elbow grease" endeavors of local service clubs like Lions, Kiwanis, Tri Kappa, and more, especially for local youth. And of course, how many communities of Culver's size could raise some \$50,000 annually for the Boys & Girls Club.

But situations well outside of Culver have created a bit of a perfect storm which we as Culverites can address locally, which I would argue is a great way to transform it (though wider efforts are certainly worth the time to pursue!).

I think CBGC unit director Cory Monnier hit the nail on the head when he spoke of the importance of *community* as a missing ingredient in the lives of many young people in the club. I believe it's a missing ingredient in the lives of most people of all ages in America today, sadly, but not every young person in our school district has the good fortune that some do: parents, family, and perhaps extra curricular activity to fill some of the void -- for some young people, almost *everything* is void. This isn't just happening in the inner city many miles away; it's happening in and around Culver, and certainly in our school district.

What's the “perfect storm”? I'd argue is a combination of the breakdown of community, family, culture, and education, brought about by a number of factors. Single parent homes and divorce rates are high, and as politically incorrect as it may be to say so, on a widespread basis this is statistically a very bad thing for young people (and this isn't an attack on people in those situations, many of

whom are there not by choice -- simply an observation of fact).

If virtually any other factor -- say, cigarette smoking -- were affecting young people as measurably as this phenomena, there would be a massive government mobilization to legislate it into a much better state. But in post-1960s America, that's a notion that few are willing to publicly address.

Add to that the proliferation of technology, which leads to two major factors in particular: the lessening of children's (well, all of us!) spending time outdoors, engaged in healthy, active play (and, where there are children around, learning how to function in society and co-exist with a variety of personality types); and the reach of pornographic, ultra-violent, or just downright mind-dulling media into the homes of virtually every American youth (pornography addiction, too, among adult men has become a near-epidemic mental health problem, breaking up families and overtaking lives).

Another unpleasant reality is that the above has shifted how parents allow their children to interact with others.

Some decades ago, it could be reasonably assumed that members of a given community generally shared the same values, or at least knew to keep a modicum of that appearance where kids were concerned. More recently, many concerned parents, unsure what sort of exposure their kids could be getting to media, inappropriate language or behavior, and the like, would rather arrange “play dates” with like-minded parents, than allow the kind of “free play” outdoors in the neighborhood that many readers will remember.

Further, some of the generational breaks -- and the shift away from values and traditions passed down directly, to a more media-centered absorption of values -- has led to some major crises in parenting. Every public school teacher knows that, while some youngsters are taught what almost all youngsters *once* were, in terms of respect for elders, proper conduct in public, and so on...a growing number are not.

Besides the proliferation of grandparents raising children, there's also simply a large gap in terms of a generation or two of parents no longer sharing the morals and values -- and willingness to sacrifice their own pleasures and base desires for their children -- that their own parents ascribed to.

Of course, Americans are less religious than they ever were. Whatever your personal religious leanings, I'd suggest the loss of the baseline of morals, values, and sense of community that church once provided many families, have negatively impacted children (and much, much more -- but that's another column!).

The above factors are, I'd suggest, the primary underlying issues impacting education.

Technology, indirectly, has also led to major shifts in how we conduct business and commerce, and how we interact with each other. Home entertainment means less community-centered recreation, and (even with today's gas prices) easy, convenient travel means commuting out of town to shop, work, or play are quite common, none of which is anything new, of course. But there it is.

Tying into this topic is this week's story on Sen. Randy Head's visit to Culver, where some of the most animated discussion concerned the question of education. Though my wife is home-schooling three of our children, one spent her entire educational career in Culver's public school system, of which I'm a product as well, and both myself and my wife (who has her degree in elementary ed) have a great deal of sympathy for teachers.

There's no doubt there are genuine, solvable problems in the public schools related to teacher performance, but Head made allusions to the difficult tasks facing public school teachers, many of which are summarized above: in what is now too much the absence of parental, church, and community guidance, public school teachers are now being looked at, de facto, to take See View page 10 on all of those roles in addition to

Taking care of joint pain



Heartbeats and Footprints

By DANA NEER

Joint pain is a universal reason why people do not exercise. Every week I hold conversations with

young and old (yes, even teenagers), active and sedentary individuals and athletes who represent a wide array of sports, ranging from weightlifting, ball sports, dance and running who have become discouraged about joint pain, particularly pain in the knees. Many have either ceased exercising or cringe from the thought of pounding through another excruciating routine.

During my junior year of collegiate running, after completing a taxing track workout, an exhausted teammate frustratingly exclaimed to our coach, “You are a pain in the joint.” And yes, while it is true that training can cause joint pain, many other factors contribute as well, including posture, obesity, genetics and nutrition.

Being overweight can affect a person's neuromuscular system, resulting in abnormal changes in walking patterns and problems with balance and stability. Overweight individuals tend to walk with a rigid posture and spend more time with both feet on the ground. The results lead to excessive pressure in the bones and joints.

Thus, nutrition is a key factor in controlling joint pain. Limiting caloric intake, plus nourishing our bodies with ingredients our systems crave is vital. At times, joint pain

may be a result of insufficiency with vitamins A, B, C, D and E as well as mineral-enriched foods with calcium. Berry juices and green tea contains antioxidants which boosts our immune system, often times relieving pain in the joints. A friend of mine in Philadelphia suffered from such severe knee pain that he could not walk down the stairs in the morning. Instead, he resorted to sitting on the steps and scooting down. Weary of being forty years old and feeling like he was ninety, he improved his diet, began a light exercise routine and starting taking glucosamine, an over-the-counter supplement which helps the re-growth process of broken tissues and joints. One morning after six weeks of this discipline, he was startled to realize that he was bounding down the stairs with little difficulty. The subtleness of a healthy routine – diet, exercise and weight loss had given him new life. Remember to consult with your physician before taking supplements.

One normal way to cure joint pain is by regularly performing exercises. I know that this seems contradictory since movement may cause pain to occur, but with time our bodies normally adapt, and begin feeling better. Moving is medicine. The American College of Sports Medicine and the American Medical Association state that exercise is the number one recommendation to cure arthritis and joint pain. The term arthritis describes more than 100 rheumatic diseases and conditions that affect the joints and surrounding tissues. Rheumatoid arthritis, which often strikes younger adults, is believed to be an autoimmune response that leads to inflammation. Pain is not a reason to stop excising. Attempt to work through normal, acceptable levels See Joints page 6

Name that Culver ‘citizen’

Last week's Mystery Citizen obviously hasn't changed much in the years since her “then” photo (as many readers commented, in the process of correctly identifying her!).

She's Lydia Osborn, long associated with the gas station, convenience store, and Subway restaurant associated with her and husband Tim's last name.

Recognizing her were Jill Neidlinger, June MacDonald, Jennifer Van Horn, Susie Norwich, Cynthia Bonine Goss,



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Lydia Osborn. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen. Shepard, Jack

Houghton, Theresa Burns, Carin Clifton, Anna Neher, Jennifer Luttrell, Sandy Dunfee, Marilee McCormack, Bridget Curry Lowry, Barb Quivey, and Marizetta Kenney.

This week's Mystery Citizen has also long been associated with the same local institution, and in the editor's opinion, also hasn't changed a great deal in the years since this photo was taken.

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



Academies host CC Invite



PHOTO/TIM CREASON
Kayleigh Hynes of Culver Girls Academy (405) strains to pass St. Joseph's Pirie Maher (998) at the finish of the Girls Closed race Saturday during the Culver Academies Invitational.

Tim Creason
Correspondent
Indianapolis' Bishop
C h a t a r d
claimed the
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Academy.
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(364 points)
was 13th, while
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Glenn didn't
field enough

athletes for a team score.
Abby Patrick clocked 20 minutes, 36.3 seconds to lead Plymouth across CMA's soggy, 5,000-meter course beside Lake Maxinkuckee. Race winner Madeline Lilly of Twin Lakes recorded an 18:57.3, but she was pretty much all alone after the second mile.
Libby Read was 23rd in 20:47.2, Shelby Harrel took 28th in 20:58.5 and Meagan Fisher was 35th in 21:09.7.
Now, if they can just get the No. 5 position shored up, the Pilgrims will be all set.
Culver Academies was led by the 14th-place finish of Olivia Martinez and a 19th from Hannah Buggein, but two Eagle runners dropped out in mid-race.
"The girls positioned themselves really well in the first (thousand meters) and it paid off," said assistant coach Dana Neer. "We were third even though two kids dropped off."
The Girls Open (large school) race was historic, as defending state champion Ashley Erba of Warsaw finished first in the fastest time ever run by an Indiana high school girl in a 5K cross country race — 17:13.7.
The Boys Closed division was swept by Illiana Christian Academy, a school from Illinois. Culver Military Academy placed ninth, John Glenn was 12th, Triton 19th, Bremen 22nd, Plymouth 23rd and Culver Community 39th.
Glenn's Luke Runyan was the top area finisher, placing sixth in 16:18.0. He wasn't far behind race winner Caleb Augustus of Northfield (16:02.1).
CMA's Leopoldo Burguete captured 11th place in 16:27.6, while another Glenn runner — Joe Mahank — was 20th in 16:55.7.
CMA cracked the top 10 teams basically because three Eagles placed among the top 61.
"They really didn't run that well," said Neer.

CGA standout Rabbitt commits to inaugural Elon team

CULVER — As Elon University looks to build a women's lacrosse program, the Phoenix will have the help of Culver Girls Academy standout Olivia Rabbitt.
Rabbitt, an Annapolis, Maryland native, has committed to play NCAA Division I women's lacrosse at Elon and will be a part of the inaugural team with competition beginning in the spring of 2014 under coach Josh Hexter, former associate head coach at Duke.
"I am so excited to be a part of the first ever women's lacrosse team at Elon," said Rabbitt. "I love Coach Hexter's coaching style, and think he will bring great enthusiasm and experience to the new program. I am thrilled to have him as my coach."
Rabbitt, an attack for the Lady Eagles who was the team's second leading scorer during her sophomore season in 2011, is a two-time Women's National Lacrosse Team pick for Indiana/ Kentucky, a two-time Indiana All Tournament Team selection and a two-time North Regional Team member. She has also played on Indy United and CC Lax Summer Club Teams as well as for Severn School of Severna Park, Md.
"Elon has the full package of strong academics, nice size, great location and beautiful campus. Adding a D1 lacrosse program makes it that much more desirable," said Rabbitt of her choice. "Elon is a great fit for me, and I felt right at home when I first stepped on to campus."
Elon University is a private liberal arts university in Elon, North Carolina and an NCAA DI member school. The women's lacrosse program will be the 17th varsity sport and 10th women's athletic program at the university and the first addition of a varsity sport at Elon since 2000-01, when women's indoor and outdoor track and field began competition. Elon lacrosse has been invited to join the Atlantic Sun Conference beginning with its inaugural season next year.

PHOTO PROVIDED
Olivia Rabbitt shoots against Cranbrook Academy during a girls lacrosse game last year. Rabbitt recently verbally committed to play for Elon in 2014.



Eagles master the art of the big play in 20-7 win over Glenn



PHOTO/ALAN HALL
John Glenn's Jake Strong grabs Culver Military Academy free safety Matt Neufeldt's face mask as Neufeldt Phillips spun away grabs an interception that was later from tacklers and called back in a football game at the Academies Friday night.

third quarter.
"We were able to make the big plays when we needed to, on both sides of the ball," said Eagles coach Andy Dorrel, who watched his team improve to 4-2 on the season.
"When our backs are against the wall, our guys step up."
Glenn's football team ran the ball an amazing 70 times Friday night — that's 70 — but somehow managed to score only seven points.
Though the Falcons rushed for 273 yards on CMA's field, they just couldn't seem to stick the ball into the end zone.
The Falcons (3-3) made it down to Culver's 14-yard line in the first quarter. Didn't score. They drove to the 22-yard line in the second. Didn't score. They had it on the 11-yard line in the third. Didn't score.
Derek Hiler gained 111 yards on 29 carries, which is a fine night for any running back. Zach Combes collected 95 of his own on 22 carries. And Adam Dodson picked up 70 more yards for Glenn.
But for Glenn, it was all for naught.
By the way, CMA also gained 273 yards on the ground. But the Eagles needed only 24 carries to do it. Phillips — a senior speedster from Oakland, Calif. — gained 128 of those yards on 13 carries.
If there was one player who crushed the Falcon hopes, however, it was Neufeldt, a junior free safety. He intercepted a halfback-option pass from Glenn's Zach Combes that ended the Falcons' first scoring opportunity. He also intercepted Falcon quarterback Kyle Liedtky deep in the red zone during the fourth.
"He's a ball hawk," said Dorrel of Neufeldt. "He gets to the right place at the right time."
CMA took control with 4:26 remaining in the second quarter, when Tinney intercepted a pass from Liedtky at the Glenn 37-yard line. Immediately after switching over to offense, the Eagles handed the ball back to Tinney, who raced 37 yards around left end for a score.
Tinney got back into the act in the third quarter, executing a fake punt perfectly and breaking at least three tackles on a 59-yard scoring jaunt. And to end the third quarter, Aramonti Phillips bulled up the middle to make it 20-0 as time expired.
Glenn finally scored with 6:29 remaining in the fourth quarter when Hiler reached paydirt from five yards out.
Too little, too late.
• CULVER ACADEMIES 20, JOHN GLENN 7
At Culver

Boys soccer

CMA tops Trinity
Luther Jacobs scored twice in a span of less than seven minutes, and Culver Military beat host Trinity 3-1 in South Bend.
Ale Abaunza opened the scoring in the 11th minute to give the Eagles an initial 1-0 advantage, but Kevin Ackerman nullified the goal on a penalty kick in the 28th minute.
CMA outshot Trinity 13-2 in the win. Austin Sheldon finished with two saves in goal for the Eagles, and Tim Pingel finished with 10 saves for the hosts.
• CULVER MILITARY 3, TRINITY 1
At South Bend

Girls soccer

CGA falls 1-0 to Canterbury
Culver Girls Academy lost a close 1-0 contest with visiting Fort Wayne Canterbury in a girls soccer match at the Academies.
Olivia Fox finished with five saves in goal, and Gabri Switaj managed three to keep the Lady Eagles in the game as they were outshot 10-5.
Rachel Hoagburg's scored the game-winner for Canterbury.

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Cavs go to the air in comeback win at Knox

By Tim Creason
Correspondent
CULVER — If
"The Art of the
Big Play" was a
class taught at Cul-
ver Academies, all
the football play-
ers would get an
"A".
After all, the
Eagles raised big
plays to an art form
Friday during their
20-7 victory over
John Glenn.
A fake punt in
the third quarter
turned into a 59-
yard touchdown
run for CMA's
Joel Tinney. Matt
Neufeldt inter-
cepted two Glenn
passes. Aramonti
Phillips spun away
grabs an interception
that was later from
tacklers and raced
76 yards for a
touchdown as
time expired in the
fourth quarter.
The passing attack of Culver accounted for three second half touchdowns to lead the Cavaliers over Knox Friday night 25-24. The Cavaliers trailed 17-10 heading into the fourth quarter.
Colin Stevens hit Micah Budzinski from nine yards out then on a 67-yard bomb with 2:22 left in the game to pull Culver to within two at 24-23.
Rather than go for the tie, Stevens hit Trent Elliott on a two-point conversion to give Culver its first lead of the game. The Cavalier defense then held strong to seal the Northern State Conference win.
Knox's Nevin Miller pulled his team ahead late with a two-yard run and just 2:33 left in the game. Culver responded with the long pass from Stevens to Budzinski just 11 seconds later.
Stevens finished 8 of 18 for 137 yards and the three touchdowns for Culver. Preston Hansel was 2 of 2 for 63 yards for the Cavaliers as well. Hansel also had a touchdown pass.
Budzinski finished his night with six catches for 152 yards.
Culver ups its record to 2-4 overall and 2-2 in the NSC. The Cavaliers host Jimtown Friday night at 7 p.m.
• CULVER 25, KNOX 24
at Knox



Lady Cavaliers fall at Glenn

PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO
Culver Community's Samantha Howard tips the ball toward John Glenn's Emily Schmalzried, center, and Riley Patterson, left, during a Northern State Conference volleyball match in Walkerton last week.
By James Costello
Sports Editor
WALKERTON — Tuesday's volleyball match at John Glenn was a race to see who would break into the conference win column first.
Culver seized the momentum early, winning the first game 25-18, but the host Lady Falcons quickly reversed the tide, jumping out to big leads in the second and third games on the way to 25-8 and 25-15 wins. The Cavaliers got back in the match midway through the fourth set, but it was a case of too little, too late, and Glenn earned its first Northern State Conference win, 18-25, 25-8, 25-15, 25-21 at home at The Aerie.
Glenn played even with Culver through the first few points, but a few bad serve receives and attacking errors cost the home team a 7-5 run, and the Cavs grabbed a 13-6 lead and never looked back on the way to a 25-18 first-set win.
The Falcons collected themselves at the break, however, rattling off five unanswered points at the start of the second game en route to a lopsided 25-8 win to even the match at a game each. They opened the third game 4-0 on the way to another quick 25-15 win and held off Culver in a third set that featured seven ties and three lead changes, See Lady Cavs page 10

Sports briefs

• F.W. CANTERBURY 1, CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 0
At Culver

Volleyball

CGA competes at Bremen Invite
Culver Girls Academy finished 2-1 with a pair of wins over John Glenn and Triton before losing to eventual tourney champion NorthWood in pool play, while Triton was 1-2 with losses to CGA and NorthWood, and

Glenn finished 0-3 on the day.
Katy Bjornson led Culver Girls Academy with 31 kills and 15 digs, while Torrie Christlieb finished with 15 kills and six aces, and Abby Jeffirs recorded 12 kills, seven aces and 22 digs. Paige Baldacci set 65 assists and served up four aces, and Sarah Boland finished with 11 digs and five aces.
• BREMEN INVITATIONAL
See Lady Sports page 10

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Education issues a major portion of senator's discussion in Culver

By Jeff Kenney
Citizen editor

State Senator Randy Head (R-Logansport) paid a visit to Culver recently, updating members and guests of the Culver Kiwanis Club on the latest in the state legislature.

In his introduction of Head, Marshall County coroner Bill Cleavenger noted the senator represents the recently established District 18, which includes Union, West, Green, Walnut, and Tippecanoe Townships, and was born and raised in Indianapolis. A Wabash College graduate with an Indiana University law degree, Head was deputy prosecutor in multiple counties, working on gang and child sex crime cases. He replaced Senator Weatherwax in 2008, and is married to Marion County deputy prosecutor Lisa Head.

Head explained redistricting is required every ten years by Indiana's constitution, following the census, with the goal that all districts should be close to the same population. Head's district includes all of three counties and parts of others, and he said he's "lucky" to have this part of Marshall County in his district.

That's particularly true, he said, given some of his past positions, such as prosecuting in Lake County in 1995, where Gary, Ind., was murder capital of the U.S., as well as gang prosecuting in Indianapolis.

"Some of the neighborhoods (there)...a murder isn't even in the paper; in my district today, it would be front page news," he pointed out.

Discussing upcoming state legislation, Head said he hopes the next session isn't as "exciting" as the past two years, during which walk-outs from some legislators took place in protest of the "Right to Work" bill, which Head said he voted for.

There will be plenty of heated discussions this year centered on budgets, he noted, which are passed every two years.

Head said cuts in education particularly pained him.

"We cut deep," he said. "No one liked it. It's simply that the money wasn't there. Now we're exceeding projections in income, and I'm hopeful we can put the budget back to the way it was."

Positives for business development have taken place in the past few years, Head added, including lowering corporate income taxes, which he said brought 13 businesses to Indiana from Illinois.

One area up for reform pertains to Indiana's Department of Child Services, Head explained, noting that department is the only one legally able to remove a child from its parents or guardians.

A shift to a centralized hotline, based in Indianapolis, and away from local or county-based dispatching, in hopes of making the process of reporting potential child endangerment more efficient, has had problems, Head said.

A slew of reports of calls to the central hotline not acted upon left children in danger, he noted.

"It's well documented, and I think something will be done about it."

Another controversial law pertained to requiring voters to present photo identification, Head said, though he pointed out anyone, regardless of income, can go to the

Dept. of Motor Vehicles and obtain a photo i.d.

"I think it worked very well...voter fraud has been replete throughout the history of this country, and it can change the results of a close election."

He hopes to introduce a bill to require a photocopy of a voter's identification if voting takes place by U.S. Mail.

Fielding questions from audience members, Head discussed 2011 legislation allowing students to use public funds to attend private schools, opting out of the public education system, something he acknowledged public school teachers "hate."

"We don't have enough data, system-wide, to say it works," said Head. "Anecdotally, I know there are families where one student gets improvement from going to another school (besides the local public one)."

Head emphasized he believes charter schools seem to work in urban environments -- particularly where the public school system is at its weakest -- but he's not sure if such schools would be a good fit here.

Asked if the state's surplus funds could be used to aid struggling public schools, Head responded monies spent from "rainy day" funds in the state budget are temporary fixes.

"Then we're right back where we were...we have to find a way to fund them year after year after year."

Head said he doesn't think serious discussion of school consolidation will recur in the near future.

"I toured schools -- including the one here in Culver -- and voted against consolidating small schools just because they're small. Most public school supporters don't like what (state Superintendent of Public Education) Tony Bennett has done, but he disagreed with the governor on this (school consolidation)."

"It's a lot easier for a kid to get involved in the school newspaper, school play, or get individual attention from a teacher (in a small school)," Head continued. "I think it's harder to fall through the cracks... we killed that (consolidation) bill in 2009 with extreme prejudice."

Asked about controversies in the public school arena at present, Head said the new, state-mandated evaluation system has angered many public school teachers.

Public school administrators must spend more time in classrooms conducting one-on-one evaluations of teachers via the new requirements, Head said, which he sees as a positive thing. Teachers are placed in one of four categories, and those in the lowest receive no raise. If they remain there for two consecutive years, they can be terminated.

"Teachers are understandably frightened," he said. "Standardized tests are a substantial part of it. I think teachers have a good point, because (using) standardized tests from teachers over a 10-year period, you can get a good evaluation of a teacher. But one year doesn't reflect the truth. We need to look at how each child has done in prior years. I don't think a teacher should be fired for one bad year."

"There's nothing, legislatively, we can do about parents. A lot of kids are taught to disrespect teachers, and we need to take that into account when we evaluate teachers."



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Senator Randy Head (R-Logansport)



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Lions share dictionaries

Culver Lions Club members Barb Burke (left) and Charlotte Hahn present dictionaries recently to third graders Kaydin Sayavongsing (left) and Brady Moise. Each third grade student is given a copy of A Student's Dictionary as part of "The Dictionary Project" program. Using the dictionary is in the curriculum for third graders as they now are ready to read to learn (as opposed to learning to read).

Other Culver Lions helping with the project were Jill Neidlinger, Margaret Dehne, Vickie Dearth, and Barbara Winters. Lion Clubs throughout District 25G participate in "The Dictionary Project," according to Winters.

Culver Comm. Schools' enrollment down

The topic of Culver Community Schools' Sept. 17 school board meeting was enrollment, which is down again this year. Culver Elementary went from 498 students to 480; Culver Comm. Middle School from 187 to 165; and the Culver Comm. High School down from 271 to 261. The elementary lost 18, the middle school 22, and the high school 10.

Superintendent Brad Schuldt said, "If you are looking for a pattern, or one school, that just simply is not the case."

He said 80 families moved out of the area and only 60 moved in. Thirteen students went to Culver Academies, and 17 used the state-mandated choice option.

"This is a matter of not having affordable housing and jobs in our community, it is that simple," he added.

Of the 17 students making a choice of schools, four decided to go to Plymouth, four to Winamac, four to Knox, and four are being home schooled. A couple of children were incarcerated.

Courtesy WTCA/Rhonda Reinhold.

Marshall County Drug-Free grants available

The Marshall County Drug-Free Committee announces that it is seeking grant proposals for the 2012 grant cycle. The committee awards up to \$39,000 in grant funds for the following categories:

- Prevention/education
- Treatment
- Criminal justice/law enforcement

Grant applications must choose to address one or more of the following problem statements from a county comprehensive plan. The problem statements that Marshall County plans on addressing for the next three weeks are:

- Prescription drug use/misuse indicates an emerging threat with youth in Marshall County
- Marshall County continues to rank in the top ten counties in Indiana for methamphetamine production and methamphetamine use/abuse.
- There is a high incidence of alcohol use/abuse in Marshall County
- There is a high incidence of marijuana use/abuse in Marshall County.

Funds for these Drug-Free grants are derived from fines/fees paid by offenders who have been charged with alcohol or drug infractions.

Money collected by Marshall County from the alcohol counter measure fee and the drug interdiction fee remain in the county.

Grant applications will be available Tuesday at the regularly-scheduled Marshall County Drug-Free meeting held at 9:15 a.m. in room 203 of the Marshall County Building.

A portion of the meeting will address the 2012 Grant Application. Officers and members of the Drug-Free Committee will be willing to aid any agency/organization in helping to complete their 2013 grant application for submission for consideration of available grant funds.

If an agency/organization is unable to attend, but interested in receiving a 2013 grant application, contact Valerie Hite at val.hite@gmail.com or call 574-842-2621 for further information.

The deadline for submitted 2012 grant applications is Oct. 31. The funds for awarded grant proposals will be available in January.

Joints from page 4

of pain. No one wants to lose their independence and rely on others to assist in their daily activities. The important point to remember is that muscles support joints, effectively lightening their load, allowing us to move more freely. If you gain muscular strength and endurance, your joints become stronger and more tolerant too.

Functional strength can be attained or maintained through weightlifting, using your own body weight (push-ups), static and ballistic stretching, trampoline of soft surface based aerobic exercises, Pilates or stability ball routines, walking and yoga. Meditation and prayer are also other types of exercises that help relax and focus a person, relieving stress in the body that usually settles in the back and joints.

Dana Neer serves as Wellness Coordinator and Counselor at The Culver Academies. He can be contacted at Neerd@Culver.org.

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CES Students of the Month

Culver Elementary School has announced its Students of the Month for August.

Kindergarten: Kyler Weiger (teacher: Amy Bonine), Madlin Hamilton (Heather Overmyer), Bryce Personette

(Stephanie Smith), Chloe Kanschat (Jean Urbin), Katie Schouten (Janna VanDePutte), Matthew Baker (Kris Arvelo).

First grade: Aleks Stacy (Andrea Berndt), Lily-Ann Knapp (Kelly Dickerhoff), MaKenna Strycker (April Jefferies), Gwen Gilley (Becky Risner).

Second grade: Lily Kozubik (Jean Ahlenius), Kollin Parkerson (Tina Bailey), Abby Nufer (Cindy Master Kaylee Hamilton (Lisa Moise).

Third grade: Adrian Schouten (Valerie Cultice), Ayden



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Fifth grade: Jasmine Felda (Pam Craft), Gabe Sherman (Gayle Kinzie), Ryan Tompos (Raeanne Stevens), Donovan Ziaja (Steve Young), Michael Moore (Julie Cowan).

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Johnson (Bryan Albright), Maranda Otteman (Adam Huber), Sarah Stefan (Todd Shafer), Eyvi Binion (Missy Trent), Nora Kline (Joyce Lyman), Colton Minix (Suzanne Hollis), Abigail Gregory (Kim Morrison).

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Library will hold a book sale Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29, in the lower level of the library. The sale is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Book donations are always welcome at the circulation desk in the library.

Maxinkuckee IOOF breakfast Saturday

The Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge #373 will host a pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy all you can eat breakfast Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 a.m. to noon. The event will take place at the corner of 18B and Pine Roads. Adults are \$6 and children \$4. The Rebekah Country Store will also be available.

Community invited to Mikesell 90th

The community is asked to join in a celebration for Violet Mae Mikesell's 90th birthday, Sept. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Culver Train Depot. No gifts but cards are welcome. Contact Joyce Kowatch at 239-314-4134 with any questions.

Community meal at St. Mary's Sunday

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's monthly community meal will take place Sunday, Sept. 30. On the 30th day or each month, a community meal is provided for anyone interested in attending. St. Mary of the Lake is located at 124 College Avenue in Culver. Questions may be directed to 574-842-2522.

"Hamlet" on tap at book-film club

Culver Public Library's book and film group, "A Novel Approach," will meet Wed., October 3 at noon in the library's large meeting room located downstairs at the library. The book is "Hamlet," by William Shakespeare, and the film stars Mel Gibson and Glenn Close. Copies of the selection are available for checkout and may be reserved by contacting the library at 574-842-2941.

Pet blessing Oct. 6

A St. Francis Day blessing of the pets will take place Saturday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m., in Heritage Park at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets in downtown Culver. The event will be a collaboration between St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church. Pet owners are welcome to bring safely secured pets for a blessing from either Fr. Thaddeus Balinda (St. Mary's) or Fr. Tom Haynes (St. Elizabeth's).

Free computer classes

Culver-Union Township Public Library computer classes are held Monday evenings at 6 p.m. and Friday mornings at 10 a.m., and last two hours. Classes include: Finances with Excel (Sept. 28), Digital Photography Part I (Oct. 1 and 5), Digital Photography Part II (Oct. 8 and 12), Intro to Social Media (Oct. 15 and 19), and Searching the Web (Oct. 22 and 26). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, go to www.culver.lib.in.us or e-mail abaker@culver.lib.in.us.

Scarecrow contest deadline Oct. 8

The Culver Chamber of Commerce's annual scarecrow contest will take place Oct. 12 through Nov. 1, with participant registration deadline set at October 8. Those wishing to create a scarecrow may pick up a registration form at area businesses. Cost is \$10, and voting will take place Oct. 15. "Best of scarecrows" will receive a gift basket

including a cash prize, gift cards, and discounts from area businesses. Those with questions may contact Marian Reinhold at 574-842-3337.

Public access ramp to close Oct. 15

The public access at Lake Maxinkuckee will be closed Oct. 15 to 19 to have the ramp there replaced.

Rhoades to speak on Immigration

As part of Ancilla College's Lampen Lecture series Catholic Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will speak on "Catholic Teaching on Immigration," Tuesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in Cana Hall at Ancilla in Donaldson, Ind. Rhoades will discuss the matter as a "public policy issue of moral consequence in light of the dignity of the human person and the principle of human solidarity." All Lampen Lectures are free and open to the public.

Lions accepting donations for Oct 5-6 flea market

The Culver Lions are now accepting donated items for their Fall Flea Market scheduled for October 5 and 6. For pick up or delivery of items to be donated call Fred at 574-842-2015, or Sandy at 574-842-2152. Lions will also accept and deliver food items for the Culver food pantry. Flea Market sales this year will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Oct 5 and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 6. No televisions will be accepted. Proceeds help the Lions provide eyeglasses for those in need, the children's Halloween and Christmas parties, high school senior awards, and other community projects.

Culver ghost stories sought

Culver-area readers with tales of local hauntings or otherwise spooky Culver experiences are encouraged to share them with the *Culver Citizen* for publication. Contact the editor at culvercitizen@gmail.com, 574-216-0075. Submissions are needed by mid-October.

Funds sought for clock

Donations are being sought for an outdoor clock to be placed -- in conjunction with this fall's downtown revitalization effort -- in downtown Culver at the southwest corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. The is clock manufactured by Tuscumbia Iron Works of Alabama. Checks may be made out to the Town of Culver, and sent to Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

Town-wide cleanup Oct. 13

The Town of Culver is sponsoring a town-wide cleanup day Saturday, October 13. You may drop off items that need to be disposed of at the dumpsters in the water town lot on Lake Shore Drive. Hazardous materials and tires will not be accepted. Citizens may call Bob Porter at 574-292-3943 to schedule a pick up.

Walk to Remember Oct. 14

A "Walk to Remember" will be held Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Aubbee Twp. Community Building in Leiters Ford, to remember infants and children lost to miscarriage, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDs, and other causes. All families and friends who have been touched by such losses are invited to participate. Everyone is invited to come to show your support.

Participants will meet at the Aubbeenaubbee Township



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Lake Max -- the long way

Larry Boyne of Culver (right) greets Jim Faulker at the conclusion of Boyne's swim, which traversed the *length* of Lake Maxinkuckee, which is approximately three miles, as opposed to the width, which is 2.25 miles.

Boyne, who swam the aforementioned width of the lake last fall, launched this time from the Culver Marina on the south shore of the lake, and arrived (to some applause from bystanders gathered for a sailing regatta) at the Culver Academies Naval Building, two and a half hours later.

Boyne was assisted by Faulkner, who kayaked alongside him as guide, and Bret Baker (not pictured) who helped guide the swim -- as well as oversaw safety and acted as photographer -- from the deck of a pontoon boat.

Community Building for check-in and Registration at 6:30 p.m. You may participate without registering. However, if you would like your baby to be remembered, please sign in and register. The events will begin at 7 p.m.

Register by emailing Sandy Thompson at sando-time71@gmail.com or Julie Scott at jewels0307@gmail.com. Deadline for names is October 6. A Facebook group has been set up for the event at facebook.com/groups/myleswalktoremember/

Culver BZA, plan commission tackle variety of requests

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Correspondent

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals had four appeals for variance at their September meeting. John and Agnes Bramfeld, 1322 East Shore Drive, requested the board approve a rear yard setback of 25 feet from the required 42 feet and a height of 20 feet from the required 16 feet. This would allow construction of an accessory building with two bedrooms and a bathroom. John Bramfeld advised the board that the building had been destroyed in the July storm when a tree fell on it. Bramfeld said it was necessary to reconstruct the building to accommodate a large family. The new structure will duplicate the original and will not have a kitchen, heat or air conditioning. The board approved the request with the stipulation that a deed restriction be filed which will prohibit any future multi-family use.

Troy and Hollie Schultz, 203 E. Lake Shore Drive, asked that a Special Use be granted to maintain a Bed and Breakfast in an R-1 district. Schultz explained that the current building is for sale and the family no longer lives at that address. However, the past history of the home has been as a Bed and Breakfast operation. The recent zoning ordinance changes, makes the use of a home in an R-1 district require a Special Use designation. Russ Mason, building commissioner, pointed out that a Special Use stays with the property but the use cannot be dormant for more than one year or the Special Use category is revoked. The board approved the request unanimously.

Rodney and Peggy Dawson, 417 N. State, asked for a north side variance of 6 feet from the required 10 feet to build a garage. The construction had begun prior to this hearing as a permit was issued under the impression that part of a vacated alley belonged to the Dawsons. Further construction stopped when it was determined that the vacated alley belonged to the Culver Community School. A motion was made by Barbara Winters, board member, to

amend the request to reflect a 4 foot variance, the actual footage required, the motion was seconded by Brandon Cooper, board member, and approved unanimously. The board expressed their concern about the size of the garage not being subordinate to the principal structure. Dawson said that remodeling of the principal structure would begin upon completion of the garage making the garage in compliance. The variance request was approved without objection.

The final variance request was presented by Trent Bennett, Bennett's Contracting, for Paul and Sandy Hadley, 604 Peru Court to construct a new home. Bennett told the board that the residence had been severely damaged in a July fire. To build a new home, a variance of 4 feet on the north from the 10 foot requirement, and 4 feet from the required 10 feet on the south side was necessary. Rather than rebuild on a 100 year old foundation, Bennett said the Hadley's wish to build a new, modern home on the site incorporating the present safety and energy standards. It was noted that when the structure was first erected, lot lines were not considered. The damaged structure was a 960 sq. feet home on a non-conforming lot. The new structure will be a 2,250 sq. feet home. The board unanimously approved the request with Mason's note that he wished to see elevations included in the plans when the permit is applied for.

Mason distributed a revised zoning ordinance which reflects proposed changes including an Agricultural District, Debris and Rubbish Removal and lock boxes.

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals is a five-member board consisting of Dan Adams, president, Barbara Winters, vice-president, John Helphrey, secretary, Brandon Cooper and Ron Cole.

The Culver Plan Commission's meeting in September included continued discussion regarding a request raised in August by Tim Yuhas to rezone property on State Road 17. Yuhas wishes to purchase the property if properly

zoned to erect a 60 by 90 feet shop with living quarters above. The shop would be used for metal processing. A Special Use would have to be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals. There was discussion among the commission members regarding the issue of spot zoning.

Ralph Winters, chairman of the commission asked for a motion to hold a public hearing for a change in the current sign ordinance. Mason noted it was a minor change in the wording for a certificate of occupancy. Ron Cole, member, made the motion to hold the hearing, seconded by George Duncan.

Dave Schoeff, town manager, handed out a draft of the proposals for a new Comprehensive Plan review for approval to be sent to candidate consultants. Winters explained that a grant was not available so the Culver Re-development Committee is underwriting the cost along with a contribution of \$5,000 from the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Council. Additional donations from the Culver Park Board and Chamber of Commerce in Culver will be invited. Additional citizens will be asked to review proposed plans along with the current plan commission members. Kevin Berger, Easterday Construction, was thanked for his efforts in spearheading the drive for a review of the 25 yr. old current plan. Brandon Cooper, secretary, made a motion to approve the proposal with a 45 day window for returns. After a second by Ron Cole, member, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Barry McManaway, member of the commission, said that he felt there might be some lack of communication between boards regarding the wording in the zoning ordinance relative to accessory structures. He asked if the wording "An accessory structure must be subordinate to the principal structure" was the intent of the Plan Commission. McManaway also stressed the importance of the Comprehensive Plan as a guideline for future development in Culver's zoning jurisdiction.

View from page 4

that of simply *being teachers*.

Compounding the problem is that government -- certainly Indiana's state government -- *could* look at the situation and stand beside teachers to say, "Wow, this is just a horrible mess our culture is in today -- how can we best support you so you can do what many of you got into this job to do: teach and inspire?"

Instead, however, legislators -- who rarely have classroom experience -- seem confident they can "fix" what is ultimately a societal problem outside the walls of the schools, by adding layer upon layer of standardized testing, increasingly rigid methods of teacher evaluation, and decreasing funding (some of the latter, of course, is due to

economic situations beyond either party's control; some of it isn't).

Social problems are the elephant in the room of every public education discussion, and admittedly, these can't be legislated away. But recognizing and acknowledging them -- even where they might be politically awkward or run up against what have sometimes become matters of the "secular gospel" of our world -- would be a good start. Spraying water on the garage when the kitchen's on fire is only creating a needless flood; it isn't putting out the fire.

Where does all this doom and gloom get us? Hopefully it gets us into the Boys & Girls Club a few days a week, forming bonds with young people there by giving of what

we do have to share, however little we might think we have to offer. If ever there were a community with a treasure trove of talent to share with youth, it's this one.

Obviously to do so addresses only one tentacle of the octopus of issues facing today's youth, but it's one that's easy to pin down and make a real difference with.

I agree with Cory that *community* is one largely missing ingredient in healthy development for so many children which we can impact, since after all, we are community to our young people. And one of the great things, to me, about Culver is that, among its many other attributes, community is still breathing here, even if, like the rest of America, it ain't what it used to be.

Lady Cavs from page 5

and Dillynn Schleg's final kill on a Kyler Columbia set sealed Glenn the 25-21 victory and the Falcons their first conference win.

"We hadn't won a conference match, and I told the girls when we came in we had to be excited to get the momentum," said Culver coach Amanda Minix. "I think that first game we had the momentum coming right off the bat. That second game, like I told them in the locker room, volleyball's a momentum game. They got us five, six points there in that second set; our heads kind of dropped, and I think that's when our momentum changed."

The Cavaliers were right in the third game and even held tenuous one-point leads over their hosts twice, but a pair of service faults with the set knotted at 19-19 and 21-all proved backbreakers, and Culver remained winless in NSC play.

"That fourth game we came out and I think they realized we could do this still," said Minix. "We had some good hits and some good serves, and I think we started

getting our momentum back, but then it was too late there at the end. We made a couple silly mistakes, and then we kind of fell apart."

Glenn benefitted from a balanced attack that saw nine kills apiece from Emily Schmalzried, Riley Patterson and Addie Holland, and eight kills by Schleg as Columbia passed out 30 assists. Xena Newland served up five aces, and Brittany Schmidt anchored the Glenn defense with 26 digs.

Culver was led by standout Samantha Howard's all-around match of 12 kills, nine assists, eight digs and three aces. Ali Overmyer tallied 19 digs to pace the Cavs' passing game, and first-year hitter Donna Zehner continued to make strides in her game with six kills on the night.

"Samantha, she's pretty much an all-around player. Ali, she's really been working on her defensive game because that's where her strong point is. I told her she's in the back row so that's her job to get every ball up to try to make a good pass," said Minix. "Donna, she's starting to come

Sports from page 5

Knox tops Cavs
Knox kept visiting Culver Community winless in Northern State Conference play with a four-game win at home Thursday, 25-11, 22-25, 25-9, 25-14.

Kaitlin Zachary pounded down a match-high 18 kills, while Nikki Frasure recorded seven kills with 17 assists, and Chelsea Collins served an impressive eight aces for the Lady Redskins.

Alex Baker finished with four kills and nine digs, Ali Overmyer recorded two aces and 10 digs, Donna Zehner tallied four kills, and Samantha Howard set nine assists for the Lady Cavs.

• KNOX 3, CULVER 1 (25-11, 22-25, 25-9, 25-14)
At Knox

CGA cruises
Culver Girls Academy cruised to a 25-10, 25-5, 25-16 victory over West Central at home Monday.

Katy Bjornson notched 13 kills with four digs, Jamie Madison finished with 11 kills, three aces and three digs, and Torrie Christlieb put down 10 kills for CGA. Abby Jeffirs finished with four aces and six digs, and Paige Baldacci dished up 31 assists with four aces as the Lady Eagles improved to 11-6.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, WEST CENTRAL 0 (25-10, 25-5, 25-16)
At Culver

At South Bend
JV score: St. Joseph 11, CMA 6.

CMA blanks Glenn
Culver Military beat visiting John Glenn on all courts Monday, 5-0.

The Eagles surrendered just one game in the three singles matches, Jorge Segura and Arturo Lizarraga beat Evan Rhodes and Drew McDonald 6-0, 6-4 at 1 doubles, and Aaron Arvizu and Justin Sitjar put away Ben Weiss and Dru Sheffer 6-1, 6-2 at 2 doubles.

• CULVER MILITARY 5, JOHN GLENN 0
At Culver

Boys soccer
CMA routs West Noble
Luther Jacobs finished off four goals, and Culver Military Academy handed visiting West Noble a lopsided 7-2 defeat at home Monday.

Pablo Padilla scored on a penalty kick and registered an assist on Jacobs' first goal to give the Eagles a 1-0 edge, and Jose Gomez and Adam Freymiller also scored goals for CMA, which outshot West Noble 14-9.

Perley Provost recorded six saves in goal and an assist on Gomez's goal, which boosted CMA's advantage to 4-1 in the second half.

• CULVER MILITARY 7, WEST NOBLE 2
At Culver

CGA wins at LaVille
Culver Girls Academy beat host LaVille in three games Wednesday night, 25-19, 25-12, 25-13.

Torrie Christlieb finished with 10 kills with two aces, Paige Baldacci recorded 26 assists with four aces, and Katy Bjornson served up two aces with seven digs in the win, which pushes the Lady Eagles to 12-6 on the year.

• CULVER GIRLS ACADEMY 3, LaVILLE 0 (25-19, 25-12, 25-13)

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