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## In Brief

### VFW Post steak dinner Friday

Culver's VFW Post #6919 will serve a New York Strip or t-Bone strip steak dinner including choice of potato, and salad for \$12.50 this Friday, Dec. 7, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

### Orff Family Fun Night

An Orff Family Fun Night will take place Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church basement. All are invited to come and see what our Culver Orff-Schulwerk classes have been learning. Be a spectator, or dive into the action!

### Dancevision Dec. 7, 8

Culver Academies Dancevision will take place Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Eppley Auditorium on the school's campus. Presented will be a mixture of ballet and contemporary dances, with five honors candidates, as well as members of the school's choir and cadet corps, performing.

### Poker tournament Dec. 9

A Texas Hold-Em tournament will take place Sunday, Dec. 9, at Culver's VFW Post 6919. Doors open at 11 a.m. with 1 p.m. start. There is a \$45 buy in. (no re-buys) and 75 percent in pot, with 25 percent to the house. Tournaments will be conducted on the second Sundays of coming months at the Post. License #129586.

### Community meal at Grace Dec. 15

Grace United Church of Christ will hold its monthly community meal on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. All are invited to this free, ecumenical event whose purpose is to share a friendly meal in a welcoming, community atmosphere. The meals are held on the 15th day of each month in the basement of the church.

### New computer classes at CUTPL

Culver-Union Township Public Library's computer classes for December will be held on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., and will last two hours. Computer classes are free and open to the public.

Sessions include: Searching the Web (Dec. 3 and 7); Intro to Social Networking (Dec. 10 and 14); Comput-

CENTER TOP: 16 year-old Stephen Suthard, one of two shooting victims (the other being 44-year-old Michael Price) in an incident last Wednesday night on Madison Street in Culver. TOP RIGHT: Culver Comm. High School students light candles in Suthard's memory at a community prayer vigil at Wesley United Methodist Church Weds. night. LOWER LEFT: An attendee at the prayer vigil writes a message on a large sheet created to memorialize Suthard, which will be given to his parents. LOWER RIGHT: Culver police vehicles outside 419 Madison Street early Thursday morning as investigation took place at the site.

## Two dead by gunshot in Madison Street incident

### 16 year old CCHS student, 44 year old slain

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

Culver residents are still in shock after the shooting deaths of two residents last Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Michael Price, 44, and 16 year-old Stephen Suthard, both of Culver, died at 419 Madison Street Wednesday night, said town marshal Wayne Bean, who said autopsies were expected to take place Monday. The bodies were discovered in the home by Price's wife Stephani, who called police around 10:41 p.m.

Marshall County and Indiana State Police assisted with the crime scene processing. Culver's EMS and the Marshall County coroner assisted as well.

As rumors of killers on the loose and man-hunts spread via word of mouth and social media late Wednesday -- perhaps echoing fears from a murder-related manhunt one year ago almost to the day in the area -- Bean announced police believed there was no immediate danger to residents in connection with the killings, whose victims names were released Thursday afternoon.

In the wake of the news, Culver Elementary School kept its students indoors Thursday, and Culver Academies announced that,

though the victims have no connection to the Academies, the school would temporarily restrict town privileges for students and increase security patrols, until the Culver Police Department completed its investigation.

Throughout the day Thursday, grief counselors and Culver area clergy were on hand for students at the Culver Community High School, some of whom chose to leave the school with their parents, once the news of their sophomore schoolmate's passing was announced during a convocation by principal Albert Hanselman, who also

phoned parents with a pre-recorded message explaining the situation.

Thursday night saw a standing-room-only Wesley United Methodist Church on School Street, where an ecumenial, community-wide prayer vigil was held to help students and parents work through their grief.

During the service, many of Culver's clergy led prayers, hymns, and shared encouraging words aimed particularly at Suthard's young classmates. Candles were lit in remembrance of Suthard, with students -- many of whom wept and embraced one another

throughout and after the event -- given an opportunity to light their own candles. A large paper was mounted on one wall where friends could leave messages in Suthard's honor, to be given to his parents. A similar poster is available for anyone to sign on an ongoing basis in the Culver Public Library's youth area, a favorite after-school hangout of Suthard's.

As of press time, further investigation of the shootings awaited autopsies on Price's and Suthard's bodies, which had to be delayed until Monday when the forensic pathologist returns to town.

## Fund-raisers help community support Schrimshers in health battles

By Jeff Kenney  
 Citizen editor

There's nothing new about Culver family and friends rallying around well-known, lifelong Culverites David and Bobbi Schrimsher, but the community is focusing its support even as the focus of David's health becomes more pointed. Part of that is a bake sale to help the family offset expenses -- organized by longtime friend and classmate Anna Neher -- scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15, starting at 8 a.m. at Park N Shop in Culver.

Then there's a website, "A New Chance for David," at [www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/a-new-chance-for-david/35712](http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/a-new-chance-for-david/35712), which has raised \$1,750 (or

eight percent) so far of its \$20,000 goal.

That new chance, says Bobbi, may be both a new liver -- his second such transplant since 2010 -- and new kidney for David, whose Hepatitis C illness was first diagnosed around seven years ago. The disease was likely contracted almost 20 years prior, doctors told the Schrimshers, possibly from an ear piercing "one night with a bunch of guys," says Bobbi, who adds learning of the news came at "a terrible, terrible time."

Bobbi's father, well-known local personality Allen Weaver, had just passed away then, and David Schrimsher had just

been laid off work. Just then, the family learned it was being audited by the

"when the best thing that's happened to you is an audit!"

A specialist told the Schrimshers David would eventually need a liver transplant, though work began right away to clear up the hepatitis through treatments similar to chemo therapy for six months, with weekly shots of interferon and daily doses of a host of medications.

"It was like having the flu all the time," recalls Bobbi of her husband's state of health. "He ended up having a mini-

stroke, so they took him off (some treatments), but it didn't clear him of the hep B."

When David's health problems began, the couple's son Craig and daughter Caitlyn hadn't yet had their own children, but by the time David's transplant was drawing near, Craig had married wife Shelly and there were two grandchildren -- Ches and Charlie -- for David and Bobbi to think of, with Caitlyn's first child on the way.

When her daughter, Summer, was born, David and Bobbi visited, though in the chaos, Bobbi didn't even get to hold her new granddaughter. Plans to

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David and Bobbi Schrimsher.

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I.R.S.!" "You know it's a rough year," Bobbi says she told one woman at the I.R.S.,

## Culver Christmas roundup

A calendar of holiday-related events this month in Culver

Through the month of December, The Culver Citizen will break out all holiday-related events into this special space for readers' convenience.

**Community tree lighting, caroling: Friday, Dec. 7.** The annual community tree lighting and caroling event will be held Friday, December 7, under the auspices of the Culver Youth Community Organization and Knights of Columbus. The event will begin with

the lighting of the community tree at 6:30 p.m. at the train station - depot, followed by a visit from Santa Claus. The night will culminate with volunteers caroling at several local businesses in town.

In conjunction with the event, several donation jars will be set out at various local businesses to help raise money to support local families in need over the holiday season. Any individuals or organizations

interested in donating to or taking part may contact Cory Monnier at 574-250-0103 for details.

**Holiday houses, carriage rides: Fri., Dec. 7.** Culver Coffee Company, 634 Lake Shore Drive, will hold its annual customer appreciation event Friday, Dec. 7 in con-

junction with the town tree lighting and caroling (see Brief this issue). Offered will be wine and appetizers, free carriage rides, and live entertainment. Other participating area businesses are also staying open later in conjunction with the event and serving hot chocolate and champagne.

**Nativity pageant rehearsals Dec. 8 and 15.** Rehearsals for St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church's

annual Nativity Pageant will take place Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, from 9 to 10 a.m. All children of the community are invited to participate. The pageant will take place Friday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner following (meat and drinks provided).

**Maxinkuckee Singers Christmas shows.** The Maxinkuckee Singers, under the direction of Beth

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## Monterey Rings in the season

"The Grinch" (assisted by Dick Zehner) manned one of the floats helping kick off the holiday season at the Monterey Christmas parade last Friday night. A number of people of all ages took part and enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

## Stories, cookies with Santa at CUTPL

Planning a long trip to a department store in order to visit Santa? Look no further than the Culver Public Library. On Saturday, December 15, at 10:30a.m., Santa will visit the library and take Christmas requests. Bring your little ones to sit on Santa's lap and get some holiday goodies. Santa will also lead a special Christmas storytime by the fire. Cookies and snacks will be provided. This event coincides with the library's Christmas Open House, which features live piano music and singing starting at 11:30 a.m.

## Upcoming at REAL Meals

Culver's REAL Services, which meets weekdays at the beach lodge on Lake Shore Drive, will feature a Culver history presentation by Jeff Kenney on Wed., Dec. 12; Bingo with Miller's Assisted Living Wed., Dec. 19; and its annual Christmas party Friday, Dec. 21, with a special meal, music by Culver Pipes and Drums bagpiping corps (starting at 11:30), and a visit from Santa starting at 12:30. The site will be closed December 24, 25 and 31.

Those wishing to attend the Christmas party should have reservations in by 11 a.m. Dec. 12. Those in attending should bring a gift for a lady or man (relative to attendees' gender), not to exceed \$5 value. Those wishing to make reservations should call 574-842-8878.

## Public input sought on need for public transport within Culver

Culver residents are asked to take part in a survey placed on their monthly water bills during the Dec. 1 cycle. Up for questioning is whether the local public would/does utilize the Marshall County Council on Ageing's transportation service for seniors and/or disabled, which presently only visits Culver for regular service on Wednesdays. The town, at the request of some area residents, is investigating whether adding more than one day per week would

be justified.

Transportation within Culver is \$1 each way during the regular Wednesday schedule. The Plymouth-based Council also makes transportation available for medical-related appointments out of town for free, by appointment (at 866-936-9904).

Those with questions may call town hall at 574-842-3140.

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remedy that the next day were halted when a call from Indiana University hospital in Indianapolis came in, advising them that a liver was ready for David's transplant. He and Bobbi were almost to the hospital -- at break-neck speed, she says -- when a follow-up call came through: "We're sorry; the liver won't work for you."

"So we turned around and went home," says Bobbi. "You can imagine our emotions went from a million to zero. But we were making plans to go see the baby the next day."

Those emotions flip-flopped again when, early the next morning -- March 20, 2010 -- the hospital called again, with news of an almost unheard-of second liver, a second day in a row -- and this one for sure.

While the transplant obviously gave David a second chance, it also left him in the hospital for six months, several days of it in an induced coma.

However, back home at last, things were looking up until the complications began, which led to a series of procedures and checks, with David and Bobbi on the road sometimes as much as two or three times per week to Indianapolis.

Still, says Bobbi, "We were just really, really thankful and wanting to do something to show our appreciation, so (daughter-in-law) Shelly got the idea of this Liver Walk they were having in Indianapolis that following June. So we started raising money for that, and we raised over \$3,000. That was actually the second largest amount raised. They gave the family an award because it was such a small group and our first time ever fund raising. They were amazed we were able to do that much."

While the rest of the family prepared for the Liver Walk, Caitlyn once again went into labor, so Bobbi and David decided to stay. It was a fortunate choice, since Caitlyn experienced life-threatening complications, and her parents were able to be present to support her.

The incident was the second of what David and Bobbi

laughingly refer to as "Babies and livers," occurring simultaneously.

As David's condition improved, another treatment was put into play in February, 2011, but his system reacted very badly to the interferon drug, and he nearly lost both kidneys as a result.

"He was in ICU in Indianapolis for four weeks and then in the regular hospital for another two weeks. In the meantime, they kept him in an induced coma for three weeks," Bobbi explains.

"They called and said, 'Better call the family in.' They didn't think he was going to make it. So all the family members came down and said their goodbyes."

But make it David did, and, says Bobbi, "The doctors to this day say it was mostly God's doing, not theirs. He had enough kidney functions that there was no dialysis, but he did damage his kidneys."

That's when David's new liver began to fail.

Doctors added the news that he'd need one new kidney as well.

"He takes 24 different types of medicine a day," notes Bobbi. "Between that and the damage done and everything, his kidneys are now struggling. We're fighting for him not to have dialysis, but it's getting to the point where he probably will...and again Caitlyn's expecting a baby and we're thinking, 'We're trapped in this baby - liver cycle -- one of us has got to stop doing this!'"

An extensive process will have to take place to discern David's eligibility for a second liver. Hoosier, says Bobbi, are actually fortunate in that the IU hospital is really the only liver transplant site, so unlike some states, no single part of Indiana is competing with another for availability, should a liver come up. Once one does become available, it's only viable about 12 hours, so candidates can't be more than two hours from the transplant site.

Meantime, David's condition is requiring more

hands-on attention and aid, so Bobbi has taken three weeks off from her position as a lab supervisor in the Culver Academies science department.

"I have to tell you the Academy has been so amazingly understanding with me so far; I can't say enough about what they've done to help us through this. But they are a business too and they have to be fair to their other workers. so my clock is ticking.

But now it's about my husband. We've been together for 35 years. I have to be with him right now. I don't know if he's going to get another chance."

In fact, the couple raised their children at a house on the south end of town which had been in the Schrimsher family for four generations by the time David and Bobbi were forced to sell it to make it survive his first transplant.

Many will recall beloved, late Culver crossing guard Eunice Schrimsher, David's aunt, and his parents, Sam and Betty Schrimsher.

But even the sale of the house, says Bobbi, seemed another in a long line of miracles associated with their situation, since the buyers happened to come to town on a Sunday and ask Caitlyn, at work, if she knew of a house for sale.

"There were too many examples of God's hand in so many things, miracles we can't deny Him. He is in charge," Bobbi says.

"We're just relying on God and friends to help get us through this," she adds, "to see where we're going to go next on this journey. It's a miracle (so far), but it's a hard one to go through."

She says the couple has been blessed, in part because David has been able to see his grandchildren. They, she notes, are "why David keeps fighting.

"When he first heard he needed another transplant he was like, 'I don't know if I can do this again. Then we

found out Caitlyn is expecting another baby, so he said, 'I've got to try.'

"I truly, truly, truly believe there is a reason we're going through all of this," Bobbi continues. "It's about faith and family and friends. If you have that, you don't really need anything else."

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## Death notice

**Richie**

**Steve Richie**  
Nov. 20, 2012

CULVER — Steve Richie, 65, of Culver died Nov. 20, 2012 in Goshen.

He is survived by his wife, Connie of Culver; and brother Jerry (Karen) Richie of Indianapolis.

Visitation was held Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at the First Christian Church in Rochester from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Services were at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be private.

Memorials may be given to The Care Foundation or the First Christian Church of Rochester.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.odomfuneralhome.com](http://www.odomfuneralhome.com).

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



## National touring caravan brings 'A Christmas Carol' to Culver

Culver Academies continues its Huffington Concert Series Tuesday, Dec. 11, starting at 7:30 p.m. with the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's production of the beloved Charles Dickens Christmas classic, "A Christmas Carol."

Featuring a cast of 24, live musicians, and Broadway-style scenery and costumes, the show will take place onstage at Eppley Auditorium on the Academies campus.

The Nebraska Theatre Caravan was founded in 1975 as a joint project between the Omaha Playhouse and the Nebraska Arts Council "to bring together a small group of professional performer-teachers for workshops in Omaha and out-state." In 1979 the Caravan started touring this, the Charles Jones adaptation of "A Christmas Carol"



PHOTO PROVIDED nationally with one company touring the Midwest. Three years later in 1982 another company was added to tour the East Coast and a third to tour the West Coast in 1987. The national tour of the play has performed in over 600 cities in 49 states and 4 Canadian provinces to rave reviews. 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](mailto:covenm@culver.org), or 574-842-7058.

Tickets are \$20 (orchestra/mezzanine) and \$15 (senior or student), and \$15 for balcony seats (\$10 for seniors or students). All ticket sales are final, and the box office accepts cash, check, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

## Gearing up for Friday's tree lighting, holiday open houses

PHOTO PROVIDED LEFT: Culver Youth Community Organization (CYCO) members (from left) Justin Croy Culver Comm. High School, Jordan Berger (Culver Academies), Erin Bau (CCHS), and Patience Durbin (Culver Academies) in front of Papas in Culver in early November 9, where students sought permission to place cans for a collection of funds to support a needy family over the holidays. These will be collected Friday night when students lead community caroling as part of the Christmas festivities this Friday, December 7. Following the 6:30 p.m. tree lighting and Santa appearance at the depot, carolers will visit area businesses and restaurants, many of which will be open for special late hours in honor of the occasion. Elizabeth's Garden and Flea Market Chic, Civvies, and Diva will offer free treats and champagne to shoppers. Corndance and Evil Czech Brewery will offer hot chocolate and cider. Culver Coffee Co. and Brockey Insurance on Lake Shore Drive are offering free wine, apps, live entertainment, and carriage rides taking shoppers downtown until 7:30. Diva and Fisher and Co. are also open late hours, while restaurants Cafe Max, Papas, and Lakehouse Grille will also welcome visitors.

## Town receives \$800,000 storm water grant, updates on boil order follow-up

By Jeff Kenney  
Citizen editor

Culver's town council received news good enough at its Nov. 27 meeting that council president Sally Ricciardi referred to it as "not a bad Christmas present."

The town applied for a nearly \$800,000 storm water grant back in 2010, Ricciardi told the council and audience, but the funds at the time were awarded to other communities. However, Jerry White of the Indiana Office of Rural and Community Affairs recently phoned Culver town manager Dave Schoeff to tell him there are more funds available than previously thought, and that Culver would receive the grant. The town will have to kick in \$100,000 towards the overall project cost as its share.

Culver utilities manager Bob Porter said the town has had an agreement with the county to shore up certain parts of its storm water disposal system, and that this new grant will satisfy that agreement. It will also improve storm water flow for the school, he added.

The project covers Culver's storm water disposal infrastructure from the elementary school area of Lake Shore Drive -- long an area of heavy flooding -- to the outfall at State Road 17 west, near its intersection with State Road 10 where it empties into a ditch.

In other discussion, Schoeff followed up on the previous meeting's conversation about the five-day boil order Culver underwent earlier in November, noting he'd been in touch with a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

"The town has done everything it could from an IDEM perspective," said Schoeff. "We followed all the rules and they are satisfied with our actions. We certainly used every bit of social media we had available to get the word out."

Schoeff noted there's a service available which telephones all residents, much like the School Reach system employed by Culver Community Schools, though he said there is a cost, such as the \$5,000 base fee for one such service.

When audience member Russ Mason pointed out the town used to hang tags on each resident's door for informational purposes, though Schoeff said such an action would take too long to be effective. Audience member

Tom Kearns noted one community he lived in utilized police cars with loudspeakers driving up and down the streets to make emergency announcements. Mason also said he was concerned about the town's liability in a case like the boil order, which occurred after a water main broke during downtown construction.

"We did more than what is required by law," said Schoeff. "We have to notify the media, but we did Facebook (and) websites...I'm not saying you wouldn't want to do the best we can. but I think we've done that, but somebody is going to get missed. Frankly I've never seen anybody go to this extreme anywhere I've been associated."

Audience member Jean Rakich expressed concern that one local business ignored the boil order and offered fountain drinks using town water.

"They opened themselves up to liability," said council member Ginny Munroe. "If they had a sick customer they would probably be getting sued."

The council also voted to refund a \$10,250 over-charge to Culver Academies, the result of a total of 82 months of a \$125 charge accidentally applied twice.

Council member Ed Pinder suggested a monthly reimburse while Ricciardi advocated payment in one lump sum.

Council member Lynn Overmyer pointed out St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church was charged for town sewer for a number of years, though it was discovered the church had been using septic rather than town service all along (the church has since hooked on to the town system, Overmyer said).

Both Ricciardi and the town attorney pointed to the matter of timeliness in the two situations, noting the church should have brought the matter to the town soon after the discrepancy was discovered, around five years ago.

The council voted to credit Culver Academies, with Pinder the dissenting vote against.

Approved on first reading after a public hearing was ordinance 2012-007, pertaining to a new agricultural district in the town of Culver, an effort to allow property owners teetering between town and township zoning boundaries to continue agricultural practices in the wake of a county-wide effort to "clean up" those boundaries rather than allowing some property to remain half outside, half inside

a given zoning boundary.

Pinder questioned whether the new A1 zoning specification in Culver would allow people in town to have farm animals on their land.

Russ Mason, of Culver's plan commission, explained no farming operations are allowed by standard ordinance in Culver's zoning boundary, though he acknowledged chickens are allowed in town, though exotic animals such as mountain lions are not.

"But as far as dairy farming or multiple cattle, they are not permitted," said Mason.

Pinder said he didn't feel chickens are a healthy thing to have in town, with Mason responding there's nothing in the proposed ordinance "that prohibits or encourages" the presence of poultry.

Instead, he said, the plan commission is proposing two changes, including a special use for agricultural sales and service repair and storage buildings, which he noted would require a special use permit from the board of zoning appeals, on a case-by-case basis. Secondly, the new ordinance states construction signs -- such as those placed outside a local home when a minor building project has been handled by a contractor -- must be removed after completion of the project. He said some such signs have stayed in area lawns in perpetuity. He suggested the town send letters to contractors informing them of the ordinance, should it pass.

The plan commission, Mason explained, has already had a public hearing and passed the changes, which now must be approved by town council.

A lawsuit against a Culver resident and contracting company working on his property will be withdrawn, the council decided, since Culver's plan commission told him the suit wouldn't be filed if the fence height violation there was corrected by Nov. 30, which it was. The council briefly debated continuing the suit in pursuit of the \$100 per day fines accrued during the two or three weeks the fence was in violation. The filing fee for the suit will still have to be paid, said attorney Tony Wagner, sitting in for regular town attorney Jim Clevenger.

A public hearing was open and closed with no audience comment, concerning a required solicitation of public See Council page 4

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Webster, will perform their annual Christmas concert including standards, contemporary, sacred numbers, comedy routines and featured soloists, at various sites. All shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST (6:30 CST in Knox) and there is no admission charge. Dates and locations include: Dec. 6 at Argos United Methodist Church in Argos; Dec. 10 at Bremen United Methodist Church in Bremen; Dec. 12 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver; Dec. 13 at First United Church of Christ in Plymouth; Dec. 17 at Knox United Methodist Church in Knox

**Christmas card making at CUTPL: Sat., Dec. 14.** Culver-Union Township Public Library will have a Christmas card making class Friday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. Jennifer Merle-Hamscher, independent Stampin' Up demonstrator will lead the class. There is a \$5 materials fee for three cards and preregistration is required so materials can be provided. This program is open to the public. Contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or [cgood@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:cgood@culver.lib.in.us)

for more information.

**Children's Christmas party: Sat., Dec. 15.** The annual Culver community children's Christmas party, a collaboration between the VFW, fire department, Lions Clubs, and others, will take place Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Culver Comm. High School. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for a Christmas-themed movie for children at 10. Following the movie, Santa will arrive to visit with the children. The front doors of the high school will be the entrance. The event is free and open to the public.

**Santa at the Library: Sat., Dec. 15:** Cookies and story time with Santa by the fireplace at the Culver Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas open house at CUTPL: Sat., Dec. 15.** Culver Union Twp. Public Library will host a Christmas open house from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 15. Marlena Whitworth, from Plymouth, will sing and play piano from noon to 1, and Marizetta Kenney will play piano from 1 to 3. Cookies and punch will be served.

This program is free and open to the public. Contact Cindy Good at 574-842-2941 or [cgood@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:cgood@culver.lib.in.us) for more information.

**Bell ringers needed.** The Culver Council of Churches is requesting help in ringing the Salvation Army bell for donation kettles set up at various sites in Culver. All donations given at these locations will stay in Culver and be used in Culver. The weekend days where help is needed are Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23. Please contact Jean Rakich to schedule your time, at 574-842-2725.

**Monterey New Years Eve party: Monday, Dec. 31.** A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Monterey Days festival in Monterey will take place New Years Eve from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the Monterey American Legion Post in Monterey. Adults are \$8 and kids (5 to 11) \$5; under 5 are free. Kool Aid and coffee available (anything else would be BYOB). Music provided.



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# A tough week in Culver

It should go without saying, even if your first awareness of the events here is the headline on page 1, that it's been several days here in Culver.

First of all, thoughts and prayers go out on behalf of the families of Michael Price and Stephen Suthard, both of whom were shot to death on Madison Street last week. Both individuals were well known in various Culver restaurants over the years, and of course whenever a young person, especially, loses his or her life, virtually everyone recognizes the immense tragedy of the situation.

I know, also, from a variety of sources -- talking with those who have visited the school, seeing Facebook statuses, and hearing about it from my own 9th grade daughter

-- that students at Culver Community High School have had an understandably difficult time dealing with this situation, and have pulled together, at times in remarkable ways, to help navigate the coming days. I thought, among other things, the school-wide decision to wear purple -- apparently Suthard's favorite Culver -- to school on Friday was a creative and rather touching way to memorialize one of their own.

I also must applaud the way many of Culver's clergy handled the situation with regards to the students, not only in spending Thursday in the school making themselves available for the kids, but also in the speed and excellence with which they pulled together the community-wide prayer vigil Thursday evening, also a remarkable event in and of itself.

Anyone who attended could only be amazed at the sheer number of students who filled the pews of Wesley United Methodist Church to capacity, and the raw emotion shared by many in the room during and after the vigil itself. The clergy, I thought, did a great service to the students in giving them the venue and setting they did to share their griefs and hopes in the company of one another, and I appreciate the high school not only notifying all parents by phone that one of our students had died, but also by utilizing the same automated calling technology to announce the prayer vigil.

One church representative pointed out that it's rare, nowadays, for prayer to be mentioned in school, which is not, I think, necessarily representative of the opinions or wishes of our teachers or administrators. But on a broader level, it's all too rare in our world today for prayer to be seen as the logical response to difficulty, except perhaps in the case of a tragedy of this magnitude.

And that's a shame, not because of any agenda or ideology I want to push, but simply because we're not just physical, psychological, and emotional creatures -- we're also spiritual, and the bottom line is, prayer (and an active spiritual life) help us. I truly believe many of the young people in the church Thursday night desperately needed not only what they got that night, but more, on an ongoing

basis. If, after all, prayer (and prayer in community, for that matter) is helpful in this deepest of tragedies, doesn't it stand to reason it's so in more everyday circumstances of life? I also believe the young people there were and are hungry for that aspect of life, and are too rarely presented with meaningful opportunities to satiate that hunger.

As an aside, there was some interesting conversation in the day or so following the vigil as to the proper place of media in such a circumstance. I gathered some people were especially displeased to see television cameras inside the church, and I admit, I was initially taken aback when South Bend TV trucks were parked outside the high school, camera crews obviously inside looking for interviews.

Finding the right balance between respect for people's privacy and the "sacredness," if you will, of the situation, is a complicated matter I wrestled with a bit as well. Thursday evening's event was billed as a "community wide" prayer vigil, as opposed, say, to a private funeral, and as such it really became "news" at that point.

I worked (whether successfully or not) to be discreet and respectful in shooting photos at the vigil, but felt it important to document this community tragedy, not only to present the magnitude of it as the news it really is, but also -- as someone with an eye on history -- to record what happened to Culver, Indiana, as a result of the untimely deaths of two of its own, for the future. People do have, I think, a right to mourn in private, but all of us have a right, somehow, to recognize how much our young people, in particular, have mourned.

I think for some of us, seeing media outlets from larger urban areas, who don't regularly concern themselves with the lives of people in Culver, felt almost exploitive. However, it's important to remember that one reason an incident such as this garners the outside media coverage it does -- from TV stations situated in communities where gun deaths are a fairly regular occurrence -- is simply that Culver does not usually see such occurrences. It's a major anomaly, and it leaves everyone here jarred and unsettled...and so is newsworthy outside our small borders.

On a different note, I also appreciate Culver's town marshal, Wayne Bean's taking time out late Weds. night to assure Culver residents of the likelihood of their safety, at least from any marauding gunman or gunmen. I don't believe Wayne is a Facebook user, but it was obvious during another shooting death-related incident last year around this time, that he's aware many people use Facebook and other social networking and Internet venues to keep themselves updated on what's happening, and he made efforts then and now to accommodate that fact.

As reports of the deaths -- only rumors at that point -- hit the social networking world, the big question on the statuses of many in the Culver area was, "Are we in any danger?"



## View from Main Street

By Jeff Kenney  
Editor

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opinion about town compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Schoeff pointed out materials are available in the town hall vestibule and public library seeking public comment up to Dec. 15, after which the town will create a resolution to adopt a plan to transition to ADA conformity.

Schoeff also updated on the recently-installed town clock (at Jefferson and Main Streets), towards which \$8785 has been collected. Donations are still being collected, he said, adding that Culver resident Verl Shaffer, who originally conceived of the clock, hopes to create a reserve fund totaling around \$2,500 towards upkeep and repairs of the clock.

Schoeff also said waste handler Allied Waste has come back to the town of Culver, which at the last council meeting agreed to take town-wide trash collection out to bid, with an offer to extend Allied's contract for three more years at the existing cost. The company had previously proposed to increase costs if the town signed a new, three-

year contract after this one ends, at the end of 2012.

The cost totals \$10285.07 per month for all Culver households, said Schoeff. Council members agreed maintaining the cost would be a "great deal," but also agreed to table the matter pending investigation as to whether it's legal to sign a new contract without bid-letting first.

Other council approvals included allowing town marshal Wayne Bean to encumber \$12,000 in 2012 funds in order to purchase a new Dodge police car at \$18,772; town clerk Karen Heim to advertise openings on various boards and committees; forgiveness of \$138.25 in sewer fees for Gilbert Stanley of Culver, who had a water leak which filled his basement; and approval of closing the dead end cul-de-sac on the north end of State Street for a graduation party, pending approval of neighbors of Robin Bartleman, who made the request.

So, thanks to Culver town council member Ginny Munroe contacting Wayne to ask him on behalf of curious folks around the area (including The Culver Citizen), we were given an update, even before police released official word that there had, indeed, been two people shot, confirming police did not believe there was any threat to the public's safety in connection with the then unnamed incident.

It was impossible not to make comparisons to last year's situation, when three men sought in connection with the murder of a Leiters Ford woman earlier that week, were the subject of a massive manhunt on Thanksgiving Eve, when, as last week, the social networking world lit up with news, fears, and yes, rumors and unsubstantiated speculation.

And it was hard for your editor not to have *deja vu*, as different as the two situations were, when this year's incident reached our ears late on a Wednesday night just a week removed from being a year to the day from last year's situation. Both made for some late night efforts to keep readers updated by way of the Culver Citizen's Facebook status and website, as news unfolded -- not something the Citizen editor usually finds himself doing!

One other (related, I think) point regarding the tragic events of last week: I noticed a number of comments in the Facebook world in the wake of the incident suggesting Culver and/or the area is getting increasingly violent. I'd argue it's more complicated than that.

Leaving aside the broader question of what's happening in the world at large, as someone who's fairly familiar with a great deal of past newspaper coverage of the Culver area (even going back into the 19th century), I can say that, as tragic as any violent death is, it's not really a new thing for such an occurrence to take place every year or so, at least if one includes the broader area around Culver.

As of press time, there's not a formal ruling as to what happened, exactly, on Madison Street last Weds. night. A murder-suicide, as some have suggested? A double murder? So far, everything most all of us can say is sheer conjecture.

In the town of Culver proper, someone pointed out last week, we haven't had an actual murder in around 30 years. In the broader area surrounding Culver -- including locations falling within the Culver Community School district -- murders, often domestic in nature, have been a fairly regular happening, once every year or so...and that goes back a century or more. It's understandable, almost exactly a year after last year's manhunt, that people would connect the two and conclude there's a growing pattern, but I don't believe it's really an apt comparison.

As I write this, autopsies on the bodies of the dead from last week have been delayed until Tuesday, which means too late for The Culver Citizen's press deadline. Hopefully we'll have some answers, but whatever they turn out to be, two local lives have been lost, and Culver's young people, especially, are trying to work through the implications.

During the citizen input portion of the meeting, Tom Kearns asked whether small concrete barriers should be installed to protect the new town clock from semis or other vehicles making turns at its intersection.

Council member Bill Githens noted Porter has discussed the possibility of a truck route through Culver which would route semis away from that intersection, which Overmyer said she thought was "a great idea." Schoeff and Porter said they would look into writing up the proposal.

The council agreed to move its regular end-of-December meeting, which would take place on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, to Thursday, Dec. 27 instead. A work session was also scheduled for Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.

## Name that Culver 'citizen'

Last week's Mystery Citizen was recognized by a number of readers, including Cheryl Adams, B.J. Lawrence, Steve Bair, Emily Ryman, Marizetta Kenney, Kay Tusing, Jeanette Geiselman, Vilma Van Horn, Emily Ryman, Bea Stephenson, Jean Triplett, and Kate Marshall.



LEFT: Last week's Mystery Citizen, Judy Reynolds, then and now. RIGHT: This week's Mystery Citizen.

She's Judy Reynolds, who has been involved in politics on a local, county, and even national scale (she campaigned for Newt Gingrich earlier this year and shared photos from her experiences with the Citizen), as well as being employed for some years now at Culver Academies.

This week's Mystery Citizen has been part of the Culver community for more than three decades and has left an indelible mark on generations of Culverites, both inside and outside her professional career.

Guesses may be emailed to [culvercitizen@gmail.com](mailto:culvercitizen@gmail.com) or call the editor at 574-216-0075.



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## Hierlmeier earns 100th win as Cavs top Lions 2nd quarter cues CMA loss vs LaVille



PHOTO/JAMES COSTELLO

Culver Community's Mickella Hardy chases down a loose ball ahead of Bremen's Jasmine Schafer during a Northern State Conference girls basketball game at John R. Nelson Gymnasium in Culver Saturday.

By James Costello  
Sports Editor  
CULVER — Gina Hierlmeier's 100th win provided a nice cherry on top, but that wasn't what the first-year Culver Community coach was thinking about heading into Saturday's game with Bremen.

Hierlmeier was more concerned that the Lady Cavs open up their Northern State Conference schedule on the right foot.

It wasn't always pretty, but Culver got the W by a convincing 52-38 margin at home at John R. Nelson Gymnasium, and the West Central transfer earned her 100th win in the process.

"Obviously any time you hit a milestone in coaching it's great to have, but I'm not thinking about that during the game," Hierlmeier said. "I think there have probably

been more people talking about it amongst some school members and my family than I have. My goal coming out today was just for our girls to play well, and I'm glad we got a good win today to start out our conference. That was really what today was about for me."

Culver jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the opening frame and never once surrendered the lead, although the Lady Lions cut that margin down to four with a 7-1 second quarter-opening run capped off by a Slabaugh layup off an Alexa Harshbarger backdoor lob at the 5:15 stop. The Cavs widened the margin back to 10 points with a 6-0 run sparked by a Kayla Shaffer steal and transition bucket, but Bremen cut the deficit back to three with a 7-0 run on three straight Culver turnovers.

But the Cavs closed the quarter 4-0 to take a 23-16 lead into the half, and the Lions never got closer than six points the rest of the way.

The conference opener quickly shaped up into a ball control battle with both teams struggling to maintain possession against the other's defensive pressure. Bremen created 20 Culver turnovers for the game, mainly on the strength of its full court press, while Culver used a halfcourt trap to fluster the Lions into 26 turnovers and numerous break-away buckets.

"To be honest I was more upset about the way we played against their pressure defense than I was about what their defense was doing," said Hierlmeier. "We had quite a few travel calls, we had cutters that weren't coming in and out the way I would like them too, but I guess we didn't really talk too much about this team's pressure. We've handled pressure pretty well up to this point, and we haven't had many teams in a couple weeks that have even tried to pressure us so

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PHOTO/PAUL PARÉ

Culver Military Academy's Austin Proeh (30) goes up for a layup while LaVille's Cameron Gurtner tries to draw the charge, and CMA's Lorenzo Ricks and LaVille's Andrew Hostetler get set to rebound during a boys basketball game Friday night at Fleet Gymnasium in Culver.

coach Mark Galloway.

LaVille outscored CMA 14-2 in the second period to push a 20-11 lead at the quarter break to an insurmountable 34-13 lead at the half. Much of the Lancers' defensive game plan centered on 6-11 Chorley, England import Bradley Fisher, who was limited to just three points in the first half and eight for the game — a Culver team-high — after collecting 21 points in the Eagles' opener.

"He's got to be able to become a better passer and be able to read the defense better," said Galloway of Fisher. "We've

By James Costello  
Sports Editor  
CULVER — The second quarter has been a real Achilles heel for Culver Academy so far this season.

The Eagles lost their opener after falling behind in the second quarter against Indianapolis Home-school last week. And on Friday night, visiting LaVille held them to two points on 1-of-9 shooting in the second frame to grab a 20-point halftime cushion.

CMA played dead even with the Lancers in the second half, but it was already moot as LaVille handed the Eagles a 48-27 loss at Fleet Gymnasium.

"We won three out of the four quarters that first game, but the second quarter really hurt us... Tonight we tied them in the third and we tied them in the fourth, but we dug ourselves too big of a hole," said CMA head

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### Sports briefs

#### Boys basketball

**Morgan Township hands Culver 1st loss**

Morgan Township knocked down 14 free throws on 19 second-half attempts, and the home team rallied back from a 23-19 halftime deficit to hand Culver Community its first loss of the season, 49-43 Saturday.

Trent Elliott was held to 12 points to lead Culver, while Jordan Sanders finished with nine before fouling out in the defeat, which drops the team to 3-1.

Morgan was paced by Chase Braden's game-high 22 points as the Cherokees earned their first win under head coach Eric Braden.

#### Girls basketball

#### SJA shoots past CGA:

Culver Girls Academy fell 59-33 to St. Joseph Academy on the second day of the team's annual trip to Ohio Saturday. Saraleena Barry finished with 10 points for the Lady Eagles, who slipped to 5-2. St. Joe poured in nine 3-pointers at the game, led by Katie Battaglia's three 3s en route to 15 points.

#### CGA wins 3rd straight:

Victoria Christlieb scored 16 points, and the Lady Eagles won the first first game of their trip to Ohio, 44-36 versus Western Reserve Friday. Andrijana Cvitkovic chipped in nine, while Rita Zambon scored eight and Jamie Madison tallied seven for Culver Girls Academy, which won its

third straight. Western Reserve was paced by Nicky Waldeck's game-high 22.

#### Boys swimming

#### CMA wins Plymouth invite:

Culver Military Academy put up a dominant 106 points, and the Eagles won against a five-team field as they hosted the Plymouth Invitational for the first time Saturday.

#### CMA beats Goshen

Culver Military's boys won all but three events, and the Eagles went one-two in five different events in a 124-61 win over visiting Goshen Thursday night. Leopoldo Burguete and Bryan DeVries scored wins in all four of their

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## Cavs share a win vs LaCrosse

By Dee Grenert  
Staff Writer

CULVER — Culver Community's boys basketball team showed its sharing side Friday.

Displaying unselfishness and patience on the offensive end, the Cavs recorded assists on 22 of their 26 field goals, shot a blistering 63 percent from the field, stepped up to the foul line 37 times, and deposited four players in double figures in an 81-61 victory over LaCrosse at John R. Nelson Gymnasium.

"I thought we were patient," Culver head coach Kyle Elliott, whose team dissected LaCrosse's man-to-man and 2-3 zone, said. "We shared the ball. I was very pleased overall with our offense. We ran lanes well, pushed the

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got to keep working with him on how to face up. If he doesn't completely face up and see the entire floor then it's tough. But yeah, they did a good job on him. They doubled him, they had a guy sitting in the lane ready to come and double and it's tough when you're not able to pass out of it the right way, and we've got to keep working with him on that."

While the Lancers put the clamps on Fisher down low, LaVille's shooters lit it up from outside with 6-of-11 3-pointers in the first half. Senior guard Andrew Hostetler knocked down 4-of-5 after missing his first two attempts from deep on his way to 15 first-half points and an eventual game-high 19 for the night.

Between CMA's own offensive woes and the Lancers' 12-of-24 shooting in the first half, the outcome was all but a foregone conclusion by the intermission.

"It's been tough for us to score at times, and we know that, but then when you don't defend," Galloway said. "The Hostetler kid, he made one 3 that was a contested, tough, step-back 3, but by that time we had already lost him three times, he'd made three 3s before that, and those were wide open shots. We didn't do a good job getting out. They set a lot of good screens for each other, and we just didn't get out and contest."

The Eagles stepped up their intensity in the third quarter, playing to a 4-4 stalemate with the Lancers in the third quarter as the two teams combined for 3-of-19 shooting from the floor and evening up the battle of the boards after being out-rebounded 15-8 in the first half.

The two teams went back and forth again in a 10-10 fourth quarter, but it was already too late for CMA as the Eagles slipped to an 0-2 start while LaVille moved to 2-0 on the young season.

Along with Hostetler's game-best 19 points, Blake Berger finished with eight points and three assists, and Nicholas Amor recorded four points with eight rebounds and a pair of steals. Sophomores Ryan Bettcher and Alex Baker scored seven and six points, respectively as the Lancers subbed early and often, going six deep off bench in the win.

Fisher finished with four rebounds and three assists, while Eljay Murray, one of just a few CMA holdovers from last season, finished with five points behind Fisher's eight, and Lorenzo Ricks chipped in four points for the Eagles. The team faces a week break before traveling to Elkhart Memorial next Friday.

"You want to play well and gain some confidence, but you've got to earn confidence and play well every day in practice and be consistent," said Galloway. "That's what we need to work on this next week is being good every day in practice."

• LaVILLE 48,  
CULVER MILITARY 27  
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ball well.

"It was definitely one of our more balanced games," he added. "We scored four kids in double figures and had another with eight. I'm pretty pleased."

Trent Elliott — the coach's son — powered the Culver rout with a game-high 26 points, knocking down 9-of-14 tries from the field and 8 of 11 at the charity stripe.

The 6-foot-4 junior forward, who added six boards and four assists, scored three times on inbound lobs from senior point guard Collin Stevens, picked up a couple of more baskets on backdoor lobs, and highlighted a 9-0 first-half run that put the Cavs in charge 22-8, with a fast-break dunk off a feed from Stevens.

"He's hit the weight room," the Culver skipper said of his son. "He's a junior and he's started to understand that it's time to step up. The first couple of years he was more of a perimeter player, but physically he feels more comfortable playing inside now. That versatility has also led to more success in getting to the free-throw line."

Culver's Micah Budzinski, a 6-6 senior center, recorded a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out midway through the final stanza. The big post player wrapped up the first half with eight points and eight rebounds as Culver, which led wire to wire, ran out to a 38-19 halftime cushion and led by at least 15 points the rest of the way.

"Micah's been working in the post and he's starting to progress," Kyle Elliott said. "He's more confident. Any-

time we can get a post presence early on that's to our benefit. He made some nice basket cuts, and our guards had several assists with post feeds."

Stevens chipped in 13 points and seven assists, and junior guard Jordan Sanders dished out six assists for the balanced Cavs.

"Collin Stevens played a great game," Elliott said. "I thought Jordan Sanders broke down the defense, and both did a nice job getting the ball to Budzinski and Elliott inside."

Also for the Cavs, freshman Everett Krueger contributed 12 points in a solid effort off the bench. Culver welcomed the production from the rookie with veterans Jacoda Anderson and Tucker Schultz out with injuries.

"I'm very pleased with Everett's progress," Elliott said. "He's playing with a lot of confidence. He sees the floor, and has a good understanding of the game."

A subpar second-half defensive performance, complete with 22 trips to the charity stripe for LaCrosse, marred an otherwise solid effort for the Cavs.

"Defensively, our foot speed, we just looked a step slow," Elliott said. "We talked about taking away the drive, but instead we'd foul. It took away any flow of the game. It's different from the first two ballgames when we defended pretty well."

• CULVER 81,  
LaCROSSE 61  
At Culver

## Free throws help Rochester squeak past Lady Cavs

By Kyle Hilliard  
Correspondent

ROCHESTER — The Lady Zebras' ability to hit free throws in the final quarter proved to be the difference as Rochester squeaked by Culver, 48-47.

Rochester was able to hit 11 of 14 from the line in the final quarter, and none bigger than junior Breanne Paulik's two that put the Zebras up three with 25.3 seconds left to go in the game. Culver Junior Kayla Shaffer was able to hit a shot to bring the Cavaliers within one with 7 seconds left, but the Cavaliers were not able to get a foul called until only 0.2 was showing on the clock.

Culver started off slow as Rochester jumped out to an 11-3 lead. Shaffer was able to bring the visitors back, scoring seven of her 26 in the first quarter and giving them a 13-11 lead after one. The second quarter was more of the same as the Cavs took a 24-18 lead into the half.

Rochester came out a different team in the third quarter. The Zebras were able to move the ball well and make it a halfcourt game, which slowed down the Cavaliers' fast break offense. Rochester used that ability to slow things down to not only close the gap, but turned the momentum completely and took a 35-29 lead at the end of the third

quarter.

The Zebras took the Cavs out of their game plan, which according to Culver coach Gina Hierlmeier, is to run it up the court.

"When we have the opportunity to run, we are a better team offensively," she said. "We have a lot of teams that are packing things in and making us run a halfcourt offense. We are just going to continue to learn from that and be able to execute our sets. In the halfcourt we had moments we looked pretty good and at other times we didn't feel like we were cutting hard or hitting the gaps where we need to get, which didn't allow us to get very good shot."

The Cavs were able to run the floor some more in the fourth quarter and make the game close, but the Zebras were able to hit their free throws when they were put on the line.

Culver is now 5-2 and will be looking to bounce back from the loss when the team plays at Northern State Conference foe Bremen Saturday. Rochester is now 4-2 and will look to continue the win streak when it heads to Southwood also on Saturday.

• ROCHESTER 48, CULVER 47  
At Rochester

## Lilly Scholarship applications available

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program is available for 2013 graduates, who may apply online starting December 7 through the Pulaski County Community Foundation's website at [www.pulaskionline.org](http://www.pulaskionline.org). Deadline for applications is Monday, January 7, 2013 at 3 p.m. eastern time.

The Community Scholarship Program is fully funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. and is administered locally by the Pulaski County Community Foundation. One scholarship will be awarded by PCCF in 2013.

Recipients will receive full tuition and required fees as well as up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study at an accredited Indiana public or private college or university.

Applicants must be a resident of Pulaski County, be a high school senior graduating by the end of June 2013 with a diploma from a regionally accredited Indiana high school, and be accepted to pursue full-time baccalaureate study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.

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er Security (Dec. 17 and 21). For more information, call the Culver Library at 574-842-2941, visit our website at [www.culver.lib.in.us](http://www.culver.lib.in.us) or e-mail [abaker@culver.lib.in.us](mailto:abaker@culver.lib.in.us). The library's street address is 107 N. Main St.

### Bake sale will benefit Schrimsher family

A benefit bake sale for the David and Bobbi Schrimsher family will be held Sat., Dec. 15 starting at 8 a.m. at Park N Shop, 1105 N Lake Shore Dr. in Culver. David has been battling serious illness for some years and his condition has worsened of late. More details will follow in upcoming editions of *The Culver Citizen*.

### Board and Commission Openings

There are several openings on Town Boards and Commissions. Currently, there is one opening on the Park Board, five openings on the Redevelopment Commission, three openings on the Tree Commission and one opening on the Marshall County Economic Development Corpo-

ration. Those interested should submit a letter of interest no later than Monday, January 7 to Town Hall, 200 E. Washington, Culver.

### Good News Club at CES

Culver Elementary School will host Good News Clubs Tuesdays after school until 4:30 p.m. The club will meet in the library (in the Pit). Good News Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, and consist of Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, Scripture memorization and creative learning activities. All children attending must have a permission slip supplied by the school.

### Adult basketball at CCMS gym

The Culver adult winter basketball takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. EST, at the Culver Middle School gym, and continues Sundays (except Dec. 23) until March 10. The cost is \$2 per Sunday, or \$15 for the entire season. Please pay before you play and bring your good sportsmanship, but

not your children. Questions should be directed to Ken VanDePutte at 574-274-9942.

### Downtown clock donations sought

The fund-raising goal towards Culver's new Main Street clock is at the halfway mark towards total \$8,000 cost of the clock -- which will be installed in conjunction with the downtown revitalization project at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets. Checks may be made out to The Town of Culver and sent to: Verl Shaffer, 1140 South Street, Culver, IN, 46511.

### TOPS meets Wednesdays

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, 307 Plymouth St., Culver Wednesday at 3 pm. Weigh in is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. meeting is 3:30 to 4 p.m. Use the main door to the east and go downstairs.

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events.

### Girls swimming

**Lady Eagles top Plymouth Invite field:** Culver Girls Academy tallied 104 points, and the Lady Eagles won the Plymouth Invitational in CGA's pool Saturday. Plymouth placed third with 62 points, and North Judson was sixth with 28 points.

### CGA falls just short

Culver Girls Academy lost a close 94-89 swim meet with Goshen at home Thursday night. Goshen beat out the Lady Eagles by less than a half-second in the 400 free relay for an eight-point swing and the win in the final event of the night. Eberle Miller, Lauryn Robinson and Rory Byrne each tallied a trio of wins for the Lady Eagles.

### Wrestling

**Eagles dominate at Winamac Super 6:** The Culver

Academies saw seven wrestlers go undefeated Saturday, and the Eagles won the Winamac Super Six Duals with a dominant 5-0 team record. Steven Muthart, Kayla Miracle, Chayton Durham, David Zajac, Noah Trevino, Anthony McHugh and Edmond Hogan all finished 5-0 for the Academies. Joe Henry was also unbeaten at 3-0, while Collin Parker went 4-1 on the day.

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we were a little rusty.”

Shaffer finished with 27 points — her second straight outing with more than 20 — scoring in the post as well as running the court with several breakaway layups off her game-high eight steals. The junior swing player put up 17 of her team’s 23 points in the first half as the Cavs bounced back from a tough one-point loss at Rochester last Tuesday.

“I think we started out pretty tough by running the court and got a few layups like that,” said Shaffer. “I missed a couple that I should’ve made, but I think we were able to run the floor a lot and get some good steals and play really good offense too.”

“She had 27 points, but she had shots she could’ve hit early and didn’t hit. That was a challenge going in at half-time: ‘We can’t get you any closer to the basket, you’re just going to have to hit shots,’ “Hierlmeier said, “But she is a complete player... and we talked to her about that, being

aggressive on the offensive and defensive end. I thought today better than any game previously, she showed her defensive ability on those traps to get hands up on balls and to rotate to spots. She had a great game for us.”

The uptempo defensive pressure at the game made for a physical contest that featured a combined 32 fouls with three players fouling out.

The Cavs were the main beneficiary of those whistles with 17 points on 35 free throws as Bremen’s Rachel Czarnecki and Chelsea Huppert both fouled out in the loss.

“We want to attack the basket when we can, and we want to get to the free throw line. Our problem right now is we’re not consistently getting to the free throw line and even when we get there we’re not consistently knocking down free throws,” Hierlmeier said.

“We had some girls step up and hit some, but it’s not as consistent as we’d like. We’d like to be shooting about

70 percent as a team, and right now we’re I think in the high 50s, low 60s, so it’s definitely something we need to work on.”

Behind Shaffer’s game-high 27, Culver forward Donna Zehner scored 16 following a scoreless outing at Rochester. She also pulled down a team-leading seven rebounds.

“I think Donna is just letting more and more teams know who she is,” said Hierlmeier. “Against Rochester our conversation after the game was ‘Man, they didn’t want me to have the ball’, and I said ‘Well, yeah, teams are going to know that we need you to be effective.’ She understands she’s just got to work harder, and the more that she scores, the more people are going to eye her as someone to stop.”

While Culver moves to 6-2 with a 1-0 NSC start, Bremen slides to 0-7.

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